

CHURCH NEWS

Jesus Cares Bible Class We continue our ministry to people with developmental disabilities. Bible class is scheduled here at church on Thursday, January 5th and 26th at 6:30PM. Members of the congregation are welcome to come and join in this ministry.

Glencoe Expo: Once again it is that time of year to start thinking about the Glencoe Expo. It is February 18th and 19th. Watch the bulletin for news of a planning meeting for this event.

Annual Reports All groups and organizations of St. John's are reminded to complete their annual reports and turn them in to Pastor or leave them in the back office by Wednesday, January 11th. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Annual Meeting Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22nd following our morning worship service. All members are encouraged to stay and be involved in the work of our congregation. Items that will be on our agenda include: our support for synod and Minnesota District ministries, sharing information on local ministry programs, salaries, and others.

The Lutheran Home Association The Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th in the Chapel at The Lutheran Home Campus in Belle Plaine. Lunch and registration begins at noon, followed by a worship service at 1pm with the business meeting to follow. We hope to see you there!

Directory Updates: If your address or phone number has changed over the past year, please contact Ruth Lange or Pastor Reichow to get the updates in the 2012 directory.

Wish List Team: A couple of members have chosen to discontinue serving on the Wish List Team. We are looking for a couple of people to fill the vacant spots. We meet 3-4 times a year. If you are interested in serving on the Wish List Team, contact a Wish List Team member - Corky Milbrand, John Glawe, Ruth Lange, Mark Raddatz, Pastor Reichow or Jenny Scherer.

Your Suggestions, please! The Wish List Team is also looking for new ideas or projects that would enhance our church facilities. Please forward your ideas and suggestions to a Wish List Team member. Thank you.

Forward In Christ Magazine Monthly issues are available for congregation members. If you would like to help pay for the cost of this magazine, please contact Bill Rabe.

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YOUTH NEWS

We are in the process of planning a roller skating trip and a Lock-in for our youth members in January and February. If you have any ideas, please contact Gene Roush, Jeremy Siers, Pauline Schmidt or Pastor Reichow. Watch the Sunday bulletin for specific dates and times.

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LADIES AID

St. John's Ladies Aid has been busy this past year. Here is a list of their activities: 3 business meetings and Christmas party; the Birthday Committee visited 5 shut-ins; they served refreshments at the Annual Meeting and for the Mankato WELS Choral; they gave gifts to 3 confirmands and baby gifts to 3 newly baptized babies; they made donations to the MLC Auxiliary, Central Africa Medical Mission and to St. John's Missions; they purchased Easter lilies and poinsettias for church; they purchased new communion trays; some of the ladies attended an MLC Auxiliary meeting in Arlington; they toured the Chapel of Christ at MLC in New Ulm; and they did a thorough cleaning of the kitchen. Currently, the ladies have 14 active members and 4 honorary members. If anyone is interested in joining the Ladies Aid, contact Ruth Lange. You are always welcome to join them at a meeting.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 st	Kim Lange and Brett Rund
5 th	Mitchell Dammann
6 th	Jennifer Siewert and Stephanie Cairney
7 th	Althea Mathwig
8 th	Maureen Lowden
12 th	Jacob Willmsen
14 th	Caleb Schuth
17 th	Shem Goette
19 th	Jeremy Siers
20 th	Dennis Reichow
23 rd	John Ross
24 th	Melanie Schmidt
26 th	August Sickmann
28 th	Miranda Litzau
30 th	Owen Schmieg