

TREASURER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Income	\$ 18,333.86	\$192,841.65
Expenses	<u>15,259.72</u>	<u>195,478.42</u>
Net Income	\$ 3,074.14	\$ - 2,636.77

As you can see we are running behind in our giving. Praise God and see what we can do.

CORRECTION: In the December minutes, please correct as follows: under Architectural Task Force = the second sentence "Moving the air conditioner would add an additional \$20,000.00 for a total of \$136,000.00." It should read: "Moving the air conditioner and the constructing of a new entrance would add an additional \$20,000.00 for a total of \$136,000.00."

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING WITH PRAYERS, PHONE CALLS, AND/OR A VISIT SHUT- IN'S**

- Mark Dailey ~ At home
- Evelyn Chambers ~ At Cedar Manor, Room 506
- Ruth Cruikshank ~ At Regency House
- Celia Gerlach ~ At Myrtlewood, Room 1002
- Estelle Schiller ~ At Regency House, Room 58D
- Elizabeth Swanke ~ At Sagecrest, Room 208

**THE SICK FOR HEALING**

- Milford Burklund ~ At home
- Denise Cooley ~ At home
- Pat Gavin ~ At home
- Karla Hariman ~ At home
- Millie Hohmann ~ At home
- Christina Perez ~ At home
- Harry Siegrist ~ At home
- Suzy Taylor ~ At home

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SOUPER BOWL: Sunday, February 5th, is the Super Bowl Day which the youth celebrate by conducting their annual "Souper Bowl" fund raiser, with the proceeds going to the Wesley Soup Kitchen, so please support our youth by being generous with your contributions to the "Soup Pot."

SUPER BOWL PARTY: Pat Gavin invites you to join her on Sunday, February 5th, between 4:30 & 5 pm, at her home 111 Decoty Drive, for her Annual Super Bowl Party. Please bring your favorite snack and drink, and side dish, she will have a pot of her fabulous chili.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for items for the next newsletter is noon, Sunday, February 19, 2012

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The men of Calvary meet for breakfast and Bible Study, the third Saturday of every month at 7:30 am, in the fellowship hall.



PROJECT DIGNIDAD: Please continue to give generously as you have and if possible, please dig a little deeper during the holiday season and pray that this organization never has to turn anyone away in their time of hunger. Our December contribution was **\$262.00 in groceries, and \$200.00 in cash donations, totaling \$462.00.**

REMEMBERING FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

WE report that long time member **Mitzie Hruska**, 93 passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2011, after spending more than three years at Meadow Creek Nursing Home. There was a graveside service in LaGrange, TX, on Saturday, December 31st, with Pastor Alan Williams officiating. Burial was in the LaGrange City Cemetery.

Our sincere sympathy goes to **Gladys Jones** and her family on the death of her brother, **Marvin Goetz**, 74 of Vancourt, who passed away on Jan 13th, in his home after a courageous battle with cancer. The funeral service was held on Monday, January 16th, at Wall Brethren Church. Burial will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

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**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 14 – Kristine & Adam Scott – 32 yrs
- 14 – Christina & Michael Sobrido – 4 yrs
- 25 – Arline & Terry Zak – 29 yrs

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 – James Peltoma
- 05 – Chrissie Israel
- 05 – Marvin Wendland
- 08 – Helen Brandenberger
- 16 – Jane Cocuzzi
- 16 – Lynwood Landbeck

*We wish You all a Happy Birthday and/or Anniversary*

**NOTE:** If your birthday or anniversary is missing, or is incorrect, please notify the Church Office. Thanks.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE is 9:30 am Thursdays



ALUMINUM CAN PULL TABS: Thank you to everyone who continues to pull those tabs off their drink cans and bring them to the church to be taken to the Dallas area Ronald McDonald House. Betty & Leon will continue to take them on their trips to see Leslie & her family.

AMONG THE SICK:

Helen Brandenberger fell on Thursday, January 12th, and was taken to Community Hospital where she underwent hip replacement surgery.

Irene Hunter underwent sinus surgery at Shannon Hospital on Thursday, January 19th, and will be out of commission for about two weeks.

Marjorie Jellison, Betty Egan's sister in Ft. Worth recently had a hip replacement, and while in rehab she fell and broke that same hip. Doctors are saying they need to wait for three weeks before they decide what to do next.

Jan 9, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS -

President, Kurt Rogerson, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes of last month were approved. Linda Pfingsten asked Frieda Stelling to put the following correction in the next newsletter: The corrected sentence is under the Architectural Task Force and reads "Moving the air conditioner and the constructing of a new entrance would add \$20,000.00 for a total of \$136,000.00."

Treasurer's Report for December, 2011, and the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for January-December, 2011, was received.

Architectural Task Force: A second billing has been received from the Architect. We had previously paid \$3,750.00. The balance of the bill includes expenses as well as the balance of the fee.

