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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS



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**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Our Savior has come!**

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. Traditional
(one service in December)

Special Services

7:30 p.m. Advent Midweek
on Wednesday December 3,
10 and 17.

Christmas Eve, Wednesday
December 24

4:30p.m. Family Service

11:00p.m. CandleLight
Service

10:30 p.m. Sunday School
(November 30 through
December 2008)



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"The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others."

Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Dear Members and Friends,

A letter from Pastor Scott Johnson will be mailed to you during December.

Have a safe and happy holidays!

From Lutheran Church of the Cross

NEWS & EVENTS



Bring Warmth to this Winter Season!

Start collecting unwanted winter coats, mittens, scarves, gloves, hats for the needy. Coats to food pantry, others to the Mitten Tree.

LCC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - "BASICS OF LIFE"

December 14 at 10:00 a.m.

All children are encouraged to participate. We will be practicing during the Sunday School hour starting today.



Poinsettia Garden \$7.00 per plant on display Christmas Eve until January 4th or you may take your plant home on December 24th.

Calling All Members of LCC to be a part of our Holiday Parents Day Out Event on Sunday, December 7

Volunteers needed from 11:30am to 4:30pm for wrapping Christmas presents and working with children attending the event. Accepting donations for Christmas wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, gift tags and tape until December 7. Please place donations in box provided at the Narthex.

Christmas Cards are Here!

Cards with a picture of our beautiful poinsettia-decorated chancel will be sold between services during December. Christmas cards as well as smaller 3 x 5 note cards will be packaged by the dozen for your Christmas mailings. Contact: Tanya Haak at 847-934-8511 for enquiry.



Helping Hands Ministry

Just a reminder that we frequently have members of our church family who need assistance with rides, meal delivery or small chores. Accomplishing these tasks can seem insurmountable especially to those who are recovering from hospitalization. If you can help by cooking or providing a "helping hand" in another way, please sign up on the poster in the fellowship hall.

Bible Study every Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the LCC.

Sign Up to Help Pantry push 1st Sunday of the month. All food donations welcome!

Nursery located down the North hallway is open to infants and toddlers during worship services. If you find it necessary to leave the Sanctuary, there is also a speaker system in the Narthex for your convenience.



W.E.L.C.A.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WE LEARN . WE LOVE . WE SERVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
7:00 P.M. ESTHER CIRCLE

Michael's Restaurant : Mt. Prospect

- CHRISTMAS OUTING 6:30 P.M.
- TREATS : Sunday January 18th

Financial Committee: Phyllis Olson, Jill Kummer, Myrna Salazar, Virginia Lloyd, Muriel Tripp, Lynnea Semasko, Debbie Paddack.

Communication Coordinator: Virginia Lloyd. Please join us: See Lynnea Semasko, Jill Kummer or Myrna Salazar. Rebecca Circle: Christmas ornaments for Sunday school children.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
7:30 P.M. REBECCA CIRCLE

Claim Jumper 6:00 P.M. #72 and #59

- CHRISTMAS OUTING 6:00 P.M.
- THANKSGIVING EVE : Serve Pie
Wednesday, November 26th

W.E.L.C.A. International Christmas Smorgasbord

Tuesday, December 9th at
6:30 PM

\$8.00 or pass a dish to serve
twelve.

Babysitting provided, pack a
bag lunch.

Chicago Bronze Bellringers and
Christmas Sing-A-Long.



No Adult Education and Read to Learn in December.

Read to Learn will resume
on February 10, 2009.

Make your home as energy efficient as
possible!

- Have a "clean and check" performed on your furnace by a professional HVAC contractor to ensure it is working properly.
- Change the furnace filter monthly during heating season and avoid a clogged filter that will make your furnace work harder.
- Lower your water heater thermostat setting to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. For a family of four, this could reduce energy use by 15 percent.
- Install a programmable thermostat
 - Automatically lowers the temperature at night and while your home is unoccupied during the day.
 - "Dialing down" 10 degrees will save 5 to 15% on annual heating costs.



LCC Christmas Programs

Children Christmas Program

"Basics of Life"

Sunday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m.

"Festival of Carols and Lessons"

Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

Family Service at 4:30 p.m.

and CandleLight Service at 11:00 p.m.

Contemporary Christmas Program

Sunday, December 28 at 10:00 a.m.

