



Our Mission

We are a welcoming, caring community, called by Christ, and enabled by the Spirit, to share God's love by living our faith.



In our midst there is a light shining, light that brings hope, joy, peace, and grace. This is the Christ child whose birth we gather to celebrate at Christmas.

In this celebration, allow us to wish you and yours the presence of the peace of God in your lives. May the light that shines the way for you in the year to come bring health, happiness, and much joy.

Pr. Tanya, Pr. Krister, Scott Knarr, Nurse Betty Behm, Muriel Tillich

This Church of ours

Reflections on the ELCIC at 25

*- shared by The Reverend Kenn Ward, former editor of **Canada Lutheran**, the national magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada*

We were discussing some things in her non-ELCIC congregation that upset her. In particular, the woman wished that it would permit the ordination of women, and practice communion of the baptized as we do. "That's the way a church should be," she said.

I asked her why she didn't simply join one of our congregations. "Because I made so many good friends in my own congregation," she replied, "and I'm not going to leave my friends."

The ELCIC has been a major part of my life. I've been nurtured by it; inspired, frustrated, infuriated, wounded, healed, challenged, changed... I've been witness to its seasons of struggle, debate, celebration, tragedy and triumph.

Like the woman who was upset by her church, there are also times when I admire what others in other denominations are doing and have thought, "That's the way a church should be." But, like her, I will remain where I am because I'm with people I have grown to love.

Grace ever central

Grace is central to the life of this church. In our efforts to become the people Jesus is calling us to be, grace constantly remains our focus.

Some of us are more gracious and graceful than others. This is reflected in the lives of our congregations and beyond. At times I've been shocked by the toxic lack of grace in some of us, including me.

Those have been times when I've been blessed by being with those who are willing to work through such moments to reach understanding, reconciliation and forgiveness. Not every one of us is willing or strong enough to make the effort, but we keep seeking the Holy Spirit's help. With that help we begin to learn to love those whom it is difficult to like or understand.

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Impressions can mislead

One of our congregations had a front door that was rotting. It was about the first thing I noticed about them. I thought it made a poor impression.

However, resources in the congregation were scarce and other things seemed more important to them. Year after year when I happened to be in that area, I noticed that door stayed much the same, with an occasional patch put on when rot got too bad.

I began to notice something else. Inside that place people worked at being God's people. They were not a perfect group. It was such a small congregation many outsiders would say that it should close. But they remained faithful. They were very flexible and innovative about finding pastoral leadership. Babies were baptized, couples married, and members buried – the usual hatching, matching and dispatching.

In spite of their small numbers, they provided significant support for one of our church camps and eagerly supported the work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). They sought and welcomed new members who took the place of those who died or moved away.

One day I happened to notice that there was a new door on the building. I don't know how or when it got there, but I suppose it doesn't really matter all that much.

As predictable as weather

Today in our congregations we worship in ways that I only dreamed might be possible 25 years ago — some I like; some I am growing to like; and some I go along with for others.

We've been learning to work alongside other denominations, even other faith groups, learning from them and they from us; accepting diversity and accomplishing things together that we could never do alone.

Some of our decisions have been quite contentious, but we've found ways to try to let grace prevail,

showing sensitivity to those who find it too difficult to go in that direction, at least for the moment.

We continue to seek the perfect and ever-elusive structure that will match our ambitions, needs and resources. New efforts in this direction are about as predictable as changes in the weather.

The ELCIC is not a perfect denomination, and never will be, because it's made up of people like you and me who are saved by grace. Perhaps our congregations will one day find themselves living through yet another merger of some sort or other. And it will be where my friends are, still growing in grace.



About the author - Raised in Kitchener-Waterloo and a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Kenn Ward served various Ontario parishes for 18 years before becoming editor of *Canada Lutheran*, the national magazine of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in Canada. That was in 1991, just five years after the ELCIC was born. For the next 12 years he was a keen observer –and communicator – of the church's growing pains and development. He also wrote *This Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ours* and *An ELCIC Primer* - useful guides to what this church is all about. Kenn left his national church post in 2003, and until his retirement this year, served as senior pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Camrose, Alberta. He and his wife, Diane, now make their home in Winnipeg, also home base of the ELCIC. We thank him for graciously accepting *Mountaineer's* invitation to share some anniversary reflections with us in this Christmas issue.

