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“Reaching out in our community to share the Word of God”

Get your dinner at Culver’s Hwy. 100 south of Greenfield on Mon. Feb 24th. from 5-8pm. The Food Pantry at First Lutheran will receive a percentage of all sales during that time.

Bring your friends and neighbors!

Palm Sunday Concert
Sunday, April 13th at 3 p.m.

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“Nativity: an inviting and nurturing community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and serving Christ”
Dear Friends in Christ;

I greet you with this Bible passage from Philippians 4:4:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice.”

Is this long, cold and snowy winter getting to you? The remedy is to rejoice in the Lord who is over all things. Sometimes we call the depression that may come over a person this time of the year as cabin fever. The following is a definition of cabin fever:

Boredom, restlessness, or irritability that results from a lack of environmental stimulation, as from a prolonged stay in a remote, sparsely populated region or a confined indoor area.

That sounds like our present winter. It will pass in the spring. But some of us get more depressed than we would describe as “cabin fever” or the “blues.” Does that sound like you? Many of us feel sad, lonely, or depressed at times. And feeling depressed is a normal reaction to loss, life's struggles, or an injured self-esteem. But when these feelings become overwhelming and lasts for long periods of time, they can keep you from leading a normal, active life. That's when it's time to seek medical help. You want to be able to rejoice in your relationship with God and others and be happy with your self. Getting out of depression can help us. Talking to others and your doctor can be a good start in getting victory over depression.

May the blessing of our Risen Lord Jesus be upon you!
Pastor Peterson

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MISSION INTERPRETER: Shirley Cogan
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STEWARDSHIP: Lavone Reis
WORSHIP & MUSIC: John Bennethum

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MISSION INTERPRETER: Shirley Cogan

In Memory Of….

Scott Reis, son of Lavone Reis, who passed away on Dec. 24.

Arlington Brauch, brother of Don Brauch, who passed away on Jan. 20.

From Our Pastor
Worship and Study

Worship Matters by John Bennethum

Ash Wednesday is not until March 5th this year and so we have a LONG Epiphany Season with eight Sundays. I think the longest it can be is 9 Sundays so we are close this year. The last Sunday is always celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday. Epiphany means Revelation and during this season we celebrate all the ways Christ is manifested to us. We celebrate his Baptism and learn about his mission. The color of the season is white which is used for Epiphany Sunday (Celebration of the arrival of the Wise Men), his Baptism in the river Jordan, his Presentation in the Temple (February 2) and the Transfiguration. The other Sundays during Epiphany use the color green. I think, of all the seasons of the church year, Epiphany is the least understood. This year, with many Sundays, can be a good time to study more carefully this important Season which connects Christmas and Lent and the lessons it teaches.

Bible Study Opportunities

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Our Bible class is still studying the Book of Revelation. We took a break for Christmas, New Year’s and twice we cancelled class due to the severe cold weather. We will also be rescheduling our Christmas Lesson and visit to Laverne Williams’ new home. During the month of February we will be in the final chapters of Revelation. Ash Wednesday is coming on March 5th. Depending on the weather we might finish before Lent. I am working on our Lessons for Lent. Everyone is always welcome to attend our class. We meet at 10:00am in the Fireside Room. Come and join us. John Bennethum is our Teacher.

For Women Only....

The Saturday Morning Women’s Bible Study meets most Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. in First Lutheran’s Fireside Room. If you have any questions, or to check the schedule, call the church office. New members are always welcome!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY(S?)

On Jan. 26, both churches planned to officially recognize new members received during 2013. The weather didn’t cooperate, so many were unable to come. We’ll be trying again to introduce these new members to you - the weather has to be better! Please make a point of seeking out and greeting the new members at each church:

At Nativity: John Gordon, Cheryl Hetzel, Carol Monfort, Gary Soerfass

At First: Neil Burger, Jenny Caras, Janell, Louis and Austin Cyrus, Shirley Fisher, The Herbert Family, Deborah Mariscal, Jenny, Mariah and Jace Roesler, Cindy Roesler, Kathleen Santos, Daniel Sopa and Janelyn Stasiak

LOVE GAUGE...

In a ship’s engine room, it’s impossible to look into the great boiler and see how much water remains. But running up beside it is a tiny glass tube that serves as a gauge. As the water stands in the little tube, so it stands in the great boiler. When the tube is half full, the boiler is half full; when the tube is empty, the boiler is empty.

