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The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bryans Road, MD

Being rooted and established in the Word of God, we seek to love the Lord and make disciples, so that all people may be filled to the measure of the fullness of God.



December 2011



For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this. [Isaiah 9:6-7]

Greetings in the name of the risen Lord! This is the month of December - the month that the world sets apart to celebrate the birth of the one and only true Savior Jesus Christ. And what I have reprinted above is a prophecy from the prophet Isaiah that speaks of the promise of Jesus Christ. Written 600 years prior to the birth of Jesus, Isaiah saw the ramifications of the birth of Christ and prophesied what Jesus would bring when He was born; and the one item that I would like to focus on is the promise, ***"the government will be on His shoulders..."***

God's people were the people of Israel. And all through their storied history the people of Israel struggled with wickedness and violence. The people would chase after idols and other gods and God would collapse their government. Then, after due repentance, God would forgive. He would first send judges, then prophets, and finally different kings. Yet, the people yearned for a government that would bring lasting peace - a peace that would last past the death of one king or another. Isaiah promised that one would come - and that through this one the government would no longer rest on the shoulders of men and women - but the government would rest on the shoulders of this One - this Promised one. His government would bring peace - a true, lasting, peace.

When Jesus walked the earth He constantly referenced, "the Kingdom of God" or, "The Kingdom of Heaven." In one particular verbal battle with the Pharisees, after being accused of being the devil himself, Jesus remarks, ***"If I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you!"*** He was right then and there referring to Himself - God's government of peace and power reduced to one man - Jesus Christ. Jesus brought with Him the Kingdom of God and it was filled with healing, righteousness, peace, plenty, and all who enter into it will be saved.



Now, if you have turned from your sins and embraced Jesus Christ through faith, then you are now a citizen of the Kingdom of God. Paul references this in Philippians when he says, "**our citizenship is in heaven.**" You are no longer a citizen of this world - but we are awaiting God's physical manifestation of government when He destroys this present world and ushers in a New Heavens and a New Earth - our true home of righteousness. Right now, as you read this article, you are a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven. And there will be no end to His reign or of the peace He brings.

2012 will bring with it a new election season. We will be given all the usual promises from politicians about how their particular plan will be better for our nation than another. I encourage all of us to enter into this process and perform our civic duty and vote for the individual that you best believe is good, not only for you, but for your neighbor. Bring your Bible's with you to the voting booth and vote your morals. However, know this. A government of men will always bring with it problems. We cannot look to the government of men to solve our ills. They will never be able to do that. They could not do it in Israel - and they will not be able to do it here. Better to trust in the one who says He will bring a government that will, '**rest on His shoulders.**' No matter how prosperous we are here - we will all one day need the government of God.

Your pastor and friend,

Christopher Ogne





Notes from Editor Betty Ellis

+ Christian Symbols +



Rose—This flower, often shown as stylized artwork, is a symbol for Advent, the promise of the Messiah and Jesus' nativity. A white rose represents the Virgin Mary, and a red rose stands for martyrs. A wreath of roses symbolizes heavenly joy.



Aluminum Can fundraiser for the Building Fund Church Furnishings. *Keep saving those cans.* Ask your neighbors and friends to save their cans for you - it will increase our fund raising capability. Rinse and crush your cans, if possible. Place them in a plastic bag and place them in the aluminum can bin by the sheds. If you are unable to crush your cans we will gladly do it for you. When cans are clean and crushed the recycle center will give LCOOS \$.35 a pound vs. \$.15 per pound for unclean, uncrushed cans. Cooper Wire brings in \$1.50 a pound while car batteries bring in \$9.00 each. Brass is also accepted. You would be surprised how the money mounts up quickly. We have already collected nearly \$200 in a few short weeks—just imagine.....



Thank
You to...
Gus & Sheila

Did you attend the **"Harvest Festival"**? If you didn't you really missed out on a wonderful event. The event was heavily attended by the community. We even received a wonderful letter of appreciation from a family who attended. This event doesn't happen all by itself—it takes months of planning and preparation. Gus and Sheila Astacio have been coordinating this event the last several years. Thank you so much Gus and Sheila for your dedication and hard work to bring this community outreach event to fruition each year. You are very much appreciated.

