

PLAN FOR THE WEEK

Times are pm unless otherwise noted

Sunday

- 9:00 am Early Worship Service
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 12:30 Tech. rehearsal for Advent (w.c.)
- 4:00 Captain mtg. for Advent (w.c.)
- 6:00 Europe prayer mtg. @ J. Aspinall's

Monday

- 9:00 am Forever Fit (gym)
- 6:00 Concert Drama rehearsal (w.c.)
- 6:30 Concert Instrumental rehearsal - (Music room)
- 6:30 Worship group (Jeff) - (room 11)
- 7:00 Salt & Light (Ages 18 - 30) (F.H.)

Tuesday

- 12:00 - 2:00 Parish Nurse
- 6:00 Red Apron Training (F.H.)
- 7:00 Missions Committee Meeting (Room 5)

Wednesday

- 5:00 - 6:30 Invent Advent
Great night of Family fun!
(Come as a family and celebrate a night of food and fun. Food outside and lots of activities for families to experience together!)
- 7:00 Choir rehearsal

Thursday

- 8:45 am MOPS - (Mothers of PreSchoolers)
(Please note our meeting will be at Lakeland Church, Hwy 67 - this week only)
- 5:45 Ladies Advent Dinner

Friday

- 12:00 Library Meeting (library)
- 5:45 Ladies Advent Dinner

Saturday

- 9:00 am Worship Group (Tom)
- 10:00 am Primetime Live (F.H.) (see note)
Brunch & Yule Tree Fest
- 5:00 Saturday Community Contemporary Worship (Souper Saturday)
- 6:30 Girlspace

COMING EVENTS

12/12-12/14	CHRISTMAS CONCERTS (7:00 pm Friday, 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday)	12/31	NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP (5:00 pm- POTLUCK, 6:30 pm and 11:00 pm)
12/18	UGANDA MISSION TRIP MTG. (7:00 pm)	1/2/09	L.I.F.E. Districts
12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATIONS (5:00 pm, 6:30 pm, & 9:00 pm)	1/9	AWANA at the BUCKS GAME
		1/16-18	SR. HI BLIZZARD '09
		1/31	MEN'S BREAKFAST

PRAYER CONCERNS

A detailed prayer list is available at the welcome area in the lobby.

Missionaries

- David & Judy Spong - J.O.Y. Ministries - Lake Geneva, WI
- Donald & Cynthia Storrs - GEMission - Colorado
- Tim & Sherry Thomas - AWANA Missionaries - Verona, WI
- Tom & Penny Tidwell - First Love - Rockford, IL

Our Family

- Joe Kurtz - Burlington Hospital - recovering from surgery
- Melanie Paluch - recovering from shoulder and foot surgeries
- Iuliana Spiegelhoff - recovering from orthopedic surgery
- Rufus Hobbs - in hospice care
- Pastor Howard Matson - recovering from lung transplant
(Cards may be sent to: Howard Matson c/o Jim Matson, 210 Exmoor, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137)
- Merle Loomer - undergoing radiation
- Evelyn Peterson - Williams Bay Care Center
- Carl Jacobsen - home recuperating from a fractured pelvis
- Peter Vanderveld - recovering from leg surgery
- Barb Gillaspie - recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Camilla Wichman - Willowfield in Delavan
- Shirley Norem - undergoing chemo

Bereavement

- Bob Holtan, husband to Laurie, went home to the Lord on November 23rd.
Funeral was held at Calvary on November 29th.

Emergency Prayer Chain

Please call one of the following if you have an emergency request:

Bea Nieubuurt	262-740-2434
Doris Reinhout	262-742-3731
Barb Hinzpeter	262-275-3803

God's work done God's way in God's time brings God's resources

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>
Year-to-date General Fund Income	\$1,069,691.86	\$876,314.40	\$1,060,907.95
Year-to-date General Fund Expenses	\$1,056,418.27		
Year-to-date Missions Income	\$254,510.15	\$237,253.72	\$237,173.70
Year-to-date Missions Expenses	\$253,334.04		

“The *Magnificent Mystery* of HOPE (the anticipation factor)”

“*in the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God...*” (John 1)

Before anything...the “Magnificent Mystery” was there!

“*I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*” (Rev. 22:13)

“*God saw all that He had made was very good...*” (Gen. 1:31)

HOPE was the only future of a God designed, wonderful world.

“*Did God really say?...you will not die, you will be like God...*” (Gen. 3)

A heavenly rebellion...a rebel on the loose! HOPE endangered.

“*Where are you?...I was afraid so I hid...*” fall, fear, shame, blame

HOPE is dashed as freedom rebels rather than worships!

“*...He will crush your head, you will strike His heel.*” (Gen. 3:15)

- “*the virgin will give birth...Immanuel, God with us*” (Is. 7:14)
- “*God will give Him the throne of David...His kingdom will never end...*” (Luke 1:33)
- “*He will save His people from their sins...*” (Matt. 1:21)
- “*I have come that you might have abundant life*” (John 10)

HOPE is revived in a Magnificent Mystery...Christmas!

➤ **God's Magnificent Mystery _____ HOPE**

- Gen. 12,15...Abraham: leave, follow, “*all peoples will be blessed through you*”...HOPE promised! (Isaac, Jacob)
- Exodus 3...Moses: “*I have heard their cries, I will rescue My people*” HOPE promised! (Passover, Promised Land)
- Luke 1...Zechariah: “*your prayer has been heard, you will have a son*” HOPE promised! (John the Forerunner)

Once HOPE is initiated, the Anticipation Factor awakens possibilities.
Isaiah 46:9-13 “*Remember the former things, I am God there is no other... I say 'My purpose will stand and I will do all that I please'.*”

When God initiates HOPE, my response reveals our relationship...How has God initiated HOPE to you? How is it a Magnificent Mystery?

Pastor Doug Anderson

November 29-30, 2008

➤ **God's Magnificent Mystery responds to _____ with HOPE**

- Samuel: Follows Eli and sons. “*I will raise up...a faithful priest... Ebenezer, thus far the LORD has helped us.*”
- David: “*a man after God's own heart, shepherd of My people*”, follows Saul's pride and failure.
- Hezekiah: Revival follows Ahaz, deliverance follows revival
- John: “*Many he will bring back to the Lord...he will go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers to children and disobedient to wisdom...to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*”

HOPE unleashed in the face of rebellion/rejection is power for repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation and a new future! (Rom. 5:8)

“*The LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their HOPE in His unfailing love.*” (Psalm 147:11)

➤ **God's Magnificent Mystery responds to _____ with HOPE**

- “*The eyes of the LORD roam throughout the whole earth, seeking to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.*” (2 Chron. 16:9)
- Zechariah/Elizabeth: “*how can I be sure of this*”...John the forerunner born in their old age!
- Mary: “*how will this be...I am the Lord's servant, be it unto me as you have said*”...the Incarnation miracle!
- Joseph: “*do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. What is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit*”.
- Zechariah: “*His name is John.*” (the LORD is gracious)

What has God done in response to your availability to Him?
How are you presently positioned for a Magnificent Mystery?
What is your level of Anticipation Factor as you wait for God?
For whom will your response to Jesus bring great HOPE?

CDs of today's message are available at the Welcome Center immediately following the Saturday evening and Sunday 10:30 am services.