



# THE GOOD NEWS

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## Volunteer Appreciation

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**Jan 1—New Years Day Worship at 10:00** A great way to start the new year! No Sunday School, but informal worship and fellowship. See you there.

### Volunteer Appreciation Gala—Jan 28, 5:00-7:00

**Volunteers are the life blood of All Saints.** There are dozens of folks who help with Sunday worship and Sunday School every week—teachers, readers, communion servers, altar guild, greeters, ushers, acolytes, banners, choir, liturgists, sound system. Then there are the dozens of volunteers who are involved in our outreach ministries—habitat, CROP walk, food pantry, clothes closet, blood drive, gleaning, school supplies, mitten tree, Christmas gifts, Thanksgiving baskets, food for those coming home from surgery, funeral meals, classes, and quilting. It takes **YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN!!** like council members, youth Gateway Women's Shelter, English lots of volunteers to keep the facilities and landscape in shape. Let's not forget volunteer leaders like council members, youth sponsors, confirmation guides, and those who put the newsletter and mailings together. And these are just some of the volunteer opportunities that abound around All Saints. Well, it's time to be pampered! If you volunteer in any way around All Saints, we want you to come to the Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, Jan 28. You don't need to bring a thing, just yourself. Sign up in the entrance so we'll know how many to prepare for. **It's gonna be a FUN evening!!**



### International Themed Dinner—Jan 21

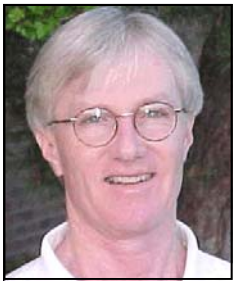
**International Lebanese Dinner** is scheduled for January 21, a Saturday afternoon from 3:00-6:00pm. Our guest hosts are John & Eunice Herro. A sign up sheet is in the lobby so come join the fun. You'll learn how to prepare and cook an authentic Lebanese meal. The cost is \$15.00 per person and will include. Salad, Entrée, Dessert, Drinks.

Thank you for allowing us to serve with you and for your generous gift this Christmas!  
The All Saints Staff

<i>Pr John</i>	<i>Charlie</i>	<i>Megan</i>	<i>Kate</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>Nancy</i>	<i>Ei</i>	<i>Betty</i>
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#### *All Saints is*

*a Lutheran community  
open and affirming to all  
celebrating the love and  
grace of Christ through  
Worship  
Sacrament  
Fellowship  
and Service*



## From the desk of Pr John

Dear brothers and sisters,

We in the ELCA have been battling around new worship styles for quite some time now. The first article I ever read on "worship wars" was at least 15 years ago. Some people like the traditional arrangements, others want to try something new. We all know the drill.

It occurred to me one day last month that I have spent quite a bit of time on this issue and that nearly all of that time has been in brokering the various views of other people, mostly nudging people of one view to be tolerant of people who held different views. I had spent so much time doing that that I hadn't really given a lot of thought to what my own thoughts were.

So I sat down in late November to write my thoughts on the late service on Sunday. The service I have in mind is a break from both "traditional worship" (as it is currently understood) and the (so-called) "praise service." Here are my notes from late November:

### 9.5 Theses on Worship

When thinking about something new in worship, people tend to think of evangelical-style worship, mostly because they think that's the only other option.

Evangelical worship, however, is primarily evangelistic. Its purpose is to convert. To that end, the service is designed to make an emotional splash in order to elicit the preferred response.

That's not how we look at worship. Worship is not primarily designed to elicit an emotional response. In our view, Christian worship is about the portrayal of the historic drama of the Christian tradition. It's fine if it tugs at your heart--indeed, we all know that it can and does do this from time to time--but that's not the primary goal.