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who gave \$500 towards our event.



Visiting Missionary
Rev. Fred Reinhardt

On December 4th at the 8:30am and 11:00am services, Pastor Fred Reinhardt will be speaking on his missionary work in Kenya. Pastor Fred was a former member of Our Savior. Please plan to attend and welcome him home.



LCOOS Christmas Party
December 4th, 12:30pm

After hearing a wonderful sermon/presentation from Pastor Fred, we will head on down to the Potomac Heights Community Center in Potomac Heights to have our annual LCOOS Christmas Party. It is the same place as last year.



After leaving the church and making a U turn at the next cross over, proceed south on route 210. Make a right turn on Glymont Road at the blinking light. Proceed to the end of the road. The Center is on the left **BEFORE** the circle.

Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share and be prepared to have a lot of good food and great fellowship!



Children's Christmas Program

The **Children's Christmas Program is December 18th at the 11:00am** service. Immediately following we will gather in the fellowship room for a pot luck meal. Please be sure to bring a main dish, a salad or dessert.

The boys and girls have been practicing real hard. Our 8:30 worshipers are encouraged to stay for Bible Study and remain for the program. Let's show our children we all support them.



The Lutheran Church of Our Savior is having our first ever **CHRISTMAS PIE AUCTION** on **December 18th, 2011 at 12:30PM** after the Children's Program and pot luck meal. If you would like to contribute a pie, please contact Laura Orndorff at church or at 301-934-4540.

Since the auction will be held a week before Christmas, please try to make a pie that can be frozen, or will last for a week refrigerated. Funds received will be used to purchase furnishings for the new sanctuary.



Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow—It's Official—the Lutheran Church of Our Savior broke ground on October 9th for the new sanctuary and the building has begun!!!

Our church furnishings are not included in the loan. We have some preliminary prices on furnishings:

- A pew—\$1000 each;
- Altar and pulpit—\$3000 each;
- Furnishings for Pastor's Bible Study Room will cost approximately \$1700.
- Two computers.
- TV—\$2000. Will be used for Pastor's Bible Study Room which will house Children's Church also.

What a wonderful expression of love to donate a pew; pulpit; lectern, altar or other furnishing to the "Glory of God" and to honor a loved one or in remembrance of a loved one who has passed. Remember these donations are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**. **So hurry and get your donations in before the end of the year**. Please accompany your donation with a note as to whom it is "in memory of" or "to honor". Your donation will be recorded in our beautiful new memory/donations book. Monies donated are recorded as "gifts" while furnishings are listed. If you do not want your name mentioned it can be recorded as "anonymous".

Ground breaking at LCOOS October 9, 2011. Pictured is the Expansion Committee from left to right:

Harold Nelson, Pastor Ogne, Betty and Michael Ellis, Andrei Sapsai, Steve Holton and Kevin Murphy. Member Lynn Wells was unable to attend.





The Lutheran Women's Missionary League
of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior
November 10, 2011

Attendees: Betty Ellis, Wanda Welch & Janet Morris.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Betty Ellis in the absence of President Debra Mitchell.

Opening Devotion & Prayer: Betty Ellis

Minutes: The minutes of the September 11 meeting were read in the newsletter. Wanda motioned second by Janet that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Reports:

- **LWML** – Doris Simmons
 - **LWML Fall Rally was October 1st** at Oxon Hill Lutheran Church. The Rally was a success and we hope more will attend next year.
 - **A Quilt Tying Party was held October 1st** and was an exciting event. All who attended had a great time. The Quilts were given to Irene Giguere of Orphan Grain Train on October 2nd. There was a full report in the November newsletter complete with a picture of Dorothy Piegols (maker of the quilts) presenting them to Irene.
 - Since **Tabithas and LWML** are so closely knit there was discussion over the name and having two separate groups. The ladies discussed Tabitha/LWML at length. LWML is a recognizable, historic, highly respected and an internationally known organization. It was felt that we should promote LWML and it be our main focus at meetings. With that goal in mind Wanda motioned second by Janet that our groups, Tabitha and LWML, be combined with the name becoming The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Motion carried. We will continue to share information from all the various ministries of LCOOS. This will be a means of helping each other with our respective ministries.
 - **Altar Care** – Wanda Welch
 - Still in need of folks to sign up for altar care.
 - Altar ware cleaning went well. *Thank you Pat Sammons, Wanda Welch and Barbara DeVoe for making our altar ware "sparkle and shine".*
 - **Angels Watch Women's Shelter** – Ryan Horton
 - Yolanda Gardner prepared the November meal for the shelter *"Thank You Yolanda"*.
 - Rhonda Piegols and Betty Ellis are preparing the January meal.
- **Shut-ins** - Janet Morris – no meals were dispersed. Folks are reminded to contact Janet or call the church office if they would like meals bought to them after a hospital stay or if they are ill and unable to prepare meals.
- **Children's Church** – Rebekah Brown
 - The children will be viewing the Max Lucado's series *"A Bug Collection"* beginning this coming Sunday. This series deals with values and are very helpful to children in their spiritual growth.
- **Bethesda Lutheran Home** - Dorothy Piegols (Collect Campbell labels to by equipment for the home.) Please save those labels. There is a complete list of acceptable labels on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room.
- **St Jude's Hospital/Ranch** – Dorothy Piegols (Collect fronts from cards **November 15 through February 15**. Cards are recycled into new cards and are sold.)
- **Funeral Meals – Betty Ellis**

Old Business:

- **Yard Sale October 8th** - Event funds were banked to purchase furnishings for the new sanctuary. The event netted nearly \$200. Thank you Laura Orndorff, our new “Events Coordinator”, for conducting this event.

New Business:

- **Christmas Party December 4th**
 - This will be the Sunday that Rev. Fred Reinhardt will be here to speak at both services about his mission efforts in Africa.
 - Potomac Heights Community Center has been acquired for the party.
 - Laura will coordinate event. Janet and Wanda will help.
 - Betty will purchase the paper products & bring tea.
 - Janet will provide the table decorations
 - Wanda will make punch
- **Homemade Christmas Pie Auction December 18th after the 11am service.**
 - Funds will be used to purchase church furnishings for the new sanctuary. There is a flyer on the Fellowship Room bulletin board and will be announced; put in the bulletin and newsletter.
- **5th Sunday Fellowship – January 29, 2012 after the 11am service.**
This will be a chili cook-off to raise funds for church furnishings for the new sanctuary.
- **Mother Daughter Luncheon, May 2012**
 - Doris graciously agreed to help Laura with this event next May.
- **Church Picnic**
 - We are looking into the possibility of having it at Cosca Reg. Park in Clinton in 2012.
- **Elections** - Elections were held with the following persons being elected.
 - President – Kristen Tregoning
 - Secretary – Janet Morris
 - *Thank you Doris Simmons for your many years of service as LWML President.* (Doris has also served many years as LWML, DCMARVA Zone President and still serves as DCMARVA Zone Networker for Our Savior.) *Thank you Debra Mitchell, President and Betty Ellis, Secretary* for your years of service with the Tabithas.

The next meeting will be January 9, at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ellis, Recorder



A message from our
MISSIONARY

Dear Friends,

As always, it's great to journey with you on this faith adventure. Thanks to so many of you for your prayers and encouraging comments along the way. We've been back in Uganda for a smidgen over three weeks now. Our staff did a great job taking care of the place while we were gone and they did a super job preparing it for our arrival—that makes a real difference when you deplane in Entebbe at 10:15 pm, drive to Kampala, and reach home around mid-night after 7 weeks away! The girls were excited to see their cat and two ducks. On subsequent days they had fun re-claiming their favorite chameleons from the bushes.

My phone started ringing our first morning back with very brief calls from our closest Ugandan friends who were happy to welcome us back. Later, I came to discover that the calls were so brief only because the cost of air time had skyrocketed while we were away. Part of this can be explained by the fact that we've benefitted from some fairly aggressive price wars between the mobile phone companies over the past year or two. It seems they have realized that they can't wage war forever and still remain viable. At the same time, 30% inflation is also a factor.

