

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2010 A.D.
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together,
In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



As We Gather Today we begin not just a season but a whole new Church Year. On the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day (November 30), the Church enters the Advent, Christmas, Epiphany cycle. Far more than a look back to the birth of Jesus Christ, Advent has a present focus in Christ's coming to us now in Word and Sacrament. There is also a forward focus in the Christ who has promised to return at the end of days and bring to completion what He began in His incarnation. Between Christ's first coming as the Son of Mary and His return in glory as Lord and Judge of all, we live in the dark days of a world with problems and

conflicts where tests and trials face both the individual Christian and the Church. In these dark times, it is even more important that we recognize the path of light we have in Christ and walk in His light.

THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

THE RINGING BELL CALLS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST OUR KING

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

THE OPENING HYMN 8:20 "Rise, Shine, You People" LSB 825
11:00 "See This Wonder in the Making" LSB 593
(We cheerfully rise and sing)

THE INVOCATION

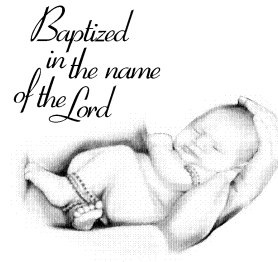
In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE BAPTISM OF BAILEY GRAE CUNY 11:00 LSB 268

Dearest Jesus, Bailey take, Shepherd take thy lamb and feed her,
Prince of Peace make here Thy throne, Way of life, to heaven lead her.
Precious Vine, let nothing sever, From Thy side this branch forever!

Lord, into Thy heart we pour, Prayers that from our hearts proceeded;
Our petitions heavenward soar; May our warm desires be heeded!
Write this name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven.



THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE



THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

3

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

3

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God in the Highest”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE SALUTATION (*Chanted*)

³
 The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

THE COLLECT

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with

the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 2:1-5 (Come; let us walk in the light of the LORD.)*

THE SPECIAL MUSIC “*Wait on the Lord*”...*Timothy Shaw*
Marlis Doud & Helen Kiepke, vocalists

THE EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14 (Put on the armor of light.)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. Matthew 21:1-11 (Rejoice, Jerusalem, for your Lord comes to you.)*

THE FEEDING OF THE LITTLE LAMBS

THE SERMON HYMN “*The Advent of Our King*” *LSB 331*

THE SERMON “*Dark Times Call for a Walk in the Light*”
Isaiah 2:1-5
Pastor Levi Willms

THE CREED *Apostles’ 8:20 Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
Nicene 11:00 Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

THE OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our “Building Together in Faith” gifts*

THE OFFERTORY *“Shine Like Stars”...Terry K. Dittmer*

*Jesus is the Lord of all. Alleluia!
Jesus is the morning star. Alleluia!
By his death in life we are. Alleluia!*

*Refrain: Jesus is the reason we sing! Jesus is our Savior and King.
And Ev’ry knee will bow down and ev’ry tongue will confess
that Jesus Christ is the Lord and in his name we are blessed.
And as we hold out his word to all the world near and far we will shine.
We will shine. We will shine like stars.*

*Jesus died upon the cross, Alleluia!
From his grave our Lord arose. Alleluia!
In his love, he draws us close. Alleluia! Refrain.*

*All God’s people celebrate! Alleluia!
Let his praise reverberate! Alleluia!
God is awesome! God is great! Alleluia! Refrain.*

*Through the water and the Word. Alleluia!
By God’s mercy, now restored. Alleluia!*

*We are children of the Lord. Alleluia! Refrain.
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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Let us pray on behalf of the world, all people as they have need, and the household of the faithful that we may not walk in the darkness of sin and its death but in the light of the Lord; let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.
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That we may be steadfast in faith during times of test, trial, and tribulation, that Jesus may find us faithful and ready when He comes again; let us pray to the Lord.



C
3 **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles... let us pray to the Lord.

C
3 **Lord, have mercy.**

That the nations may walk together in peace, that the leaders of the nations may act with integrity, wisdom, and justice for all people; let us pray to the Lord.

C
3 **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ;

C Lord, have mercy. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The 8:20 service concludes on page 7 with
The Benediction

