

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Silent Preparation for Worship

Organ Prelude

Jerry Crites, Organist

GATHERING

- *Gathering Song *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* 288
- *Confession and Forgiveness (Left Column) Page 94-96
- *The Greeting and Kyrie Page 98
- *The Canticle of Praise Page 99
- *Prayer of the Day Insert

WORD

- First Reading (A Reading from ___: The Word of the Lord; R/Thanks Be to God) Insert
- Psalm (Sung) Insert
- Second Reading (Same Responses as the First Reading) Insert
- *Gospel Acclamation Page 102
- *The Gospel (Glory to you, O Lord R/ Praise to you, O Christ) Insert
- The Sermon **The Answer Is X** Pastor Riley
- Hymn of the Day *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* 272
- *The Apostles' Creed Page 105
- The Offering
- *The Offertory Hymn *Create in Me a Clean Heart* 186
- *The Concluding Prayer Pastor Riley

SENDING

- *The Benediction Page 114
- *Sending Song *Angels from the Realms of Glory* 275
- *Dismissal Music In the Back of the Hymnal
- Organ Postlude Jerry Crites

Anthem: *Mary, Did You Know?*

Duet by Marsha Martin and Linda McQuaid

Dr. William Bland, Director of Worship Choirs

*Stand, as you are able

Ushers

8:30 Harry Michener and Sam Boynton

11:00 Becky Roberts and Don Hasselman

Acolytes 8:30 Caroline Kirkpatrick 11:00 Matthew Hasselman

Crucifers 8:30 Kirsten Kirkpatrick 11:00 Nate Temple

Worship Assistants 8:30 Bill Agee 11:00 Mary Nicole Bennett

Nursery NO Nursery Today!

ATTENDANCE: 12/21/2008 – 171 12/20/2009 – 67

The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated today in memory of Kitty Munday by Karen and Wayne Middleton.

Open Flower Dates coming up soon:

January: 3rd, 17th, 31st; February: 21st, 28th; March: 14th.
See Gail Newman or Brad Coffinberger if you are interested.

January Confirmation Classes

They will be held on January 17th at 4PM.

Annual Reports Due Sunday January 17

Reports are requested from presidents of organizations, committee chairpersons and all treasurers. A booklet of reports will be prepared and submitted for approval from the congregation.

Church Offering Envelopes Are in Luther Hall!

The Church Office will close for the observance of the New Year on Thursday, December 30th!

The Mitten Tree

The tree will be available through the month of January!

Harvest Home (Thanksgiving Envelope) Report

Through December 20th \$ 1,244 has been received in gifts from the congregation. These gifts will be forwarded to the National Lutheran Home to help provide a special dietary or entertainment treat to the residents.

THANK YOU CHOIRS

We need to express appreciation to our choir directors, Bill Bland and Jennifer Moss, organist, Jerry Crites, and members of all our choirs for the wonderful Christmas music. Many hours were spent in preparation and it showed in the wonderful performances.

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

Remember to call the church for the message about service or listen to WRNR (AM740). If there is a closure, the decision will usually be made by 7:30AM Sunday morning.

Children's Sermon Restart

It is time to begin a new schedule of children's sermons and we are looking for volunteers to provide these five-minute offerings during worship. If you are interested please contact the church office or President Andrew Banks. Thanks!

Please take your poinsettias with you this morning!