Capital Campaign: Pastor Stephen Kanouse has recommended ELCA's Stewardship Key Leader program to run our Capital Campaign. We would be billed on the size of our congregation. It is the consensus of Council that we hold a special Congregational meeting to get approval to use this program. A motion was made seconded & passed, to hold said special meeting on February 19, 2012, after the worship service to discuss the Stewardship Key Leader program. Kurt Rogerson is going to work on getting a congregational general chair person for the Capital Campaign Task Force.

Financial Secretary reported that the offering envelopes for 2012 and 2011 giving statements have been distributed.

Audit Committee: A motion was made seconded passed to add a third person to the Audit Committee with Mark Heinze and Herb Itz. Kurt Rogerson has filled the third position with Kristy Scott for a three year term.

Stewardship: Elwin Hahn has completed the compiling of the information from the Time & Talent sheets and put them into a reference book to be kept in the church office.

Worship: The committee is still conducting a search for a permanent Organist/Choir Accompanist. An ad will be put in the newspaper soon. John Nix will be asked to fill in for the whole month of February, 2012, giving the committee more time to search. ●A survey for the congregation regarding our Mission and Ministry will be distributed soon.

Parish Education: Millie Seamands reported that there were 20+ people involved in the Christmas caroling. ●A Lenten fair will be held on Palm Sunday.

Youth: Since Neil Phillips is out of the country, Millie is helping out with the Youth. A National Gathering will be held July 18 - July 22, 2012. Calvary has six youth who are eligible to go (9th grade and up). We will also need two adults to go. Millie will contact the parents to discuss the plans, cost, etc.

Property & Management: Kevin Conover reported that he will have the van inspected.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kurt reported that the "Shepherding" series went well for the Advent services. Christmas season also went well. ●Pastor Stephen Kanouse will be here on February 1, 2012, to make a presentation on "Mission and Ministry". ●There will be no choir practice on February 1st. ●Pastor Kurt is the convener of the Nominating Committee. The members include: Kurt Rogerson, Brent Pfeiffer, Millie Seamands and Steve Kuhlmann.

Correspondence: A thank-you note was received from the Meals for the Elderly for our donation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.



Doug Seamands speaking at the W-ELCA Epiphany Baked Potato Luncheon 1-7-12



Folks enjoying the Epiphany Baked Potato Luncheon



NT-NL MISSION NEWSBRIEFING HIGHLIGHTS:

April 27-29 - In Irving

Mission Assembly Celebrating!

The 2012 Assembly brings to conclusion a six-year string of assembly themes that have all been focused on DiscipleLife. This will be a turning-point assembly. We will celebrate all that we have done together in mission these six years, all that God has entrusted to us as we are God's witnesses and hands in this world, and all that we want to do in the future as we "run the race with perseverance". First, we will celebrate our own plans for mission in the NT-NL as we hear of the power and progress of the DiscipleLife Alive! Initiative. Second, we will celebrate the mission of the whole ELCA as we enjoy the stories and music of our global mission. Our assembly speakers are leaders in the ELCA's global mission effort: the Rev. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, Sunitha Mortha, and our own Pastor Kate Warn. And, third, we will elect a bishop to shepherd us for the next six years. No wonder the key word of the assembly is Celebrating! It will be a busy assembly.

You're Invited to a "Glocal" Mission Festival

You may not be a voting member or visitor at the 2012 Mission Assembly, but you may want to enjoy the activities that are a part of their agenda on Saturday, April 28. The day will transform into a "Glocal" Mission Festival (global + local) as speakers, musicians, worship, and a global marketplace invite everyone into a new and deeper appreciation for the worldwide work of the ELCA. Join the fun as we hear, see, sing and participate in the global mission of the church.

FYI

Back to School? Want to go deeper in your understanding of the Bible and the traditions and teachings of the church? Consider signing up for the next class for the Parish Lay Mission Academy.

Voting Members at the coming Mission Assembly (April 27-29) will elect a bishop to serve in the NT-NL Mission Area for a six year term. The Committee on the Bishop Election encourages you to be in prayer about the election and nominees. Information about the process is found online.

Created by God: This human sexuality workshop on Feb. 3-4, is for kids in 5th, 6th, and 7th grade and is offered by King of Glory, Dallas. Human sexuality is presented in a safe, warm and Christian context.

New Visions: Leadership for Mission, March 5-6 at Briarwood. The event will help congregational leaders increase mission awareness, improve congregational vitality, grow leadership skills and manage change in healthy ways. \$295 per person; housing additional. Instructor: Pr. Jon Lee.

Speak Now and Forever Hold Your Faith

LYO's Sr. High Gathering features keynote speaker Jason Davis during a fun and eventful weekend, Feb. 17-19 at Briarwood. Jason is a former NT-NL LYO president and currently the Director of Youth and Family Ministries at Mt. Calvary in Boulder.

EACH MORNING, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?" The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this old wicker coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water." The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the old wicker basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," he went out the door to watch the boy try again. At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all.

The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!" "So you think it is useless?" the old man said, "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old wicker coal basket, it was clean. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out."

Moral of the story: Take time to read a portion of God's word each day; it will affect you for good even if you don't retain a word.

PLEASE PRAY FOR A GENTLE SOAKING RAIN

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAIL BOX