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# First St. John Journal



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**C**hristmas celebrates the fact that Jesus came to earth for you. This means God loves you very, very much! As we prepare for Christmas 2010, here's a Christmas prayer written by Joyce Rupp:

May there be harmony in all your relationships.

May sharp words, envious thoughts and hostile feelings be dissolved.

May you give and receive love generously.

May this love echo in your heart like the church bells on a clear December day.

May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul.

May it be a foundation of courage for you when times of distress occupy your inner land.

May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened within you.

May it lead you to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever you take too easily for granted.

May the bounds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment.

May you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasure it contains.

May the coming year be one of good health for you.

May you have energy and vitality.

May you care for your body, mind and spirit.

May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this.

Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day.

May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace.

May you bring this peace into our world!

Merry Christmas!

— *Pastor Blohm*

## **ATTN: CATECHISM STUDENTS**

Our pizza party will be on December 20th. There will be no catechism on December 27th because of the holidays. We'll resume classes on January 3rd.

## ***COOKIES NEEDED***

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is helping with a reception for our Sunday School students following the Christmas program on Sun., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15 service. We'll need 20 dozen cookies, so if you can donate, please bring cookies to the lounge prior to the 19<sup>th</sup>. For questions, contact Darlene Lorenzen at 419-666-5804 or email her at [dar5039@aol.com](mailto:dar5039@aol.com)

## **WE NEED YOUR EXPERTISE!**

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is hosting a Women's Wellness Seminar on Sat., January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am. If you or someone you know would be willing to come that day and speak on a particular wellness issue, please contact Darlene Lorenzen at 419-666-5804 or email her at [dar5039@aol.com](mailto:dar5039@aol.com)

We also need volunteers, so if you can help call Darlene at the contact information above. Watch your January newsletter and upcoming bulletins for more information as the day approaches.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



### Births

10/29/10 *Makenna Leann Hugueley*, born to Ryan and Kate (Miller) Hugueley.

### Baptisms

11/7/10 *James Jeffery Wolff*, born August 13, 2010 to Joshua and Tiffany (Groll) Wolff. Sponsors are Jake Groll and Lori Wolff.

11/21/10 *Evan Jacob Oberhaus*, born August 31, 2010 to Christopher and Sara (Colvin) Oberhaus. Sponsors are Kevin and Serena Price.

**Marriages:** None.

**Deaths** None.

**Transfers To / From First St. John:** None.

## WHAT'S THIS ENVELOPE FOR?

During Advent and Lent, we offer the opportunity for members to help fund our local benevolences. If you wish to participate, write a check, place it in the envelope, and either mail it back to the church or place it in the offering plate. Thank you.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 12th at both services. We'll vote on the 2011 budget and new council members. The proposed budget is included in this newsletter (or in a separate attachment if your newsletter is emailed). If you have questions about the budget, please call Jim Sommers at 419-691-7719 or 419-297-7420.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



11:30 am Chapel Service  
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service  
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

There will be no Christmas Day services. There will be no children's or RENEW Sunday School on December 26th. The church office will be closed on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Tuesday, December 28th.

## ALTAR GUILD NEWS

The Altar Guild will meet on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 pm in the lounge for their year-end meeting and Christmas dinner.

## ELDERS FOR DECEMBER

	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
5th	Bernie Erdmann Linda Erdmann	Eric Johnson Linda Kusian
12th	Mike Winslow Gene Schacht	Darold Henninger Jim Swanson
19th	Dick Haar Joanne Henningsen	Lynn Folk Bill Nelson
24th	Christmas Eve — TBA	
	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
26th	Eric Johnson Linda Kusian	Bernie Erdmann Linda Erdmann

## ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep current information for the office, if your name, address or phone number changes, please notify us by faxing (419-691-7220), or mailing this form to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605 or email: office@firststjohn.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **MEMORIALS**

### **MEMORIAL FUND**

In memory of **Gerald Ehram** by Margie Heninger, Bob & Sherrie Haar.

In memory of **Gene Groll** by Gary & Linda Kusian.

### **CURRENT FUND**

In memory of **Gerald Ehram** by Wm Fischhaber, Jean Clark, Tom, Connie & Julie Smith, Ada Kreger, Bob & Deb Hecklinger, Ken & Chris Koch, Carol Williams, Jan & Bruce Sibbersen, Henry Lynn Hook, M.D., Russell J. Fritz, Jerry & Ginny Nissen, George & Elaine Ackerman, Licking Memorial Hospital Medical Staff, Shirley Johnson, Cathy Boykin, Howard Boykin, The Erinwood Assoc., Gary & Joanne Henningsen, Erma & Howard Delker, Jim Harrell.

