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Sunday Worship Themes -

January

2nd: "Lost and Found"
Luke 2:41-50

9th: "What Does Jesus'
Baptism
Reveal?"

16th: "The Perfect Lamb to
Follow"
John 1:29

23rd: "Hands that Knit - Arms
that
Hold"
Psalms 139:13-14, Mark 10:13-16

30th: "Blessed Happiness"
Matthew 5:1-12

*We invite you to read, pray and
prepare for each time of
worship.*
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Angeline (Piano) and
Friends Concert - Jan. 16,
3:00PM



Yes, she will be here and she will bring many friends/musicians with her!!! On January 16th, Sunday afternoon at 3:00PM our beloved friend and former choir director, Angeline Ng will perform a concert with her friends and former students at Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior.

Many of us are missing Angeline and her great concerts Mark your calendar and make sure to be here to greet her and to enjoy the great music.
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"Bloodmoney:
The Business of Abortion"

In conjunction with "Life Sunday," January 23rd, and another anniversary of the Roe v. Wade ruling, Risen Savior will show a movie dealing with the abortion "business."

Bloodmoney: The Business of Abortion will be shown on Sunday and Monday, 23 and 24 January. Sunday's showing is at 3:00PM in Fellowship Hall; Monday's showing is 10:00AM in the Sanctuary.

There is no charge for these shows, but we encourage you to invite friends, relatives and neighbors to come with you. If there is additional demand, we will schedule additional times.

Spouse Grief Recovery Class -
Open to the Community

This 9-week class begins January 11, 2011 and will meet on Tuesdays at 9 AM in the Wellness Center. Aida McBride has led this class here several times and those who attend are glad they did. Grieving the death of a spouse is a journey you need not take all by yourself.

This class teaches you "where the bumps in the road" will be and gives you ideas of how to handle them. Many are also glad to learn that their feelings are normal for someone who is grieving.

Please let Deaconess Jeri or the church office know if you plan to attend so we can make sure there are enough hand outs for everyone.

Financial Peace University

January 9-April 3 (Sundays at 6 PM)

Financial Peace University a 13 week class on personal finance based on Biblical principles. Nationally known speaker Dave Ramsey teaches the class by video. Ramsey is interesting, informative and funny. Materials need to be ordered for each student so please let Andrea Petty or Deaconess Jeri know if you are interested. Or you can register online www.daveramsey.com. Please take a pamphlet from the information booth and also invite your friends and neighbors. Child care will be available upon request.

The Parson's Paragraphs

We enter a new calendar year . . . and what will we do with it? We know that each moment is a gift from God to be used wisely. Have you thought about how you will make use of the minutes and hours, days and weeks of The Year of our Lord (A.D.) 2011? As you do, consider, "How does God want me to manage my time and efforts in the new year?"

As I give thought and prayer to ministry in, around and through Risen Savior, I look for the following items, activities and ministries to blossom – as God wills:

- a) Increased worship and sacramental attendance and celebration by our members and guests;
- b) Increased membership, as we continue to witness the Gospel;
- c) Celebration of the official "birth" of our to-be daughter congregation, **Gracepoint**, and support of their ministry;
- d) Increased S. O. S. (*Sharing Our Stories*) activities, hosted by a wonderful assortment of people or groups with a variety of topics;
- e) A **S.O.U.L. Lunch** – served from our "new" kitchen by our people. SOUL – that is: **S**ingle, **O**rdinary, **U**nderfed, or **L**onely people --- and, of course, hungry! This would be a most fitting way to provide "more room for ministry" to the community;
- f) Response to ministry needs, especially in our Media Room;
- g) Sunday School for children and youth, commencing in September;
- h) Continuing resource support for our circuit ministries;
- i) Planning for a mission-service trip in 2012;
- j) Celebrating the *English District Centennial*, beginning in May!



That feels like I just made a gift list for "Santa"; however, this is really a prayer list for me ... and I hope for you. We continue to emphasize that we have a sure and certain HOPE of life today and life everlasting. I urge, encourage and challenge you to answer this question honestly and actively: "As one living in Christian Hope, how does God wish to use me to work in and extend His Kingdom on earth?" (Please think and pray about this, because we need our people to move forward in ministry!

As we move from Advent to the brief Christmas Season, I pray the rich grace and peace of the Christchild-Savior on your heart and within your home. May His Spirit abide with you . . . even as He moves you to serve others.

We rejoice that "Christ the Savior is born," even as we give thanks for the new birth in Christ each day. A holy and blessed Christmastide and a Joyous New Year!

John Wm Stieve
"Following Christ into People's Lives"

Light in the Darkness

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. [Matthew 5:10 - 12](#)

Its one thing to be blessed for being meek, merciful, hungering for God's Word, or being a peacemaker. But to be blessed for being reviled and persecuted? We have to 'draw the line' somewhere, don't we?.

No, because "they persecuted the prophets who were before you" v12, and also because "the disciple is not above the master" (Luke 6:40).

Yes, the blessing comes as we are persecuted "for righteousness' sake" v10, "on [Jesus'] account" v 11. To fall short of that line turns the persecution into simply being punished for our own deeds. "Jesus expected His followers to be persecuted...But persecution should never be allowed to become a martyr complex or a morbid self-pity, for persecution for His sake is great gladness." (The Interpreter's Bible).

