



# The Chalice

**HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
— a congregation of the NJ Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—  
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Berlin, NJ 08009-1844

"They Shall Name Him



Which Means,  
God Is With Us."

December 2011



Sunday, November 13, was a joyful day at HCLC with Confirmation of **Nicholas LoBosco, Chase Finnigan, and Lena Richards**. May we continue to support them in their faith journey!

## Unopened Gift That Need Opening

Are your songs for this season of the year "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and "Holly Jolly Christmas" OR "Silent Night, Holy Night" and "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"? I would hope that the latter would be higher on your list of favorites, with the former somewhat lower. As we prepare this Advent Season for the coming of the little babe who came to earth to be our Savior and show us the way to eternal life, let us remind ourselves to honor him by living the life we were given to its fullest.

At a time when we are thinking about Christmas gifts, remember that we have already received many Gifts from God at birth but have failed to open many of them. Sometimes we don't know what that Gift is but someone else may see it and point out what you have overlooked. Don't ignore that, pray on it and then act. A Gift has no value if it is not opened and used. An unopened gift has no limit to its value and worth to you and the many whom you serve.

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From **Sandy Shourds**,  
Director of Volunteers



## Times They Are A-Changing

—**Eunice Jacobi, Council President**

The year 2012 will bring each of us many changes in our lives—as they say, "the only thing constant is change." Did you ever ask yourself, "What if the disciples had not been willing to change their lifestyles and beliefs? What if they had been to set in their ways not to be accepting of a new way?" Just think what they would have missed and where we would be today.

The year 2012 will be packed full of change, which I am going to refer to as opportunities. Many of you attended the forums last month—and I am very grateful that you did—so you are aware that we have had to look for new opportunities to cut expenses. It was recommended that we have the opportunity in 2012 to worship together as one family at one service. In doing so, Mark's and Pastor's salaries will be decreased by an appropriate amount. At its December meeting, the Council decided that beginning on Dec. 25, there will be a single **Sunday worship service at 9:30am**, as in the summer, with Sunday School to follow. In addition, we'll be reducing the number of hours that Mary works in the office from 15 to 10 hours. By going to one worship service and reducing Mary's paid office hours, we will reduce expenses by about \$10,500.

Also discussed at the forums was a "Mortgage Burning" program. We would ask for donations above your normal giving and for your participation in fund-raisers. By using these donations and fundraisers proceeds we can make payments directly on the principal. We are looking for someone or two to be courageous enough to open the gift God gave you and set up to chair or be "worker bees" on this committee. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor or me.

There is an old adage, "Nothing lasts forever." That's also true for these challenging times. They won't last either IF, and only IF, we come together, open our God-given gifts, and work and use them together. God instructs us to help each other, especially those less fortunate. Remember Jesus' words from last week's Gospel: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." We need to walk that challenge, not just talk it. Your Council is asking for your **POSITIVE** support and attitude, and that we all embrace the new opportunities ahead in 2012. If you have a concern, **PLEASE** speak directly to Pastor or me. We want to hear directly from you, not through the nasty "rumor weed." In this approaching Advent season let us all remember:

"The Way is in the manger."

# Thank You!

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Rob & I thank you ALL for taking an active role in Chase's life and faith formation. We all know it takes a Village to raise a Child, and we as parents have been blessed to have MANY hearts and hands in this endeavor for BOTH Chase and Tyler, knowing we could NEVER go it alone....

Chase, Lena and Nick: we are very proud of your commitment to the hard work and study necessary for your Confirmation of faith. It was a privilege to take part in Pastor's class with you and your Moms, enriching our faith knowledge right along with you! Thank you, Pastor, for your very engaging class!

We were reminded again in class that Confirmation is NOT graduation from Church and learning about our faith. As High Schoolers you have only just begun! Because of the many temptations that lie ahead as Highschoolers, you need to stay actively involved. Fortunately, we are blessed here at HCLC, because there are many opportunities and many caring hearts to help us along the way.