With those thoughts in mind, here's what I'd like to do with the second service:

1. I'd favor a traditional liturgy for this service, which sounds like no change, but I have in mind the "Helsinki Mass", which is traditional (mostly) except for the sermon time. Sermon time would be no more than 10 minutes followed by another 5-10 minutes in which people could go to a prayer station, a thanksgiving station, a counseling station, or just sit and meditate for awhile. The Helsinki Mass, incidentally, is more than traditional. We would chant the Lord's Prayer, for example. Prayers from the "prayer station" would be constitute the Prayers of the People later in the liturgy.
2. The singing would be all *a capella*. We would need a cantor for this, someone to set the pitch (use a pitchpipe; I have one), and intone the Psalm. It would take awhile to get the hang of *a capella* singing, but it's easier than you think, and worth the effort, in my view.
3. We would use no amplified musical instruments. The accent should be on authenticity.
4. We could do our own bulletins using classical themes in simple style.
5. The liturgy would be mostly done by the people. In other words, we would assign the prayer of the day, leading litanies, prayers, etc., and people would get up at the appropriate time in the service, wherever they were, and do it. Once we got used to doing this, we could even recruit people right before

the service.

6. We would need to change the seating arrangement. I'd move the table to the center, and do something like "church in the round." That would enable people to be seen better and to feel they are more directly participating. (The traditional seating lets people be anonymous so they can "watch the show.")
7. We need better floors. Sanctuaries should never be carpeted. I'd favor either hardwood or tile, something that amplifies sound instead of muffling it. Carpeting makes the singing sound like everybody just woke up from a three-day bender.
8. I should look different. Instead of dressing in alb and stole, I might wear a cassock (all black) with a stole. (We'd have to buy a cassock, and they're not cheap.)
9. The place should also look different visually. We could incorporate some items to "dress the place" differently for the second service, even including a screen and projector perhaps. It wouldn't be used for the songs, however. I'd rather put images on it that reflect parts of the service, or artwork that reflects certain Christian themes. We'd need a team of 2-3 to change the place visually for the second service.
- 9.5. This service would actually be more "high church" than the early service. Where the early service would reflect the Lutheran tradition, the service I have in mind would evoke more the early church tradition. It would be more traditional than what we know as traditional, but would also, in my view, seem more fresh, different, and spiritual than most other options.

My two cents.

Grace and peace,

Pastor John

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### Pastor's Classes

Pr John hosts a discussion class each Sunday between services. It meets in the choir room about 9:40. Share a cup of coffee with new friends, then join us in the choir room.

Pr John's Wednesday Bible Study will start meeting Sep 7 at 6:00 in the choir room. Communion is shared and the discussions are always thought-provoking.

If you are looking for an adult open discussion study, these classes are for you! You are urged to give them a try.

## Outreach Ministry

**Giving tree** - This year we decided to look within our church family for our giving tree recipients. What a true blessing it was! With the help of our wonderful members we were able to adopt and give out gifts to 3 families. We were also able to help 5 other families with some much needed support! Way to share the Christmas spirit!!! Thanks to Rebecca Weiner for doing such a great job!



**Mitten Tree** - Our mitten tree got completely covered 3 times with scarves, hats and gloves! This is such a great way to share the warmth of the Christmas spirit. Every year we distribute all of our hats, scarves and gloves to the homeless in and around our community. Thank you for all of the items.

**Caroling party and Chili Supper** was a tremendous success! Special thanks to Vanessa Mullen for making it happen!

**Council Christmas party** — Special thanks to Charlie & Gunar Neumann for opening up their home to us! Everyone had a wonderful time.

**Directory** - We want to print an updated **directory** (not a pictorial one yet). We need your help to update contact information. A sample directory is in the entrance. Please make changes to the information listed there. If you want your cell or email listed, please include that information. You can also send an email to the church with current info. Thanks!



