



Luther's Pulpit and Grave

Rev. Jarmo Tarkki, Ph. D.

Lutherhaus, the home of Martin and Katie Luther in Wittenberg, Germany is now a museum. Most of the rooms dating back to Luther's time have been changed, except for the living/dining room. That is the room where Luther's family and his students would get together for long meals and conversations. In this room (see below) those conversations were recorded by Luther's students and we now know them as Luther's table talks. Interestingly, there is graffiti on the top of the door under the arch; Tsar Peter the Great visited Lutherhaus in October, 1711 and signed his name on



Luther's dining/living room

the door!

During my stay in Wittenberg we all received a two week pass to Lutherhaus. On one late afternoon I decided to visit the museum once again. This time there was no one else in the museum. I walked to the room where Luther's original pulpit is displayed. What a remarkable artifact – Luther had given over 2000 sermons from this very pulpit that once stood in Wittenberg's Stadtkirche (Town Church). I entered the room with a myriad of thoughts and feelings. I touched the pulpit and felt connected to the entire Lutheran faith tradition. I wondered to myself, if these boards could only talk, what would they tell me? After all, from this pulpit the world was changed. There are now about 800 million Protestants, all because of this one man and his message



delivered from this very pulpit.

I thought about all the sermons that Luther had given, many of which I have read. I thought about Christmases and Easters; what might Luther have felt? What did he say? Did he feel the same "Anfechtung" or struggles that I do on these particular special days? What would Luther say today at Bethania Lutheran Church in his Christmas sermon?

My second unforgettable meditation experience was in Schlosskirche where both Martin Luther and Philipp Melancthon are buried. This, the Castle Church, is also where Luther posted his 95 thesis on October 31, 1517. Once again, there was no one else in this rather large church. I sat right next to Luther's grave that is only about 20

feet or so from Melancthon's grave. I touched it and, as in the pulpit room, felt a tremendous connection to the past and to one of the greatest preachers and theologians of the Christian faith. The silence of the large church with these remarkable graves spoke volumes.



Luther's grave

What did I learn from these two experiences? Obviously many things, but perhaps first and foremost the fact that words can only tell so much; it was the experience in solitude and silence that at least for me was the most powerful part of the encounter with the past. In fact, spoken words would likely have lessened the effect of the moment.

So I remain to wonder, as a preacher whose job is to use written and spoken words, whether the unspoken and unwritten might be the most powerful tool in our human communication? What do you think?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone - - and see you at church!

Pastor Jarmo



Luther's home in Wittenberg

Pastor Tarkki's Book Study

Pastor Tarkki's Book Study will be Dec. 21 at 2 pm in the Fireside Room. In preparation for our 2012 Farstrup-Mortensen Lecture Series we will be reading Marcus Borg's *Jesus, Uncovering the Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary* (HarperOne, 2006) chapter 10 and epilogue. Everyone is welcome.

Bishop Nelson to Visit Bethania

We're pleased to have Bishop Dean Nelson of the Southwest California Synod preaching on Dec. 4, 2011. Bishop Nelson will also lead the Adult Class at 11 am in the Fireside Room. After his opening remarks, Bishop Nelson will answer your questions.

Church Council Highlights Nov. 17, 2011

- Motion passed to approve Preschool Christmas Greetings fundraiser with emphasis that it is an extra giving opportunity.
- Motion passed to approve request from Preschool Board to obtain at least two bids to install rain gutters on the education building at Preschool's expense.
- Bethania Centennial (Jan. 7, 2012) book, dinner and fundraiser were discussed.
- Reviewed Audit Committee report for Bethania which stated that they found no areas of concern in the monetary processes and book-keeping systems at Bethania Lutheran Church, concluding that there is a strong system of internal fiscal controls set in a culture of financial transparency. The committee will continue to meet and audit the Endowment and Cemetery Committees as well as the Preschool.

- Brenda Knudsen, Secretary

On Atterdag and Beyond

The Art of Gift Planning

Sometimes giving a gift takes more than just going to the store and picking out the gift, or more than simply writing a check. Most often when we give a gift we first think about what would be the appropriate amount to give. Then we might also consider when would be the best time to give the gift so that it would have the most impact. We also think about how the gift should be wrapped and what to say on an accompanying card. There really is a great deal to consider.

