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## The Journ-E Dec. 28, 2011

the weekly e-newsletter of **Journey Lutheran Church**  
for more information and calendar be sure to check our web page  
[www.journeyluth.org](http://www.journeyluth.org)  
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### Devotional thought:

Hope celebration of the season of Christmas continues to be meaningful. Here is a wonderful fictional story you may enjoy. It is by Henry Van Dyke and is called ["The Fourth Wiseman"](#)

### Quick reminders...no Wednesday activities tonight (Dec. 28)

No confirmation or midweek worship...all will start up again next week (Jan. 4)

Join us Saturday night for a **family friendly New Year's Eve Party** starting at 8pm.  
Bring your favorite games and snacks to share.

**New Year's Day Worship**....there will just be **one worship service at 10:15**....the following week we will get back to our regular schedule.



Join us on **Saturday, February 11 for a Dinner and Talent Show** to help send our youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. We are looking for talent...we know it is out there ... please contact the church office if you would like to be part of Journey's Got Talent!!!!

Journey Lutheran **Annual Party and Congregational Meeting** scheduled for Sunday, **Jan.29** following the 10:15 worship. Join us for a celebration of our ministry and a change to talk and dream about where God will be leading us in the coming year....following the party/meeting we will share a potluck dinner.

## A few more pictures from the season



Quiet Christmas service on Wed. Dec. 21



the finished painting from "Drawn to the Light"

**Thanks** to all the musicians who helped with special music for our Christmas Eve/Day worship services.



If you donated a **poinsettia**, thank you....the sanctuary is beautiful...if you would like to take it home with you, feel free to stop by anytime and pick it up.

**New offering envelopes** for 2012 are now in your mail boxes at the back of our worship center. If you have a **Year End gGft** to make be sure to date it by Dec. 31 to have it credited on 2011 for tax purposes. You will be receiving a summary of giving from Journey Lutheran for gifts given since Nov. 13 as well as a statement from one of the predecessor churches if had been part of one of them.

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

**Sunday (1/1)**

10:15 am Worship followed by fellowship time

**Wednesday (1/4)**

6:00 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Worship Unplugged

**Thursday (1/5)**

5:30 pm Thrivent Holiday Event

7:00 pm Worship Band Practice

**Sunday (12/125)**

8:15 am Worship Service

9:15 am Fellowship, Sunday School

9:30 am Choir Practice

10:15 am Worship Service

11:15 am Fellowship

**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](#)



**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.



**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](#)

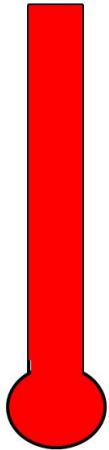
**Fellowship will follow both the 8:15 and 10:15 worship service. *Volunteers are needed to help serve, clean-up and provide treats.*** There are signup sheets in the kitchen on the bulletin board for you to indicate your desire to help with fellowship.



**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.



**\$715 Family Farm**

**\$500 Cow**

**\$250 Fish**

**\$125 Sheep**

**\$50 Goat**

**\$30 Pig**

**\$20 Duck**

**\$10 Chicks**



**Thanks for your gifts to the Care Bear!** Our offerings have totaled \$775.81 which allows us to buy a cow, 2 goats, 10 chicks, 2 pigs, a duck, farming tools and training and marketing support to help a family become self-supporting through the ELCA World Hunger Fund (**God's Global Barnyard**)

Thanks for your gifts to the Caring Tree...572 gifts were collected and distributed in the Holmen community thanks to your generosity.

#### **Worship Trends**

Attendance 12/24-25	357
Attendance 12/18	151
Attendance 12/11/11	279
Attendance 12/04/11	239

#### **JOURNEY OFFERING REPORT**

First Sunday in December	\$4,679.00
Second Sunday in Dec.	\$4,393.00
Third Sunday	\$4,483.00
Fourth Sunday	\$5,241.00

Pastor Steve