## Foodworks

Over the next few weeks, Foodworks needs volunteers to help vacu-seal (package) flash-frozen food so that they can distribute it to people in need as quickly as possible. They can use volunteers at their facility Mondays-Thursdays from 9am-3pm over the next month (their facility will be closed on Mon, Dec 26 & Mon Jan 2nd). Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to come on your own and 13 years old with an adult. We can handle about 10 volunteers at a time in the packaging room, so please contact me via email or call to 3-294-0272 (x106) if you are interested and I can get you on our calendar! Thanks for your help and support...Joshua Mahler



## Blood drive 2012

This year we were able to add two more dates. We have had such a wonderful group of givers. If you have never given, not a problem, lets make this your first year. What are you waiting for? Watch for these dates: Jan. 29, March 25, May 20, July 29, Sept 23, Nov 18.

## Stephen Ministry Leadership Training

At a church I used to go to, I would see little pamphlets in the pews and other places in the church. They were describing Stephen Ministry and inviting me to utilize a Stephen Minister if I needed one, or to actually become a part of the program. I kept thinking that this was a ministry that I could do to honor my faith, help other people and be an instrument of God. After a great deal of thought and prayer, I decided to become a Stephen Minister in 2003. I went through the 50 hours of training with 3 other people and we were all commissioned in 2004.

Going through the training, I learned that it would have been really good for me to have contacted Stephen Ministry when my father and dog both died on the same day, less than five months after the terrorist attacks in Pennsylvania, New York City and Washington, D.C. I should have read those brochures more closely! Since the training, I have been a Stephen Minister to quite a few men and been involved in the ministry both at my old church and All Saints Lutheran Church. It has most definitely been a blessing in my own life, and I know it has made a difference in the people I have ministered to.

In June of this year, you sent me to Orlando, FL for a week of training to be a leader in Stephen Ministry. (I am still thankful that it was inside and the AC did not break!) This was a full week of training that began on Sunday evening and continued through the following Sunday morning. It was fabulous! During the week, I met dozens of lay people and clergy from several denominations, all with the desire to bring the ministry to their congregation. Among many other things, I learned how to train others in Stephen Ministry, supervise care givers, recruit both care givers and care receivers, keep the ministry in the thoughts of the congregation, and have a much deeper appreciation of just how wonderful an organization Stephen Ministry truly is.

I am extremely honored to be a Stephen Ministry Leader. Thank you so much for your trust in me and the opportunity to serve All Saints in this way. We now have three trained leaders who are available to discuss becoming a care receiver or a Stephen Minister. We also have well trained care givers who are available for you. Please contact Gerry Cosentino, Evvy Barnes or Mark Carmany for more information.

Yours in Christ, Mark Carmany



## Small Groups

### Lunch Bunch Bible Study Group

The Lunch Bunch Bible Study will meet on Wed, Jan 11, at the church. We hope you can join us for a stimulating study and lunch at a favorite restaurant afterwards.. Questions? call Andee Elvert or Marian. All are welcome to join us!!!!



The Metro East Cluster of Lutheran Women gathered at Joy LC in Parker for a brunch and wonderful meeting. Music was outstanding, the devotions were inspiring and the food delicious. But the best part is the fellowship with ladies from other area churches. Thanks for making it a great day!



### Quilters

We will continue to work every Thursday during 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The current group consists of Jan Winter, Linda Jackson, Martha Birely, Rosie Jacobs, LeAnna Skogen, Sandy Fox and Mildred Dosen. Jeannie Lantz comes when she can. She also takes pieces of batting home and stitches them together for us to use

in a quilt. This group wastes very little! Thanks also to Jan for cutting squares at home. Linda, Martha, and Rosie often sew quilt tops at home and then bring them in. We have produced 88 quilts since last January! The quilts are taken to Urban Servant by Jan and Sam Winter for distribution by ELCA. Come join us in 2012!

### Book Club

meets the 4th Tues of each month from 7:00-8:30 in rm 12. The next gathering will be Jan 26. We're having a great time together. More info? Jeannie Lantz at 303-306-6695.