Giving a gift to your church or favorite ministry may also take some considerable planning. What is the appropriate amount, when to give it, how to package it, and what to say about your gift are just a few of the considerations. You also may want to think about whether or not you want the gift designated for a

specific purpose or for general use. You also need to consider which is the most tax efficient way to give the gift. Using current and changing tax strategies can get quite confusing.

Fortunately, there is help. Greg Shepherd, our congregation's gift planner can help you plan both tax advantaged gifts during your lifetime as well as bequests left through your will, trust, or other financial instruments. Greg has over twenty years of gift planning experience. You may contact **Greg** by phone at: **(909)910-6823**; or by email at: **gregory.shepherd@elca.org**

Did you know that there is no charge and no obligation for Greg Shepherd's services? Greg provides these services to members of Bethania (and other ELCA churches) for free. He receives no commissions from his work.

Bethania's Centennial

The centennial book is almost finished. We still need photos and any brief stories that include special memories about Bethania. Photos and written submissions should be given to **Diana Boltz** or can be emailed by jpg files (for photos) or attached docs (for stories) to **aboltz5@verizon.net**. The due date for all submissions is Jan. 15. Stories should only be one paragraph long since space is limited.

- **Diana Boltz**

Change of Address

Clayton Nielsen
1518 Mission Dr, Solvang, CA 93463

Christmas Carol (W)rap Sunday, Dec. 18th

Christmas Carols, Cookies & Christmas Gift Wrapping for Iglesia – During the coffee hour in the Parish Hall - Bring yourself, your tape and your paper...or just your willing hands and singing soul.

Everyone is welcome, whether you want to wrap, sing, hang out and talk, or “rap”!

Sunday School children and confirmands are especially encouraged to come and help us out. **We invite everyone to come and bring a plate of**



Christmas Cookies and help WRAP up some gifts while we “RAP” to Christmas tunes and share some fun, while sharing the spirit of the Christmas! We will be

enjoying Christmas music, coffee, fellowship and singing while we wrap gifts for needy children from Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria (*see related article*). The gifts will be going to the children who have been sponsored through the Angel Project. All wrapped gifts will be delivered to Iglesia.

- **Linda Marzullo**

Christmas Greetings



Once again, Bethania Preschool and After School offers you the extra-giving opportunity to greet your church family at Christmas time while helping fund tuition assistance for lower income working or college student families enrolled in our programs.

When you make a donation to the Bethania Preschool and After School Tuition Assistance Fund, a Christmas ornament with your name will be placed on Christmas trees in the narthex and Parish Hall for all to enjoy. This fiscal year we are assisting 21 students at a cost of \$19,700. We have received a total of \$16,300 in grants. Our goal for Christmas Greetings is at least \$2,400 to earn the \$800 challenge grant from Thrivent Central Coast Chapter's Care in Communities program. Please participate by completing the form on the next page and mailing it with your check made out to Bethania Preschool and After School.

- **Nancy Emerson**

Christmas Greetings

Name(s) _____

(Choose 1 for ornament: First & last name(s), Mr & Mrs, or _____ Family)

Phone _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Bethania Preschool & After School Deadline: Monday, December 18, 2011

Annual Christmas Party

You are all invited to come and enjoy the annual Sisterhood Christmas Party at the Bethania Lutheran Parish Hall on **Dec. 11**. A wonderful way to kick off your holiday season with dinner, a musical program, the traditional singing around the Christmas tree, a visit to the Christmas Boutique, and of course, Santa. A great time for the whole family. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner served at 6:00 pm. Adults/\$10, Children under 12 \$5.00 – at the door. You can contact Glenda at 937-4875 or send an email to floradanica@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!!

- **Glenda Madrid**

Fair Trade Faire

Many thanks to the 55 Bethania volunteers whose efforts made the Fair Trade Faire on November 12 a wonderful day for 250 shoppers and the artisans and farmers whose products they purchased. We will be selling the remaining chocolate, coffee, tea and cocoa along with a few other items on Sunday, Dec. 4 at reduced prices. Please be a fair trade shopper for Christmas and yourself. Watch for a financial report in the January Beacon.

