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## The Journ-E January 6, 2012

the weekly e-newsletter of **Journey Lutheran Church**

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**Devotional thought:** Today is Epiphany which is the day we focus on the visit of the magi (wisemen) as the event that began the revelation of Jesus to the world. Excerpt from **Matthew 2:1-12** *"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother and they knelt down and paid him homage."*

The magi refused to kneel to Herod's crowned head. Here is the way we ought to be like the three wise men: they knew which things were not worth their homage, and which things should drive them straight to their knees. There's not much in the world that ought to be able to make you kneel. But this ought to: a God who could have remained above it all, but stooped, bent, even groveled to get as close to you as possible, and then paid a price for it.

Sometime today, do this: get down on your knees or if you are not able, assume whatever posture speaks to you of humility and reverence. Hold the position for a while and reflect on the lyrics: *"What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise one, I would do my part. Yet what I can I give him, give him my heart."*

**Prayer:** God, I wouldn't do this for anybody else but you. Amen.

### **This weekend we get back to our regular Sunday morning schedule:**

Traditional Worship 8:15

Sunday School 9:15

Contemporary Worship 10:15

There is a fellowship time following both worship services and the choir rehearses at 9:30

**Your gifts make a difference...** The money we raised for **God's Global Barnyard** (the ELCA World Hunger Fund) totaled \$1000 for the month of December. To see how the funds will be used check out this [video](#) In November raised over \$400 for local hunger needs and made a gift to [Holmen's Hope](#) which provides monthly community meal (the last Tuesday of each month at the American Legion). During January our "Care Bear" gifts will be going to support Lutheran Campus Ministry at UWL. [Click here](#) to see the latest process on their new ministry center.

## Journey's got TALENT

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.

**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.



The next few weeks the sermons will be focusing on **Basic Training** for people of faith. One of the skills to master is some Bible literacy...knowing how to use the Bible. We will be giving you help you might want to check out [Bible Study help](#) also on our [web page](#) there is a daily Bible passage you can use for devotions.

The passage for today is: **1 Timothy 4:11-16 (NRSV)** *These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in*

*faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

**Starting next Sunday, Pastor will offer an adult Bible study on Sunday mornings between worship services 9:30-10:00 in the back of the fellowship hall**

**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.

**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](#)

**Men...**remember we have a monthly breakfast Bible Study (the third Saturday of each month) We meet with the men from Holmen Lutheran at 7:30am at Holmen Lutheran...this month it will be Jan. 21...hope to see you there.

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

**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.

**Nursery Coordinator.** We are looking for someone with early childhood training for the nursery. This is the last week for applications and the interviews will start the following week. If you have an interest or know someone who would be good for this position contact the church office.

**The coming week at a glance....**remember to the [calendar on our web page](#)  
**Monday (1/9)**

6:30 FISH Young Adults Meet

**Tuesday (1/10)**

6:30 pm Vision Board Meeting

7:00 pm Fellowship Team Meeting

**Wednesday (1/11)**

6:00 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Worship Unplugged

**Thursday (1/12)**

7:00 pm Worship Band Practice

**Sunday (1/15)**

8:15 am Worship Service

9:15 am Fellowship

9:15 am Sunday School

9:30 am Choir Practice

10:15 am Worship Service

11:15 am Fellowship

**On the lighter side:**



Pastor Steve