Do you ask, “How do I know I love God? I believe I love him, but I want to know.” Look at the gauge: Your love for other people is the measure of your love for God. —S.S. Chronicle
Christopher Wordsworth, the author of this text, may not be as well known today as his famous uncle, the famous poet, William. But during his lifetime (1807-85) Christopher distinguished himself as a scholar, professor, pastor, and eventually a bishop in the Church of England.

Bishop Wordsworth included this hymn in his Holy Year: or Hymns for Sundays, Holidays, and Other Occasions Throughout the Year, with the following heading: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany. “A Recapitulation of the successive Manifestations of Christ, which have been already presented in the services of the formal weeks throughout the season of Epiphany; and Anticipation of that future great and glorious Epiphany, at which Christ will be manifested to all, when He will appear again to judge the world.”

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" is usually set to the tune SALZBURG, which is much older than the text and is attributed to Jakob Hintze (1622-1702), a court musician to the Elector of Brandenberg. The range of the tune is a very comfortable D-D octave, and the stepwise motion and repetition of the first line make the tune easy for a congregation to learn. The ELW version or harmonization of the tune is a simplified version of the chorale setting by J. S. Bach.

The season of Epiphany is about the manifesting of God's glory in the person of Jesus Christ. This theme of manifestation is very present in this hymn (the word 'manifest' appears eleven times in four verses). This hymn recounts many of the Bible texts that the church hears during the season of Epiphany.

The first verse recalls the visit of the wise men (or Magi) to the child Jesus. ([St Matthew 2:1-12]) These kings bow down to worship the King of Kings, praising Him as God and Lord.

The second verse recounts two events: Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River ([St Matthew 3:13-17]) and Jesus' first sign, the turning of water into wine at the wedding at Cana ([St John 2:1-12]). In His baptism Jesus was anointed with the full measure of the Holy Spirit, and thus set apart to be the “Prophet, Priest, and King Supreme.”

The third verse is a summary of all of the other miracles, signs and wonders that Jesus does in His earthly ministry. These miracles include healing the body ([see St Matthew 8:1-13]) as well as the despairing “fainting soul.” ([See St Mark 2:1-12]) Jesus also manifests His glory in resisting the devil and casting out demons. (This will also be a major theme in the Scriptures in the season of Lent.)

The fourth and final verse has a devotional character. In it we pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit, that we would see Him manifest through the words of the Holy Scriptures. We pray that believing His Holy Word, we would live lives according to it, all the while giving thanks to Him who is manifest to us as our gracious Friend and Savior. Amen

**Wanted: Choir Members!**

First Lutheran's choir is in need of more members! If you enjoy singing, consider joining the choir - no previous experience needed! With the Lenten season almost upon us, a larger choir would be wonderful!
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**Matinee Movie Series**
- Feb. 13: *Winters Bone* with Jennifer Lawrence

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- Feb. 20: *Antique Valentines* with Beverly Fay
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**Club Loomineers** - A No-Needle Knitting Group - 1st Wed. of month. 12pm. No charge.

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On the Lighter Side

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Natalie Jaeger

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Dear Friends,

Many thanks for all your help in getting the word out to your congregation about our Nood- dles Night held on Jan. 16. It was a cold eve- ning, but many people showed up with hearty appetites. It looks like we made about $400. I want to thank everyone who dined there or got food to go that night. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Diane Euting, Neighborhood Director
Greater Tosa Interfaith

On a Christmas card to First Lutheran church: “Thanks for all the food!”

Mission Project at First

FILL THE SUITCASE!

The Sew and Sew Quilters have adopted as a mission project the El Salvadoran Los Heroes Sewing School, which began as a program for at-risk young teen girls.

We are asking First Lutheran Church sewers to help us “FILL THE SUITCASE” in the narthex with no longer needed or leftover sewing notions.

Needed items are:

- Zippers
- Buttons (non-metal)
- Bias tape
- Hemming tape
- Lace
- Trims
- Tape Measure with centimeters
- Thread
- Needles (stainless steel)
- Scissors (for fabric)
- Tailor’s chalk
- Pins
- Lace
- Trims
- Tape Measure with centimeters

Thanks once again to Dennis Wolfgang, Susan Platt and Gus Barnes for providing beautiful music on December 29th at the “Christmas at Nativity” concert.
**Evangelism on the Move…..**

“Thank you” to Dennis Wolfgang (organist and director), Gus Barnes and Susan Platt (soloists) for the wonderful Christmas concert on December 29th. We all enjoyed the beautiful music of Christmas and a delicious reception hosted by Nativity Lutheran Church.

