

Dear Fellow Servant

Be it a calendar on the wall
A notebook on the desk
A laptop or tablet
We each record a diary of the year

Appointments kept with doctors
Meetings with people about business
Times of gathering with family
Clearly spell out how our time was spent



With January a new diary begins
With most of its pages yet blank
We wonder if the days will bring
Challenges or opportunities

Part of us wishes we could know
How we will spend the days
But being human brings no discernment of future
We only see the pattern of our days in retrospect

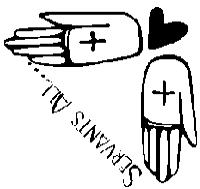
The strongest part of our courage to go on
Comes from a willingness to believe
That in Mary's child we have a God
Who travels the days with us

Faith will not make darker days disappear
Or joyful days last longer
But it insists that the One who created us
Yet gifts us with a companionship

On this new beginning of a new year
We put aside what was
Having learned all that it had to offer
And push on hand in hand

With Christ's love

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WORTHY OF NOTE...

Wow, are we blessed as a faith family or what? The Christmas season here was rich and full. We have so many people to thank!

-Thanks to the musicians-one and all- who helped encourage our worship. What an amazing assortment of talent they willingly shared!

-Thanks to all who made food- from soups to desserts- that "richly fed us" on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings!

-Thanks to all who helped with activities for our children; from program rehearsals to the Birthday Party for Jesus. You made Christ's love real.

-Thanks to all who helped with decorating "God's house" -from dinner tables to sanctuary wreaths. You put a good face on a torn up church!

-Thanks to the servants one and all- dinner helpers, altar guild, ushers, putting programs together-necessary but mostly unnoticed tasks

-Thanks to all the LCOS leaders who each in their own way guided and nurtured the many activities of this past month

-Thanks to all who incarnated Christ's love for people beyond us- prison cookies, SA stockings, canned food, clothing- gifts that spell out love

-Thanks to the staff who quietly and faithfully went "over and above" to insure that things happened; details that otherwise would be missed

-Thanks to all who came to worship with us in numbers above last year. Many voices united in prayer and song lift up our spirits

-Thanks to the Big Fish Grill and the Board of Congregational Life whose efforts made our Christmas dinner a great feast

-Thanks to those who are working our building addition. It is fun to think how wonderfully different next year's Christmas celebration will be.

-Thanks most of all to Jesus, Mary's child, in whose honor all of this was done and whose gift of love for us leaves us richly filled.

Last but certainly not least, a personal thank you from the Schaefers. The cards, gifts, food that you gave to us were an incredible affirmation of what we try to do here in Christ's name. Marcia and I are blessed to be a part of this faith family!

Peace in 2012. We love you!

I JUST WANTED TO PASS ALONG my thanks for the Thanksgiving cards I received here in Afghanistan from some of your parishioners. Please thank the Nester Family, Phyllis Parker, and Hazel Gillespie for their thoughtful wishes. They certainly brightened my Thanksgiving.

I also looked at your church web site and saw that you have efforts on-going to support our troops. On behalf of my section of 25 people, many thanks for doing so. It is appreciated. God's grace is working through you all to comfort his children far from home.

Respectfully,
Colonel Fred Gellert
NATO Training Mission
Kabul, Afghanistan

A graphic of the words "THANK YOU" in a stylized, outlined font. The word "THANK" is in all caps and block letters, while "YOU" is in all caps and block letters. The word "thank" is written in a cursive script and is positioned between "THANK" and "YOU".

THE OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO THANK Barbara Geibel for the following words of wisdom: "This is a Temporary Inconvenience for a Permanent Improvement"

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK Pr. Schaefer and our church family for lifting me up in prayer. Thank you to all those who sent lovely notes and cards or called me during my long convalescence. I could feel their kindness and love throughout my healing! Words cannot express how I appreciate everything that you have done for me. I know that you and the Lord have watched over me the entire time. Thank You!

-Evelyn Wade

THANK YOU all for the many, many cards and phone calls after the recent death of my brother. It really meant a lot to me.

