

VOICE Newsletter

From Pastor's Desk

On Friday, January 6, we enter the season of Epiphany. Without much thought, Epiphany could be defined as the season that comes between Christmas and Lent. These two seasons of the church year are so well known that we remember them without much difficulty. But for some reason the particular themes of Epiphany escape us.

Perhaps Epiphany might be better understood if we understood the word itself. Epiphany, you see, is a perfectly good word even outside of its connection to the church year. If you have a revelation, a moment when something suddenly becomes crystal clear, then you have had an epiphany. When you see more than you ever expected to see or comprehend the world or your existence in a new way, then you have experienced an epiphany. The next time you are blessed with such clarity try declaring to your friends that you have had an epiphany.

Then, as you come to worship during the season of Epiphany, listen to the themes

echoed in the readings. This year's Epiphany themes deal with such things as Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River; Nathanael moving from skepticism to faith when he

accepts the invitation to "come and see"; and Peter, James, and John see the manifestation of God's glory in Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. What do they have in common? Each of them gives us a brief revelation of just who Jesus, born in Bethlehem, really is.

Which brings us to our spiritual epiphany. Here, God reveals Himself, and

we see more than we ever expected to see. Epiphany is about God lifting the veil of Jesus' humanity and giving us a glimpse of His glory as true God.

What is Epiphany? Epiphany is God telling us that Jesus is no ordinary man. He died for you, He loved you from eternity, and He will love you through all eternity. May you enjoy many Epiphany moments in the coming year!

In Christ,
Pastor Lewis Benson



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IMPORTANT DATES:

1/1 ~ 9:30 Worship
1/8 ~ 8:30 & 10:30 Worship
1/15 ~ Budget Workshop
1/29 ~ Annual Meeting
See page 3 for details.

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Council Corner

Constitutional Amendments

Ebenezer's Church Council is proposing the following changes to our Constitution at our Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012: Additions are **bold** and underlined. Deletions are ~~struck through~~ in the text.

Chapter 10 ~ Congregation Meeting (page

12) – C10.04: "**75 60** voting members shall constitute a quorum."

Chapter 11~ Officers (page 13) - C11.01.c: "... shall be selected from the elected membership of the Congregation Council **and a minimum of 25 years of age at the time of elections.**"

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Education

JANUARY LESSONS

In Sunday School we will have lessons from the book of Matthew.

- January 1: No Sunday School classes; only one worship service at 9:30 am.
- January 8: We will learn about the wisemen who followed the star to find Jesus and brought him gifts.
- January 15: The story of Jesus' baptism is told about when his cousin John baptizes Him in the Jordan River and God sends the Holy Spirit to Jesus.
- January 22: We are going to hear about the fishermen Simon, Andrew, James, and John whom Jesus asked to follow him and be his disciples.
- January 29: Finally, we will learn what the disciples asked Jesus to teach them. He teaches them how to pray and gives them *The Lord's Prayer*.



SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 9:40 am our preschool-5th grade students gather to sing together praising God. Some of our favorites are *The B-I-B-L-E*; *God Is So Good*; *Praise Him*; *All Ye Little Children*; and *The Hippopotamus Song*. The children really enjoy raising their voices and moving about while singing familiar songs.

ADULT EDUCATION

Beginning Sunday, January 8, Janice Stepp will be leading a six-session adult forum on Paul's letter to the Romans. Using the ELCA's *Book of Faith Resources*, we will examine many of the important questions that arise when one considers the relationship between God and creation such as What must I do to be saved? What has God done for us through Christ Jesus? and How do we respond to God? We will meet each Sunday at 9:40 am in the Fireside Room.

Preschool



Welcome back to Preschool! We hope you had a joyous Christmas and enjoy many blessings in the New Year.

We will all be glad to be back in the classrooms, and we're looking forward to fun activities. We will begin the month talking about Epiphany—the wisemen followed a star to find baby Jesus.

Of course, we will also be looking at winter weather and creating winter projects. Towards the middle of the month, we will start a safety unit. We will have a special visit from our Lake Stevens Fire Department who will show us some great safety tips.

PLEASE NOTE: NO SCHOOL DAYS

- January 2: Holiday Break
- January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- January 30: Teacher's Workshop

SWEATSHIRT DAY

As part of our winter weather unit, we will have Sweatshirt Day on Wednesday, January 10, for our Pre-k classes. For our 2-Day classes, it will be on Friday, January 13. Teachers and students are all encouraged to wear their favorite sweatshirts.

ADVENTURE DAY FOR PRE-K

For our Adventure Day we are going to the Leading Edge Gymnastics Academy on Wednesday, January 11, where preschoolers will have some gymnastics fun. Activities include tumbling, bars, trampoline, climbing wall, and much more.

ADVENTURE DAY FOR 2-DAY

Adventure Day will be Friday, January 20. We're going to the Children's Imagine Museum. Using their imaginations, the children will explore different centers such as Rise and Shine Farm, The Tree House, Discovery Ferry Boat, Tall Timber Roof Top, and much more—a FUN day.

W.A.T.CH.

WATCH (Wednesdays At The Church) resumes on January 4. A simple meal is served from 5:15-5:50 pm. Donation baskets are on the tables so you can help with the cost of the meal.

Devotions and programs begin at 6:00 pm. Our children's program includes learning about God as well as some service projects. Groups meeting for education are:

- Eagles (3rd-6th grades): Led by Ray Delgado.
- Confirmation (7th-8th grades): Students meet with Pastor Benson.
- High School (9th-12th grades): Led by Zac and Krissy Lamont.
- Adults:
 1. *Just Five Minutes* Daily Reading led by Ken Cross and Dave Gross.
 2. Make quilts for Lutheran World Relief led by Betty Bauer.

SNOW SCHEDULE FOR WATCH

If Lake Stevens School District is late for school, please call the church office after 12 pm to see if WATCH is still scheduled. If school is cancelled, WATCH is cancelled.

WOW (WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS)

COME TO WORSHIP every Wednesday from 7:00-7:30 pm. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join you.



The worship style changes each week and is very different from our Sunday worship. These WOW services include the following four services:

- A quiet, contemplative Prayer service
- *Holden Evening Prayer* service
- *Unfailing Love* communion service
- A Praise & Worship service led by our worship team.

Some weeks we will have the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Come each Wednesday to hear God's Word and receive His blessings.

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Events Page

BUDGET WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 ~ 9:40 AM



Please gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:40 am. We will take a detailed look at the 2012 budget which will be approved at Ebenezer's annual meeting on Sunday, January 29.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 ~ 11:30 AM



This is an important meeting for all the members of Ebenezer. A quorum of 75 people must be validated. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service. A light lunch will be served.

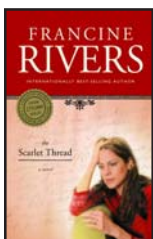
FAIR TRADE FAIR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2



The first Sunday of each month Social Ministry is selling Fair Trade items such as coffee, tea, and chocolate bars between services in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Diana Cross, 425-330-2761.

BOOK NOOK: *THE SCARLETT THREAD*



The author is Francine Rivers. When Sierra discovers her young ancestor's handcrafted quilt and reads her journal, she finds their lives are very similar and learns to surrender to God's sovereignty and unconditional love.

SECRET SISTERS IN CHRIST

Would you like a sister to pray for you? Fill out a pink form in the Narthex to be an anonymous prayer sister: pray, send cards, or leave notes (no gifts) to let her know you're praying. You can participate even if you're a snowbird. You'll receive your secret sister's name before February 1; all names will be revealed at the Ladies' Tea in May. Questions? Contact JoAnn Cross, 425-334-8540.

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

JANUARY 21 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM

Wonderful ... and all you want to eat! Come to the all-you-can-eat breakfast on the third Saturday of the month. The cost is \$5; children under four are free.



If you are available to help with the breakfast, please contact Helen Hendrickson, 360-568-2404.

EBENEZER FOUNDATION— THE GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Wouldn't it be nice to make a gift to your church and know that it will last forever? That's what your gift to the Ebenezer Foundation will do! Gifts and bequests made to the Foundation are not used to pay bills or purchase items. Instead the funds are invested and only the stream of income that results from these investments are used for religious, educational, and charitable purposes that support the mission and purpose of Ebenezer Church. Most recently the Foundation has provided \$200 scholarships to our current year graduating high school seniors. But who knows what ministry we may be able to support once the Foundation's principal fund balance has grown?



You can help to increase the funds held as principal by making a bequest to the Ebenezer Foundation in your estate planning or by making a gift to the Foundation right now. Offering envelopes labeled for Donations to Ebenezer Foundation will be on the counter in the Narthex. Please place them in the collection plate any Sunday or turn them into the church office during regular church office hours. Should you have any questions, please contact Janice Stepp, Susan Shephard, Karla Beers, Beth Cash, or Debbie May.

WHAT'S UP WITH FELLOWSHIP?

- *Snowshoeing in the Cascade Mountains ~ Saturday, January 7, leave the church at 8 am.* We plan to enjoy a day of snowshoeing through one of God's masterpieces. Some snowshoes are available at no cost. Be sure to pack a lunch and plenty of water in a backpack and to dress in layers. Donations for van expenses would be appreciated. Please contact Arden Olson, 360-568-3939, or Ken Cross, 425-334-8540, for details.
- *Favorite Musical & Potluck ~ Saturday, January 7, at noon.* Bring your favorite musical movie and a potluck dinner dish to share. After our potluck we will choose a movie to sing our way through. Questions? Call JoAnn Cross, 425-334-8540.
- *Christmas Decoration Removal ~ Sunday, January 8, after 10:30 am service.* Help undecorate the church. Lots of help will make this job fast and easy. We will have cocoa and cookies after packing ALL the decorations.
- *Pinochle ~ Saturday, January 14, promptly at 5 pm.* Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dinner snack to share and a friend. Please contact Pat Jackson, 425-334-7781, to let her know you are coming.
- *Cribbage ~ Sunday, January 22, from 2-5 pm.* Bring your cribbage board; a snack to share; and family, friends, and neighbors. Join us for this fun activity for people of all ages. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- *Annual Meeting Luncheon ~ Sunday, January 29, 11:30 am.* After the 10:30 service we will have our annual congregational meeting. A light lunch will be served before the meeting. To help with setup or to provide a salad or sandwiches, please call Betty Bauer, 425-334-6332, or Arden Olson, 360-568-3939.





Ministries of Ebenezer

STEWARDSHIP IS HAPPENING!



Over the last year or so our Sunday announcements have included information about people doing God's work at Ebenezer. Sometimes it's a few people and sometimes it's a lot. Either way this shows the old cliché to be true: "You get out of it as much as you put into it." Clearly lots of our members are getting something.

Spiritual growth can only happen when we spend time in activities that promote such growth. These might include prayer, study, fellowship, and the use of our time and talents. God's work—Our Hands.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES STARTING SUNDAY, JANUARY 22



Pastor Benson will be conducting classes for new members in his office from 9:40-10:20 am. If you are interested in

becoming a member of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, please talk to Pastor Benson after worship services or call the church office, 425-334-0421.

SPRING AUCTION ~ APRIL 28, 2012



Would you like to donate an item to auction? We already have a number of items but need more.

Please contact Pat Jackson, 425-334-7781 or pattyjump25@yahoo.com. Proceeds will go to repay our designated savings accounts what we borrowed in 2008. We will also give a percentage to charities we support in the community.

FELLOWSHIP NEEDS ~ JANUARY

Paper hot and cold cups and paper napkins are being collected for fellowship activities and meetings. Please mark all donations "fellowship" and leave them in the kitchen. Thanks for providing supplies!

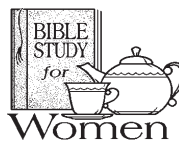
PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Benson's Thursday morning Bible study starts at 10 am on Thursdays. Please join him each week in the Fireside Room to dig deeper into the scripture lessons that will be read the following Sunday. Refreshments are served.

MAR-CILLA CIRCLE TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 ~ 11:30 AM

The ladies of Mar-Cilla Circle enjoy fellowship, a delightful lunch, and a Bible study. They will continue their Bible study *Miracles, Signs of God's Glory*. All ladies are invited!



LEAH CIRCLE MONDAY, JANUARY 9 ~ 7 PM

Join us in the Youth Room as we have a time of fellowship and Bible study. Questions? Call Kathy Parzyk, 425-334-3328.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY JANUARY 16 ~ 6:30 PM

All women 18 years of age and older are invited to Janice Stepp's home, 11306 - 25th Street NE. Bring your Bible. The Bible study is *To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark*, from the *Gather for Faith and Action* magazine. Questions? Call Janice, 425-334-5443.



COFFEE STOP



We have been assigned the Northbound Smokey Point Rest Area for the dates of June 25-27, a Monday through Wednesday. More info will be posted as the time draws near. Call Dotty Ronnestad, 425-334-4755, with questions or comments.

F.A.S.T.

(Faith And Service Teams)

The **FAST Team #1** leaders for January are **Ken and JoAnn Cross**. The following members will be called to help:

JANUARY

- Alstad**, Mary
- Cross**, Ken & JoAnn
- Cross**, Diana
- Heineck**, Joe & Peggy
- Johanson**, Crystal
- Konkler**, Martha
- Large**, Tom & Darra, Daniel, Thommas
- Morgan**, Dorothy
- Ohlde**, Brian
- Perry**, Carol
- Powell**, Judy
- Schuchard**, John & Pam, Hannah, Patrick, Laurel, Caleb, Mitchell
- Stewart**, Eric & Sabrina, Miranda, Ethan
- Stewart**, Karen

THANK YOU, FAST TEAM #9

FAST Team #9 led by Irma Gross and Janice Stepp served in December. They did a wonderful job making our worship enriching, fulfilling, and meaningful.

FAST TEAM #2 MEETING

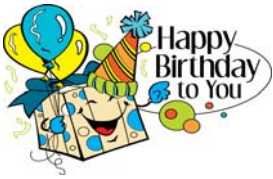
The members of FAST Team #2 and leaders, Lon and Pam Shultz, will help with Sunday morning duties in February. Look for a mailing in January.

COMMUNITY SUPPER NEEDS

We are collecting canned pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, and applesauce. Please leave donated items in the baskets under the signups in the Fellowship Hall. Ebenezer will serve Thursday, January 26. Questions? Call JoAnn Cross, 425-334-8540.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In Matthew 4:17 Jesus began to preach. In Matthew 4:18 he called His first disciples. Does that mean Jesus began His ministry before recruiting disciples? What does this teach us?



Our January Birthdays

Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)
Bell, Eric	1/3	Hallanger, Mike	1/15
Jacobson, Shirley	1/3	Shirley, Rhiannon	1/16
Zehner, Dave	1/3	Alstad, Mary	1/18
Burgess, Kevin	1/4	Crowley, Cliff	1/20
Poremba, Nancy	1/4	Zehner, Parker	1/20
Bell, Ryan	1/6	Stewart, Andrew	1/23
Beers, Dan	1/8	Lund, Carolyn	1/26
Moller, Lynn	1/9	Stewart, Miranda	1/27
Staffenhagen, Brady	1/10	Vickery, John	1/28
Briske, Gary	1/12	Jacobson, Jesson	1/29
Caulfield, Tyler	1/14	Major, Dianne	1/30
Dutcher, Virginia	1/15	Morgan, Dorothy	1/31
Grohn, Delain	1/15		

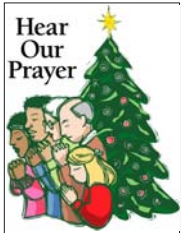
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own



Proverbs 3:5-6

The Prayer Corner

If you have an urgent need, call Alice Werner, 425-334-6845, or Margaret Ren, 425-334-3843, the prayer chain leaders, who will contact members of the prayer chain to begin praying.



We encourage all members of our congregation to pray regularly for the following members to strengthen and bind the

Body of Christ:

Members of the Congregation:

- Dennis Anderson - pneumonia
- Tyler Caulfield - life issues
- Ricke Egtvet - heart condition
- Toni Forsman - broken ankle
- Marlene McSherry - recovering from surgery
- Marilyn Peterson - recovering from surgery

Homebound or Special Care Residents:

- Waleene Gardner Louise Hoefter
- Allan Patchett Lucille Smith
- Bill Wilson

Extended Family with Needs:

- Mike Bammer (Andi Holmes' friend) -

- critical care with cancer
- Harold Broadbent (Jeanette Backstrom's uncle) - cancer
- Jim Bruins (Eileen Bruins' son) - leukemia
- Chelsea DeGroot (Marilyn Peterson's friend) - bone cancer
- Lisa Dempsey (Judy Palmer's friend) - treatment for brain tumor
- Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson's niece)
- Leah Hammersmark (K. Eliason's niece)
- Stacy Holmes (Andi Holmes' daughter) - life issues
- Ron & Margie Kickert (C. Nelson's parents)
- Richard Maultsby (Nancy Poremba's friend) - cancer
- David McCarty (Robin Lowman's friend) - waiting for liver transplant
- Buzzy McGee (Kathy Huber's brother)
- Vic McKague (Jim Weisenbach's friend) - waiting for kidney transplant
- Ben Mitchell (Jim Mitchell's grandson) - recovering from back surgery
- Pat Morgan (Pat Jackson's friend) - aneurism
- Holly Owens (Dave Owens sister-in-law) - cancer treatment
- Marilee Payne (W. Gardner's sister-in-law)
- Lisa Pearson (Ken Cross's niece) - cancer

- treatments
- Mark Redland (Michele Redland's husband) - surgery
- Mark Rice (Alice Werner's nephew)
- Ruth Schmidt (Andi Holmes' friend) - cancer treatment
- John Schuchard (Pam Schuchard's husband)
- Sheri Silcox (Annetta's daughter)
- Bill Starnes (CC Kuehl's brother) - cancer
- Jim Stotz (Margaret Ren's brother) - cancer
- Brian Tate (Dee Anne Williams' son-in-law) - hospitalized with aneurism
- Meggi Ward (Susan Shephard's friend)
- Dick Wright (Dorothy Morgan's son) - heart & kidney problems

For All Our Military and Their Families:
 Chase Fifield, Arie McSherry, Jessica Palmer
Afghanistan: Matt Leonard & Josh Main
Japan: Sid Hendrickson, Jr.

For Those Who Grieve:
 Brandstetter Family - Paul Brandstetter's mother, Marian Nelson, passed away
 Holmes Family - Maritza Mahre, Andi Holmes' friend, passed away



YOE News

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Event</u>
December 31- January 1	5:30 pm - 10:30 am	Ebenezer	MS Lock-in
February 5		Ebenezer	Souper Bowl of Caring

Check the Sunday bulletin for more YOE announcements.

**All articles are written by members of YOE.
If you have any questions, email
yoe@ebenezerlakestevens.org.**

**MS LOCK-IN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 -
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

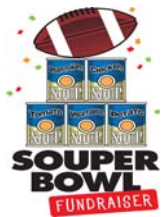


We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm on December 31;

the lock-in will end after church on Sunday, January 1, at 10:30 am.

The signup sheet and a poster with information are on the YOE Board. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Cross, 425-330-2761, or Shelby Lamont, 425-622-1304.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012**



Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide fundraiser supporting hunger issues/ organizations.

Watch for youth with their soup pots after both services on "Souper" Bowl Sunday. More details to follow.

**NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

Come to help with the Norwegian Pancake Breakfast. If the youth help with preparation and serving, then YOE receives a percentage of the profits. Please sign up on the Youth Board.

MS/HS CHRISTMAS PARTY REPORT



On Saturday, December 10, YOE had its annual family Christmas party. We had a wonderful time.

We started the evening with Christmas caroling to five of our members' homes—we didn't get lost this year.

Everyone we visited was excited to have us come, and they invited the five carolers in to fill their homes with Christmas music.

After caroling we returned to Ebenezer for a pizza feast. Then we watched a Christmas movie, played a movie trivia game, and everyone won a prize. We also collected a bag of food and paper towel rolls for a great holiday gift donation to Ronald McDonald House.



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60"x9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an overhand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact encourage your Sunday School classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.