Our next concert is scheduled for PALM SUNDAY, April 13 at 3pm at First Lutheran. We’ll need volunteers to greet visitors, set up the reception and clean up. Watch for a sign up sheet for volunteers and food for the reception. Additional information to follow.

**Christmas Cards** - Mike Temke reported that he received a call from one of the directors at the VA about our visit in December. The residents really appreciated the caroling and Christmas cards and the fact that we took the time to visit them. The 8 of us who visited had a great time and were impressed with the facilities. We still aren’t sure who got more out of it, the residents or us. Thanks to Mike and Pat Temke for leading us on our tour. God bless our active duty soldiers and our veterans.

**See Us on the Web…** Check out our website at [www.firstlutheranelca.org](http://www.firstlutheranelca.org). You can find information on all of our activities on the “What’s Happening at First Lutheran” opening page. In the right hand column, you can click and view an online version of the First and Nativity newsletter, in color (saves postage costs). If you prefer viewing the newsletter electronically vs receiving a mailed copy, please notify Barb in the office at 414-476-4664. If you have other ideas for the web page, see any member of the Evangelism Committee or contact the church office.

Evangelism Committee: Sharon Phillippo, Carla Ullerich, Natalie Jaeger, Joy Dowd, Dennis Wolfgang and Pastor Peterson.

> “Always remember that your present situation is not your final destination. The best is yet to come.”
> *Anonymous*

> “When you talk, choose the very same words that you would use if Jesus were looking over your shoulder. Because he is.”
> —Marie T. Freeman

**Social Ministry Corner**

**Super Hero’s for Hunger - Food Pantry**

Our fundraising campaign for 2014 is in full flight. For each $10 or 10 lbs of food donated, we will post a star in the narthex. We hope to fill the windows with stars! The campaign runs from Jan. 1 through Easter Sunday, April 20th. There are envelopes available in the rack on the welcome desk. Be a “Souper Hero for Hunger!”

**February Special event**

“Culver’s night” on Monday, Feb 24th at Culvers located at 1672 S. 108 St (Hwy 100, south of Greenfield), West Allis. Everyone, family and friends are invited to eat at Culvers from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. A percentage of your dining check will be donated to our food pantry. The percentage we receive depends on the amount of sales (5-15%). Enjoy a delicious Culver’s meal and help the hungry in our community! Tell all your Facebook friends and family! We also need a few helpers to help deliver food to tables that night. Watch for the sign up sheet on the welcome desk.

**Thanks** to the following members and friends of First Lutheran/Nativity who have donated or prepared food for the food pantry lunches in the past month: Pat and Mike Temke, Natalie Jaeger, Cindy Labadie, Jamie Schoberg, Joy Dowd and Judi Mueller. **Special thanks** to new member Shirley Fisher. Shirley, her family and friends prepared and served a wonderful roast turkey and sliced ham dinner with corn bread stuffing, cranberry sauce, veggies and all the fixings. It was delicious!

If you’d like to prepare a dish for us to serve, we’ll provide as many of the ingredients as we are able. Contact Joy Dowd for more information.

> “Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates Love.”
> —George Washington Carver
**Stewardship Updates**

The 2014 stewardship campaign concluded on November 24 with a celebratory brunch cooked by Dave Gruke, family and friends. This followed the signing of the pledge promise cards at the Sunday service. 

*Make It Simple, Roll With It,* was the theme of the program to encourage our First Lutheran congregation to think about what God gives, not what's happening around us and what we have. How we live in relationship with God must be understood as He is our creator, and all that exists.

If you have not returned your pledge card, it is never too late!! Mail or bring it to the office. If you are interested in the Electronic Giving program, ask for more information from Barb in the office, Joy Dowd, or Werner Bayer. If you join the program, your financial contributions will be deducted from your bank account which eliminates writing out checks, remembering your envelopes, and vacation lapses. If you are currently using Electronic Giving, don't forget to reevaluate your financial situation occasionally and adjust your contribution.

**Pledge Results**

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*A contributor is a member who has been assigned envelopes.

The wooden prayer cubes could be a great way to enrich your family's prayer experience. They are available individually for $3, or the set of 3 for $9 or ($10) Each cube has six different prayers on it. Children enjoy rolling them to choose a prayer.