- **Nancy Emerson**

Getting Ready for the Next 100 Years

Once in every generation a new worship resource is developed. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* has been prepared by the whole church, for the whole church. It is the result of a five year process during which Lutheran congregations across America, including Bethania, were invited to test material and provide feedback. The result is the new core resource for Lutheran worship. The *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* book is more comprehensive than any previous resource. It reflects the riches of the past, the gifts of the present, and the hope for the future of God's church.

Our goal is to have the new, red *ELW* books in the pews when we celebrate Bethania's centennial on Jan. 8, 2012. Books to be placed in the church will be available for purchase after church or in the church office. They can be given in memory or honor of someone, or for any other reason the donor desires. The price is \$30 per book. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of this project to usher in the next 100 years of Bethania.

*Please purchase the **ELW** books you want to donate by Sunday, Dec. 11th so they can be in place for the centennial service.*

- **Worship and Music Committee**

Green Tip

Would you like to share your magazines before they wind up being recycled? We are going to have a table in the Parish Hall for magazines to share and read and share and read. If you have some magazines you'd like someone else to see, bring it. If you want to read a magazine, take it. When you're done, return it to the Parish Hall. It's kind of like a library and a doctor's waiting room rolled into one.

- **Kristyl Downey**

Green Team Update

When the “Green Team” first met we decided that it was important for us to look at all the ways we, as a Church, are presently working to protect the earth and its resources. I have been compiling information from all the church committees on their efforts to do this. We should be very proud of all the ways that we are currently working to keep our footprint on the earth a gentle one. Below I have listed some of the many things we are doing as a Church, Sunday school and Preschool.

- Paper, mail, catalogs, Sunday bulletins, Sunday School curriculum, beverage cans and bottles, and coffee cans are all recycled.
- Sunday School and Preschool use recycled materials for crafts.
- Many committees use email to send notices to their members.
- Many members receive the Beacon by email only.
- Lights and computers are turned off when not in use. Reminder signs have been made for the Parish Hall to turn off lights.
- Copy machines are kept on stand-by or turned off when not in use.
- Computers, phone and modem in the office are turned off every night.
- Thermostats in Church and Parish Hall are programmable.
- Doors are closed to rooms not in use when heat or air conditioning is in use.
- CFL lights are used whenever possible.
- Timers and sensors are used on outdoors lighting.
- Toilets and faucets are low flow.
- Office does many tasks manually rather than using electric machines.
- Parsonage windows have new weather stripping.
- Water heaters are wrapped and braced.
- Church uses both “green waste” and recycling bins.
- Preschool no longer sprays for insect control on playground.
- New landscaping is drip irrigated and uses many drought tolerant plants.

- Quilting group uses donated blankets for filler.
- BLCW uses church cups and dinnerware for refreshments.
- All Preschool/After School and Solvang School parents, along with Bethania members, received letter asking them to turn off their vehicle motors when parked.
- Decorations used are kept for reuse.
- Energy audit was completed in 2009.

I am sure you will all agree that this is a very impressive list. If I have missed anything please let the committee know so that we can add it to our list. We are still looking for a good substitute for Styrofoam cups for coffee time and other events. After much research I have ordered two different types of more environmentally friendly cups for us to try to see if they will be a good option for us.

- Marilyn Larsen

Iglesia Christmas Angel Project: “Angels” Needed – Lists are here!

Would you like to be an “angel” to a needy child? Dust off your angel wings – the lists are here!

For the past several years we have been helping support Pastor Patricia at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz with their **Christmas Angel** project. We are helping 25 children this year.

As “Christmas Angels,” our job is to purchase and wrap two-three items from each child’s “wish list” in time for Iglesia’s annual Christmas Party on Christmas Eve. Each child’s “wish list” is unique, which means sponsoring a child can range in cost from \$30 and up.

We try to provide each child with at least one outfit; jackets, blankets and shoes if requested; and a toy.

If you are interested in helping to sponsor a child through any size of a donation, doing some shopping on your own, or making a contribution of an item, please let Linda Marzullo or the church office know. You can pick a child’s “wish list” or donate an item or two on a list, whichever you would prefer.

Funds received will be matched by a grant from Thrivent. To receive credit for tax purposes, please give all donations through Bethania's church office or in the offering plate, earmarked "Iglesia Christmas Angel project".