In memory of **Pat Fejes** by her family, Reed & Dianna Reamsnyder.

In memory of **Gene Groll** by Jackie Groll, Bob & Deb Hecklinger.

In memory of **Mary Farkas** by Reed & Dianna Reamsnyder.

In memory of **Ron Sattler** by Jim Harrell.

### **HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES**

In memory of **Gerald Ehram** by Ernest & Margie Bollinger.

### **DEBT RETIREMENT**

In memory of **Gerald Ehram** by Russ & Chris Hunsaker.

### **CEMETERY FUND**

In memory of **Gerald Ehram** by M/M William Wegman.

### **CHOIR FUND**

In memory of **Gene Saevig** by Olga Zimmerman.

### **BETTY HYRE'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

In memory of **Gerald Ehram** by Olga Zimmerman.

### **150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUND**

In honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Roy & Rita Riegle.



## **THE LUTHERANS ARE COMING!!**

*From Field Mouse to Church Mouse . .*

As early as 1859 the Iowa Synod pastor from Salem Lutheran church in Toledo had been contacting receptive German immigrant farmers at the edge of the Black Swamp east of the Maumee River. No bridges or roads made much of the area accessible only by a foot path from the river where itinerant boat owners ferried people from Toledo to the east shore of the Maumee.

Picture in your mind if you will — the living and travel issues of the original First St. John families. “By felling the nearest trees, enough room was made to travel, but stumps were not taken out. If you avoided a stump on the left, you had to go over one on the right” (*taken from the Rev. Karl Beckel's obituary*). Pastor Beckel labored in East Toledo from 1862 until 1894, serving 32 years as pastor of First St. John's Church, Director of the Home for Orphans, and as district president of the Lutheran Church.

In 1865 the first free bridge across the Maumee river was a wooden pedestrian bridge. The first stone road in Oregon was Cedar Point Rd. on or about 1922.

As you and your family and friends gather for the holidays, and if you happen to share trivia, traditions, or pictures about our congregational history, please pass these on to the 150th anniversary committee. What you might consider “trivial” could be of great value when combined with what we already have.

We are looking forward to the delivery in mid-December of our First St. John Collectors Ornament, which will be on sale for \$15 each.

For more information about the ornaments or to pass on your First St. John information, please contact one of the following 150th anniversary committee members: Floyd Hagedorn, Janet Fox, Marge Bollinger, Darlene Lorenzen, Jane Schuetz, Janine Contat, Lynn Folk, Bill Nelson, Mike Winslow, Bill Caldwell, or Pastor Labuhn.



## JAM (SUNDAY SCHOOL) CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us on Sunday, December 19th at the 10:15 service for the Sunday School Christmas program. A reception will follow in the lounge.

Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 18th from 10:30 am to noon in the church.

If you have any other questions, please call either Mary Darling-Gilson at 740-358-6060 or Laura DeWitt at 419-693-2264.

### ***MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS***

Hey guys, our next men's breakfast will be Saturday, December 4th. We will meet in the Lutheran Home community room for a Pancake Breakfast with Santa at 8:00 a.m. Proceeds from this fundraiser help support the Lutheran Home's ministry. Let's have a good turnout for this event. Also, a reminder that the January men's breakfast will meet on Saturday, January 8 (note change of date because of New Year's Day) at 8:00 am in a different location-- the American Table restaurant near the corner of Wheeling and Navarre. Call Bob Haar at 419-360-7510 if you need a ride. Please join us.



### **DECEMBER CIRCLE NEWS**

**MIRIAM**: We will meet on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am at the Bayberry Creek Clubhouse on Coy Rd. for a potluck brunch.

**REBECCA**: We will meet on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon at BJ's Hideaway Steakhouse.

**RUTH**: We will meet on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at BJ's Hideaway Steakhouse on Lallendorf for our Christmas lunch. Don't forget our \$5 gift exchange.

**HANNAH**: We will meet on Monday, December 13th at 6:00 pm at Toni Wilbarger's home. Call Toni in the church office if you need directions.