An Advent meditation:

Waiting for the gift!

from Pastor Krister Ulmanis

As we light the four Advent candles at Church or at home, we have living symbols to tell us that we are journeying through a time of waiting. The journey of Advent asks us to wait, so that we can reflect on just what it is we are expecting from this Messiah. This baby, whose first crib will be a manger.

If Advent is all about waiting, the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany are also a time to look at not only Mary and Joseph, but in addition, we focus our thoughts on Shepherds and angels, star, wise men, and gifts. We can learn a lot from the characters who were there at the manger. But the real lesson to be learned comes from Mary herself.

Mary's focus on her readiness to follow through with what God has asked her is a challenge to us today. What is it that God asks of us in our lives today? And how ready are we to hear the challenge and say yes to what God asks us to do?

The real lesson to be learned from Mary is that with our life anchored in God, through the Son whose birth we wait for in the Advent season, we are able to stand firm in our commitment to live out our faith.

The light that shines the way for our mission as followers of Christ comes to us through the Saviour, the baby in the manger we are waiting for to celebrate: the baby given to us by a God that loves us. A God who cares about us, and guides us in our lives the same way God guided Mary.

The stage is set for the four week countdown to Christmas. Before the King was born, there had to be a time of waiting and expectation. We will journey through that time now. In a few weeks, we will celebrate the birth of this baby, Jesus, the Saviour whose love shines in our lives every day of the year.

In the story of the birth of Christ, we hear more than anything the message of hope. This message - of the *birth of hope* - is especially well expressed in this Christmas hymn:

*From east to west, from shore to shore,
Let ev'ry heart awake and sing
The holy Child whom Mary bore,
The Christ, the everlasting king.*

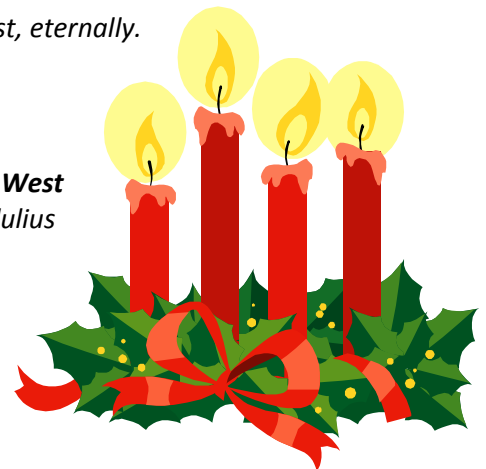
*Behold, the world's creator wears
The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our maker shares,
His fallen creatures, all, to save.*

*For this how wondrously he wrought!
A maiden, in her lowly place.
Became, in ways beyond all thought,
The chosen vessel of his grace.*

*And while the angels in the sky
Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord most high,
The one great shepherd, was revealed.*

*All glory for this blessed morn
To God the Father ever be;
All praise to you, O Virgin-born,
And Holy Ghost, eternally.
Amen*

**(From East to West
by Coelius Sedulius
d. c. 450;
Hymn #64 in
Lutheran
Book of
Worship-
1978)**



Some thoughts on unwrapping the Christmas Story

- by Dennis Eaton

Catholic religious scholar Dominic Crossan, known for his thoughtful and sometimes controversial views on biblical history, is often quoted as saying, "I can't vouch for the facts of this story, but I know it to be true": meaning that the stories we read and tell may not be factual, but within those stories are important truths.

An illustration of how this works might be the story of Job. Rich and famous, Job's life is ruined because of an argument between Satan and God. He loses his possessions, his children and his health. In his sorrow he says,

*"God gives me up to the ungodly
And casts me into the hands of the wicked
I was at ease and he broke me in two
He seized me by the neck and dashed me to pieces"*

Many scholars believe it's unlikely that the events presented by Luke happened as he described them.

In the end (after 42 chapters!), God restores all his possessions, and blesses him with fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys, seven

sons and three daughters.

The author of Job very clearly meant this to be a story and not an actual description of a time, place or situation. Yet there are truths within this narrative which hold true for today. Simply put, The Book of Job is about humbling oneself and recognizing that "it's not all about me."

Whale of a tale

And then there's the story about Jonah, in this story, God is endowed with human traits and asks Jonah to go to Ninevah and announce to the residents that they will be destroyed because of their evil ways.

Jonah instead flees by boat in the other direction, is thrown overboard by the crew and is swallowed by the fish/whale. The story continues with Jonah's journey, his proclamation, and then his anger that God has gone and forgiven the people of Ninevah. In the end we see that God is a forgiving God, forgiving Ninevah, and then as the Jewish tradition says, "forgave Jonah out of His mercy and kindness for the man, and because he knew that Jonah was, at heart, one of the best of men. "

Now for Christmas

Then we come to the Christmas story. Mark, thought to be the earliest gospel writer, makes no reference to the birth story. He begins with the baptizing by John, as does the Gospel of John. Matthew's gospel recounts how Mary became pregnant, but provides no imagery of the birth. However, he tells of the wise men visiting Herod, the slaughter of the infants and the flight to Egypt and return a few years later.

It is Luke who tells us the story most of us remember from childhood. He begins with the birth of John, as foretold by the angel Gabriel, then he relates Gabriel's visit to Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, the birth, the angels visiting the shepherds and singing "Glory to God in the highest." No mention is made, however, of the wise men, the slaughter of the infants and the flight to Egypt.

Every Christmas, Luke's gospel story is told and retold, sometimes with grand pageantry, and always with well-remembered hymns sung beautifully by mass choirs. The imagery is powerful and has resonated in us since childhood.

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So, where's the truth?

Are these stories true? Many scholars believe it's unlikely that the events presented by Luke happened as he described them. Do the details stretch one's sense of the incredible a little too far? And would the story even seem nonsensical- if we didn't know the ending 24 chapters later?

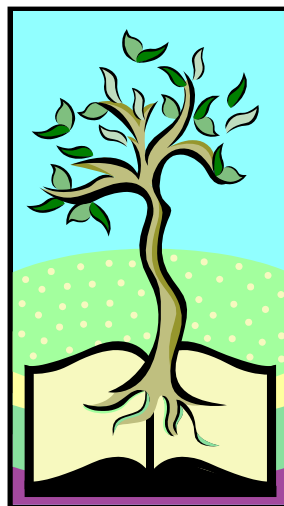
As with other stories in the Bible, there are powerful truths embedded in the metaphoric imagery Luke uses to reinforce that we are not watching the birth of an ordinary baby. (Surely there were many other babies being born in Bethlehem at the same time.)

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What Luke is emphasizing for us is that *this was someone special, someone divine and someone whom we will come to know much better in succeeding chapters.* The details or the facts don't matter. What is truly important, and what we often forget at this time of year, *is that the scene is being set for Easter.*

It has been suggested by many - and I've certainly found it to be true for me - that as I unwrap these stories from their powerful imagery, my understanding of my faith can grow even deeper. I can still revel in the stories, and enjoy them just as much as ever. But then, most importantly, I can step back and see the real mystery in them - in their true representation and meaning.

And that would be my fondest Christmas wish for each of us. Happy Christmas!



Life Long Learning At Mount Zion Fall 2011 "Different People, Different Prayers"

Whether you never pray (and you want to) or you pray frequently and are looking for something to deepen your prayer time or to "spice it up",

this adult study series is for you!

During Advent, we will gather after mid-week services from 7:45 to 8:30 pm. My hope is that these times will open you up to new understanding about adult prayer, and that you will find one or two new ideas for praying, which you will take with you and begin to use.

Everyone is welcome! For more information, please call Jackie Nunns at 519-885-6821.



New Mount Zion Book Club!

About 20 people gathered on November 16 to discuss the book, *The Help*. The group decided that the former "Women's Book group" will become the new "Mount Zion Book Club!" We will meet about four or five times a year to discuss various books, and both men and women are welcome. Please contact Jackie Nunns at jackienunns@sympatico.ca for more information or with ideas for books to be read by the group. The first gathering will be in February. Watch for more information



Caring Connections

By Betty Behm R.N. BScN., Parish Nurse

Recognizing Holiday Stress in Kids

The first step is to recognize the signs of anxiety in kids

- Nervous behaviors such as nail biting and hair twirling.
- Physical complaints, such as stomach aches, headaches, fatigue, diarrhea, etc.
- Regression to younger behaviors: bed wetting, eating with hands.
- Withdrawal from school friends or siblings.
- Any behavior that your child doesn't normally do could be a sign of Christmas anxiety.