-Barbara Morris

Many Thanks

The Board of Social Ministry would like to thank each of you who contributed to making the Christmas season happy, well-fed and warm for so many of the needy right outside our doors. The handmade hats, scarves and mittens were a blessing to those who otherwise would have had cold hands and feet, and the tummies of the children who attended the specials programs of the West Rehoboth Youth Program during the school break definitely were nice and full thanks to the food donations. The Walmart and Kmart gift cards so generously given will enable Brenda Millbourne to continue to provide needed food and clothing items for the students in the months ahead. Carole Peterson is given a big THANKS for the individual bags of personal products she provided for each of the 40 student which contained shampoo, conditioner, lotion, a wash cloth, comb, tooth paste and a tooth brush. What a special gift for children who often go without these basic care items. What a caring congregation you have always been and continue to be!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We want to thank everyone for their prayers and support of all those on our long list of those who are in service to our country. Some of you noticed that our grandson, TJ, attended LCOS on December 18th. Thank you Pastor for asking him to light the Advent Candles during the service. We are thankful that and others have returned from deployment to Baghdad, Iraq without injury. TJ now wears a beautiful tattoo of the 23rd Psalm to show his gratitude. He has now completed his active duty and is in Northern Virginia trying to figure out the next chapter in his life. Our outreach of military support is possible because of the quiet dedication of our special angel, Phyllis Parker. She diligently addresses cards, packs boxes, checks addresses and willingly offers emotional support to the worried families of those who serve. Thank you, Phyllis - we are sending you many hugs! It is important for all of us to remember that when we ask for help we are providing another person with a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of God in the world. Please keep praying for those who have served - some say that returning home to civilian life seems alien. God's richest blessings to all.

In Christ, Jerry & Dottie Blakely



SAND DOLLARS will meet on Tuesday, January 24th at 10am. Please come and join us and bring a friend. We also invite the men of the congregation to join us at 11am to hear Bob Fellows tell us about the history of and present day Fort Miles. Our project for January is an ingathering of items for Home of the Brave. Following is a partial list of suggestions:

coffee, creamer, tea, Wal-Mart or K-Mart gift certificates, stamps, new underwear and socks, paper products, cleaning products, pillows, twin bed sheets and blankets, any kind of cakes or cookies, toiletry items

Thank you and hope to see YOU there.

WE WILL NO LONGER BE participating in the coupons for the troops project. Thank you for your past support. With your help, we sent many thousands of dollars worth of coupons Hazel Pohlmann

COOKIES FOR PRISONERS We recently packed up our cookies to send to the prisoners at SCI, and we are pleased to announce that our members baked 2,250 cookies this year!

THANK THE TROOPS We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Thank the Troops Ministry. Phyllis Parker reports that she recently sent off care packages to 11 of our loved ones serving in the military.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Sunday School students, teachers, and parents for winning first place in the Rehoboth Beach Christmas Parade for the second year in a row! Special thanks to Kathy & Al Verratti for spearheading the float preparation!

THE SANDWICH BRIGADE is looking for more members. Over the past year we have lost several of our “sandwich makers” due to health reasons. Can you help us out and join one of our six teams? Each team furnishes sandwiches to the Midway Soup Kitchen once every six weeks which works out to about eight times a year. Each person makes about 10-12 sandwiches of any kind and delivers them before 10am to the soup kitchen (small white building across from Walmart on Rt 1). This is an easy way to help others in need. If you can help with this ministry, please call Patti Brown at 645-9446 or Barbara Hand at 947-0342.

FORGIVENESS

Winter brings to mind beautiful Currier & Ives scenes of happy families traveling through the snow in horse-drawn carriages to celebrate the Christmas season in a church with family and friends. In Russia, however, to see a scene like this you would have to go back to pre-Stalin days in the very early 20th century,

On July 30, 2011 the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR) continues a year-long celebration of its 400th anniversary of praise for God’s guidance to His people in Russia in spite of years of persecution and suffering. For 70 years religion was suppressed under communist rule. Millions of Christians were imprisoned and died for their faith, and 90% of church properties were confiscated or destroyed by the government. The Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 and religion is constitutionally guaranteed in Russia today. LCMS Mission work began in Russia in 1992 and ELCIR became a sister church in 1998.

