

St. Jacob's-Spader's
Evangelical Lutheran Church
First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2007

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness, page 94

*Gathering Hymn: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New
Morn, page 242**

Greeting

Kyrie, page 138

Hymn of Praise, page 139

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and special reading

He Came Down, page 253, verse one*

The Prayer of the Day, *Celebrate* insert

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading, *Celebrate* insert

Psalms, *Celebrate* insert

Second Reading, *Celebrate* insert

Gospel Acclamation, page 142

Gospel, *Celebrate* insert

Children's Sermon, Ann Royer

Drama: The Gift, 2007 Confirmation class

The Sermon, Pastor Dianna Horton

*Hymn of the Day: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry,
page 249**

Apostle's Creed, page 105

Prayers of Intercession, *Celebrate* insert

Peace, page 143

MEAL

Offering

Setting the Table

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, page 184**

Offering Prayer, page 107

Great Thanksgiving, page 144

Dialogue and Preface, page 108

Holy, Holy, Holy, page 144

Thanksgiving at the Table with words of Institution

Lord's Prayer, page 145

Communion

*Communion Hymn, page 204**

Prayer after Communion, page 114

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Sending of Communion

Blessing, page 114

*Sending Hymn: All Earth Is Hopeful, page 266**

Dismissal, page 115

**As Disciples of Christ,
go in peace and serve the Lord!**

* These hymn numbers are found in the top right-hand corner of the hymnal pages in the back of the hymnal.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember our shut-ins in prayer.

Wallace Kratzer Joy Pence Veta Kincaid

Luella Kite Marty Knicely

REMINDERS

A Celebration of Giving! We now have 29 Estimate of Giving commitments, totaling \$1,314 per week! Wow! We are only \$456 a week away from the \$1,770 we will need to meet our spending plan for 2008. This is a very exciting time in the ministry of our congregation! Everyone's gift, no matter what size, is a celebration. Contact Nancy Bradfield at 828-3890 or twonana2@aol.com if you have questions.

Bible Study: For the month of December, the Pastor's Bible study will be held the second Wednesday of the month, December 12. In January the study will return to the third Wednesday of each month.

Building Project: Karen Sumner, ELCA Mission Investment Fund Representative, will come to meet with us on December 11th. If you are interested in being part of a building ministry team, please contact Trae Turner.

Caroling: The youth will go caroling Sunday, December 9, after worship. All are invited to join them!

Catch the Age Wave! Virginia Synod's first annual Senior Adult Ministry Conference will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008, at Reformation Lutheran Church in New Market, Virginia. The presenter will be Dr. Charles Arn of Church Growth, Inc. Dr. Arn is a leader and pioneer in Senior Adult Ministry. The country is aging at a rapid rate. It is estimated that by 2040, over 25% of the population will be 65 years of age or better. Presently, the average age of an ELCA member is 55. As our church continues to grow older, we are being provided a wonderful opportunity by the Holy Spirit to share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ to the aging populations. This conference will help equip us for this task. Applications are available at www.vasynod.org. For more information please contact Pastor Brad Hales, Coordinator for Congregational Transformation, Virginia Synod Email: pastorhales@hotmail.com. Phone: 540-825-1376.

Christmas Program: December 16. Contact Rebecca Shomo for details: jomax1962@aol.com.

Food Pantry: For December—miscellaneous items.

Friendship Celebration December 23: Still Real Still Relevant! START NOW by praying about the person you want to invite. Put their name on a Blue Chain Link to help us build a prayer chain. Put their name on a praying hand and put in a prominent place in your home to remind you to pray often for their attendance to our service. Invite more than one and watch our chain grow! With each prayer and invitation our church grows, while spreading the word.

Marty Knicely: The following items are needed for Marty's round-the-clock care: Diapers--size 6 (from Wal-Mart), baby wipes, disposable camera, Q-tips, tissues, paper towels, bottled water, Extra Strength Tylenol, Xtra Soap powders. Contact Pam Bergey for more information.

Mind, Body, and Spirit will NOT meet in December, but WILL gather Monday, January 7, 2008 at 1:00 pm to discuss the book, *Ahab's Wife*. This is a regularly scheduled meeting. Please remember items for Generations Crossing.

Roots and Wings: Workshops will be held next month. See the December Spader's Speaker for an application!

Salvation Army bell ringers needed: Volunteer to ring the bell at the Valley Mall on Saturday, December 8. Contact Pam Bergey to sign up.

Thrivent Meeting: TODAY after church to discuss matching funds.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JACOB'S

TODAY	10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Thrivent meeting
12/04 TUE	3:30 or 7 p.m. Building Hope Bible Study* 6:30 p.m. Choir
12/05 WED	10 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. MMC
12/06 THUR	10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Bible Study
12/07 FRI	7:00 p.m. Building Hope Bible Study
12/08 SAT	Pass out door hangars for Christmas Celebration Sunday 3 or 7 p.m. Building Hope Bible Study
12/09 SUN	10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Blood Pressure Checks Caroling

*This Bible Study repeats 9 times so that all congregants can find a time to attend. Choose the ONE session that suits you the best!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Jacobs Bulletin/Newsletter: All bulletin items to Barbara Eye at 383-0212 or aisuxin@yahoo.com no later than the preceding Wednesday. Newsletter items to Barbara by the 15th of the preceding month.