8 Ways to Reduce Stress at Christmas for Kids

- 1. Take your kids out of the spotlight** during Christmas plays or performances at relatives' homes.
- 2. Combine holiday parties and get-togethers** to reduce the time you spend away from home.
- 3. Stick with the routine as much as possible.** Start preparing for Christmas early to avoid holiday anxiety.
- 4. Find out what calms your children down.** Is it music, reading, spending time with you, or spending time alone?
- 5. Talk to your children about traditions and spirituality.** Focus on the real meaning of Christmas – and trusting God.
- 6. Cope with your own holiday stress.** The less anxious you feel, the more relaxed your children will be.
- 7. Volunteer at a food bank, kids' hospital or community centre.** Find ways to give to your community; look outward, not inward.
- 8. Lighten the mood** with funny movies, toboggan afternoons and cozy chats with hot chocolate.

I found this lovely quote which speaks to everyone this Christmas season.

"I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses." Taylor Caldwell

Thank You Margaret

Crafted by **Margaret Murison**, this lovely wreath was donated to the **3rd Annual Charity Wreath Silent Auction** in



Support of House of Friendship on behalf of Mount Zion Lutheran Church. The auction is held at Colour Paradise Greenhouses, 1209 Bleams Road in Mannheim (15 min from the church) where one can bid on any of the 40 live wreaths. It is open 9-5 daily, except Sunday.

Thank you Margaret for your gift to help the needy on behalf of our congregation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Year to Date as of October 31, 2011 –

CURRENT: (In support of ongoing ministry & programs)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Diff.
Income	\$206,691	\$246,972	\$(40,281)
Expense	<u>236,336</u>	<u>239,698</u>	<u>3,362</u>
Balance (Deficit)	(29,645)	7,274	(36,919)

- The total income for the year approved at the Annual General and special Meeting was \$295,473, with \$246,972 budgeted through the 1st 10 months.
- Income is below budget by \$(40,281) or 16%, with expenses below budget by \$3,362 resulting in a deficit of \$(29,645) compared with a plan of \$7,274 surplus.
- Our deficit has accumulated monthly as follows:

January	\$ (2,058)	July	\$(166)
February	(2,571)	August	(5,726)
March	(5,219)	Sept	(5,915)
April	(1,789)	Oct	<u>(3,005)</u>
May	(856)	Total	\$(29,645)
June	(2,340)		
- Expenses were planned to increase in August and beyond with the return of Pr. Tanya. To meet our goal of zero deficit by year end will require increased income to achieve.

Please give prayerful consideration to a special donation to help eliminate this deficit by year end.

BENEVOLENCE: (To support the broader church & community Outreach)

Regular Benevolence (Budgeted)

Synod	\$ 30,277	\$34,583	\$(4,307)
Open Sesame Support	-	4,167	(4,167)
Service Ministry	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>250</u>
	31,777	40,000	(8,224)

- This category of benevolence is part of regular envelope designated giving.
- Of note, we are behind 12% or \$(4,307) for the broader church in Synod support

Special Benevolence –Designated appeals

Synod – 2010 makeup	\$ 4,298
CLWR	10,479
Open Sesame	5,805
Other	<u>8,511</u>
	29,093

- This category of benevolence is from “special” appeals including numerous items such as CLWR, Open Sesame, Food bank, WLS, Outdoor ministry, HOF, Youth, Mary’s Pl. etc.
- The special \$4,298 contribution to Synod is a makeup for our shortfall to 2010 - funding coming from growth in the Endowment funds as approved at the Annual meeting.

CAPITAL

Income	\$12,882	\$12,917	\$(35)
Expense	4,382	4,167	(215)

The Mountaineer

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December 15, 2011

Please send your comments, ideas
and updates to
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Advent and Christmas Lessons in the German Language

Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 2011

7:30 p.m.

at

Mount Zion Lutheran Church

29 Westmount Road, South

Waterloo, Ontario

4 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service redesigned with children in mind



The worship planning team of Mount Zion has redesigned the 4 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve to better reflect a family-friendly worship experience. The service will be completed in an hour and will include lots of singing, one reading from Scripture, prayers, and a child-friendly meditation about Christmas.