### Men's Ministry

It's time to crank the Men's Breakfast back up, so we'll see you at the Athenian on Saturday, Jan 28 at 8:30am. If you can, join us for coffee at Carinos on Thursday, Jan 12 at 9:00am (Smoky Hill and Piccadilly)

The church has a facebook account. It's filled with fun and informative info. Check it out at:

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for **all saints lutheran**

Check out the church's TWITTER account to find out what events are happening this week at the church. Go to:

[www.twitter.com/allsaintslc](http://www.twitter.com/allsaintslc)

[www.forallthesaints.net](http://www.forallthesaints.net)

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## Comfort

Say! You've struck a heap of trouble—  
Bust in business, lost your wife;  
No one cares a cent about you,  
You don't care a cent for life;  
Hard luck has of hope bereft you,  
Health is failing, wish you'd die—  
Why, you've still the sunshine left you  
And the big, blue sky.

Sky so blue it make you wonder  
It it's heaven shining through;  
Earth so smiling 'way out yonder,  
Sun so bright it dazzles you;  
Birds a=singing, flowers a-flinging  
All their fragrance on the breeze;  
Dancing shadows, green, still meadows—  
Don't you mope, you've still got these.

These, and none can take them from you;  
These, and none can weigh their worth.  
What! You're tired and broke and beaten:  
Why, you're rich—you've got the earth!  
Yes, if you're a tramp in tatters  
While the blue sky bends above  
You've got nearly all that matters—  
You've got God, and God is love

Robert Service

## Xeroscape Fundraising

### CarsforCharity.net

You're buying a new vehicle and the dealer isn't offering much for your old trade-in? Then donate your vehicle to All Saints through the Cars for Charity internet site. There is a minimal administrative fee of \$158 and the church gets the rest. You'll get a nice tax-deduction. Questions? See Nancy Anderson or Jim Degner at 303-881-7920.

### Car Wash Cards

Buy a car wash card for \$11, and \$5 will go back to the church. They can be used anytime in January-February. Proceeds to benefit our landscape project.

### Recycling Program Benefitting the Youth

All Saints is Going Green-er! We have started recycling not only aluminum cans, but all types of metal. We built a large container behind the dumpster so you can drop off your cans and metals 24/7. Action Recycling Center is paying a great price for aluminum cans and even steel. If you need help getting your cans/metals to the church, call the office. Here is a list of items that they will purchase: Aluminum, Copper, Brass, insulated Wire, Stainless Steel, Precious Metals and Aluminum Cans. Questions? Contact Mrs Charlie Neumann at [neumann-charlie@comcast.net](mailto:neumann-charlie@comcast.net) or 303 766-9649: Thank you for your support!!!