Lavone Reis - Stewardship Chairperson

**When people give of themselves to the Lord, the Lord makes things happen!**

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**Synod Opportunities!**

**Attention Women!**

All women are invited to St. Matthew's sixth annual Women's Wellness Day, "For Goodness' Sake: Good Food, Healthy Lives" from 8 AM to 12:30 PM on Sat., Feb. 15. In conjunction with NuGenesis, the women of St. Matt's will offer a morning of education, community, inspiration, and delicious, healthy food. Betty Holloway's keynote will address the connection between good food and disease prevention. Break-outs will include cooking demonstrations, discussion of the Mediterranean diet, and tips for quick, healthy, inexpensive meals. The event culminates in a biblical reflection by Venice Williams, founder of Alice's Garden, followed by a tasty, home-made soup lunch. Register at 414-774-0441 or at [www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org). The fee is $10, scholarships available. St. Matt's is located at 1615 Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa.

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**Thank You**

For Your Mission Support to Our Synod

We want to thank you for your mission support this year. We thank you on behalf of seminary students, new congregations, and missionaries near and far. We thank you on behalf of those whose lives are torn apart by natural disasters. We thank you on behalf of bible camps, campus ministries, jail ministries; and youth and young adults seeking support and those discerning their futures. We thank you on behalf of hungry ones who are fed, refugees who are assisted in relocation and those struggling with mental and cognitive challenges. These, and so many more have seen the face of Jesus from you through this Church. Thank you!

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**Alpha Mu Omega**

The Greek letters that begin the words "yesterday," "today" and "forever" remind us of Jesus' constant presence with us personally and his eternal nature that transcends time as we know it. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8, NIV). Dozens of psalms and other Bible passages also proclaim that the Lord's "steadfast love endures forever" (e.g., Psalm 100:5, NRSV). What a reassuring message when life seems troublesome and fleeting!
### Worship and Communion at Nativity Lutheran
- Held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

### Carson Baptist Church
- Worships at First Lutheran at 12:00 p.m. every Sunday

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#### Sunday
- 8:15a - 10:00a: Choir Practice
- 9:30a: Food Pantry Worship & Comm.
- 10:00a: Food Pantry Worship & Comm.
- 5:30p: Worship & Comm.

#### Monday
- 8:00p: AA

#### Tuesday
- 9:00a: Quilting
- 2:00p - 5:00p: Parenting Network

#### Wednesday
- 10:00a - 1:00p: Stewardship Committee

#### Thursday
- 9:30a: Parenting Network
- 7:00p - 8:00p: AA

#### Friday
- 10:00a: Food Pantry Worship & Comm.
- 7:00p - 8:00p: AA

#### Saturday
- 9:30a: Parenting Network

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Matthew 5:16
Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
February 2014

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February
Birthdays

First Lutheran:
2/1 Shirley Armato
2/3 Makaila Kurtz
2/3 Bobbie Jo Mleziva
2/6 Ethan Sanchez
2/10 Ashley Wencka
2/14 Shirley Fisher
2/14 Kent Nicolet
2/15 Trey Boyer-Herbst
2/15 Thomas Herbert
2/18 Beverly Brunn
2/19 Erna Stiefel
2/20 Amber Wencka
2/23 Scott Mleziva
2/25 Lavone Reis
2/26 Meagan Boyer-Ulbrich

Nativity Lutheran:
2/11 Cynthia Barbian
2/14 Ruth Gordon
2/17 Bryce DeBack
2/20 Douglas Isotalo
2/21 Betty Olson
2/28 Dorothea Isermann

Anniversary Blessings

Nativity Lutheran:
No Anniversaries February

First Lutheran:

FIRST LUTHERAN FINANCES 2013

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Note: Expenses YTD include payments for bathroom remodeling.

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BIBLE QUIZ...

One theme of Epiphany is to share the Gospel with others and lead them to faith. To whom did Jesus say, “Go therefore and make disciples”?

A. Peter, James and John (his “inner circle”)
B. The women at the empty tomb
C. A crowd, beside the Sea of Galilee
D. The 11 disciples (Judas had committed suicide)

Answer: (See Matthew 28:16-20)

“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”
—Hamilton W. Mabie

Prayer can help... If serious illness or other life factors affect you or those you love, contact the church office and we will send your request through our prayer chain. We have people who will pray for your need. If you are interested in joining a prayer chain, contact Marie Le Page (First Lutheran), Laverne Breed (Nativity Lutheran) or the church office.
Worship With Us

Saturday
5:30 p.m. at First Lutheran

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
at First Lutheran
11:00 a.m. at Nativity Lutheran

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new spirit within me.”
Psalm 51:10

If you no longer wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please contact the church office.