

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome — to our guests and visitors who worshipped with us today. We invite you to return and worship with us again. Please sign our guest book.

For Parents with Small Children — video of our worship service is available in the Preschool Sunday School room in the basement.

New Usher and Altar Guild Sign-Up Sheets — for 2010 have been posted near the men's bathroom in the vestibule. Please take a look at your schedules and sign up. Also, please take a moment to review the duties listed at the bottom of the page when you sign up. It would be helpful if we could have each month assigned well in advance. Thank you!

The Annual — Voters and Care Committee Meetings, along with a potluck meal are scheduled for Sunday, January 17th following our worship service.

As you can see from the stewardship report below, we ended the year with a \$20,000 deficit in our budget. We were able to under-spend our budget, partially because payments on our construction loan were delayed until completion. We will not have this same situation next year. We also began 2009 with a sizable balance on hand in our account. This year's balance is significantly smaller. Some difficult budgeting decisions will need to be made at Annual Meeting. If you have comments or suggestions, you are encouraged to share them with our treasurer or any of the officers of the congregation.

2010 Church Officers — the following men were duly elected at a meeting on December 6th and will be installed into their respective offices during our worship service today. Please remember these men and the willing their service to the Lord as they serve us and our congregation. We also appreciate those who have served in the past.

Chairman _____ Len Benter Vice-Chairman _____ Chris Fletcher
 Treasurer _____ Art Pontow Secretary _____ Rob Sauers
 Financial Secretary _____ Chris Fletcher
 Elders _____ John Elliott (2nd yr) and Rob Sauers (1st yr)
 Auditing Comm. _____ Steve Maginnis (2nd yr) and Bob Maynard (1st yr)

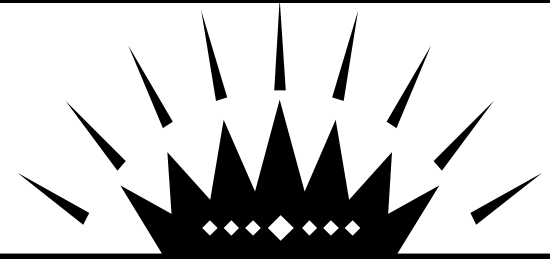
Weekly Stewardship Report

Annual Offerings to Date	Annual Budget to Date	Difference
\$69,365.58	\$90,200.00	— \$20,564.42
<i>With the Lord's provision, this deficit will be eliminated by year's end</i>		
General Fund Cash Balance	as of December 27, 2009	\$17,682.19
Building Fund Balance	as of December 27, 2009	\$18,231.42 (115K loan)
Thank Offering (12/27/2009)	Needed Weekly	Difference
\$8583.00	\$1,734.62	+ \$6843.38
Attendance (12/27/2009)	34	

Our Schedule

- Adult Bible Class —
Sundays at 9:00 am
- Children's Sunday School —
Sundays at 9:00 am
- Sunday Worship Service —
Sundays at 10:00 am
- Confirmation Classes —
Wed. and Fri. mornings
- Mid-week Bible Study —
Wednesdays at 9:30 am
- Garden View Worship Service —
Thursdays at 9:30 am
- Meramec Bluffs Dementia Unit
Round-Table Devotion
Thursdays at 10:45 am
- Garden View Game Night
2nd Wednesday of the month
6:30 to 8:00 pm
- Mission Society Meeting
Last Wednesday of the Month
- Annual Meetings and Potluck
Sunday, Jan. 17th
- Altar Guild for January —
Volunteer/s Needed
- Ushers for January —
Volunteer/s Needed

JANUARY 3RD, 2010
 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



And he shall be called

WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR

MIGHTY GOD

EVERLASTING
FATHER

PRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH 9:6

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Opening Prayer

Hymn 87—Joy to the World, the Lord is Come

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost

Congregation: (sing) **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: (sing) **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation: (sing) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

The Confession of Sins

Pastor & Congregation: O Almighty God, Merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserve Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Absolution

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Congregation: (sing) **Amen**

Psalm for the Day _____ 148

(Read Responsively. Found on page 156 in the front of the hymnal)

The Gloria

Pastor & Congregation: (sung to the tune: St. Thomas, hymn 68)

The advent of our King

Our prayers must now employ,

And we must hymns of welcome sing

In strains of holy joy.

A Note To Our Visitors: According to God's Word, partaking of the Lord's Supper with other Christians implies a oneness and unity of faith and belief. God wants us to be like minded in our beliefs before we enter into fellowship such as Holy Communion. (1 Corinthians 1:10 and 1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, if you have not publicly declared your agreement with the teachings of this Christian congregation through formal membership, we ask that you please speak with our pastor before coming to the Lord's Supper. In practicing close communion, we are not entering into a judgment concerning the faith of individual members of other churches. We rejoice over all those who have saving faith in Jesus Christ. Fellowship at this altar is established by sharing in a common confession of faith, anchored in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We sincerely want all people to receive the Lord's Body and Blood with us, but we want them to receive this sacrament in accord with the words of our Lord. As a steward of God's mysteries, our pastor stands ready to assist you in preparing to come to the Lord's Supper with us by teaching you His Word. Classes are offered, as needed, throughout the year. Thank you!

The Nunc Dimittis

Pastor and Congregation: (sing)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant,

Depart in peace according to Thy word,

For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before

the face of all people,

A Light to lighten the Gentiles,

and the Glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory

be to the Father

and to the Son

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen

The Benediction

Congregation: (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

Hymn 123 — Our God, Our Help in Ages Past



Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *(sing)* **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: *(sing)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Congregation: *(sing)* **It is meet and right so to do.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist did prepare, by proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Pastor and Congregation: *(sing)*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is He, Blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

† The Words of Institution †

(page 27 in the front of the Lutheran Hymnal)

The Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Congregation: *(sing)* **Amen.**

The Agnus Dei

Pastor and Congregation: *(sing)*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,

That takest away the sin of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

That takest away the sin of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,

That takest away the sin of the world.

Grant us Thy peace. Amen

The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

Installation of Church Officers for 2010

Prayers for the Day

Congregation: *(sing)* **Amen.**

† Scripture Readings †

Old Testament Reading _____ Genesis 17:1-19

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram prostrated on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and your kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, with you and to your offspring after you.

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Gospel Reading _____ Luke 1:67-80

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke by the mouth
of his holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,

the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,
to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our
enemies, might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

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Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and cherish it. Hallelujah! **Congregation:** (sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Confession of Faith

(The Nicene Creed)

I BELIEVE

in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Ap-

ostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen

Hymn 99 ~ Now are the Days Fulfilled

† ——— The Sermon ——— †

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” ⁷Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

(The New King James Version. 1982. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.)

Sermon Theme:

In God’s Perfect Time

† A Time of Preparation.

† A Time of Purpose.

† A Time of Privilege.

The Offertory

Pastor & Congregation: (sing)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me,
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 755 — What Is This Bread?