Sun

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Tues

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# January

<p><b>1</b></p> <p><i>Combined Worship</i>  <b>10:00 New Years Day</b>  <b>12:45 Korean Worship</b>  <b>No Youth Group</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i>  <b>6:30 WINGS</b>  <b>7:00 SAA</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>6:15 Suppers</b>  <b>Bunch at</b>  <b>Jus Grill</b>  <b>7:00 Scouts</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>5:45 Al Anon</b>  <b>6:00 Pastors Class</b>  <b>6:00 HOA</b>  <b>6:45 Confirmation</b>  <b>7:00 FA</b>  <b>7:00 Korean study</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>9:00 Quilters</b>  <b>6:30 TOPS</b>  <b>7:00 SAA</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>9:00 TOPS</b>  <b>6:00 Bunco</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Exercise Line</b>  <b>Dance Group</b>  <b>9:00 CEA</b>  <b>9:30 Youth take</b>  <b>down Christmas</b>  <b>10:00 CODA</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><i>1st Sunday after Epiphany</i>  <b>8:15, 10:45 Setting 3</b>  <b>9:20 Sunday School</b>  <b>9:30 ESL meeting</b>  <b>9:40 Pastor's Class</b>  <b>12:45 Korean Worship</b>  <b>7:00 Youth Group</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>12:30 ESL</b>  <b>5:30 ESL</b>  <b>6:30 WINGS</b>  <b>7:00 SAA</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>3:00 Exec</b>  <b>7:00 Scouts</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>10:00 Women's Lunch</b>  <b>Bunch study</b>  <b>5:45 Al Anon</b>  <b>6:00 Pastors Class</b>  <b>7:00 FA</b>  <b>7:00 Korean study</b>  <b>7:15 SM supervision</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>9:00 Mens</b>  <b>coffee Carinos</b>  <b>9:00 Quilters</b>  <b>6:00 Social</b>  <b>Media meeting</b>  <b>6:30 TOPS</b>  <b>7:00 SAA</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>9:00 TOPS</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Exercise Line</b>  <b>Dance Group</b>  <b>9:00 CEA</b>  <b>10:00 CODA</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p><i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i>  <b>8:15, 10:45 Simple</b>  <b>Eucharist 1</b>  <b>9:20 Sunday School</b>  <b>9:40 Pastor's class</b>  <b>12:45 Korean Worship</b>  <b>7:00 Youth Group</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>12:30 ESL</b>  <b>5:30 ESL</b>  <b>6:30 WINGS</b>  <b>7:00 SAA</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>7:00 Council</b>  <b>7:00 Scouts</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>5:45 Al Anon</b>  <b>6:00 Pastors Class</b>  <b>6:45 Confirmation</b>  <b>7:00 FA</b>  <b>7:00 Korean study</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>9:00 Quilters</b>  <b>6:30 TOPS</b>  <b>7:00 SAA</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>9:00 TOPS</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Exercise Line</b>  <b>Dance Group</b>  <b>9:00 CEA</b>  <b>10:00 CODA</b>  <b>10:00 EGA</b>  <b>3:00 International</b>  <b>Themed dinner</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i>  <b>8:15, 10:45 Contemp</b>  <b>9:20 Sunday School</b>  <b>9:40 Pastor's Class</b>  <b>12:45 Korean Worship</b>  <b>7:00 Youth Group</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>12:30 ESL</b>  <b>5:30 ESL</b>  <b>6:30 WINGS</b>  <b>7:00 SAA</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>7:00 Scouts</b>  <b>7:00 Book</b>  <b>Club</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>5:45 Al Anon</b>  <b>6:00 Pastors Class</b>  <b>7:00 FA</b>  <b>7:00 Korean study</b>  <b>7:15 SM Supervision</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>9:00 Quilters</b>  <b>6:30 TOPS</b>  <b>7:00 SAA</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>9:00 TOPS</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><i>Tennyson Center</i>  <b>8:00 Exercise Line</b>  <b>Dance Group</b>  <b>8:30 Men's Breakfast</b>  <b>Athenian's</b>  <b>9:00 CEA</b>  <b>10:00 CODA</b>  <b>5:00 Volunteer</b>  <b>Appreciation Dinner</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i>  <b>8:15, 10:45 NTF</b>  <b>8:00 Blood Drive</b>  <b>9:20 Sunday School</b>  <b>9:40 Pastor's class</b>  <b>12:45 Korean Worship</b>  <b>7:00 Youth Group</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>12:30 ESL</b>  <b>5:30 ESL</b>  <b>6:30 WINGS</b>  <b>7:00 SAA</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>7:00 Scouts</b></p>				



**Coming Up in February**  
 New Members Class  
 Feb 14 Valentines Day (Saturday)  
 Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Chili Supper

## Helping Others

### Equal Exchange Coffee

By purchasing your coffee here you'll be helping small family farmers around the world provide excellent coffee. The cost is only \$8. Available in the church office.



### Outreach that has a global effect

Global outreach happens in several ways. All Saints tithes 10% each year to our Synod. A percentage of that money goes to Evangelical Lutheran Church and their many missions of support and caring, both in this country and abroad. We also do World Hunger Drives, God's Global Barnyard, donations to support the ELCA microloan program, food for orphans, clean water, disaster relief, to name just a few. For more information check out their website [www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts).