In the daylight hours we saw that the compound was verdant from frequent rains and one of the first things we did was to set up our little swimming pool. The matooke is coming in nicely but we still need to re-plant the vegetable garden. We're really thankful to have a solid inverter and a strong battery array. Kampala now has daily 12 to 24-hour rolling blackouts which are euphemistically called 'load-shedding'—implying as if they had some extra power they needed to shed! So far we've had enough juice between blackouts to adequately recharge the batteries. Our inverter is actually quite tolerant and will even charge the batteries when the voltage drops to as low as 180V—a brownout, so to speak. (Remember, we're 240V here.) If it turns out that the national electricity grid is too unreliable to keep the batteries charged we can always charge them with our awesome Honda generator—but we haven't had to do that yet. The inverter runs everything except the hot water heaters so we're not suffering. And I want to be sure to state how thankful we are to have both an inverter (with good batteries, which aren't cheap) *and* a generator when so many Ugandans and missionaries make do without either one. So, you may ask, "why is the 'load-shedding' so long-lasting and so frequent these days?" Well, inflation, of course. I used to think that the majority of our electricity was generated by hydropower at the dam in Jinja. Nope. It turns out the majority of it is produced by massive diesel generators. Uganda doesn't have any domestic diesel production so it must be purchased with US dollars—against which the Ugandan Schilling is rapidly depreciating. Two of the generators have shut down because the government broke the contract and stopped subsidizing their operation.

Then, during our first Sunday and Monday back in Uganda I debriefed the outgoing President and 4 pastors about the events surrounding the LCMU Delegates Conference that took place the week before I returned to Uganda. The results of the Delegates Conference are so discouraging but I see one big blessing. The elections were decisive and that now makes it much easier for me to make the requisite decisions. It is so clear. We have done our best and the Lord has shown us the direction the LCMU intends to go. It is a path upon which we cannot follow so it will be very liberating to press on in a new direction with a clear conscience. You may be wondering what direction that will be. In email conversations with my boss over the past weeks we've come up with as many as 4 different directions that are all over the map—literally! He plans to visit us in person at the end of the month so we can talk it over and pick one. This [official notice](#) about my missionary status in Uganda may be of interest to some of you

We may not be able to work with the LCMU anymore but these past three years have not been a waste—far from it. First of all, it has been a real education for me. I've gained a ton of experiences and it's a good foundation for an entirely new skill set for me as it regards things like East Africa, how to live and work as an expat, how to serve and teach in another culture, how to negotiate the traditions of East African cultures, the East African face of Christianity, 'Global South' Christianity, etc. Secondly, I feel like I've made an important contribution to synod. However depressing the findings may be, it is far better that someone discovered what we able to learn in three short years than for synod to be unknowingly unequally yoked with the LCMU for perhaps another 18 years. Yes, it has been difficult and fraught with trials. Yes, we've had to dig deep, stand up to evil, and face down our fears. But the Lord has proven himself faithful. The bottom line is that it's good to be back in Uganda and moving on in a new direction—even if, at the moment, we can't exactly see which direction that is!

And I still have responsibilities in South Sudan that show a lot of promise. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudan/South Sudan convened a very important General Assembly in October where they adopted their Constitution and elected Rev. Wilson Noah as Bishop. I was not able to attend but I'm excited to visit South Sudan more often in the days ahead and encourage all involved.

What else are we up to in this time of transition? Our second Sunday back we had a big wedding (during the regular church service) for a Tanzanian couple who worships at Kampala Congregation. We've reconnected with our expat friends. Michelle has resumed home school with the girls. I got caught up on expense reports, a lot of emails, phone calls, and I'm in the middle two books that are very helpful as I reflect on the recent church crisis here. Just like any household in America, we've accumulated a lot of extra junk over these past three years so it hasn't hurt to do some purging, gifting and deep cleaning just in case a move is in our future. I tried to attend the church wedding of Vicar Johnson & Teopista Balihikya in Masindi last weekend but was prevented from doing so—it's a fascinating story and I may blog about it one day but for now let's just say that Masindi is my Thessalonica.