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT 11:00



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

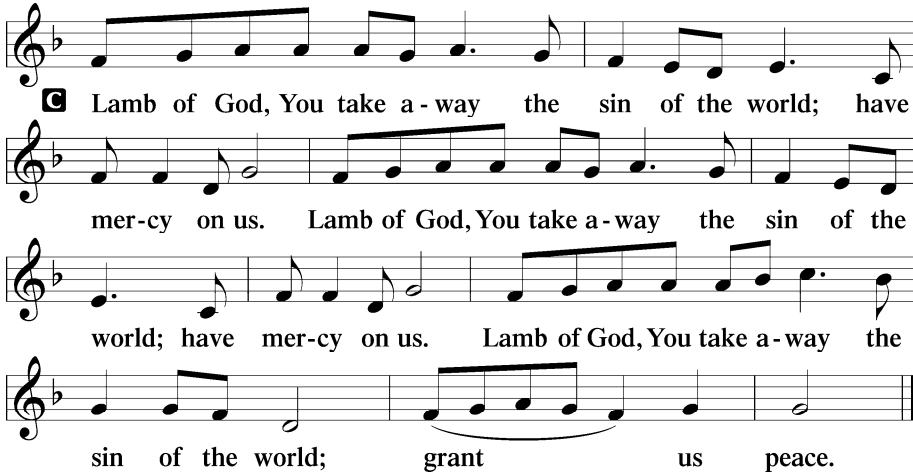
THE PAX DOMINI 3

John 20:19

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei, consisting of four staves of music in a single system. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

“I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table” LSB 618

“Savior of the Nations, Come” LSB 332



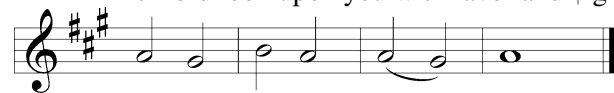
THE BENEDICTION (*With Sung Amens*)

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Musical notation for the Amen, consisting of a single staff of music in a single system. The notes are: A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN *“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” LSB 348*

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this First Sunday of Advent!

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service

Dale & Myrna Hartmann
Cordell & Judy Costar

After Early Service

Phil & Michelle Rose
Ryan & Ann Noyes



Before Late Service

Jim & Char Russell
Paul & Lurene Denke

After Late Service

Chris & Sheri Kaus
Tony & Melissa Neyhart

Preaching this morning is Pastor Levi Willms who will also preach at Trinity Lutheran in Blunt between our morning services. Pastor Brad Urbach is our Liturgist and will lead our Adult Study.

Holy Baptism This morning by God's extraordinary Word and with ordinary water Bailey Grae Cuny becomes a daughter of God. Bailey is the first born child of Pam & Bill Cuny. Pam is the Daughter of Rick & Barb Leesman from our Trinity – Blunt congregation. Bailey's sponsors are Raleigh & Leigh Leesman and Angie & Michael Bollweg. May God richly bless Bailey and keep her and her family in God's loving care.

December's Voters Meeting Next Sunday, December 5 Voter's Meeting at 9:45 a.m. The items of business will be: A report from the Endowment Board, Approval of the 2011 Work Program, calling Pastor Willms as Associate Pastor, Synodical Resolutions, and the Lutheran Relief Haiti House Project.

Morning Fellowship Join us for a fresh cup of coffee in the Christian Family Life Center after our 8:20 service this morning.



The 8 x 10 Photos If you had a photo taken and are receiving a free 8 x 10 photo, well, you will find many in the Narthex this morning. Please pick yours up. Thank you for being a part of our new pictorial directory.

Sunday School Sunday School continues today at 9:45. It is for all children age 3 by September 1, 2010 through our High School, who meet in the Great Room and our Adults, who meet in the Christian Family Life Center. You can register in the Narthex, it is especially important in early years to make sure kids are in the same class as they are in school.

Sunday Morning Adult Class continues today with a great verse by verse study of the Gospel of Matthew in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursing Moms can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.

Nursery Nursery is located in the Preschool Room during our 11:00 service. It is for children ages

infant through 5 year olds.

God Be With You!

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Our Broadcasts Both our Sunrise and Cable Broadcasts are made possible this morning by Terry & Jodi Leibel in memory of their fathers, Howard Horton and Dave Leibel. Thanks Jodi & Terry, God bless your memories of your fathers.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at www.faithluth.com. **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sunrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

Oct. 24, 2010, Att. 428; General Fund \$8,411.53; Building Fund \$5,065.87; Sunday School \$47.10; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$838.85 (General \$673.85; Building Fund \$165.00); Love Fund \$50.00; Bible Study \$14.00; Forever Young \$64.00; Hong Kong Mission Trip \$258.00; Broadcasts \$120.00; JYM Lock-in \$10.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Nov. 28

8:20 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

1:30-4:00 pm Crèche Festival

6:30 pm Genesis Study in St. Matthew Rm.

Mon. Nov. 29

7:30 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Nov. 30

8:25 am Staff Devotions

6:30 pm Choir

7:30 pm Pickleball in the Gym

Wed: Dec. 1

5:30 pm Bell Choir

6:30 pm Midweek

6:30 pm 'Christianity-1st Three Centuries' at
Church in the Preschool Room

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Dec. 2

7:00 am Men's Study – Weighing Anchor

8:25 am Staff Devotions

6:00-9:00 pm Open Gym Family Night

6:30-8:00 pm Faith Legacy Bible Study in
Young Conference room

6:30-8:00 pm Beth Moore Bible Study in
St. Matthew Room

7:30 pm Adult Inquirer's Class

Sat: Dec. 4

10:00 am Betty's Place – Board of
Stewardship

Sun: Dec. 5

8:20 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship

6:30 pm Genesis Study in St. Matthew Rm.