Why not do something about it? No ONE can do everything, but EVERYONE can do something. God's Global Barnyard and the ELCA World Hunger Relief can use our coins and cash donations to make a difference giving a means of income and food to many of those numbers. Take a ELCA box home with you and collect your change, or go to [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger) to make a donation, or write a



check to ELCA World Hunger and put in the offering plate and make a difference. Even a few dollars make such a positive impact. Consider making a gift in honor or someone or in place of a Christmas gift or birthday gift. Watch for the God's Global Barnyard coin boxes as a way to provide a farm animal for a needy family in a third world country.

### English Conversation Classes



Our ESL (English Second Language) outreach program will begin our 5th year of service to our community. We will resume classes on Monday, January 9. Once again, classes will be from 12:30 – 2:00PM and 5:30 – 7:00PM. Due to fluctuating student schedules, we can never plan on which class will require more volunteers. We are grateful for the pool of volunteers from our congregation, and we have even had a few from outside our church who have joined with us in this community effort. If you enjoy working with people who are eager to learn English, learning about their cultures, and your schedule permits participation on Mondays, this may be the opportunity for you. You don't have to have teaching experience to achieve success as we employ a conversational approach to learning. If you have questions or an interest in becoming a part of this program, contact Andee Elvert, 303.745.7947 or Dot Olson, 303.750.9026.

## Caring For Our Members

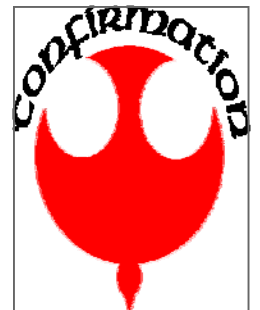
**Shepherding Team:** Our shepherding teams call and visit members who have been unable to attend services or other activities. They offer fellowship, a listening ear, devotions and information on All Saints activities. The leader for this vital ministry is Ingrid Waggoner, 303-690-9080. Call her if you would like to become involved as a member of the team, if you know someone who could use the service, or if you have needs yourself.

**Martha's Table** This ministry provides meals for the short term to members who have been hospitalized, ill, experienced a loss of a loved one, or just struggling with other life issues. We have volunteers who prepare the meals, and volunteers who deliver. We keep meals in our freezer for emergency calls. If you are interested in this ministry or know someone who would benefit from receiving meals, please call the church office or email them. 303-752-4083 or [info@allsaintsnet.org](mailto:info@allsaintsnet.org). **This ministry is in need of a coordinator.** That's not as big a job as it may sound. All you have to do is keep track of how much food we have and if there is a need and no one has signed up to bring a dish, call someone who's volunteered to prepare a meal. It is something you'd find rewarding, call the church office for more information.

*etc.*

### Confirmation

We have had a great first half to our confirmation year. We expected to have no more than 10 kids, but surprisingly we have 12. Becoming a very fun and energetic year. We would love to have MORE. If you have any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your life please encourage them to attend every other Wednesday. Call Charlie or myself if you are interested. We are working on Pastor John's lessons of the world in which Jesus was born & his ministry.



Looking forward to our first servant event of 2012—a trip to the Tenynson Center. Shortly after that comes the season of Lent with Wednesday services, the Seder meal, and all the Holy Week events. Preparing our children to be active & vibrant adult members of our church & our community is fun and inspiring. Cindy

Donate

### Donate button on web site

You can now make a donation to a specific ministry or cause through the church web site ([www.allsaintsnet.org](http://www.allsaintsnet.org)). It's safe, secure and simple. Won't take more than a couple minutes. Look for the Donate button. On the bottom right side of the page.