When the tooth fairy is a rat. Ugandan adults really like their children to remove their baby teeth the moment they are loose. As soon as the child reports a loose tooth the caregiver will dip their fingers in some ashes (for a good grip) and start wiggling the tooth day after day. After about three days it falls out and the adult hides the tooth under the bed (or any other good hiding place). Then the adult calls the child and says, "Look, I have hidden your tooth here. A rat will come and give you money." Now, if you actually see a rat around the house—which is quite likely—you may conveniently tell the child that that is the very rat that will give you money. By the way, the child will wish it to be a good rat and not a bad rat. How can you tell the difference? Why, that's very easy. The good rats sleep in the church and give you a lot of money. The bad rats sleep in the bush and they give little money. Also, it will be good for all the adults in the household to know that a tooth is under the bed because I've heard stories where a rat was killed and the child is in tears saying, "You have killed my friend who would give me money." Anyway, back to the main story. When the child is away or outside playing the adult will remove the tooth and put some money in its place. If you don't have any money at the time and the child asks about it, you just tell them, "The rat is away earning money. You just wait." By the way, Amelia has TWO loose teeth. Not only that but she grew 7/8 of an inch while we were in the States and Evangeline grew 5/8 of an inch—but neither put on much weight.

On all our other trips we just breezed thru the Amsterdam airport. But the girls are getting older so this time we took an extended layover for 3 days/3nights on the way back to Uganda to see our friends who are stationed in the Netherlands. The Davis family were awesome hosts and it was so great to be a small part of their Dutch life. No sooner did Dan and his boys pick us up than we were cruising the [UNESCO World Heritage canal district](#) (42 photos) and feasting our eyes on the elegant merchants' houses dating from the Golden Age, the fabulous gables, beautiful churches, iconic Skinny Bridge, and many more highlights. (I copied that from the brochure—but *was* really cool.) After lunch at a bustling, urban café we drove out to their home in a small village. The next day we visited [The Efteling](#) (276 photos) which is a refreshingly European theme park. That night Dan and I walked to the pub for [bitterballen](#), [croquettes](#), and the best local brew. On Thursday we borrowed their bikes and had a leisurely ride to the local *molen* (windmill) cum café, but alas, it was closed for the school holiday. Later that afternoon we walked to the local park that hosts a serious petting zoo. All in all, it was a fabulous time for our families to connect—and the first time with kids!

This note wouldn't be complete if we didn't thank many of you for your financial gifts that support us in the work here. We continue to thank God for you—especially in this Thanksgiving week! Yesterday I updated our list of partner congregations. It's the bottom half of [this page](#). (Just for fun, click the link after each list to see them plotted on a map.) In terms of total donations, our support is down significantly compared to previous years but if donations remain at current levels thru June 2012 we'll still end the year in the black. The only reason we're not suffering and crying out to God (and you! ☺) is because we started this fiscal year with a healthy surplus (carried over from previous years). All this is to say that we're thankful for the Lord's provision no matter when it or how it comes. Praise the Lord!

I know this has been a long one but thanks for hanging in there. For those of you who submit articles on our behalf to your congregation's newsletter, here is a [short blog post](#) that Michelle wrote last week. It is perhaps more suitable for a parish newsletter article than this email—although feel free to copy anything from here if it will help. And thank you for keeping our prayer needs before your congregation. As always, we are proud to be your missionaries,

Jake, with Michelle, Amelia, and Evangeline

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A Christmas Prayer

Almighty God, eternal Father, I thank Thee
That Thou didst so love the world
As to give Thine only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him
Should not perish,
But have everlasting life.

I thank Thee for the manifestation
Of the Son of God in the flesh.
I thank Thee that he is not only
The Savior of the world, but also my Savior.

I thank Thee that Thou hast given
Me part in the great blessings which
Thy Son has brought into the world
As the Savior of men.

Grant unto me now the precious
Gift of faith whereby I may know
That the Son of God is come,
That I may have part in His redemption.

I thank Thee, O blessed Jesus,
That Thou didst take upon Thyself
The nature of sinful man;
That Thou didst make a full satisfaction
For all my sins, and didst reconcile me to the Father.

I thank Thee for the great joy which Thy coming
Into the world has brought to mankind.

O blessed Jesus, I thank Thee
That Thou didst become a little child,
So that we might become children of God.
I pray that Thou mayest also be born
In my poor heart.
Grant me a childlike faith
And unite me with Thyself by the power of Thy grace.
Let the Sun of Righteousness arise in my soul,
With healings in His wings.
Make me a true child of God,
And an heir of life eternal.

O Lord God, let the glad
Tidings of salvation be diffused
Throughout the whole world.
Hasten the time when the knowledge of
Jesus shall cover the whole earth.