May we ALL continue to feel GOD'S presence here among us at HCLC and out in the world on this great faith journey, reminding us to let HIM be the guiding force behind life's difficult choices, and recognizing HE truly is the Perfect GPS System!

Thank You all again!

With grateful hearts,  
***The Finnigan Family***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My sincere thanks for the outpouring of love and caring I received Sunday, Oct 30, during my sudden onset of illness.

Thanks to Pastor Cynthia for her blessing and by just being there. Love, as always, to my daughter, Barbara, for her love and support. All the phone calls and cards were appreciated more when you know.

I always admire the flowers on the altar every Sunday. Now I can admire them up close and personal, due to the kindness of the Altar Guild and my #2 daughter, Barbara Hollis, who delivered them.

God Bless! See you in Church!

***Vivian Justice***



## Congregational Council

President	Eunice Jacobi	783-0516
Vice President	Rick Swan	875-6340
Treasurer	Bill Hoffman ( <i>ex officio</i> )	767-5080
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Sandy Shourds (753-7863), Patty Slim (768-8928)

## Ministry Teams of Holy Communion

*Ministers: All the baptized people of God*

### Caring Team

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Dawn Jennings</b>	<b>767-1157</b>
Baby Pantry	Gail MacDonald	609-704-1828
GIFT	Jon Hundertmark	768-1694
Health Ministry	-open-	
Kitchen	Joan Labbree	745-7283
Men in Mission	Jon Hundertmark	7681694
Quilting Hearts	Sandy Shourds	753-7863
	& Barbara Redmond	629-3988
Prayer Chain	Janice Parker	768-0111
2nd Cup of Coffee	Lorraine Bretz	767-8459
	& Vivian Justice	629-3988
Social Ministry	Evelyn Schulkins-Chaka	767-6238
Stephen Ministry	Lisa Huebner	609-270-7030
WELCA	Rita Batten	767-0738

### Facilities

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Fred Shourds</b>	<b>753-7863</b>
Boy Scouts	Mary Voegtlin	767-0650
Sexton	George Pluck	768-6880

### Finance Team

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Jon Hundertmark</b>	<b>768-1694</b>
Counters	Bud Howard	753-9379
Financial Secretary	Gerry Hagquist	768-0614

### Growing Team

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Sue Halfman</b>	<b>728-1757</b>
Bulletin Boards	Valerie Adams	296-5669
Greeters	Gary Galbo	627-4029
Website	Janice Parker	768-0111
Reporter	Mike Whitzer	753-4856
Cub Reporter	Mary Voegtlin	767-5575

### Learning Team

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Janet Finnigan</b>	<b>753-1038</b>
Cradle Roll	Janet Finnigan	753-1038
Sunday School	Carolyn Maloney	753-8243
Vacation Bible Sch.	Valerie Ieraci	767-8776
Youth Group	Denise Levin & Janet Finnigan	566-1993 719-6614

### Mutual Ministry

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Fred Shourds</b>	<b>753-7863</b>
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### Sharing Team

<b>Facilitators</b>	<b>Rick Swan &amp; Eunice Jacobi</b>	<b>875-6340 783-0516</b>
Endowment	Fred Shourds	753-7863
Memorials	Mary Voegtlin	767-5575
<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Sandy Shourds</b>	<b>753-7863</b>

### Worship Team

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Barbara Redmond</b>	<b>689-3988</b>
Acolytes/Crucifers	Janice Parker	768-0111
Altar Guild	Toni Sleeter	740-2650
Assisting Ministers	Barb Redmond	689-3988
Flower Delivery	Connie Pluck	768-6880
Lectors		
Nursery	Jeannie Brickman	782-3779
Music	Mark Dishong	235-139
Ushers	Joe Batten	767-0738

# Around Holy Communion

## WELCA Christmas Party

The December meeting will be hosted by **Rita Batten** at her home on Tuesday, December 13, at 1:00 p.m. Cookie tins will be filled by the ladies for the shut-ins of our church and our offering that day will be given to the Women of Hope.

