



The Journ-E January 20, 2012

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: There has been a video floating around the last couple weeks titled “**Why I hate religion but love Jesus**”. It has over 15 million views and has raised a lot of controversy. It definitely got a lot of people talking and thinking about what they believe.... check out [this link](#) to watch the video and see a commentary from an ELCA pastor who I think brings some good balance to the conversation.



Upcoming Events.....Saturday, Jan. 21 (tomorrow!)



Men's Bible Study

7:30am at Holmen Lutheran Church...join us for breakfast and a little reflection on the Bible



Sledding Party 1-3pm at Journey Lutheran hill....hot chocolate provided



Interested in joining Journey Lutheran? On **Sunday, Jan. 22** after the 10:15 worship Pastor will offer a new member orientation for anyone wanting to join our congregation...not sure? Come check it out. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

Save the Date....Sunday Jan 29... our Annual Party/Meeting.

We will meet after the 10:15 worship...We will have a multi-media review of 2011 highlights to help us celebrate of our ministry, a have a chance to talk and dream about where God will be leading us in the coming year. This is one of the few times we all get to be together as a congregation at the same time. There will be some doorprizes and a little business we need to conduct ...following the party/meeting we will share one of our legendary **potluck dinners**.

On Sunday the 2011 Annual Report will be in your mailbox...if you want to check out the electronic version just click [here](#).

Changes or Corrections? A few week ago we printed an initial congregational directory and put a copy in your church mailbox, to help us see where we were missing information or had wrong information. Please look it as soon as possible and let us know if there any changes so we can print a corrected copy



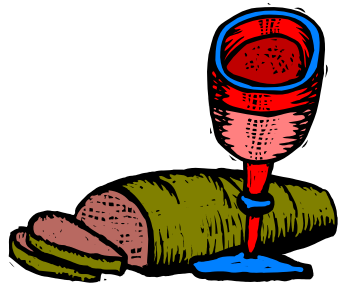
Join us on **Saturday, February 11** for a **Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show** to help send our youth to the

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! Tickets are now available for sale.

New offering envelopes for 2012 are now in your mail boxes at the back of our worship center. If you don't have a mail box and would like one, check with the church office.

Pastor will offer an **adult Bible study** on Sunday mornings between worship services 9:30-10:00. It was a bit noisy in the fellowship hall so let's try the meeting room across from the bathrooms

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](#)



A **First Communion class** will be offered for youth and their parents next Saturday, Jan. 28 at 1pm and also again on Feb.16, a Thursday evening at 6pm



A couple of weeks ago in the sermon I mentioned a free Bible software that allows you to compare different versions of the Bible and search for words, themes or passages. The site was called BibleGateway.com and you can click [here](#) to check it out

Support our youth

We have 11 youth and 4 adults going to the **National Youth Gathering** this summer. It is a once in a lifetime experience but

it takes a lot of fundraising to get there. So there are a variety of things the youth are doing: Selling **Kwik Trip cards, Car Wash cards, Rent-a-kid, the Talent show**, soon will be selling **candy bars**.

As a congregation we want to support our youth and here is a special way to do that.... We invite you to **Buy Stock in our Youth**. As a stockholder you would be investing in the faith development of our youth. You don't have to buy anything and there is no overhead ...every penny goes to help them. In return for your support the youth will pray for you and communicate with you from the youth gathering and invite you to a special stockholders dinner after the trip to see and hear about the experience. Stocks are \$100 and you can buy a full share or partial share, support a particular youth or wherever the need is the greatest. For more information check out the [Prospectus](#)

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 sign-up sheets in the kitchen on the bulletin board for you to

indicate your desire to help with fellowship.

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

Saturday (1/21)

7:30 am Men's Bible Study at Holmen Lutheran

1-3:00pm Sledding Party on the Journey Lutheran hill

Sunday (1/22)

8:15 am Worship Service

9:15 am Fellowship

9:15 am Sunday School

9:30 am Choir Practice

9:30 am Bible Study

10:15 am Worship Service

11:15 am Fellowship

11:30 am New Member Orientation

Monday (1/23)

6:30 FISH Young Adults Meet

Wednesday (1/25)

6:00 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Worship Unplugged

Thursday (1/26)

6:30 pm Service Team

7:00 pm Worship Band Practice

Sunday (1/29)

8:15 am Worship Service

9:15 am Fellowship

9:15 am Sunday School

9:30 am Choir Practice

9:30 am Bible Study

10:15 am Worship Service

11:30 am Annual Party/Meeting

POTLUCK dinner

6:00 pm National Youth Gathering Meeting

On the lighter side: It could be worse



Pastor Steve