

PLAN FOR THE WEEK

Times are pm unless otherwise noted

Sunday

- 9:00 am Early Worship Service
 10:30 am Worship Service
 5:00 The Refuge (Sr.Hi) - Progressive
 Dinner (LEAVING CALVARY AT 5:00 PM
 AND RETURNING BACK AT 10:00 PM.
 SEMI-FORMAL DRESS AND BRING A
 WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT. IT IS A
 THREE COURSE MEAL - FREE!)
- 6:00 Europe Prayer Partner Team
 (LIBRARY)

Monday

- 6:30 Worship Group (Jeff—MUSIC ROOM)
 7:00 Salt & Light (Ages 18 - 30)

Tuesday

- 12:00 - 2:00 Parish Nurse

Wednesday

- 5:00 Children's Christmas Eve Service
 6:30 Heritage Christmas Eve Service
 9:00 Contemporary Christmas Eve
 Service

Thursday

OFFICE CLOSED - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Friday

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Saturday

- 5:00 Saturday Community
 Contemporary Worship

COMING EVENTS

12/31	NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP AND COMMUNION (5:00 pm- POTLUCK, 6:30 pm and 11:00 pm)	1/16-18 1/20	SR. HI BLIZZARD '09 L.I.F.E. PARENTS MEETING (7:00 PM)
1/2/09	L.I.F.E. DISTRICTS	1/24	SOUND SEMINAR (9:00 AM)
1/5	"FOREVER FIT" WINTER SESSION BEGINS	1/31	MEN'S BREAKFAST
1/9	AWANA at the BUCKS GAME	2/1	SR.HI SUPER BOWL PARTY (4:00 PM)
1/11	"CALVARY PRAYER & WORSHIP ASSEMBLY" (6:00 PM)	2/07	"NO REGRETS" MENS CONFERENCE AT ELMBROOK CHURCH
1/13	LADIES BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN		

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Missionaries

Timber-lee Christian Center - East Troy, WI
 Rick and Kathy Wacek - Wycliffe - Washington, DC
 Bob and Joyce Werntz - EFCA IM - Honduras
 Ivan and Doris York - EFCA - Great Lakes District

Short term missions: Shirley Fry Sopha - Jamaica
 December 17th - January 7th

Our Family

Mike Enders - recovering from knee replacement surgery
 Joe Kurtz - recovering from intestinal surgery
 Rufus Hobbs - Ridgestone Assisted Living in Elkhorn
 Pastor Howard Matson - recovering from lung transplant
 (Cards may now be sent to their home in Williams Bay)
 Merle Loomer - undergoing radiation
 Carl Jacobsen - home recuperating from a fractured pelvis
 Peter Vanderveld - recovering from leg surgery
 Camilla Wichman - Willowfield in Delavan
 Shirley Norem - undergoing chemo

Emergency Prayer Chain

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

Bea Nieubuurt	262-740-2434
Doris Reynhout	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	\$1,128,610.03	\$957,333.00	\$1,157,859.37
Year-to-date General Fund Expenses	\$1,157,066.25		
Year-to-date Missions Income	\$271,745.65	\$254,212.22	\$260,166.45

“The *Magnificent Mystery* of JOY (the contagious factor)”

- **Magnificent Mystery of HOPE** . . . the anticipation factor
Zechariah: Luke 1:5-2:25,57-79 *Hope is awakened in Spiritual pursuit*
- **Magnificent Mystery of PEACE** . . . the contentment factor
Mary: Luke 1:26-55 *Peace reigns in spiritual vitality*
- **Magnificent Mystery of LOVE** . . . the commitment factor
Joseph: Matt. 1:18-2:23; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 *Radical God style love*

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the JOY set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1, 2

- **JOY = _____ + _____ + _____**
in anticipation of God . . .

- **Magnificent Mystery of JOY** . . . _____, miraculous joy
 - Zechariah . . . "he (John) will be a joy and delight to you, many will rejoice because of his birth." (Luke 1:14)
 - Elizabeth . . . "As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby (John) in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)
 - Elizabeth's neighbors . . . "she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors . . . shared in her joy." (Luke 1:58)
 - Mary . . . "My soul glorifies the LORD and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior . . ."

*In the reality of miraculous pregnancies . . . unexplainable and unacceptable by most everyone, the "joy of the LORD" surfaced.
("The joy of the LORD is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10)*

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

Pastor Doug Anderson

December 20-21, 2008

- **Magnificent Mystery of JOY** . . . ' _____ ' joy
 - Angel: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." (Luke 2:10)
 - Shepherds: "The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen . . ." (Luke 2:20)
 - Simeon: "my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all the people . . ." (Luke 2:26-35)
 - Anna: "she spoke about the child to all who anticipated the redemption of Jerusalem." (Luke 2:36-38)

*God-awakened joy in a few, can bring an avalanche of joy to a great many.
("I have told you this so that My joy might be in you and your joy might be complete . . . I chose you to go and bear fruit that will last." John 15:5-16)*

- **Magnificent Mystery of JOY** . . . sometimes _____ !
 - Magi: "Where is the one born king of the Jews? We have come to worship Him." (Matt. 2:2)
 - Herod: When King Herod heard this he was disturbed and all Jerusalem with him . . ." (Matt. 2:3)
 - "When they saw the star they were overjoyed . . ." (Matt. 2:10)
 - "having been warned in a dream . . ." Magi "returned home by another way"; Joseph fled in the night; soldiers slaughtered.

*God-awakened joy is not welcomed by all. An enemy kingdom is determined to distort, discount and disrupt God sent JOY whenever it arises.
("Restore to me the joy of Your salvation . . ." Psalm 51:12)*

- **Magnificent Mystery of JOY** . . . a heart _____
 - "Mary treasured all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:19,51)
 - "His mother said to the servants,
Do whatever He tells you . . ."
(John 2:5 the wedding wine miracle)
 - "Dear woman, here is your son . . ."
(John 19:26 at the cross)

"Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross"

