

The Journ-E Dec. 16, 2011

the weekly e-newsletter of *Journey Lutheran Church*

for more information and calendar be sure to check our web page www.journeyluth.org

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Devotional thought: For our devotional thought today I have a message from the Bishop of the ELCA, Mark Hanson to see it [click here](#). If you have never visited the web pages for the [ELCA](#) or our [La Crosse Area Synod](#) I invite you to do so, there is a wealth of information to be found.

Need some time to run errands tomorrow?

The Youth will watch your children while you shop or just have some free time. **Saturday Dec. 17th from 1:00-4:00 pm** the youth will watch your children at Journey Lutheran Church. There will be no set fee for watching your children, but a freewill offering will be gladly received.

A few pictures from the season



Thanks to all who helped decorate our facility for Christmas



Thanks to Lisa Reimler, Amy Denson, Brian Renkas and all the parents who helped organize the Sunday School Christmas program last Sunday



Christmas caroling at the Villa

The coming week at a glance....remember to the [calendar on our web page](#)

Sunday (12/18)

8:15 am Worship Service

9:15 am Fellowship/Choir

9:30 am Choir Practice

10:15 am Worship

11:15 am Fellowship

Wednesday (12/21)

6:00 pm Confirmation Christmas Caroling

7:00 pm Quiet Christmas (A special worship for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one)

Saturday (12/24)

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Sunday (12/125)

10:15 am Worship Service



There will be an **Advent Hymn Sing** in memory of Dick Schroeder
Sunday, Dec. 18 at Christ Episcopal Church 813 Main St. in LaCrosse at 7pm.
Free will offering. Please bring canned good.



A Quiet Christmas Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7:00 pm we will be offer a **special worship service designed for those who have experienced a significant loss in the last year.** Holidays can be difficult for those who have lost loved ones and you may not feel like being around big crowds of people. Our "Quiet Christmas" is a time for remembering and recognizing our losses. ***Please send or bring in a photo of your loved one for our presentation. We will scan the picture and return it to you***



Do you need a Christmas Tree??? We have 3 Christmas Trees that we would like to give to someone who needs one. One is a 9-foot tree, we a 5-foot natural tree and a 5-foot pre-lit tree with colored lights. Please contact Pat for further information.

Remember if we to grow in faith it won't happen if all we invest is one hour on Sunday be sure to check out [Taking Faith Home](#)



Christmas Eve we will be having two Candlelight Worship Services one at 4pm and one at 6pm

We will need help ushering and greeting and helping serve communion. Check your family plans so you know which service you will be attending and then sign at the back of the sanctuary.

Remember we will also be having worship on **Christmas Day** since it is a Sunday...but there will **only be one service at 10:15**.....Likewise on **New Year's Day** the following week



On New Year's Eve we will gather in the fellowship room from 8:00 pm to midnight to celebrate the New Year. The New Year will be celebrated hourly on the hour, so you can stay as long as you want. There will be games with Wii on a large screen, board games, etc. Bring your favorite games and a snack to share.



Journey Coffee Mugs Available. On a table at the back of the church you may have noticed the attractive coffee mugs bearing the logo of our congregation. We want to share these coffee mugs as gifts of welcome for our visitors and guests. If Journey members would like a mug, we invite you to purchase one for \$5.00. The money will be used to buy mugs for future visitors to our growing congregation. Please pay for mugs in the jar or drop off a check in the church office.

Youth Fundraiser Rent-A-Kid. *Do you have some chores you need help with?* We have several youth who are willing to help you with child care, housework, lawn care, pet care cooking, taking pictures, or

most anything. There is no set fee, pay what you can, proceeds will help with costs for the Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



Calendars, Pocket Calendars and Magnetic Notepads. The youth are selling beautiful calendars for \$5.00 and pocket calendars for \$5.00 and magnetic notepads on sale for \$3.00 each.

A Church Directory has been printed and put in your mailbox. Please look it over and let Pat know of corrections/changes.

Children's Bulletins. We have 3 different kinds of children's bulletins we are looking at. Copies are available on the back table. Parents please let us know which ones work best for you.



Faith Chest ...looking for carpenters We will be giving a faith chest to all who are baptized...an also make some available for families who want to use them for their home altar. If you would like to help us build some, let the church office know. To see the plans [click here](#)

Fellowship will follow both the 8:15 and 10:15 worship service. *Volunteers are needed to help serve, clean-up and provide treats.* There are signup sheets in the kitchen on the bulletin board for you to indicate your desire to help with fellowship.



Prayer Ministry. One of the benefits of being part of the a faith community is the support that is shared. We are looking for people willing to be part of a prayer ministry that would lift up the concerns of the people. When prayer requests are made we would email you and ask you to pray. If you would like to be included in the email and didn't indicate your desire to be on the "prayer chain" on the Time and Talent inventory, contact the church office.

Nursery Coordinator. We are looking for someone with early childhood training for the nursery. This will be a paid position beginning the first of the year. If you have an interest or know someone who would be good for this position contact the church office.



Thanks for your gifts to the Care Bear! Our offerings have totaled \$599.61 so far. Let's see how many animals we can provide for hungry families with the ELCA World Hunger Fund (**God's Global Barnyard**)

Worship Trends

Attendance 12/11/11	279
Attendance 12/04/11	239
Attendance 11/27/11	186
Attendance 11/20/11	171

JOURNEY OFFERING REPORT

First Sunday in December	\$4,679.00
Second Sunday in Dec.	\$4,393.00

On the lighter side:

[Christmas light show](#)