Through a morning of steady rain, hundreds of worshipers gathered at the ruins of the Lutheran church in the village of Moloskivitz near St. Petersburg in Western Russia. The skeleton of a church building which dates back to 1632 is the oldest surviving Lutheran structure in Russia. It was taken away during Stalin’s rule, partially destroyed during WWII, rebuilt as a collective farm, which failed, and was then abandoned and left to ruin. The Epistle reading for the day from Romans 12:17-21 “Repay no one evil for evil” and the Gospel reading from Matthew 5:19-26 “Be reconciled to your brother” emphasized the bittersweet aspect of the day as they recalled the years of persecution and suffering during the Soviet era even as they focused on forgiveness through Christ as they move forward in God’s mission. Prayers of thanksgiving have been requested for God’s 400 years of sustaining life and blessings upon the ELCIR. Also pray for their ongoing focus on forgiveness, that they would be centered in Christ alone.

-Submitted by Jean Kiefer

January's Prayer calls

Treatment

Michelle Fritz
 Jean P. Green
 Ted Kardash
 Sherry Shultz
 Amanda Smith
 Irvin Morey
 Virginia Inkrote
 Brent Cochran
 Miriam Logan
 Howard Detwiler
 Winnie Leavel
 Mike Leavel
 Norma Black
 Fred Hand
 Jerry Kelly
 Sandy Phillips
 Jenny Caley
 Al Holloway
 Ernest Fair
 Dot Lewis
 Pat Snyder
 John Starcevish
 Mary Coruzzolo
 Sarah Johnson
 Ada Rife
 Barbara Kuntz
 Larry Sims
 Gail Hanes
 Michael O'Shea
 Ed Thress
 Mikala D'Iorio
 Jean Kiefer

Cancer

Mary Cade
 Randy Egolf
 Joan Fetterman
 Alan Goodfriend
 Audrey Greene
 Bob Kardash
 Morgan Kilpatrick
 Ann Kolb

Carol Losch
 Seta Martin
 Mary Rauser
 Ted Strenger
 Dawn Weber
 David Bokeno
 Mary Jensen
 Chris Gushin
 David Sherman
 Virgie Fajardo
 Sandy Deal
 David Chirinos
 Thom Pemberton
 Beth Ann Alcaro
 Barbara Weiderhold
 Miriam Willits
 Rick Rogers
 Michael Blakely
 Richard Leister
 Linda Blyth
 Barbie Anderson
 Marisol
 Linda Griffith
 Mary Huyck
 Don White
 Doris DeFilippis
 Helen Oetting
 Melly Adams
 Martin Kohl
 Connie Alexander
 Roy Couch
 Bob Palese
 Delores Tanger
 Sally Schneider
 Josh Lord
 Wanda Fowler
 Jeff Wilson
 Neida Pruitt
 Kyle Sutherland
 Lorene Stepanski
 Joyce Gibson
 Ron Smith

Bobby Osborn
 Helena Pepper
 Sharon Snyder
 Nelson Eckert
 John Ulicny
 Wilson (Bill) Rowe
 Sylvia Diehl
 Joan Rieck
 Debbie Kagen
 Jake Piper
 Daniel English
 Harry Ritthaler
 Don Hutton
 Beth Murray
 Margaret Robinson
 Peter Manzoni
 Gerald Davidson
 Tom Holms
 Candy Todd
 Jack Hoskinson
 Emily Murphy
 Ted Schwartz
 Fred Newman

Our Troops

Brian Akerstrom
 Timothy Alexander
 Richard Ashton
 Lisa Marie Butts
 Robert Canario
 John Derosa
 James Donovan
 Freddi Foster
 Zach Garnwer
 Kyle Hamm
 Francis Heck III
 Jeffrey Hodge
 Christopher Howard
 Nichola Imperial
 Storm Kruczek
 Brad Leary
 Ben Lee
 Dan Lorenz

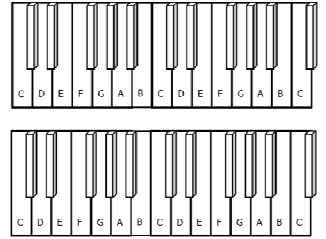
Robbie Mayer
 Shawn Morgan
 Breanne Roeckers
 Rob Roeckers
 John Schenck, Jr.
 John Sholts
 Richard Sholts
 Ethan Smith
 Michael Tokar
 Ben Tyson
 Eugene Vecere
 B.J. Vickers
 Justin Webb
 Chris Zielinski
 Greg Zielinski
Shut-Ins
 Melly & Linus Adams
 Norma Bennett
 Betty Lou Cassell
 Helen Holmgren
 Nancy Pierson
 Jim & Jill Andreas

Please note that we have pared down the prayer list for the new year. If you need us to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Barbara Hand or the Office.