6:30 pm Bd. of Missions, Bd. of Education



Building News

Gifts – We thank you for your gifts last week of \$5,230.87 to the Building/Debt fund in November.

- Your gifts in these past weeks enable us to make our December 1st payment of \$5,836.00 to the South Dakota Church Extension Fund.
- Your gifts also helped us, as of our November 14 Board of Stewardship meeting to apply another \$10,000 to our Bank West short-term loan. Our debt started at \$56,000, it is now reduced in principal and in interest to just over \$15,000. An updated figure will be in the December newsletter. We are about there! Thank you.
- We will also be able to make 3 advanced payments. Two of our families gave gifts for 2 advanced principal payments and we received an Estate gift of \$1,000.00 from the Estate of Doris Weischedel. We will add to this \$136.05 from the Building/Debt Fund and made advanced principal payment # 18. Thus far, we have made 12 advance principal payments saving \$56,864.21 in interest.
- We thank Tony & Candy Leif for a second Foosball table for our youth.
- We thank Helen Kiepke for a microwave for the office workroom.
- A new Coke vending machine has been placed in the Lobby by the drinking fountains. We hope to have some “healthy” drinks in it and it will be closer to much of our activities. The pop machine on the landing of the Great Room will remain.
- Two extra old light fixtures will be placed in the Luke/John Room. This room has become a game room for our youth. In addition to the two Foosball tables, the Ping-Pong table has been moved to that room as well.
- The floors in the Luke/John Room have been sealed and ½ of the floor in the St. Paul room has also been sealed.
- The light fixture directly outside the St. Matthew room has been tied to the staircase lights. This gives us better light on that staircase when the St. Matthew room is used and we don't need to turn on all the upstairs hallway lights.

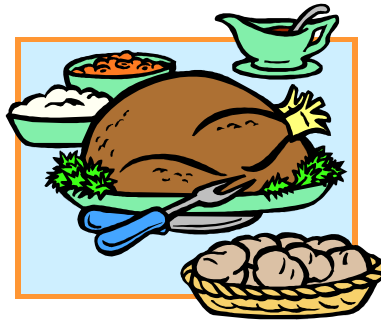
Need The T.V. in Jon's Place is of poor quality now and we would like to replace it. If you are updating to HD and need a place for your still really good T.V., we would sure appreciate having it for the Great Room.

Different Gifts/Equal Sacrifice

Holiday Meal Project Pierre Area Referral Service is again hosting the Holiday Meal Project. They would like to provide a basic Holiday meal for 300 low income families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The deadline is **Tuesday, November 30th** for the Christmas meals. Please fill out the Bulletin insert. Make a check out to: **Pierre Area Referral Service** and place with the form in the box on the Oak Table. The church will see that the forms are taken to P.A.R.S.

Thanks! *"I was hungry and you fed me."*



Festival of the Crèche We will be having our Festival of the Crèche **today** November 28, 2010 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Come see the many Crèches and enjoy holiday breads and cookies with coffee or tea. At 3:00 p.m. there will be a live Crèche and the reading of the Christmas story.

Youth News

LYF Meetings in December We will meet on two Wednesdays in December at 8:30 due to Advent worship services. Youth are encouraged to attend services at 7:55 and then we will meet in Jon's place upstairs at 8:30. We will meet Dec. 1st and 8th. On Dec. 8th we will decorate cookies and take them over to Betty's Place.

LYF Movie Night The LYF will go to the early evening showing of Chronicles of Narnia on Saturday, December 11th. Cost is \$4 as the LYF will pay for half of your ticket. We will meet at the movie theater and be picked up at the movie theatre.

Midweek Christmas Party We will have our Midweek Christmas Party at the YMCA Aquatic Center on Dec. 15th from 6:50-8:00. Meet at the YMCA and bring your swim suits. Admission for non-members will be paid for by church and members can check in like normal. Juice and cookies will be provided by Board of Education.

JYM Christmas Party Our JYM kids will get together Dec. 5th from 4:00-5:30 to decorate cookies and play games. We will take some cookies over to share with Betty's Place and to visit with them as well.

Teacher's Meeting We will have a teacher's meeting on Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM. Some treats and a Christmas Gift will be provided from the Board of Education. Come for some time of encouragement and sharing.