School-Age Care Program



First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have given their support and encouragement these past two and a half years as this program finally becomes a reality. The School-Age Care Program at Lutheran Church of the Cross is now licensed to operate.

Getting our program off to a good start when school reopens is now my top priority. I would be very grateful if anyone in the congregation who knows a family whose children attend Forest View Elementary, Holmes Middle, or John Jay Schools to give them one of our coupon flyers. The flyers are located on the entrance table in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take as many as you need.

Sharon R. Stephan
Director

Got something to say?

Have a strong opinion about church direction? Want to serve in a unique way? Talk to the Nominating Committee about exciting opportunities for 2009. The committee is Bob Lempkowski, Stacy Uden, Ellen Gnoyke, Greg Rabus, Don Boeing, and Joanne Szukala.

Disaster Assistance

For homeowners, renters and business owners. If you sustained losses or damage you may be eligible for disaster aid. Call: 1-800-621-3362 or apply online at www.fema.gov. Deadline for application is December 2.



4 facts you need to know about stroke prevention ...

- 80% of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs.
- Ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke.
- Stroke is a leading cause of death and permanent disability.
- Screenings are fast, painless, affordable and convenient.

Screening at the Lutheran Church of the Cross sponsored by Northwest Community Hospital on Monday, January 26, 2009. Pre-registration is required. Please call 1-800-690-6313.

Ministries at
Lutheran Church
Of The Cross
Adult Education
Chapel Service at
Friendship Village
Christian Education
Drama Team
Evangelical Team
Fellowship Team
Helping Hands
Home Communion Team
Outreach Team
Prayer Ministry
Small Group Bible
Study
Social Ministry
Worship and Music



DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	7TH	14TH	21ST	24TH (4:30PM)	24TH (11:00PM)	28TH
COMMUNION SETUP and ASSISTANTS	Greg Paddack Myrna Salazar	Anne Wurfel Karl Becker	Carl Malin Julie Malin	Joanne Szukala Myrna Salazar	Laurie Johnson Ken Miller	Bob Lempkowski Julie Malin
ACOLYTES	Mandy Ehlert	Nicole Lekas	Danielle Lekas	Ron Ecklund	Blake Boeing	Kaity White
GREETERS	Klaus and Gail Schuetze Doris Olson	Walker and Carole Reach Jim Lagerhausen	Mary Ferraro John and Mary Teppen	Eric, Brenda, Alex and Brian Knox Ken and Helen Ahlgren	Joyce Johnson Jim Martin Laurie Johnson	Ken and Sue Miller Mary Ferraro
EXIT GREETERS						
NORTH	Ken Miller	Karl Becker	Karl Becker			Ken Miller
SOUTH	Greg Paddack	Don Finney	Don Finney			Greg Paddack
LAY READERS	Alex Knox	Mandy Ehlert	*Choir Program	Mike Garbis	Brandon Jakub	Jean Hineman
LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS	Lynnea Semasko	Bob Lempkowski	Carolyn Ohman	Myrna Salazar	Dick Bukowski	Ken Miller
COUNTERS	Tom Fedro Jill Kummer	Ken Miller Jim Sosnowski	Bob Lempkowski Erine Wurfel			Greta Kob Sue Jay
USHERS	Janice Fedanzo Ernest & Anne Wurfel	Don Finney John & Mary Teppen	Klaus & Gail Schuetze Joanne Szukala	Jody Check & Family	Klaus & Gail Schuetze	Tom Fedro Karl Becker Greg Paddack
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Pancake Breakfast	Rebecca Circle	Papaoannov and Szukala			Ken and Sue Miller

If you are not able to serve on these dates, please call another member or youth to trade with, and notify the church office of the change. Tel: 847-437-5141
Thanks!

Sunday School Registration

Join us for Sunday School Starting September 21, 2008

Family Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Father's Name: _____

School Grade Fall 2008: _____

Address: _____

Child's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

City: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

School Grade Fall 2008: _____

State: _____

Does your child require special accommodations?

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Member: Yes No

Does your child have any allergies we should be aware of?

Child's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

School Grade Fall 2008: _____

Please return registration form to the Education Ministry Committee mailbox in Fellowship Hall.