Wrapping day will be Dec. 18th during the coffee hour (see related article).

Please contact **Linda Marzullo** with any questions at **vikingspressprint@verizon.net**, work **688-5219** or home **688-3059**.

- Linda Marzullo

Letter from Pastor Patricia Muran

November 2011

Dear Bethania Lutheran Church,

In this season of Thanksgiving, we thank God for having you as encouragers of our ministry as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the Hispanic community in Santa Maria, CA.

We want to thank you sincerely for the ongoing financial partnership we have with you in our ministry. It's a great joy to have willing brothers and sisters in Christ who are supporting our mission church.

With God's help over the years, we've been able to accomplish much.

- Currently, we have about 120 members. Average worship attendance is 45.
- We have confirmed six youth and currently have five youth in confirmation class.
- In 2011 we've baptized 11 children.
- We've raised leaders such as praise band members, youth that assist with worship service (sound and computer techs, ushers).

· One high school graduate, after attending Invitation to Service at Cal Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, felt called to become our Sunday School teacher. She has done this for the past three years.

· We have several adult lay leaders. You encourage us to stay the course despite cutbacks in our funding from the ELCA church-wide office. We praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Blessings and "Gracias" from your friends and family in Christ at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz.

Amor en Cristo,

- Pastor Patricia Muran & Congregation Members

Make a Tax-Free Gift From Your IRA

The IRA Charitable Rollover Legislation is currently scheduled to end on **Dec. 31, 2011**. Normally, a distribution from a traditional IRA is taxed as ordinary income. Under this tax legislation, **if you are 70 1/2 or older, you are allowed to make a direct gift from your IRA to Bethania without the distribution being taxed as income to you.** The IRA charitable rollover law may provide a very good charitable vehicle if you take the standard deduction, rather than itemize deductions on your tax return. The law also may reduce the tax impact on your Social Security benefits. Your IRA could be considered a special resource for distributions to Bethania without the normal consequences of reporting additional taxable income.

The distribution must be from your IRA, **not a 401(k)** or other retirement plan. **Do consult** with your financial or tax advisor about the possibility of transferring funds from one of these other plans to establish an IRA, with the distributions charity coming from the newly established IRA. The IRA distribution must be a direct charitable gift and **not** a distribution to a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust.

To take advantage of the IRA charitable rollover to help support Bethania, please review the following helpful tips on how to correctly handle your charitable gift:

Contact your IRA custodian or representative – **before** making a gift – to arrange for the proper transfer of funds from your IRA directly to Bethania. The check issued from your IRA must be made payable to Bethania Lutheran Church.

If you have elected to have income tax withheld from your normal IRA distributions, advise your IRA administrator not to withhold taxes from distributions to Bethania.

Allow for plenty of time to process the gift as it may take longer than anticipated.

While this topic is fresh on your mind, ask your attorney and financial advisor how to make Bethania a beneficiary of your will, trust or IRA.

These helpful tips are only for your information regarding the change in the IRA laws and are not to be considered as legal, tax, or financial advice. You should consult your legal, tax and financial advisors to implement the benefits of the IRA charitable rollover law.

Thank you for considering a gift to Bethania in this way.

- **Marianne Wolin**

P.S. One member of the congregation has already taken advantage of this tax-free gift to Bethania! You could be next!

Prayers of Care and Keeping

We Pray...

With Care and Keeping for peace in troubled places of the world, especially for those in drought-stricken areas, such as East Africa, suffering from hunger; our workplaces, homes and lives

With Care and Keeping for protection and preservation of the environment

With Care and Keeping for our service men and women, for those working for peace, and for caregivers of those who are sick and suffering

With Care and Keeping for

Helen Andersen – aunt of Carolynn Petersen
Pat Beattie – aunt of Lori McConnell & Wendy Berry
Specialist 4 Bowe Bergdahl – captured in Afghanistan, grandson of Craig & Carolyn Larson
Jerry & Jill Black – doctor of Garrett Berry
Annette Bredall
Bent Clausen – friend of the community
Matthew & Wesley DeWitt – grandsons of Nancy & Lee Brown
Jim Diacono
Chris Frederiksen – resident of Atterdag Village
Fabian Gomez - 4th grade student of Carol Lake
Elisabeth Jacobsen
Johannes Jorgensen – friend of Ruth Lindegaard
Marilyn Juncker – cousin of Lorna Hansen
Olga Klibo
Denise Morris – friend of Linda Marzullo
Sarah Motosyo
Anker & Kate Nielsen
Carroll Nielsen – cousin of Ed & Rita Lunde
Marc & Laurie Owens – friends of the community
Elmer Rasmussen
Bob Sanders
Robert Workman – friend of the Marzullis
Christian Wright – son of Tom & Tracy Wright