Also - if you see someone's name on here that should not be, please contact the office.
 Thank you

ORGAN FUND

Since our 25 year old organ has ceased to function and been judged not worth repairing, we now have a designated organ fund and invite you to consider donating to a new instrument. The Board of Worship is still in the process of doing the research on available church organs, but we have come to the conclusion that any organ we end up purchasing will cost approximately \$300 per key. We are accepting donations to this fund of any size, so don't feel obligated to purchase an entire key. On the other hand, if you would like to buy a whole octave, we would welcome that donation as well. Please make checks payable to Lutheran Church of Our Savior with "organ fund" on the notation line.



ATTENTION LADIES! Please join us on **Saturday, January 28 at 10am** as we discuss the future direction of the women's ministries here at Our Savior. We will be doing some planning and brainstorming about what kinds of groups and activities would best meet the needs of the women of Our Savior. All ages and input is welcome! Please RSVP to Sister Deb if you plan to attend.

DOES YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION list include reading more? If so, join the LCOS Book Club! We meet on the last Monday of the month (usually) at 4:30pm either at LCOS or at someone's home, discuss the month's book, and then enjoy dinner together. We read all types of books, fiction, non-fiction, best sellers, classics, etc. A list of past selections is available on our website, www.lcosrehoboth.org under the "Connecting" tab. January's meeting will be on **Monday the 30th at LCOS**. Our book is *Baking Cakes in Kigali* by Gaile Parkin. New members are always welcome!



MAYBE YOUR RESOLUTIONS INVOLVE learning a new skill or taking more time for one you already have? If you enjoy knitting or crocheting or would like to learn, come join our Prayer Shawl Ministry. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30am for a time of devotions and creativity. All skill levels can make shawls. We have patterns and great teachers! If you cannot come to the meetings, you can also make shawls at home. We have distributed close to 200 shawls over the last 3 years. See Sister Deb for a handbook with patterns and information. We'd love to have you join us!

THE BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEEDS YOU! Did you know that the fellowship hour each Sunday morning would not happen without volunteers who buy or make refreshments, make coffee, and set up and clean up. The time commitment is about 2 hours on Sunday morning. If you could help out, please contact Todd Lennox, 856-2909, to sign up or see the calendar in the Fellowship Hall. Guidelines will be provided if you need more specifics. Thank you!

Thank you to all those who purchased items at our Fair Trade Fair in December. We sold nearly \$1300 worth of products. These purchases help artisans and farmers in developing countries to provide a living for themselves and their families and to start to climb out of poverty. We will have another fair next December in time for Christmas. Again, thank you for your generosity.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual “State of the Parish” meeting and luncheon scheduled for **Sunday, January 29th at 12:30 PM**. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get caught up on all of our ministries.

Those Who Serve - January 2012

Eucharistic Assistants

Jan-01 10:00 Debra Lennox
 Jan-08 11:00 Jan Effinger
 Jan-15 8:00 Bob Fellows
 Jan-22 11:00 Barbara Morris
 Jan-29 8:00 Darlene Botts
 11:00 Donna Egolf

Liturgical Assistants

Jan-01 10:00 Bob Fellows
 Jan-08 11:00 Marge Kunkle
 Jan-15 8:00 Dottie Blakely
 Jan-22 11:00 Larry Purdy
 Jan-29 8:00 Kat Borchers
 11:00 Bruce Egolf

Crucifers

Jan-08 8:00 Pat Campbell-White
 Jan-15 11:00 Marcia Pokoyski
 Jan-22 8:00 Louis Jones

Readers

Jan-01 10:00 Marcia Pokoyski
 Jan-08 8:00 Lana Browne
 11:00 Gene King
 Jan-15 8:00 Sandy Sandstrom
 11:00 Natalie Alexander
 Jan-22 8:00 Beverly Tridente
 11:00 Larry Purdy
 29-Jan 8:00 Don Schneck
 11:00 Roger Ault

Acolytes

Jan-08 8:00 Sarah Bennett
 11:00 Nate Price
 Jan-15 8:00 Madison Bada
 11:00 Colby Skelly
 Jan-22 8:00 Sarah Bennett
 11:00 Nate Price
 29-Jan 8:00 Madison Bada
 11:00 Colby Skelly

Altar Care

Beverly O. Tridente and Donna Fellows