Child's Name: _____

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Birth Date: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Questions? Call: 847-437-5141

School Grade Fall 2008: _____

APPENDIX FORM IV
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
CONSENT FOR SINGLE SUPERVISION

I am aware that as part of the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention policy, Lutheran Church of the Cross strives to provide "dual supervision" for children and youth participating in classes and programming wherever possible. I am also aware, however, that single supervision to such events may be permitted with written consent of parents or guardians of the children involved in the activity.

With these guidelines in mind, I hereby consent to the single supervision of my child/children:

By Mr. / Ms. : _____

For the purpose of the activity known as _____

For the period of _____ through _____

(Signature of parent / guardian)



When you buy a beautiful handmade weaving, pottery, beadwork, carving or jewelry, through sharing the dream, you provide:

- Fair trade compensation to the artisan
- Support of Orphanage Casa Guatemala
- Educational scholarships for children
- School supplies for Guatemalan children
- Funds to maintain an Elder Center
- Loans to assist Guatemalan woman in business initiatives
- Projects such as concrete flooring, cook stoves with ventilation and roof replacement for many houses or the purchase of land for new schools



**Has the hustle and bustle of the
Holidays getting you down?**

Are you wondering how everything is
going to get done?

**Are the kids driving you crazy
with their excitement?**

Would you like to have all your presents wrapped?

**Would you like to go Christmas
shopping without the kids?**

**Holiday Parents
Day Out!**

YOU CAN!

Free

Gift Wrapping!

HOW?

By coming to Lutheran Church of the Cross
on **Sunday, December 7, 2008**

Starting at **11:30am** and going to **4:30pm** Lutheran Church of the Cross
will wrap your presents and take care of your children.

This service is provided to all and is offered to you free of charge.

Activities will be planned for the kids.

A craft project, games, songs, snack.

**So go and get your errands done, or listen to a CD, or just relax and leave the kids and
the wrapping to us!**

Space is limited – Advanced Registration is strongly encouraged. Please visit our website

sharegodslove.org to reserve your space now!

Have a Blessed and Peaceful Holiday Season From

Lutheran Church of the Cross!

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Parents Day Out Permission Slip

Contract for Services

CHILD/RENS NAMES	AGE	BIRTHDATE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Home Telephone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

In Case of Emergency Whom Can We Contact

Name: _____ Relationship to Child _____

Phone Numbers where they may be reached.

Home _____ Cell _____

Parents Signature _____

Dated: _____

Any Allergies Known Of:

I would like my child/ren to attend the Parents Day Out on Sunday, December 7, 2008 for the time outlined during the Parents Day Out Program

Please indicate the times your child would be here.

Operating hours are 11:30am – 4:30pm - Sunday, December 7, 2008

Time

In: _____

Time

Out: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature At Time of Pick Up

Dated: _____

Please list anyone who has permission to pick up this child.

Name _____ Relationship to Child _____

Signature of Person Picking Up Child _____

Time: _____ Dated: _____

I agree to hold Lutheran Church of the Cross harmless of and from any and all liability for any injuries suffered by my child, which may be incurred in the ordinary course of practice and or play for this event. Additionally, I give permission for my child to be taken to the closest hospital for treatment, in case of emergency, when I cannot be reached.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Dated: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 1:00 PM Disciple Church	1 6:30 PM Chicago Bronze	2 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:30 PM Bell Choir	3 8:30 AM E-Team Meeting 7:30 PM Advent Midweek Service 8:00 PM Disciple Church	4 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Music Team 7:30 PM Choir Practice	5 8:00 PM Disciple Church	6 10:00 AM SDA Church
7 9:30 AM GUATEMALAN Craft Fair 10:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Parents Day Out 1:00 PM Disciple Church	8 6:30 PM Chicago Bronze	9 9:00 AM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Christmas Smorgasbord 7:30 PM Bell Choir	10 7:00 PM Esther Circle 7:30 PM Advent Midweek Service 8:00 PM Disciple Church	11 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Music Team 7:30 PM Choir Practice	12 8:00 PM Disciple Church	13 10:00 AM SDA Church
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21 10:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 1:00 PM Disciple Church	22 6:30 PM Chicago Bronze	23 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:30 PM Bell Choir	24 4:30 PM Family Service 8:00 PM Disciple Church 11:00 PM Candle Light Service	25 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Music Team 7:30 PM Choir Practice	26 8:00 PM Disciple Church	27 10:00 AM SDA Church
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