O bless Thy people this day.
Bless all, great and small, who now rejoice
In the birth of Jesus.
Help all to receive the newborn
King with open hearts, and to join
In the song of the angels:
***"Glory to God in the highest;
Peace on earth, good will to men."***
All of which I ask for His name's sake.

Amen!





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
- Palm-size wicker wreath (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.

PUZZLE

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.

$7+6$ strength $9+1$ shepherd $30-5$ the $7+5$ ends $50-26$ live
 $21-10$ will $27-24$ peach $10+7$ flock $40-20$ stand $15+4$ securely $8+8$ his
 $35-31$ Lord $17-3$ greatness $10-3$ earth $10+5$ will $5+1$ will

"He _____ and _____ his _____
 in the _____ of the _____ And they _____
 _____, for then _____
 _____ to the _____ of _____."

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

Bible Quiz

Some parts of the Christmas story, as commonly told, aren't actually recounted in Scripture. Which of the following details is recorded in the Bible?

- Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem, and Joseph walked alongside her.
- Angels announced that a Savior, the Messiah (or Christ), had been born.
- There were three wise men.
- Shepherds and wise men (or Magi) worshiped Baby Jesus together.
- None of the above.

Answer: B (See Matt. 1:18-2:12 and Luke 2:1-20, especially v. 11.)



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ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

- 9 Marsha Holton
- George Linde
- 10 Shawn Gronau
- 12 Alex Graham
- Jasmine Downing
- 13 Chris Lane
- 15 Jeff Morris
- 20 Steven Sinkler
- Ethan Astacio
- 22 VJ Ammons
- 23 Daiyon Gardner
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- Jobi Gronau
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Kid's in Church

“When Mary heard she was going to be the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.”



December 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm Couple's Bible Study at Simonton's	2	3 7:00am Prayer 8pm Sat. Night Alive (AA)
4 (communion) Share sign-up 8:30am Traditional Serv. 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Praise Serv. 12:30 Christmas Party	5 5:30pm Spanish w/Rosa	6 12:30pm Reflections Senior Ctr. Indian Head 7:00pm Choir	7 (communion) 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study 5:45pm Meal 6:15pm Bible Study 7:15pm Praise Serv.	8 7pm Couple's Bible Study at Simonton's	9	10 7:00am Prayer 10:15am E72 8pm Sat. Night Alive (AA)
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Missionary Rev. Fred Reinhardt, Guest Speaker
December 4 (both services) &
LCOOS Christmas Party—12:30—4:30
Potomac Height Community Center, Indian Head



Sunday



(Check the calendar for Christmas Service schedult.)

- 8:30 am - Traditional Serv.
- 9:45 am - Sunday School Bible Study for all ages
- 11:00 am - Praise & Worship Service

Wednesday

- 5:45 pm - Light Supper
- 6:15 pm - Bible Study—all ages
- 7:15 pm - Praise & Worship



December 2011

“A little child will lead them.”
Isaiah 11:6, NIV



Merry Christmas



We have a **Bible Study** just for you!

- Monday 5:30pm Spanish w/Rosa
- Wednesday 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study
- 6:15pm Bible Study for all ages
- Thursday 7:00pm Couples

Bulletin Bloopers

“*Peach* on earth, goodwill toward all.”



Wishing everyone a peachy, *peace*-filled Christmas!



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Where you born in a barn?



While growing up, if I behaved rudely at the table, my mom would ask, “Were you born in a barn?”

Too often, rude behavior isn’t restricted to meals. Even adults behave badly toward others, intentionally or unintentionally. Our lack of consideration, good manners and kindness might be likened to the behavior of animals, not guided by concepts of right and wrong.

Jesus was literally born in a barn because we sometimes act like we were born in a barn, failing to put others ahead of ourselves. Through Jesus, God willingly entered the mess and stink of human existence. We know that Jesus can relate to the lowest of human experience because he was laid into a feed trough for animals, surrounded by their sounds and smells. Born alongside us in the “barn” of earthly life, Jesus taught us not only politeness but love.

One day, when I dine with Jesus at the heavenly banquet, I trust Mom will be pleased with my table manners!



Jesus died to save: