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*"The church on the hill, lighting the way to God's love"*  
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## PART TWO



# *EVANGEL*



## *December Highlights*

**Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent** - Sermon Title: "Be Enriched and Strengthened" - Christmas Ingathering of Gifts - Gifts for foster children or gift packages for institutionalized are due at worship today.

**Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent** - Sermon Title: "Wait Patiently" - Congregational Budget meeting immediately after worship, followed by the Annual Christmas Covered Dish Dinner, sponsored by WELCA.

**Saturday, December 17** - Join the Altar Guild and other volunteers in preparing our worship space for Christmas Services, starting at 9:00 AM.

**Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent** - Sunday School Christmas Musical - "No Ordinary Night" at 10:30 AM service. Caroling to the homebound after worship.

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve** - 5:00 PM - Children's Christmas Service: "Behold the Lamb of God" and 7:30 PM, Candlelight Communion service. Sermon Title: "God does Something New -- Unexpected."

**Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day** - 10:30 AM Service of Lessons and Carols, followed by food and fellowship. No Sunday School.

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## *January Highlights*

**Sunday, January 1, 2012 - New Year's Day** - 10:30 AM Special Communion Service, Prayers for the New Year. No Sunday School.

**Sunday, January 8 - Celebrating the Epiphany of Our Lord.** Spark Sunday school resumes at 9 AM, featuring a special Christmas Movie. Epiphany Worship at 10:30 AM.

**Monday, January 16, 2012 - Martin Luther King Jr., Day,**

**Wednesday, January 18 - Soup Supper** - Vegetable Beef or Potato Soup to eat in or take out, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.

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*Looking ahead to ...*

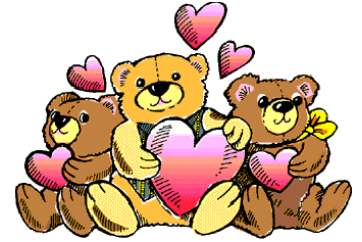
## *February*

**Sunday, February 5, 2012 - Souper Sunday of Caring** - Once again on the day of the Super Bowl, children and adults are asked to collect soup and other foods for local food pantries, joining Christings around the country in this effort.

**Sunday, February 19, 2012 - Annual Congregational Meeting** (Snow date is February 26)



Winter is almost here! In December will be talking about faith and giving as we prepare for our Christmas play and make our Christmas crafts. Pastor Dave will be discussing this theme in our God's Gifts session. As we get ready to celebrate with our families, we will discuss traditions in our own family, as well as those from around the world. We will also talk about winter. In Math, we will be doing number review.



Care-A-Lot

In January, we will celebrate the New Year with a Pajama Party. We will learn all about our bodies and how we are similar and different. We will discuss tolerance and diversity as we honor Martin Luther King. In Math, we will talk about symmetry. We will also be taking a field trip to go ice skating.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Love,

Mrs. Naska, Mrs. Pason and Mrs. Hower



	<p><b>Saturday, December 24</b>  <b>at 5:00 PM</b>  <b>Christmas Eve Worship for</b>  <b>Families with Children</b>  <b>PLEASE JOIN US as we wish</b>  <b>Jesus a Happy Birthday!</b></p>
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## PRAYER

*Please speak to the pastor before the service if you have someone you would like him to lift up in prayer. To place someone on the Prayer List, call the Church Office. For urgent prayer needs, start the Prayer Chain by calling Virginia Hager. Please make updates to Prayer List in the Narthex on the condition of anyone you've placed on the list. If you are on the Prayer List and are ready to be removed, please let us know!*

### **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**FOR HEALING:** Leo Fox, Johnny Hesser, Bryant Hlavaty, Michael Kempf, George Kreitz, Nick Litzenberger, El-friede Marschewski, Barbara Naska, Jack Pyne, and Silas Rodenbach.

**FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:** Corporal Michael Hesser (USMC, Camp Lejeune), Private Nicholas Squartino (USMC, Okinawa), Private Blake Rodd (US Army, Afghanistan), Sergeant Jamie Newcomb (US Army Reserves), Ensign Randall Reichenbach (US Navy, USS Preble), and Sergeant Jimmy Apgar (US Army, Ft. Richardson, Alaska.)

**FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Susan Ackerman, Ruth Anderson, , Al Boorse, Pat Butler, Sophia Capus, London Dalley, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, George Gallop, Betty Helm, Betsy Kressler, Phyllis Monesmith, Dave Morrell, Judy Nelson, Linda Wolfe Pursell, Alex Senft, David Spiegel, Alex Ulrey, Blake Alexander Valero, Vincent Viscomi, & Jane Wong.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND:** Judy Barron, Ruth Behm, Madlyn Chasar, Virginia Fisher, Clarence Fox, Jean Haas, Betty Kiefer, Marcella Krager, Lillian Melchior, Evelyn Peterman.



**FOR THE GRIEVING:** The families of Gene Gribbin, Alexa Bailey, Jack Conrad, Ellen Crooke, Clarence Berger, Mary Wolfinger, Mildred Seifert, Irene Fox, Dorothy Metzgar, Betty Hahn, Sue Kehler, Sharon Walker, and Betty Kirkpatrick.

# Christmas Flowers



It is time to order Poinsettias and Cyclamen to decorate our chancel for Christmas. Orders will be taken until all plants are sold. Please remember to include your phone number in case the particular plant or color you desire sells out. I will call you and ask for an alternate selection.

You can sign up for flowers on the sheet in the Narthex, or you can order by mail. Make checks payable to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham. To order by mail, fill out the chart below. Place your payment in an envelope—clearly marked Christmas Flowers -- and put it into the offering plate or mail to: Victoria Phillipps, 100 Meadows Lane, Riegelsville, PA 18077. Any questions, please contact Victoria at 610-346-1996.

Indicate Desired	Plant Description	Price	Total Amount Due	In Honor/In Memory of
	Red Poinsettia 6.5"	\$6.50		
	White Poinsettia 6.5"	\$6.00		
	Red Cyclamen 4.5"	\$3.50		
	White Cyclamen 4.5"	\$3.50		
	Pink Cyclamen 4.5"	\$3.50		
	<b>Grand Total</b>			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please remember to pick up your plants after worship on Christmas Eve!*



## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> at ST JOHN UCC- RIGELSVILLE - 1PM TO 7PM**

‘Tis the season for giving and what better gift than the gift of life? The gift of blood might not come wrapped in a flashy bow, but it can save lives. Put a blood donation on your holiday list and signup to donate blood

To signup go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code 2696

Or contact Jeff Donham - 610.346.8122



## **Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Pennsylvania Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Response**

November 2011

Strong winds and heavy rains from Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee and record rainfall have left a trail of devastation throughout 16 of the 19 counties of the Northeastern and Southeastern Pennsylvania Synods' territories. The aftermath of this disaster continues as communities and individuals struggle to clean up and rebuild in the wake of historic flooding.

Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Pennsylvania partners with congregations, other volunteer organizations and local authorities to coordinate and support the long term recovery efforts after disaster.

LDR-EPA staff and volunteers have already been hard at work forming volunteer teams and cleaning up after the recent flooding. But this is just a start. For some in our region, rebuilding will take months and even years.

Please consider supporting LDR-EPA with your prayers and financial gift. Donations to LDR-EPA will be used to support volunteer coordination, purchase supplies and coordinate the long-term response for those individuals who will still have needs long after the news stories cease.

Together, we will make a difference with those who are on the road to recovery and rebuilding.

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**Yes, I want to help!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Give through your congregation or send your check directly to:

Lutheran Congregational Services, 1923 Hanover Ave, Allentown, PA 18109

Be sure to write "for Disaster Response" in the memo line of your check.



# December 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion Christmas Ingathering of Gifts</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot WELCA @ 1:30 2-9:30 PM Dian Mills picture appointments</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:30 AM Congregational Meeting Christmas Covered Dish Dinner</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Church Council meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9 AM Sanctuary Preparation for Christmas Services</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School Rehearsal 10:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Musical "No Ordinary Night" Caroling to Homebound</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>St. Luke, Evangel</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Childer's Service 7:30 PM Candlelight Communion</p>
<p><b>Nativity of our Lord 25</b></p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>No Sunday School 10:30 AM Festival Service of Lessons and Carols - Food/Fellowship</p> <p><b>CHRIST SAVOR IS BORN!</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>Pastor's Vacation</p>						