Readings for Worship

January 1

1st Lesson: Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm: Psalm 8

2nd Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

January 8 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 29

2nd Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

January 15 (Communion)

1st Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

2nd Lesson: I Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51

January 22

1st Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm: Psalm 62:5-12

2nd Lesson: I Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

January 29

1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 111

2nd Lesson: I Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



Worship Schedule



January 1	9:30 am
January 4	7:00 pm
January 8	8:30 & 10:30 am
January 11	7:00 pm
January 15	8:30 & 10:30 am
January 18	7:00 pm
January 22	8:30 & 10:30 am
January 25	7:00 pm
January 29	8:30 & 10:30 am

Education Classes
9:40-10:25 am
No Classes on
January 1



Church Office Hours

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	9-12 & 1-5
Wednesday	9-12 & 1-4
Thursday	9-12 & 1-4
Friday	9-12 & 1-4

Senior Luncheon

NO
January
Senior
Luncheon



We are pleased to announce that Lynn Moller will be the new chairperson for the Senior Luncheon program. She has helped with the luncheons in the past and knows the program. Under her guidance we are looking forward to having wonderful Senior Luncheons starting in February 2012. Thank you, Lynn, for volunteering to serve as our new chairperson.

We will not have a Senior Luncheon in January. Our next luncheon will be on February 2. Look for more information in the February issue of the VOICE.

Thank you, Bill and Carolyn Lund, for all the beautiful luncheons over the years.

Special Thanks

Our Wonderful Volunteers

You have worked with us on the Senior Luncheon for over 11 years. It was a joy and a pleasure. We thank God for friends; your kindness and friendship mean so much. —Bill & Carolyn Lund

Thank You to ...

- All the bakers who provided pie for the Pie Social following the Thanksgiving Eve service in November.
- Everyone who helped put up the Christmas decorations.
- FAST Team #5 and leaders, Harold and Dotty Ronnestad; Team #6 and leaders Tal and Carol Johnson; and Team #7 and leaders Rex and Debbie Bracht for providing delicious soup before the Advent services.
- The Choir and their Director, Iris Ingram, who delivered a beautiful Cantata on Sunday, December 11.

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PERSONAL CARE KITS PROJECT

This service project will be put together at WATCH in April. Many hands are needed for this project for Lutheran World Relief. We are starting to collect these items for the kits now:

- 1 dark color, bath-size towel (approximately 52x27 inches)
- 2 bath-size bars (4-5 ounces) of soap; any brand; in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in original wrapping
- 1 sturdy comb; remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers; remove packaging (files are no longer an option)

Please put items in the labeled baskets in the Missions Table in the Narthex. Thank you for all your support in helping people in need!

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JESUS LOVES ...

Remember to post your calendar!

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In the News

Into the Family of God



At our Christmas Day service, December 25, Ebenezer will welcome Sophia Lamont into the family of God through Baptism. Sophia is the daughter of Zac and Krissy Lamont and her big sister is Shelby. Her sponsors are Tammy Botham and Charity Kalbrener. We pray God's blessings on Sophia and her family.

Council Corner

Constitutional Amendments

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Chapter 12 ~ Congregational Council (page 14) - C12.02: "... elected by written **or verbal** ballot ..."

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Food Bank News



The Food Bank is doing well this year. We now have a good supply of food thanks to food drives this season. Several churches and schools have brought in food as well as the effort of the high school this year. We do have more people coming than last year, but the community is really helping us to meet the needs.

We have just completed passing out the annual Holiday Baskets. We gave out more on November 19 for Thanksgiving than before—over 205. The number of people receiving Christmas baskets on December 17 was about the same as last year.

We are still looking for a new location as this one is just too small. We really do need more room.

—Jim Foster, Food Bank Director

Anya & Garth's Reception



Anya Hennig and Garth Almgren were married on Saturday, December 10, at the Hidden Meadows in Snohomish. They are honeymooning in Tasmania, Australia—camping and hosteling. They are very happy. Anya's proud mother is Judy Hennig.

To celebrate the beginning of their new life together, their Ebenezer and Our Savior Lutheran Church families are invited to a cake reception during the 10:30 am Fellowship Hour at Ebenezer on New Year's Day 2012. All are welcome!

Altar Flowers Calendar



The new 2012 Altar Flowers Calendar will be posted under the 2011 calendar on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please choose your "special" date(s) for next year. Thank you.