

The Chamberlain View

United Church of Christ Chamberlain, South Dakota

December 2011

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December 4, 2011 (Holy Communion)

OT – Isaiah 40:1-11

NT – 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Theme: Advent Reminds Us About Preparation

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

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OT – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-13

Theme: Advent Reminds Us About Joy Of Promises Kept

NT – 1 Thessalonians 5:15-24

Gospel – John 1:6-8, 19-28

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OT – 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

NT – Romans 16:25-27

Gospel - Luke 1:26-38 **Theme:** Advent Reminds Us About Possibilities

December 24, 2011 (Saturday Christmas Eve)

OT - Isaiah 9:2-7

Gospel – Luke 2:1-14

Theme: The Light of Christmas

December 25, 2011 (Holy Communion?)

OT - Isaiah 52:7-10

NT – Hebrews 1:1-12

Gospel – John 1:1-14

Theme: Thanks for Coming

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Janeen Story, Religious Education
Elain Stone, Memorial Committee
Sandi Knippling, Pastoral Relations
Lynn Miller, Youth Group
Sherry Hansen, Missions Committee

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date:	Attendance:
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Oct. 23	165
Oct. 30	142
Nov. 6	127
Nov. 13	151
Nov. 20	

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

December Help...

Coffee Fellowship

The Powers circle

Ushers

Don Steckelberg, Bob
Feltman, Mike Chilson
and Merrill Karlen

Chancel Arrangements

Dayle Chilson

Cherri Johnson is mailing cards to our members. So for a card request please call her at 234-4081. Cards that may be sent by Cherri may include anything from sympathy, congratulations, get well, thinking of you or good job! You may also let Lynn know in the church office of any requests for cards to be sent.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER PASTORAL ACTS

The funeral for Buddy Myers was held on Monday, October 31st with Pastor Greg King officiating.

The funeral for John Glaus was held on Tue. Nov. 22nd.

The wedding of Jenny Priebe and Brock DuFrain was held on Nov. 11, 2011 with Doris Juhnke officiating.

New member's were inducted on 11.13.11, they included;
Brett Brown, Rachel Brown, Jeff Williamson, Cheryl Williamson, Jamee Sharping, Justina Springer, Vickie Olson, Greg King and Patti King.

The baptism of Cheryl Williamson was held on 11.13.11

The baptisms of; Caden Sharping, Kiahnna Saul White Mouse, Jaycee Gilman and Tristan Keatts was held on Nov. 20, 2011

From the desk of Pastor Greg...

It has been a great blessing and a joy, visiting members from our congregation. I love your stories about your growing up and your family life. What greater joy for me is when you attend worship services and I recognize you (although there are time that I still have to ask your name again). But I am getting better at placing correct names with people's faces.

I am honored that so many of you share parts of your life story. You have shared some of your dreams and accomplishments and some of your painful and disappointing experiences. I hold your openness with respect and confidentiality. Often we close with prayer.

This sharing of personal joys and concerns reminds me a lot of the meaning of advent and Christmas. As you know the days are getting shorter and the nights longer. Metaphorically our lives go through such a season as regular as nature's four seasons. This time period of darkness and cold sometimes feels never-ending. It wears on us. We feel ourselves feeling less hopeful about getting out of our situation, getting out of our mood, getting out from under the struggle we are challenged to deal with. This is the season when we most need to hear a word of encouragement – a word of hopeful anticipation that what is will not much longer oppress us.

Advent is the announcement of coming victory and release from what is weighing us down as we experience the presence of Christ in our lives –the presence of God in our lives. It is the announcement that there is light at the end of our dark tunnel we feel ourselves trapped in.

Advent is also the call to turn away from unreliable sources of hope. This could be the false gods of human progress, armed power, financial security, governmental effectiveness, political parties, or great leaders. All have fallen from their thrones. Hope in any of them is to know eventual disappointment and despair.

Hopelessness can be profoundly personal. People disappoint us when we place our hope in them. We place our hope in our careers, our personal financial planning and our abilities. Life's reversals shock us with the realization that our hope has been misplaced. True hope does not come from searching for hope. It grows out of two convictions: that God is in charge and that God intervenes in our lives. The season of Advent and Christmas reminds us that God, our God of Jesus Christ, is in charge and that God will intervene to help us and to remind us that whatever we are frightfully facing, God is with us to face them together. Where are you placing your hope? "Hope in God for I shall again praise him my help and my God," Psalms 42:5b & 11b.

Merry Christmas!

You friend and pastor,

Greg King

**You are invited to a Christmas
Open House at the home of
Pastor Greg and Patti on
Sunday, December 11, 2011
from
2 P.M. to 5 P.M.**

OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR GREG
Please note that the office hours for Pastor
Greg will be;
Monday—Friday 9:30 am—11:30 am
And from 1:00 pm—4:00 pm by appointment
Call 605.234.5202
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of Members and Friends*

Lynn's church office hours are
back to... M-F 12:15 pm—12:45
pm 4:00 pm—6:00 pm

In emergencies you may call me
at Treehouse and ask for Lynn
at 234-6698 or Call my cell at
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Marjorie Miller is currently in Spearfish.
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December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship	7	8	9 Trustees meet at 5:30	10	11	12
13 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am coffee fellowship	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am carry-in Call Connie Priebe	21	22	23 Diaconate 6 pm	24	25	26
27 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am coffee fellowship	28	29	30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3
Dec 4 9:30 S.S 10:30 am worship 11:30 am coffee Fellowship	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10

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