## **2010 POINSETTIA SALE**

*Sponsored by the Altar Guild*

Fill in the order blank below to place your order for poinsettias to be used during worship services on Christmas Day. Place your order form in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Payment must accompany orders. Please make checks payable to: **First St. John Altar Guild**

**Deadline for placing orders is  
Sunday, December 5, 2010.**

No. of plants @ \$8.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of (Deceased):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of (Living):

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\_\_\_\_\_

## HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS, SOCKS COLLECTION UPDATE



Thank you to all who donated socks, hats, gloves, and mittens for the needy children at Toledo Day Nursery, Riverside and Garfield Elementary schools, and our own Dayschool. Many of these beautiful hats and mittens were hand-made by our church members and friends. Everyone is so appreciative to receive our donations to keep their children warm this winter.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Poinsettias for our homebound members will be in the lounge beginning December 6th after the Sunday evening Christmas party on the 5th. Please take a moment to pick up a plant and deliver it to one of our homebound members. Thank you.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DECEMBER 23



## ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party will be Sunday, December 5th at 6:00 pm in the gym. The Northwest Ohio Culinary Institute (from Clay High School) will cater the dinner, and the Clay High School Show Choir will perform for us.

A freewill offering will be taken to help offset the cost of the dinner. Poinsettias on the tables will go to our homebound members, so please take one and visit with them for a few minutes during the week.

To get an accurate count of how many dinners to order, please fill out the RSVP slip below and turn it in to the office (or fax or mail it in) by December 1st. Thanks, and hope to see you there!

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*Yes, I/we will attend the Adult Christmas Party on  
Sunday, December 5th at 6:00 pm*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## MILITARY SERVICE NOTES

Here are the names and addresses of members, family, & friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages, and remember to pray for them, too!

*TSgt Kevin Fouty*  
2412 1st Ave. N.  
Great Falls, MT 59401

*SGT Nick Grady*  
2711B Chow Circle  
Kailua, HI 96734

*Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson*  
521 Pine Forest Trail  
Orange Park, FL 32073

*Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc*  
78382 Dukewood Trail  
Yula, FL 32097

*2LT Michael R. Pavley*  
104th Transportation Co.  
Shindand AB  
APO AE 09382

*Matthew Phillips*  
2611 10th Ave. S Suite 2  
Box 263  
Great Falls, MT 59405

*Captain Lindsey Rowland*  
237 Bartlett Dr.  
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

## CHICKEN & HAM DINNER UPDATE

Thank you very much to everyone for making our Chicken & Ham Dinner a great success. If we were going to give the dinner a grade this year, it would be an A+. We want to thank everyone who worked and contributed. Lots of volunteers, good weather, excellent food (plus desserts) helped us make a profit of \$4,191.39 (\$453.50 of the total was from the craft and bake sale). The proceeds will go toward activities for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church in 2011, and also to projects in the kitchen and church. We served 615 adults, 49 children, and 7 for those ages 2 and under for a total of 670. Thank you!!!



*And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.*

*And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people.*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. — Luke 2:9-12*

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe Christmas is almost here! How did it creep up on us so fast? Our focus is on the birth of our Savior when we experience the awe and wonder of the true meaning of Christmas-- that God came to earth as the little baby Jesus to be our Savior and King. This is truly a season filled with joy and wonder! The excitement grows as the children learn the story of Jesus' birth and prepare for the Christmas programs they will share with their families and friends and hopefully some of you! They will learn that Advent means "coming" and we must use the next four weeks to get ready for the special birth. They will learn the best present of all is Jesus and that He is from a God who loves us all!

Thanks to all who helped with our Thanksgiving Feasts! Pastor Blohm, Diane Habegger, Laura DeWitt, Mary Darling-Gilson, Jean DeWitt, and Brenda Fussell were all on hand to help serve and do clean up. Gene Hagedorn, Matt DeWitt, and many dartball players set up tables and chairs. And, as always, Toni Wilbarger assisted those who needed questions answered or assistance with the elevator. We fed almost 1,000 people again this year and the extra hands were so appreciated.

Our Christmas programs will be in church on December 13, 14, 15, and 16 beginning at 7:00 pm. We'll have a reception for the families in the gym after the programs. If you can assist in this endeavor by preparing cookies, contributing ingredients for punch, helping set up, serve, or greet the families we are hosting, we would love your help. Please call the church or Dayschool office, or speak with Laurie Madrazo, Bill Hamilton, Diane Habegger or Laura DeWitt, and they will be glad to answer your questions. WELCA will present the children with gift bags following the program. What a wonderful way to reach out to the families of the school! Once

again, thank you for your support.

We plan to carol at both the Lutheran Home and the Alzheimer's Day Center. This is a gift the children love to give, and it is a moving experience for all. This is part of our ministry that we pray continues to strengthen. Please keep it in your prayers.