Confirmands and new members are asked: "Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, even to death?" We are further asked, "Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?" To both questions we answer, "I do, by the grace of God."

Tip of the Month: **Home Handyman**

Bob Call is the coordinator for this ministry who will help you with minor 'fix-it' projects around your home. If what you need to have done requires a professional, he can usually give you the name of someone he trusts. Also, he can arrange for someone to be with you when you get the estimate, and when the work is being done so can know that you are getting what you pay for. Unfortunately, women and the elderly are prey to scammers. Even if you are certain of what you need, it never hurts to have someone else with you.

I have never heard anyone answer "no" to either of the questions. Maybe, living in the United States in the 20th and 21st centuries, we don't know what it means to suffer for The Faith. We know the prophets, first century Christians, and our brothers and sisters in the faith today, especially in the "10/40 Window" have been and are being persecuted and martyred because they refuse to recant their faith in their Savior, the Son of God. As St. Paul wrote "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21)

"...possibly our alleged Christianity is condemned when it is so tepid that the wicked do not persecute it but simply ignore it." (The Interpreter's Bible). I challenge you, and me, to take a stand for what we believe, and share our faith with those who have yet to learn about God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. This may cause us to be ridiculed, ignored, etc. However, we have the promises of God attached to each of the beatitudes and throughout Scripture. "For your reward will be great in Heaven" v 12. That reward is not limited to heaven. We have it now! Our reward is Joy, peace, knowing we are not alone as we journey in faith and suffering, and the knowledge of salvation! And when we get to heaven, we may even get to see the fruit from the seeds we planted.

E-Scrip Program at Safeway!

Lutheran Church Of The Risen Savior can earn 10% of Safeway purchase amounts on thousands of participating products from **January 2nd through January 25th, 2011.**

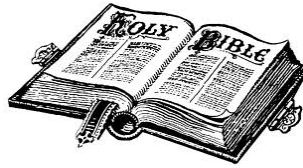
Have you designated LCRS as the recipient of your Safeway e-scrip donations?

- 1. Go to www.escrip.com**
- 2. Click on "sign-up"**
- 3. Follow the instructions to register your grocery cards.**

Our Group ID – 9607072

There is no additional cost to you, and LCRS gets money for our Compassion Fund. This fund was established several years ago to assist members and others with financial need.

A New Year of Bible Classes!



Sunday 9:25 AM January 9-February 27

Odyssey of St Paul is a video based class by Dr. Paul Maier. This class will be led by Ron Kasten, Educator Emeritus.

Aside from Jesus Himself, no one has had a greater influence on the founding of Christianity than Paul of Tarsus. Among his many achievements, three are of prime importance: 1) as a powerful, tireless, missionary, he spread the faith to Asia Minor, Greece, and Italy; 2) his letters, which form much of the New Testament, present a basic theology for Christianity; 3) more than anyone else, he brought Gentiles into the early church, not only Jews, thus "universalizing" the faith.

Monday 6:30 PM January 17-April 4

Living Discipleship, taught by Pastor Stieve

This is a popular and inspirational class on Christian teaching and Lutheran doctrine, also used as a pre-membership class. Often, we just go along with what we were told without stopping to think about why we believe what we believe. Here is your opportunity to be amazed by a deeper understanding of your faith.

Tuesday 10 AM January 11-April 12

The Divine Drama Part 1: The Biblical Narrative

led by your Local Crossways team

This class is an intermediate level overview of the Bible. You will learn how the Bible stories you have learned since you were a child tie together see the Bible's Big Picture more clearly.

Tuesday 10 AM, Year Round

First Tuesday Women's' Bible Study– this is a topical study led by Deaconess Jeri. We choose a different timely topic each month. This is a wonderful group of ladies who love to study the Scriptures! (It's my favorite time of the month!)

Breast Cancer Support Group

The Breast Cancer Support Group will meet for brunch Saturday, January 15th, 9:30-11:30AM in the Choir Room. Any woman who is or has undergone treatment for breast cancer is invited to join us. If you know someone in the community that you feel would benefit from this group, please encourage them to attend. Please bring some baked goods or fruit to share. Coffee will be provided. For any questions call Mary Bath, 399-4821.

In God's Word Group

"The Women's Westside Small Group Bible Study" has changed its name to "In God's Word Group." We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the home of Wilma Brockmann from 10:00-11:30AM. We are studying the book of Romans. Our January meetings will be the 5th and the 19th. Please call Wilma, 625-1130, for further information. We would love to have you join us.

Prostate Wellness Group meets Friday, Jan. 14

The Men's Prostate Wellness Group resumes monthly meetings with the January get-together to be held at Desert Hills Lutheran Church (Sunday School room off the library) starting at 10:00AM on the usual second Friday of the month, January 14th. Come join the friendly and informative discussion, full of questions and answers. Goodies and coffee provided. See you there! Contact: Dave Schmidt, 399.0154.

Stroke Support Group

Stroke Support Group will be meeting January 8, 2011 at the Laborers For Christ office at 3:30 P.M. The office is recessed from the church courtyard. A speech therapist will be speaking. For information, contact Judy Houser. Join us!