Hong Kong Bound February 17-27, 2011 Nick Hill is again planning to lead a short term mission trip to Hong Kong included in this trip is Jeff Logan and Jared Doud. Norm Neilan, Nick, and several people from our South Dakota District have made the trip and found it to be a joyful and meaningful experience. Either one of them would be pleased to chat with you.

The Board of Missions will help with some fundraisers to help those who would like to attend to fund the trip.

Over our July 4 weekend, I believe we all saw what a neat experience it was to have the 19 high school students here from Hong Kong and what a large impression our South Dakota short-term mission trips have made on them.

Pastoral Call Pastor Willms has been called to Zion Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin to serve as its Pastor. We remember Pastor Willms in our prayers.

Thrivent Choice Dollars THRIVENT DOLLARS CAN BE DIRECTED TO FAITH LUTHERAN OR FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL.

Thrivent Financial recently sent a letter saying eligible members may direct Thrivent Choice dollars. We encourage you to follow the directions on the letter and direct those dollars. Thrivent Choice is a new charitable grant program and a benefit of your membership in Thrivent Financial. You may direct your designated Choice dollars either to your local congregation or to other eligible Lutheran organizations. If you do not direct these dollars, then Thrivent Financial will make the choice for you. As stated in the letter, you may go to Thrivent.com/choicedollars; or call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Again, we encourage you to direct your designated choice dollars ASAP to benefit your congregation or other Lutheran organizations. Questions, contact Rena Ortbahn, Renee Knapp or our Pastors.



Blood Drive at Faith on December 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment contact Char Russell at 224-1160 or on line at www.bloodhero.com., enter code: pierrefaithlutheran.

Operation Christmas Child Priscilla Circle would like to extend their thanks to all who participated in the “Operation Christmas Child project.” Through your kindness we were able to assemble and ship 45 shoe boxes of items to those most in need throughout the world. Again, thanks so much for your participation!



Midweek Advent Worship
This Wednesday
7:55 p.m.
The Perfect Star • Creation

Surprise Package The musical group Surprise Package will be performing their annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 10th at 7:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church at 117 North Central Avenue. The performance will feature the following vocalists: Kathy Cruse, Rebecca DallaGrana, Rachel Engbrecht, Amanda Garrett, Jenny Hallenbeck, Priscilla Hofer, Dave Huft, Karl Kroger, Tim Larson, Ben Orsbon, Michael Pangburn, Kriste Schock, and Cheryl Valentine along with Director, Larry Lyngstad, Accompanist, Joyce Goehring and other musicians. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening of sacred and secular music.

Main Street Living may be seen each Sunday morning at 10 AM on KDLT-NBC Sioux Falls and at 9 AM on KEVN-FOX Rapid City. Mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Viewers, area churches, and memorial gifts provide the support for Main Street Living. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired. The program may be viewed on the web at www.mainstreetliving.com. E-mail vicrames@sio.midco.net.

November 28, 2010 – Kid’s Crossing prepares for Christmas with the story “The City That Forgot Christmas.”

The featured speaker is Rev. David Lindenberg from Peace Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD. The sermon theme is “Walking in the Light of the Lord.” The hymns are The Advent of our King;

Hark the Glad Sound; and O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. The Main Street Living choir will provide the hymns. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired.

December 05, 2010 - Kid's Crossing - Imagine being one the first to witness the birth of Christ. Witness this event with "The Stableboy's Christmas."

The featured speaker is Rev. Gene Bauman from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spearfish, SD. The sermon theme is "So That....." The hymns are God Has Spoken by His Prophets; Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes; and Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates. The Main Street Living choir will provide the hymns. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired.

Life Quote "Speak about adoption positively...as loving and sacrificial. Acknowledge that adoption is a loss and there is grief involved. Know that adoption is a tool used by God to solve family problems. Biblical models of adoption abound, Moses (Exodus 2); Eliezer (Genesis 15); Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 48); Samuel (1Samuel 1); and of course Jesus adopted by Joseph. In unwanted pregnancy situations, adoption – not abortion – is a God-pleasing solution." *Diane E Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life* This "LifeQuote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.

Milk Jug Lids When saving the 5¢ milk jug lids *please save the whole lid*. If the 5¢ sticker is taken off the lid we get no credit for them. We have received two sheets of 5¢ stickers that we can not get credit for. It seems to make more sense to just save the stickers, but this is not what the company wants. Thank you for your efforts in this project.



7th Annual

"Festival of the Crèche"

(Crèche: a three dimensional representation of the Nativity)

Today, Sunday, November 28, 2010

1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

1:30-4:00 – View the Crèches in the church Fellowship Hall during a come-and-go reception. Holiday cookies and breads along with tea and coffee will be served.

3:00- Live Crèche and reading of the Christmas Story. After the reading, come in the Fellowship Hall for some more homemade cookies and breads.

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