### Suppers Bunch

Enjoy going out to eat at some of Aurora's fine restaurants? Join us at Jus Grill (Buckley & Iliff) on Jan 3 at 6:15. Please sign up on the list in the entrance so we'll be able to tell them how many to prepare for. **Everyone's welcome**

## Happy Birthday

### Birthdays:

Primmer, James 3	Himes, Mary Ann 18
Chullino, Lori 4	Sandlian, Ken 18
Hooker, Darla 6	Hays, Kay 20
Campbell, Allie 7	Johnson, Callie 21
Lankerd, Marion 8	Schawartz, Helen 21
Miller, Ray 8	Mullen, Vanessa 21
Laikola, Rick 09	Eckhardt, Becky 23
McKinney, Caroline 9	Kotz, Dennis 23
Beckman, John 12	Rathbun, Davey 24
Cagle, Linda 12	LaBonde, Sarah 25
Cosentino, Dakota 12	Lave, Cora 27
Lave, Joseph 13	Waggoner, Ingrid 27
Linn, Dustin 13	Embury, Joe 28
Miller, Kendra 13	Carmany, Mark 30
Moriarity, Kaden 13	Wiseman, Renee 31
Gaipa, John 15	
Rivera, Carol 15	
DeGrace, Logan 16	
Fletcher, Erica 16	

*If your B-day is not included here call the office at 303-752-4083*

## Protect your Family Against the Unexpected

Too often, people work hard to build their assets, then fail to protect them. Without proper protection, the money you're working so hard to save—could be lost if you die or suffer an illness or injury. Are you protected?



**Life insurance:** One in four Americans dies before he or she retires.<sup>1</sup> Premature death can undermine a family's financial health, now and in the future. Having adequate life insurance can ensure your family continues to live at home, your children go to college and your spouse retires as planned, even if something unexpected happens to you.

**Disability income insurance:** Illness and injuries are more common than you might think. Today, a 25-year-old has a one in four chance of experiencing a long-term loss of income from a disability before he or she turns 65. A disability disrupts a person's ability to work, impact your earnings and ability to cover daily living expenses. Disability income insurance can help. If you're unable to work due to a qualifying illness or injury, this vital coverage helps pay eligible expenses.

**Long-term care insurance:** one of every two women and one of every three men age 65 and older will spend some time in a nursing home. Long-term care insurance can protect your savings, as well as your freedom to choose the care you receive.

For help protecting your financial strategy and your family, contact Robert (Bob) Apmann, CPA, FIC with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, at 303-690-8924 or [Robert.apmann@thrivent.com](mailto:Robert.apmann@thrivent.com) today or visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).

## Just for Youth!



### High School

Many Thanks to Mackenzie Cunningham, Karissa & Rachel Miller and Austin Granic & Jin Bae for providing food for the **Progressive Dinner**. It was a LOT of fun and a great time for all.

**Take down Christmas—Jan 7 9:30** Don't forget, we are going to take down all the Christmas decorations this year on Saturday, Jan 7. Bring \$5 for pizza and let's have a blast taking the decorations down.

### Looking to Joplin—June 10-16

It's really not that far away! We'll start our fund-raising in January. Our goal is \$14,000. Joplin experienced devastating tornadoes that destroyed many houses, displacing families. The rebuilding process, especially for the poor and elderly, is going slow. Once the media's attention is turned elsewhere, volunteers become more scarce. We'll be helping families re-establish their lives.



### Middle School

We like to provide monthly fun activities for our middle schoolers and we're looking for people who will plan and sponsor one fun activity per month. No, you do not have to sponsor all the activities but as many as you like. Get someone to help you. If this sounds fun, contact Bruce Alison (303-356-0198) or Charlie (303-752-4083).



## Children's Christmas Program

Could you believe the kid's Christmas program!! Every year the program gets better and better! This was the 22nd year in a row that Brenda Shepard has produced the Children's Christmas program, and almost that long for Megan Shaffer as her #1 producer in training! The message of the play was not just funny and cute, but was poignant as well. Thanks to everyone (especially parents who got the kids here, rehearsed with them at home, and supported the program in so many ways!) who had a part in making it happen. You are all a blessing to All Saints! Thanks to the Sunday School staff for giving up some time each week to allow the kids to learn the songs and speaking parts. It was amazing!!



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