Our focus on the true meaning of Christmas will culminate with a birthday party for Baby Jesus. A long-standing tradition here is the Spanish custom of La Posadas where we walk through the halls knocking on doors and looking for room for Baby Jesus. Eventually, we end up in church where a Nativity scene is set up. We are so happy when we finally find room and are allowed to enter! Back in our classrooms, we each get a cupcake with a candle and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.

Join us in prayer that our children will follow the teachings of a God who loves them so much He gave them His Son and that our teachers be renewed and continue to serve God through serving His children.

We, the staff of First St. John Dayschool, want to wish you a blessed and joyous season. Merry Christmas from us all.

### 2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2011 will be in the lounge in December through the end of January. They will be on tables in alphabetical order. Envelopes are issued to confirmed and contributing members and, upon request, friends who worship with us.

If a husband and wife share offering envelopes, the designation "M/M" and the husband's name will appear on the box. (The computer allows only one name per number assigned.)

If you have not had offering envelopes and would like to receive them or if there is a correction to your address or name, call the church office at 419-691-7222. *Reminder:* Please do not use your 2011 envelopes until January 2nd. If you want a contribution included on your 2010 statement, you must turn it in to the office by Friday, December 31, 2010.

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## First St. John Lutheran Church Prayer Chain

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**Crisis Prayer List:** *For those who need prayers in urgent matters such as surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Will be moved to the Chronic list after the first month unless someone is contacted about special circumstances:*

**Chelsea Bell**  
**Family of Clayton Groll**  
**Family of Larry Haar**  
**Cindy Knavel**  
**Paul Kuhlman**  
**Ilean Labuhn**  
**Phyllis Wagner**  
**Terry Williams**

**Chronic Prayer List:** *For those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles, recovery and/or personal situations. Will be moved off the list after 3 months unless someone is contacted about special/continuing circumstances:*

**Mary Brymer**  
**Richard & Marjorie Counterman**  
**Donald Curtis**  
**Jackie Curtis**  
**Kris Ensign**  
**Bernie Erdmann**  
**Family of Mary Farkas**  
**Family of Pat Fejes**  
**Jerry Gears**  
**Family of Gene Groll**  
**Sally Hartzell**  
**Family of Elisabeth Hecklinger**  
**Russ Hunsaker**  
**Joanne Koch**  
**Robin Kovsdi**  
**Veva Larson**  
**George "Skip" Mc Cullough**  
**Sam Mousa**  
**Monica Moszkowicz**  
**Pat O'Connor**  
**Charlie Ohlson**  
**Julia Rhoades**  
**Janet Roberts**  
**Richard Rohloff**  
**Fred & Hilda Saelzler**  
**Jacquelyn Seger**  
**Gwen Tober**  
**Bob & Kate Webb**  
**Candy Webster**  
**Ruth Ziethlow**

Please check the list and let any of the prayer chain contacts-listed below-know if individuals can be moved off the list.

### Prayer Chain Contacts

Our new Prayer Chain coordinator is Carol Abbey. You can reach her at 419-351-9795 or email her at cabbey@jcrinc.com Or, you can call any of these contacts at the numbers listed below.

Lynn Folk 419-691-3410  
Donna Koehn 419-693-5030  
Ada Kreger 419-693-1549  
Gloria Ross 419-836-7166

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FATHER / SON BANQUET



As First St. John celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2011, there will be many special events planned, one of which is a Father / Son Banquet. The banquet will be held on Wednesday, February 16th at 6:00 pm.

Our speaker will be Ron Rightnowar, Director of Athletics / Admissions at Toledo Christian School. Ron is a former pitcher for many minor league teams (including our own Mud Hens) and also pitched in the majors for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Ticket prices are not available at this printing, but please watch your upcoming newsletters and bulletins for that information. Join us for a great evening!

### LIBRARY NEWS



**LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES** by John Baker is being used by the Ruth Circle for their Bible study this year. They have donated a copy of this book to the library. The theme of the book is: "Happiness is a choice--and you can choose it one choice at a time."

Reserve a daily time with God. Bring Good News to others by example and by the Word.

—Marilyn Cashen



## PROJECT: GIVE A BLESSING

Attention Students and Congregation:

We have an amazing opportunity to help two area families in need this Christmas. We ask for your support by providing gifts for these families. A Christmas tree filled with paper ornaments is in the Narthex. On each ornament is a detailed gift recommendation, along with gender, to help you choose the appropriate gift. Please tear off the front stapled ornament, then write your name and number on the other paper ornament and leave it on the tree.