## Parsonage Help Needed

This winter we need four individuals or families to shovel snow from the driveway and sidewalk of the parsonage at 336 Morton Ave., West Berlin. Each individual or family would be responsible for one month, December, January, February, and March. See or call Fred Shourds (Property Chairman) 856-753-7863. Thank you!



## Encouraging Gifts to the Endowment Fund

—**Fred Shourds**

*“You are the people of God: he loved you and chose you for his own... Everything you do or say, then should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God” —Colossians 3:12-17*

Giving through accumulated, inherited and appreciated resources may be called “asset stewardship.” A Christian is called out of the Water and Word of Baptism to respond faithfully to God’s grace in Christ. God has acted in love towards us, calling us to respond with acts of kindness towards others. As people of God, we are encouraged to give proportionately from our resources during our life or at our death. Planning for the distribution of all lifetime accumulations as, “asset stewards” we should take the vital step in completing our mission on earth.

Please keep the pennies coming! Total pennies collection through November: 176,692.



## December's NOISY OFFERING

ELCA Disaster Relief

## December Birthdays

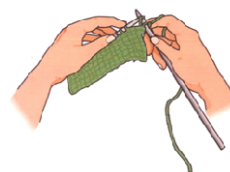
Dec. 1	Andrew Evans
Dec. 5	Mark Caporale
Dec. 9	Candace Capoferri
Dec. 12	Frederick Bodine
Dec. 12	Eileen Swan
Dec. 15	Charlie Lawyer
Dec. 15	Toni Sleeter
Dec. 15	Diane Spata
Dec. 15	George von Bernewitz
Dec. 16	Carolyn Fuller
Dec. 20	Lorraine Bretz
Dec. 21	Evelyn Schulkins-Chaka
Dec. 21	Val Nunnenkamp Sr.
Dec. 21	Jane Walker
Dec. 22	Sally Libak
Dec. 24	Ginnie Auwarter
Dec. 24	Karla Britton
Dec. 24	Karen Johnson
Dec. 26	Lisa Simpson
Dec. 27	Michael Belay

*Our parish birthday list is designed to encourage members to greet each other as we celebrate the gift of life.*

*Your name and date may be added or corrected by calling the church office.*

## Coming Soon!

Beginning in a couple of months a new ministry will form. The “Hook & Yarn Guild” will share an interest in crocheting and knitting



items for distribution to hospitals and other organizations. Experienced stitchers and newbies are welcome; instruction will be provided. Contact **Barbara Redmond** for further information.

## King of Kings, Lord of Lords

—Mary Voegtlin



In our lives Jesus Christ has to be king. You may ask why? You might say “I agree.” You may say AMEN to that? If you are a Christian He has to be the center of life. He should be first in thought when we wake up in the morning and last in our thoughts when we go to sleep at night. If we wake up with Him in our mind and

heart, no matter the obstacles we face during the day, we will handle them. If we just say “Good morning, God. Thanks for this day.” If we fall asleep with Him on our mind and heart at night we will feel comfort, peace and love. If we just say “Thank you, God, for being with me all day.”

The last Sunday of the church year is when we emphasize the kingship of Christ. My thought is we should shout it from the altar, send it through the internet, telephone our neighbors because it is really good news to everyone, regardless of your religion or non religion. I mention this, because anyone who is truly Christian in their life will live and serve those in need: the ill, the hungry, the poor and, very importantly, will set a good example for people outside our faith. Jesus our King tells us to do this. Because we are made right with God, this is how we should live. Be a good example for all God’s people. God loves us, we love God back by loving everyone.

There are many who will try to be our shepherd: money, power, false teachers, the secular way of life. But no matter how far you stray, the Lord will find you because you are the sheep of His pasture. So when you feel the farthest away from the Lord, remember He will find you and bring you home. No wonder we love God so much! He gave us our protector, someone to walk with us, His Son.

God gave us His Son, our King of Kings, because we needed Him. God always knows what is best for us. Also He knows we can be hard-hearted and need someone down here with us to keep us straight. Throughout the Old Testament we saw the people and how they could stay on the straight and narrow for a short time then **zip**, away they would go. First they were praising God, thanking God for His care and love and then off they would go listening to other groups, accepting **their** gods and doing wrong, straying from the one true God. This happened time and time again. Don’t get me wrong, we stray today as well. Don’t you see it more and more even in our own country. There are those who want God and the name of Jesus out of everything we can see around us, hear, and read. These people want to call their own shots. You can see what is going on in today’s environment—homes without a father image by choice. Men fathering children and not being a part of the child’s upbringing, leaving everything to the woman to handle. Responsibility, commitment, caring are missing. Any time you see this occurring you know God is missing. Just imagine what the world would be like if we

didn’t have faith in a power much greater than anyone on this earth. Scary for sure! Jesus Christ raised from the dead seated at the right hand of the Father—with the power and authority above everything and everyone. AMEN to that!

We are being looked *after* but we are also being looked *at*. That’s why taking a look inward at oneself is so helpful. Getting ourselves right with God. Know what is expected of us. If we know this we will know how to treat others. Use the guidelines from God’s Word. Here are some verses from Proverbs 22: “Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. The eyes of the Lord keep watch over knowledge, but He overthrows the words of the faithless. Folly is bound up in the heart of a boy, but the rod of discipline drives it far away. Wisdom, God’s wisdom. Isn’t it the best!

You can ask questions about our King! Here is the place to do it. If you come to hear God’s Word about His son each Sunday morning or at bible study, you will leave with a better understanding of the Father and the Son. The answers are all in His book, the Bible, preached each Sunday by one of God’s messengers, our teacher, Pastor Cynthia.

Kids, you learn about Jesus in your Sunday School class throughout the year. You are so lucky, you are being given such a gift, **God’s only Son**. When I think of the children in this world who have never heard about Jesus, it makes me sad. This gift, **Jesus**, lasts forever. You don’t just unwrap it, like on your birthday or Christmas, use it, outgrow it or throw it away. I guarantee that you will be a better person for having heard the stories about Jesus. This gift is better than any other because you can use it in your daily life for your entire lifetime. The gift never goes out of style, it can never be replaced by something superior. It is a gift of love, eternal life, being made right with the Heavenly Father, through your King, Jesus Christ. Give thanks this day that you are in church to hear about Jesus, He is yours, you are His, perfect together.

My dictionary’s description of a King is a male monarch, one whose position is hereditary and **who rules for life**. I focused right away on the words—**who rules for life**. I say halleluiah and Amen to that, when you are speaking about Jesus Christ. He definitely is the man! He fits into any generation. You can write music about Him, in Soul, Gospel, Pop, Rap, Country, you name it, it fits. Anything out there that tells about the main man is awesome. Let’s talk about Him, praise Him, worship Him, and love Him. He is the good news for this world. With Him to lean on, life is good. He comforts you and lifts you up when you are down. When you are happy, I believe He is smiling and happy for you.

Let us all say Hail to the King! We might just have this special service entitled “Christ the King” once a year but He is truly with us every day. Glory, honor and might. By Him, with Him, through Him is the answer to everything we need.

# Among the Wolves 2011

—Denise Levin

Once again, some of the HCLC Junior High Youth attended the NJ Synod event, "Among the Wolves." The weekend was a fun-, faith-filled event where we were able to look deeper into our spiritual lives and how we can do God's work. The theme this year was "Living in 3-D." The 3 Ds are Dirt, Divine and Diakonos. Dirt describes all the messy and dirty things in our lives (sin) and Divine is the Holy part (God) in our lives, who steps in to help us clean it up. The Diakonos (which is the word for Deacon or Deaconess in Greek) is the calling as a group to service in the Lord's name.

As a group we attended the 3-D Faith Fair, where we learned about the disease Malaria and how it is the second leading cause of death in the world. The sad part is that it is preventable. We learned ways to help stop it, such as providing mosquito nets and money for vaccines. We also packed boxes to send to our military for the holidays; among the items included were letters of thanks and encouragement. In addition, we assembled 100 flood buckets for use here in NJ for our neighbors who have to deal with flooding in their homes. We are ready for any future needs. There was also time for prayer and contemplation, making an altar cloth for the evening worship, and making "messy crosses" out of paper, glue and screening; we brought ours back to the church to share with you.

Highlights of the weekend were our new NJ Synod Band "Defined by Faith" led by our own **Scott Howard**, who did a fantastic job as worship leader and music coordinator. He was joined by **Brian Levin** on the drums and about ten other youth musicians who played instruments and sang. Our favorite song was Dakota Road's "Build Up," to which the band added an interesting introduction. We also broke out into small group sessions, where we were able to further explore our theme.

Attendees this year aside from Scott and Brian were **Evan Maloney**, **Jonathan Labbree**, **Tyler Labbree**, and **Jonathan Watkins**. Mrs. **Janet Finnigan** and I were the adult chaperones and also served as small group leaders during the event. It was a truly marvelous, faith filled event and everyone is already talking about next year. Thanks to the HCLC congregation for your prayers and support. God Bless!



**Scott Howard** ↑ and **Brian Levin** ↓ jamming it up!



"Among the flood buckets," from left to right, are **Janet Finnigan**, **Jonathan Watkins, Pr.** **Lisa Barnes**, **Tyler Labbree**, **Evan Maloney**, **Denise Levin**, and **Jonathan Labbree**.

Thank you for all the turkeys and food supplied for our Thanksgiving distribution.

Once again we ask you to provide appropriate toys, **unwrapped**, for children aged 4 to 8 years old, for distribution at GIFT's Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Social Hall of Centenary Methodist Church. Set-up at the church will begin at 3:30. And, if you would be willing to bake cookies for that evening, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



**Sunday worship at 9:30  
beginning Dec. 25.  
One service only.**

*"Gifts"—continued from page 1*

Can you say "no" when asked to lead a ministry? As Bob D'Ambrosio writes in the *Church Volunteer Central Daily*, "It is crucial that we understand who God made us to be and that we appreciate and value our uniqueness. Understanding who we are gives us permission to say 'no' to ministry opportunities that are an improper fit, and allows us to focus on ministry opportunities appropriate to our divine design."

Consider not waiting until we have a ministry that needs YOUR help. Take that having to say "no" out of the question. Develop a ministry that YOU want to create, the one for which you have a Gift. Some of us have fried brains and need a shot of adrenaline. YOU may be that person to give that shot. I guarantee you there will be help to back you up. Give it a try.

Pray, Pray, Pray! God will show you the way. Look for me before I look for you and tell me what Gifts you have. Let me know what ministry you want to serve. I've even heard that serving God keeps you healthy, happy and full of joy. It certainly will put smiles on everyone's faces.

## From Your Cub Reporter

—Mary Voegtlin



This is my thank you to my pastor/teacher and my congregation. The best move I made in my religious life is walking through the door of Holy Communion 17 years ago. First my brother came to Holy Communion and he liked it so he told me about the church. I was so happy then, my Joe and my mom were with me; you made us feel so welcome. After I lost the two greatest loves in my life I was able to bring my sweet Aunt Reize. I can tell you, she loved the people in our church. Much has happened in my life, sad and happy, like many of you, I am sure. With my church family to comfort me and support me over the years I am most grateful.

I have learned so much more about our Heavenly Father through sermons on Sunday morning and bible study classes. I keep growing in service to God because of Pastor Cynthia's support and encouragement. From being afraid to serving on the altar in any capacity to becoming an assisting minister and lector and preaching on a few Sunday mornings. I can only say it is amazing what you can do when you have great love for the great I AM. God gave me the ability to do things that I did not discover on my own. It was Pastor Cynthia who said, "Go for it Mary, you can do it." I am not saying that I have not failed at times or made mistakes, but I will say I keep trying. I did try to chant Evening Prayer during Lent one year because pastor encouraged me to try. If you weren't there you were one of the lucky ones. On the afternoon of the service, I practiced in front of pastor and I sounded passable—not great—but passable. Come that night, something came over my voice and instead of being an alto I became a bass...and no matter how hard Mark and Pastor tried to get me to recover from this unbelievable sound, I couldn't do it. The moral of the story is, for me anyway, you can't always do as good at night as you can do in the afternoon. Ha! Ha! Ha! The bottom line is I was never asked again to chant Evening Prayer. Of course, with good reason!

And to my church family: Thank you for your welcoming me 17 years ago. Your smiling faces on Sunday mornings are just what the Doctor (The Great Physician) orders for all of His children. Each and every one of you brings something to God's house each week: fellowship, support, friendship and so much more. Thank you for your kind words regarding my sermons. You have been most patient with me. You will never know how much I appreciate the fact that you let me speak to you on Sunday mornings. I am hoping we can get more visitors inside our church because if they take the time to look and listen they will find this is a great place to worship, praise and serve our precious Lord and His people in need.

When you love the Lord, you truly want to do for others, and when you are doing for others you are doing so much more for yourself. That describes our congregation. God is truly with us, and thinking about that makes me very happy.

I am not a poet but these four lines come from the heart.

**Thank you for your kind remarks  
You make my heart shoot little sparks!  
I am just one of the HCLC Volunteers  
Your love for me brings joyful tears!**

What? What was that you say? Mary, you'd better stick to serving on the altar! Forget poetry? Not me! If Pastor says I can do it, you know I will try!

# Yard & Craft Sale November 5



# SAVIOR ORNAMENT

This Christmas, celebrate Jesus' birthday by making this keepsake ornament.

## What you need:

- Wooden clothespin with round end
- Black permanent marker
- White cloth or felt
- Small wooden star (available at craft stores)
- Yellow paint
- Paintbrush
- Gold glitter (optional)
- Glue gun (and an adult)
- Straw-colored raffia (available at craft stores)
- Ribbon

## What you do:

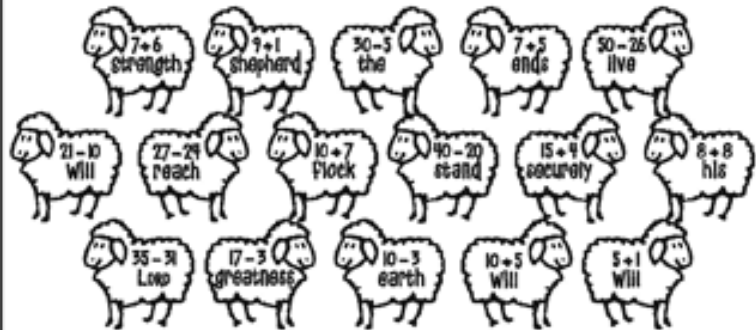
1. On the clothespin's round knob, draw two dots for eyes.
2. Wrap the white cloth around the clothespin, like a swaddled baby.
3. Paint the star yellow; add glitter, if desired.
4. With the glue gun and adult supervision, glue the raffia to the bottom inside of the wreath. Then glue the swaddled clothespin atop the raffia and glue the gold star atop the wreath.
5. Tie a ribbon around the top, near the star.
6. Hang the ornament on your Christmas tree or tie it on a gift.



# A PROMISED RULER

Prophets told of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened. Never had a baby's arrival come with such a promise.

**Directions:** To read what one prophet (Micah 5:4, NIV) said about Jesus, complete the math problems below. Then fill in the words, using the math solutions as your guide.



"He 15 20 and 10 his 17

in the 13 of the 4 ... And they 11 24

18, for then 16 14 8

3 to the 12 of 28 7."

MICAH 5:4, NIV

Answers: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord ... And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4, NIV

**Don't forget to fill out the survey  
e-mailed to you or enclosed  
with this issue.**

**Our Health Team for  
Natural Church Development  
values your opinion!**

## Looking at Confirmation —Janet Finnigan



As a parent who just finished Confirmation Class for a third time—first my own, then attending with our sons, Tyler and Chase—I found myself thinking about where we go from here. It seems for many families, including our own, the road gets a little bumpy. For many teens Confirmation appears to be a celebration of FINALLY “finishing up” Sunday School and all of that heavy learning in Confirmation class. They are finally “free” and considered a confirmed “adult” member of the Church.

However, in Pastor’s Confirmation Class, our confirmands Lena, Nick & Chase and families were reminded that Confirmation is NOT graduation from Church and learning about our faith. As high-schoolers, you’ve only just begun! Because of the many temptations that lie ahead as high-schoolers, NOW is the time to sharpen the TOOLS given to you through the years of Sunday School, Church, VBS, Confirmation and Youth. NOW is the time to learn how to apply these Tools of Faith especially when life’s DIFFICULT choices come along, and there will be MANY!! You’ve only just begun!

As parents we are aware that society offers little in the way of a moral compass for navigation through the teen years. Today’s teens are bombarded with messages from the internet, their peers, movies, TV and music. I imagine we can ALL

agree that “Jerry Springer” and “Snooky From Jersey Shore” have little to offer our teens’ Code of Character. So where else can our teens turn to for guidance? Jason Reed (NJ Synod’s Youth Ministry Specialist and GREAT leader of our Youth Retreats) reminds us that now more than ever our teens need us parents to guide them, to show them that faith needs to remain a priority in their lives. These are the years teens are most often tested. And so we as parents are tested as well. Teens can be VERY clever and they WILL come up with creative reasoning for stepping away from their involvement but we need to step out in faith by staying firm in our convictions. This is when they need us most. We parents MUST continue to remind them that Confirmation is an Affirmation of the Baptismal Promise, calling us to continue to learn and live out our faith. It may not always be easy to convince them, but by leading our teens to worship and keeping them involved, they will someday realize the benefits of having God as their GPS (God’s Perfect System), letting Him be their Guiding Force behind life’s difficult choices (when life gets dirty and messy). It will be a gift like no other!

And so remember, although they may not always show it, our teens really are listening, our support can really make an impact on their lives AND they REALLY are counting on us! They just may not admit it until several years from now!

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER

World peace and Armed Forces personnel around the world

#### Added this month

*III:* Jean Kennedy, Harvey Stick and Phoebe Ann Zissa (*friends of Molly & Ted Dirkin*), Lori McPeak (*friend of Rita & Joe Batten*), Alan Farms (*brother of Janet Howard*), Fran Cooper (*friend of Rick Swan*), Jaycee Park (*friend of Barbara Libak-Fanz*), Bonnie Dulberg (*friend of Dolores Fauser*), Jaime Pawlowicz (*niece of Maureen & Mike Whitzer*), Shirley Grimmie (*daughter of Gloria Grimmie*), Anna Jacobi (*mother of Eunice Jacobi*)



Ginnie Auwarter, Dan Bowser, Michael Buonpastore, Peggy Camper, Greta Choplain, Jeff Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Fuhrmeister, Eleanor Hallowell, Robbie Hartzell, Marilyn & Scott Kaiser, Cheryl Kohler, Gertrude Lawyer, Bob Martin, James Michael McGibbon, Ellie Naylor, Harry Norcross, Lee Olmstead, Kay Pappert, Elsie Pertschi, Tim Quast, Mary Roberts, Diane Sangree, Joyce Thives, Martin Vitelli, Devon Wall, John Warburton, the Wyers family

*Homebound:* Roland Batten, Brian Fuller, Doris Gray, Becky Hale, Peggy Henry, Frank Ieraci, Bill Medlin



**Please note:** Names will be removed from this list after having been published in two issues unless the persons responsible for listing them have notified the office or **Dolores Fauser** (856-767-3321) of the “permanent” nature of the crisis. Also remember that we have a Prayer Chain for emergency situations. Please call **Janice Parker** at 856-768-0111.

# POINSETTIA / WORLD HUNGER ORDERING PROCEDURE

1. Fill in the form below by placing your loved one's name(s) in the appropriate category  
*(In Memory of or In Honor of)*
2. Fill in "Donor" with your name
3. Total the areas at the bottom of the page
4. Forward ENTIRE page **WITH PAYMENT ENCLOSED** to the church office

**COST: \$10.00 Poinsettia \$10.00 World Hunger**

**DEADLINE: Sunday, 12/18/2011**

## ***POINSETTIAS***

### **IN MEMORY OF**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

### **IN HONOR OF**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***WORLD HUNGER***

### **IN MEMORY OF**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

### **IN HONOR OF**


- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Poinsettias / World Hunger _____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____ enclosed.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Dec 4, 11, &amp; 18</b> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Crossroads Holy Communion	<b>DECEMBER 2011</b> Toys for GIFT A & D Ointment for Baby Pantry			<b>1</b> 4:45 Confirmation	<b>2</b> Pastor's day off 7:00 Brownies	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:45 Endowment  ADVENT 2	<b>5</b> 8:15 AA	<b>6</b> 7:30 AA	<b>7</b> 11:00 GIFT 6:15 Youth Group 7:15 Bell Choir	<b>8</b> 4:45 Confirmation 7:00 Council	<b>9</b> Pastor's day off 5:45 Girl Scts.	<b>10</b> 8:00 Men in Mission 7:30 NA
<b>11</b> 3:30 Youth-Christmas Caroling 5:00 GIFT party @ Centenary Methodist  ADVENT 3	<b>12</b> 6:00 Baby Pantry 8:15 AA  CHALICE DEADLINE	<b>13</b> 1:00 WELCA 7:30 AA	<b>14</b> 11:00 GIFT 5:00 Boy Scouts Court of Honor 6:15 Youth Group 7:15 Adult Choir	<b>15</b> 4:45 Confirmation 7:00 GIFT	<b>16</b> Pastor's day off 7:00 Brownies	<b>17</b> 7:30 NA
<b>18</b> 10:00 Sunday School Christmas Play  ADVENT 4	<b>19</b> 8:15 AA	<b>20</b> 12:30 2nd Cup Luncheon (Oceanos) 7:30 AA	<b>21</b> 6:15 Youth Group 7:15 Bell Choir	<b>22</b> 7:00 GIFT	<b>23</b> Pastor's day off	<b>24</b>   7:00 & 10:00 Worship 7:30 NA
<b>25</b> 9:30am Worship Christmas Day 	<b>26</b> 8:15 AA	<b>27</b> 7:30 AA	<b>28</b> 6:15 Youth Group 7:15 Adult Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Pastor's day off	<b>31</b> 6:00 Covenant Dinner 7:30 Worship



<b>Treasurer's Report</b> through October 31	
Anticipated from Spending Plan \$194,600	
<b>Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$185,230</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 9,370</b>

**We'll Take Your "Trash"**

- Inkjet and toner cartridges
- Campbell soup, Swanson, Prego labels
- Boxtops for Education
- Tabs from aluminum cans
- Old cell phones
- Hard plastic caps





## Halloween Party

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**Dated Material**  
**Return Service Requested**

Nourished by Word and Sacrament we  
**Welcome**  
 all to share God's love  
**Proclaim**  
 the Good News of Jesus Christ  
**Serve**  
 all people sent to us by the Holy Spirit

