



The Journ-E January 27, 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: In a few days Diane and I will be starting two weeks of vacation, thanks to a generous gift from the congregation that was given back when we organized the congregation. We will be spending some time with our girls up in the Twin Cities, helping with a bathroom remodeling project and then spending some time out in California to thaw out. We are looking forward to the time, knowing that we need times of rest in our lives.

There is a great quote from Marva Dawn in her book "Keeping the Sabbath Wholly": *"A great benefit of Sabbath keeping is that we learn to let God take care of us — not by becoming passive and lazy, but in the freedom of giving up our feeble attempts to be God in our own lives."* It is easy to leave for a few weeks knowing that the congregation is in good hands with great leadership. Colleagues at Holmen Lutheran are available for any pastoral emergencies that may come up.

Sunday is 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 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**.

Bring your copy of the 2011 Annual Report (a copy was placed in your mailbox at the back of the sanctuary) ...no mailbox? Or lost your copy? Or choose to view it electronically? [click here](#).

Annual Giving Statements for tax purposes are in your Journey mailboxes...please pick yours up this week. It will save us the expense of mailing them out.



check out the Journey Lutheran Facebook group

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.



Are you a Thrivent Member? Be sure to direct your **Thrivent Choice dollars** to Journey. It is free money waiting for you to designate where to give it. If you don't claim yours it will be given to someone else to designate. Money is given out quarterly...and you have still have time to designate last quarter's. Questions? Talk to Pat in the church office.



Recycle your aluminum cans at Journey There is a "can cage" beside the garage. Bring your cans with you when you come to worship and toss them in the cage and we will recycle them for you and use the proceeds for our ministry here.



We also collect Festival Food receipts and can turn them in for cash...but they need to be turned in quarterly so don't wait to bring them in....there is a jar in the fireside room.



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.

There will be an **adult Bible study** on Sunday mornings between worship services 9:30-10:00 in 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](#)

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 signup 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](#)

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
11:15 am Fellowship
11:30 am Annual Party/Meeting
6:00 pm National Youth Gathering Meeting

Monday (1/30)

6:30 FISH Young Adults Meet

Wednesday (2/1)

6:00 pm Confirmation @Evergreen Elementary
7:00 pm Worship Unplugged

Thursday (2/2)

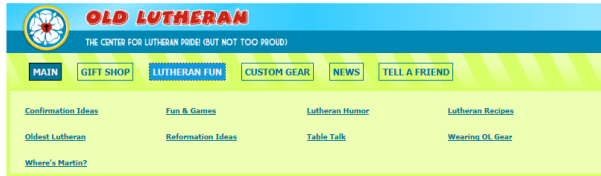
7:00 pm Worship Band Practice

Sunday (2/5)

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

On the lighter side:



[click here](#) to check out the Old Lutheran “Lutheran Fun” page

Pastor Steve