Please return your unwrapped gift by Thursday, December 16th. The youth and I will have a wrapping party on December 16th. It is our prayer that as a church we will do these blessings throughout our life as believers. Thank you in advance for your help!

Blessings,  
Mary Darling-Gilson

## ANNUAL CRAZY CHRISTMAS CROP



A scrapbooking party will be held on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the lounge from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Kim Thomas, Close to My Heart consultant from Rudolph, Ohio, will be on hand to do a FREE make-n-take with all who attend, and there will be plenty of time to crop those holiday projects. There will be a cake auction and prizes throughout the event. Lunch, snacks, and beverages will be provided. There is no charge to attend, but donations will be accepted at the event.

Space is limited, so please register before December 1<sup>st</sup>. For questions or to RSVP call 419-693-1774 or email [scrapindiva@hotmail.com](mailto:scrapindiva@hotmail.com)

## RENEW DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 5 - 9am Sunday School

Dec. 12 - Christmas Program practice during Sunday School

Dec. 16 - 5:30pm Christmas wrapping party. Location TBA. Pizza provided.

Dec. 18 - 10:30—12 Christmas Program practice in Sanctuary.

Dec. 19 - No Sunday School. Christmas Program Performance during 10:15 service

TBA Christmas lights at the zoo!

"This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ." - Frank McKibben

"And what a difference between our sin and God's generous gift of forgiveness. For this one man, Adam, brought death to many through his sin. But this other man, Jesus Christ, brought forgiveness to many through God's bountiful gift. And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but we have the free gift of being accepted by God, even though we are guilty of many sins. The sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over us, but all who receive God's wonderful, gracious gift of righteousness will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ." Romans 5:15-17 (NLT)

### The Greatest Christmas Gift

Each year we are reminded that Christmas should not be just about giving and receiving presents. But if we really think about Christmas, it truly is all about gift giving! At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the greatest gift ever given, by the greatest gift-giver of all, our wonderful God and Father!





## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—NOVEMBER 16, 2010



Bill called the meeting to order. Pastor did the devotion. Attendance was taken and there was not a quorum to be able to vote. Minutes were read and Bill asked if there were any questions.

**Finance Report** Some requests are coming through from the Lutheran Home Society for Outdoor Ministries.

**Board of Ed** This past Sunday, Sunday School had the highest attendance-- 32 students sang at the late service. Fire extinguishers need to be hung in the SS room. Property Management will hang them. SS board wants to be able to send out a postcard or place an ad in the newspaper for people who haven't been in attendance for awhile. SS wants to attract those people here during the Christmas season. It was agreed to generate a database list and send out a greeting to them. In January they would like to have an open house with a luncheon to show the parents what other areas they could be involved with in the church. For non-member baptisms a welcome bag would be a good way to welcome them and let them know what is offered here. An adult SS would be a good addition for the parents of SS children. Thank you to WELCA for donating the money for the scholarships. There will be a SS Christmas program on December 19 during the late service.

**Treasurer Report** There were more expenses in October due to lawn care. Year-to-date the net deficit is around \$35,000. The church needs a strong finish to get beyond the deficit. Around \$70,000 needs to come in.

**Elder Report** They are generating a list of workers for the Dayschool Christmas programs. Torrence Sound may have to be called to check the projector because it has lines on the screen.

**Property Mgmt** The landing in front of the main church doors has been spread with epoxy to seal cracks and prevent leaks. Fire protection for the kitchen has been started. Jim Sommers will let the church know when the workers will come. A new rack will be built for housing the Christmas tree.

**Dayschool Report** They had their first feast today serving 200 people. The Dayschool will continue their feasts for the remainder of the week.

**Youth Report** None

**Pastor Report** Family Blessing Sunday will be in January. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for this.

**New Business** The council is looking for new people to run for the vacancies that will be available on council.

**Old Business** A request has come from the Altar Guild for a new faucet for their sink.

The meeting ended and council recited the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Habegger  
Recording Secretary

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE



Fifty-six boxes were safely delivered to Pilgrim church on Sylvania Ave. Thanks to everyone who packed a box, prayed for the child receiving it, and to Pastor Blohm for the special blessing for all the boxes.

**NOTICE TO ALL  
CHURCH GROUPS**

Please do not schedule any activities in the church on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> after 6:00 pm. The Altar Guild will be working in the church to decorate with the poinsettias for the Christmas Eve services.