Children to lead worship

Our Sunday School children will be leading worship for us on December 18th (Advent 4) at 10:45 a.m. The children will be retelling the Christmas story through Word and music.

Young People to Sing for their Supper



Dec. 18th – Carolling & Dinner – come out for an afternoon of carolling to our homebound members, followed by a Swiss Chalet Dinner (\$10) and gift exchange (\$5 limit). The event will run from 2 - 6 p.m.

Tonight



Advent Potluck & Carol Sing

Please join us as we resurrect our Advent Potluck & Carol Sing. Come out and share a meal with your brothers and sisters and sing your favourite Christmas Carols.

Please bring your own eating utensils (Cutlery, plates, and drinking vessels) and bring a dish to be shared with the community (Salad, main dish, or dessert) Refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you all there.

Mount Zion's Mitten Tree

Keeping little fingers warm



You will notice that the Mitten Tree is now up in the entrance way. Please bring in hats, mittens, scarves etc., for children to be donated to Anselma House.

Nursery

The nursery looking for some more volunteers to assist on Sunday morning during worship. Currently we have four nursery leaders. If you are able to share your gifts with our children, please speak to Donna Harris (Coordinator)

45+Club



Christmas Social

Tuesday, December 13th at 1:30 p.m.

Come for a great afternoon of fellowship, refreshments and cards.

Everyone is welcome.

Keeping in touch *through email!*



Beginning Advent I (Nov. 27) we will send the weekly bulletin announcement to your inbox, if you wish to participate.

To do that we need your email address. Please send it to the church office mtzion@mzlc.ca with the subject line "email address".

If you received any of the trial messages sent we already have your email address.

Pr. Krister



An Early Christmas Gift For Open Sesame

A "Big Thank You" to David & Margaret Shoemaker for once again

choosing Open Sesame to receive a \$5,000.00 grant from the Kavelman-Fonn Foundation. We thank God for this generous gift.

Men's Breakfast

The date for the Men's Breakfast is December 10. If you are interested in joining this group, please speak with Gerry Roeder (gerryroeder@hotmail.com).

Service Committee announces 2012 Outreach Projects

In our desire to follow the mandate of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) to be “in mission for others” and that of our congregational mission statement to be a “caring community”, the Service Committee will be taking on a new outreach project for 2012 called **Adopt a Cause**. Each quarter of 2012 we will be focusing on the needs of one specific agency in the KW area. After research was conducted by the committee we have decided on the following:

Jan – March	Mary’s Place
April – June	Pride Stable
July – September	Anselma House
Oct – December	ROOF

The focus will be aimed at **items** needed by each of these agencies rather than monetary donations with the exception of Pride Stable; however, donations for any of these agencies will be forwarded if that is your desire. More detail about each agency will be provided in the January 2012 issue of the Mountaineer as well as a list of items that are needed. You should also check out the poster/display/collection bin which will be located in the narthex.

Contacts for the first quarter for Mary’s Place are Barb Barnes (b.barnes@rogers.com), Margaret Murison, and Ann Crossman. *Barb Barnes*



Christmas is Coming! This Year Give Gifts That Change Lives!

If your family and friends are like most of mine, they have much more than the necessities of life and thinking of a suitable gift is always a challenge. Several years ago, however, I discovered a way to honour the special people in my life by choosing gifts from a little

booklet produced by Canadian Lutheran World Relief. It’s called *Gifts From the Heart* and it offers numerous possibilities to enrich the lives of many people in different parts of the globe whose reality is that of extreme poverty.

Last year the gifts I gave included chickens, goats and farm tools. This year’s catalogue suggests things like a fish net (\$15.), a fuel-efficient stove (\$20.), a flock of chickens (\$45.), a medical kit (\$50.) and much, much more!

Please consider this gift-giving ministry as you plan for Christmas. You’ll be glad you did! *Judi Harris, on behalf of the Service Committee*

Great Food Drive Response



A huge **thank you** to our Mount Zion members for a great response to the Fall Food Drive. Over 140 pounds of food was collected and \$1,320 was donated to help feed over 26,000 of our neighbours in need.