Christian is a member of Bethania, a student and volleyball player at Santa Ynez High School. Christian is now out of his induced coma and working with therapists. The family can't thank everyone enough for their continued love, support and prayers! If you would like to help the family with costs related to Christian's recovery, please make a check payable to Christian Wright and send it to Rabobank 61 W. Highway 246, Buellton, 93427.

With Care and Keeping for prayers and good treatment from Barbara Kargard with gratitude

Please keep directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Bethania Lutheran Church as we near the end of the year. And thank you for encouraging family members who have Thrivent products and are not members of another Lutheran church to direct Choice Dollars to Bethania. Including the November report, \$4,807 has been contributed to the church. If you are not quite sure how to direct your Choice Dollars, here are the instructions:

1. Call the national Thrivent office, 1-800-847-4836. The automated system will ask you to confirm your identity with your Social Security number, then tell automated system you want Choice Dollars. A live person will then walk you through the process of directing your Choice Dollars to the enrolled benevolence of your choice. Local enrolled organizations include: Bethania Lutheran Church, Bethania Preschool & After School, Atterdag Village (listed as Solvang Lutheran Home), Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz (mission church in Santa Maria). You will be asked to direct a minimum of \$5/charity. Depending on whether you have an insurance or an annuity product, you may build up Choice Dollars more than once a year, so be sure to check periodically.
2. If using the computer, go online to www.thrivent.com to direct your Choice Dollars.
3. If you want to learn more about the services Thrivent Financial for Lutherans offers, call or go online to obtain information about local Thrivent staff in our area.

- Nancy Emerson

Thumbnail Portrait Ruth Jackson

Ruth was born in Santa Barbara to Andy and Magda Iversen. While she was an only child, she had a foster sister, Janette Dixen, who came to live with the family at the age of five when her mother died. Ruth's mother came from Alden, Minnesota via



Colorado, and her dad emigrated from Denmark, arriving in Solvang in the 1930's. They met at Atterdag College, where her mother worked, serving to the bachelors and townspeople who took their meals there. They married in 1944.

Magda was a teacher in Buellton and Solvang, but quit her job when Ruth was born. She babysat for working mothers and did some tutoring, while raising Ruth. Andy owned the Solvang Clothing Store, which was a general store selling men's clothing along with linens, notions, and other items. Ruth worked there from the time she was in sixth grade. She also spent one summer cleaning rooms at King Frederick Motel and one summer waiting tables at Andersen's Pea Soup Restaurant.

Since she lived in the house next to what is now the church office, she was able to go home from school with her friends for lunch each day. Growing up in Solvang, she remembers riding her bike around town, hiking behind Atterdag, reading books, and taking piano and flute lessons. Her dad's store burned in 1970 so Arnie Hansen and her father built a restaurant on the same property where Solvang Restaurant still stands.

After graduating from high school, she went to Colorado State College in Greeley, where her mother had attended, then to Grandview College in Iowa, and eventually earned her BA in Elementary Education and Behavioral Science at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska.

Ruth married her classmate, Jon Jackson after college and settled in Des Moines, Iowa. She worked for Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation and then the Department of Social Services until 1977. She moved to Santa Ynez in 1984, after a divorce. Her three daughters, Meighan, Andrea, and Cari went to Santa Ynez School and Ruth began waiting tables at the Red Barn and Solvang Restaurant. She later worked at the tasting room at Gainey Winery also.

We hope many from Bethania and the community will join us for this special occasion It only comes once every hundred years!

- Marj Johnson

Women's News

Everyone remembers a special Christmas story and, at the Dec. 6th Vesper Guild get-together, Pastor Sylvia Casberg will be reading one of her favorites. This meeting is Vesper's annual Christmas celebration, which will be at the home of the very generous hostess Carol Burtness. Her homemade luncheon will follow a brief meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m. Guests are asked to bring a dessert to share. All women of Bethania, their friends and guests are invited to attend

- Rita Lunde

Note Cards

Looking for a meaningful, personalized gift for that special person? How about Vesper Guild's beautiful note cards featuring a photograph of Bethania with colorful blooming roses in the foreground. They are again available at the church office or in the narthex. Cards, which come with matching envelopes, are \$1 each and available singly or in packages of 10 for \$10. If you purchase these note cards, you are supporting the youth of Bethania while providing a unique and thoughtful gift.

- Rita Lunde

December Bible Study: Beyond The Boundaries

Our study for this month portrays Jesus and his disciples travelling about, so busy teaching that they scarcely had time to eat. Jesus takes his disciples to a quiet spot for rest and prayer. But crowds continue to gather. Jesus' compassion for the crowds becomes a challenge to the disciples to minister to the hungry,

whomever they are. All boundaries that categorize people by religion and race begin to dissolve.

Read Mark 6:30 through chapter 7. Study helps are in the December issue of "Gather". The session will be held Thurs. Dec. 15 at 10 am in Bldg. 3, Apt. 2 in Atterdag Village.

- Anabelle Dalberg

Photos



Pictures from
Iglesia
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2010





December 2011
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd'y	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CH = Church OFC = Office Conference Room FR = Fireside Room PH = Parish Hall AV = Atterdag Village RR= Recovery Residence				1 - 7 pm Choir Practice: FR	2 - 8 am Pastor Tarkki Devotions: AV	3
4 - 9:30 am Worship: CH - 9 am – 1:30 pm Elverhoj Museum Sandwich Making: KIT - 9:30 am Sunday School: FR - 10:45 am Coffee Hour: PH - 11 am Adult Class: FR Bishop Nelson will be here to preach and lead adult class.	5 - 7 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg: OFC	6 - 2 pm Vesper Guild: C. Burtness home	7 - 10:30 am Communion Service: RR -11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel: CH - 6:30 pm Theater Group Rehearsal: FR	8 - 9:30 Conference Clergy Mtg: Mt. Carmel, SLO - 1:30 pm Preschool Board Mtg: PH - 7 pm Choir Practice: FR	9 - 8 am Pastor Tarkki Devotions: AV	10
11 - 9:30 am Worship: CH - 9:30 am Sunday School: FR - 10:45 am Coffee Hour: PH - 11 am – 5 pm Confirmation Class: OFC - 5:30 pm Danish Sisterhood Christmas Party: PH	12 - 7 pm Finance Cmt. Mtg.: OFC - Square Dancing: PH - 8 pm AA: FR	13 - 7 pm Christian Education Mtg: OFC	14 -11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel: CH - 12:45 pm Sewing/Quilting Group: PH	15 - 10 am “Gather” Bible Study: AV - 7 pm Preschool Christmas Party: PH - 7 pm Council Mtg: OFC - 7 pm Choir Practice: CH	16 - 8 am Pastor Tarkki Devotions: AV	17
18 - 9:30 am Worship: CH - 9:30 am Sunday School: FR - 10:45 am Coffee Hour: PH - 11 am Iglesia (W)rap-Up: PH	19 - 8 pm AA: FR	20	21 - 2 pm Pastor Tarkki’s Book Study: FR	22	23 - 8 am Pastor Tarkki Devotions: AV - 6 pm Little Christmas Eve Danish Service: CH	24 - 4 pm Christmas Eve Service: CH - 9 pm Christmas Eve Service: CH
25 - 9:30 am Worship Service: CH	26 - The Church Office will be closed from Dec. 26-29. The Preschool/After School is closed Dec. 26-30 - 8 pm AA: FR	27	28	29 - All Day Fireside Room Carpet Cleaning - 4 pm Wedding Rehearsal: CH	30 - Office will be open from 9 am – 12 noon. - 4 pm Wedding: CH	31

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Sunday Schedule
9:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School



**Danish Service
6:00 pm Dec. 23, 2011**

**Services Dec. 24, 2011
4:00 pm & 9:00 pm**



**Christmas Day
9:30 am Dec. 25, 2011**