Emergency food support is distributed from the Food Bank through over 76 member agencies/community programs in the area. These agencies support clients dealing with a variety of circumstances: unemployment, underemployment, inadequate fixed incomes, lack of affordable housing, illness or disability. 65,742 **Emergency Food Hampers** were distributed last year; 401,145 meals were served at a variety of community **Meal Programs**; and **Residential Programs** which include crisis and long term shelters were helped. Last year 3.03 million pounds of food were distributed and over 1800 volunteers assisted in the program. You have been a part of that. **THANK YOU!!** *Ladona Riegert on behalf of the Service Committee*



The Digital Christian

(Volume 6)

by Tim Ehrlich

The websites

introduced in this issue are truly for the curious. These sites can be seen as informative, interesting or just entertaining. I hope they're a bit of each for you!

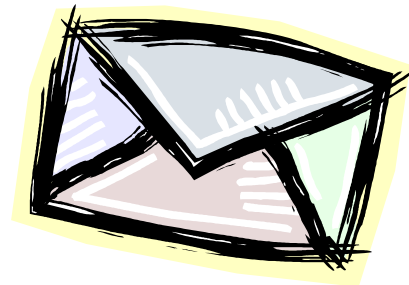
This month's first selection is from the organization known as TED. TED stands for Technology, Entertainment and Design. Their motto is "ideas worth spreading." This site features short videos from speakers who appear at TED conferences held around the world. We have even had one here in Waterloo. The videos are brief, ranging from 8 to 18 minutes in length and speakers are well-known expert in their fields. Some of the words used to describe these presentations include inspiring, courageous, funny and persuasive. One of my personal favourites is by Benjamin Zander on how everyone can enjoy classical music. Visit www.ted.com

Foodily is a recipe website with a twist. Instead of checking one website, it checks all the websites. You can enter a single ingredient, the complete name of a dish, or a dish which excludes certain ingredients such as gluten free vanilla cupcakes and up will pop every recipe on the internet usually with pictures as well. It does require you to sign up for access but it is free and very simple. Visit www.foodily.com

Our third selection is Avaaz. Avaaz means "voice" in several European, Middle Eastern and Asian languages and the site is devoted to speaking out on global, international and national issues. Their website states: "Avaaz is a global web movement to bring people-powered politics to decision-making

everywhere." They boast over ten million members and you can sign online petitions, get informed and join with other concerned persons who believe by speaking up we can make a difference in the world. Visit www.avaaz.org

Give a gift to Mount Zion for Christmas!



Attached to this Mountaineer is an envelope marked DEFICIT. As you are aware from our Financial Reporting (page 7) Mount Zion's Current account (ongoing every day expenses to keep the doors of the church open and worship on Sundays) is currently in a deficit position of -\$29,645 (this comes to \$134.75 for each family member unit of the congregation).

It is the hope of Church Council and Finance Committee that each family receiving this envelope give a gift to Mount Zion over and above their regular giving to help offset this deficit.

Mount Zion thank you for your generous response to this Special Appeal.



Together in Worship

Sunday, November 27

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Holy Communion 8:45 a.m.
 Confirmation 9:50 a.m.
 Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Readings:

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Wednesday, November 30

Holden Evening Prayer 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 4

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Holy Communion 8:45 a.m.
 Confirmation 9:50 a.m.
 Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

Wednesday, December 7

Holden Evening Prayer 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 11

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Holy Communion 8:45 a.m.
 Confirmation 9:50 a.m.
 Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24,
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Tuesday, December 13

German Language

Advent Service 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Holden Evening Prayer 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 18

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Holy Communion 8:45 a.m.
 Confirmation NO Class
 Church School Worship 10:45 a.m.

Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Psalm 89:1-4,
 19-26, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Worship 4:00 p.m.
 Carols & Lessons 7:00 p.m.
 Carols & Holy Communion 9:00 p.m.

Readings:

Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 1:26-38,
 Luke 2:1-20, John 1:1-14
(not all readings will be done at all services)

Sunday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

(note there is only one service this day)

Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Readings:

Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98,
 Hebrews 1:1-12, John 1:1-14

Sunday, January 1, 2012

THE NAME OF JESUS

(note there is only one service this day)

Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Readings:

Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8
 Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21

Friday, January 6, 2012

EPIPHANY DAY

(note day of the week!)

Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

