



The Chamberlain View

United Church of Christ Chamberlain, South Dakota

January 2012

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In our Thoughts and Prayers

~Boyd King
~Marjorie Miller
~Todd Priebe
~Kay Hutmacher
~Diane Philen
~Jean Cozine
~Ellis Carr
~Wes Schaub

Scripture and Themes for Worship Service

January 1, 2012

OT – Isaiah 60:1-6
NT – Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

Theme: Epiphany readings.
“Getting Involved in the Mystery”
Communion

January 8, 2012

OT - Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29 (use in liturgy)
Act 19:1-7
Mark 1:9-11

Theme: “Baptism of Christ and our Baptism”

January 15, 2011

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Theme: Known and hearing God calling.
“Hearing the Call from God”

January 22, 2012

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Theme: “Responses to God’s Call”

January 29, 2012

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Theme: By what authority?”

Church staff and leadership

Rev. Gregory King
Lynn Miller, Secretary
Val Moore, Treasurer
Ryan Schaub, Diaconate
Doug Johnson, Trustee
Sheryl Larson, Moderator
Sally Reimer, Women's Fellowship

Karol Jo Hendrickson, Choir Director
Jane Cameron, Organist
Janeen Story, Religious Education
Elaine Stone, Memorial Committee
Sandi Knippling, Pastoral Relations
Lynn Miller, Youth Group
Sherry Hansen, Missions Committee

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date:	Attendance:
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Dec. 4	118
Dec. 11	148
Dec. 18	171
Dec. 24	275
Dec. 25	61

January Help...

Coffee Fellowship

The Blum circle

Ushers

Tim Pringle, Doug
Johnson, Steve Dominiack
and Gary Feltman

Chancel Arrangements

Nancy Renner

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.

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Bev Feltman,

Secretary and reporter

From the desk of Pastor Greg...

As we enter the month of January, we leave the 12 days of Christmas celebration. January 6th, Epiphany, which means manifestation or the appearance of light, is the transition from the season of Christmas to the season after Epiphany. It is the season in which the light of Christ appears to the world. It begins with the star that led the Wisemen to Joseph and Mary and the baby Jesus. They paid homage with gold, frankincense and myrrh.

During this season we celebrate Christ's baptism where we hear God announcing to those listening, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." We remember the story of Jesus appearing in Galilee proclaiming the gospel - preaching the kingdom of God and repentance. We are encouraged to see Jesus revealing more of himself when he was at a wedding and he changed water into wine. Jesus showed more of himself as the Christ to a Samaritan woman at the well, in the feeding of the five thousand, in the healing of the blind, the deaf, the lame, the sick & diseased, in the raising of the dead - Lazarus, and during prayer as he was transfigured before his disciples, where again God's voice proclaims, "This is my beloved Son; LISTEN TO HIM!"

John writes in his Gospel, "*Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you... They (the crowd) said to Him, 'What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.'*" The twelve days of Christmas is a time of celebration that God is with us. The season of Epiphany that begins January 6 is the time we are called to work to believe in Jesus Christ, whom God has sent into our lives.

During Epiphany and the season after this event with the wisemen, we are called to work to discern the presence of Christ in our midst. These biblical stories are telling us to be aware of Christ appearing to us in the struggles and celebrations of life, like in marriages where we see love encouraging people to make a life long commitment of taking care of and helping one another "till death they do part." We are to work at looking for the presence of Christ when people (and ourselves) are deeply struggling with guilt and shame and they turn around (repent) and discover grace, love, and forgiveness. We are to work at looking for Christ in the midst of our struggles with disease (dis-ease), when we feel lame and unable to move, when we are unable to see things clearly or unable to hear and understand, when we hunger and cannot find satisfaction, when we've exhausted ourselves with a mountain of prayers and we're still in a fog. These stories are encouraging us to keep looking for Christ in our midst, because Christ is there, ready to give us grace, healing, renewal of life. Can we believe although we cannot feel him, or see him in front of us or hear his voice beside us whispering to us? During this season of Epiphany let our sacred stories and these saints of our past aid us in our work to discern God's presence in our lives until our doubts, our despair, our resignation that this is all there is to life are transformed into faith and hope and we follow the Light of the World, Jesus Christ in the way of love?

Your friend and pastor,
Greg King

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

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*Birthdays and Anniversaries
of Members and Friends*

YOUTH GROUP

Jan. 1 Amy Blum
Jan. 2 Kim Gullickson
Jan. 3 Alice Schochenmaier
Jan. 4 Jack Mueller
Jan. 5 Alyce Steckelberg
Jan. 5 Nancy Tichy
Jan. 6 Berniece Kindt, Alexa Petersen
Jan. 7 Dee Handel
Jan. 8 Lowell Carlson
Jan. 10 Lane Shroyer, Gerry Steckelberg
Jan. 12 Jayd Chmela, Alona Petersen
Jan. 15 Wayne Johnson
Jan. 19 Michaela Rinehart
Jan. 20 Haley Graves
Jan. 22 Jesse Rose, Andrew Steckelberg, Katelyn
Steckelberg, Lyza Chmela
Jan. 23 Laura Hutmacher
Jan. 24 Holly Mosterd
Jan. 25 Jim Glaus
Jan. 26 Dawson Munger, Kim Selland
Jan. 27 Carla Hubbard
Jan. 28 Kara Schelske
Jan. 29 Jo Dooley, Bobbie Schoenfelder, Haley Maxon
and Silvana Niewenhuis
Jan. 30 LaRoy Feltman, Jacob Mutziger
Jan. 31 Betty Ellis, Robert Augspurger, Sara Moore,
Angela Mutziger

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 21 Teresa and Clive Bremser
Jan. 25 Vic and Elizabeth Twamley
Jan. 28 Holly and Jason Mosterd

Greetings!

Another New year will be here soon, are you ready? There is much to be thankful for and I wanted to let you know the youth are one of those to be thankful for. We had a successful lock-in at the beginning of our Christmas vacation. No one was injured, lost or got sick. We had a good time...we played games, and hide-n-seek (in the dark) and may I add that I was really good at hiding! We ate pizza and played more games and watched a movie. Then Pastor had an unexpected road trip to take at midnight so his son, Greg and daughter, Kristin came over to play more hide-n-seek (and I was still good at hiding!) and another board game was played. A lot of laughs were shared but not a lot of sleep...that's ok, what would a lock-in be with sleep?

Thanks to the youth for participating and also to Pastor Greg and his family. It was fun and I hope we will be able to do it again...but not too soon, I have some sleep to catch up on!

Be watching for youth Sunday as that will be right around the corner.
Blessings, Lynn

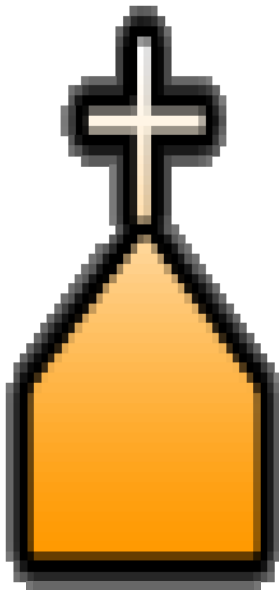
January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 no Sunday school or Bible class 10:30 am worship No coffee fellowship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship	9	10	11 Trustees meet at 5:30 pm	12	13	14
15 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am coffee	16	17	18 Diaconate 6:00 pm	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am <u>ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING</u> and carry-in	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Bible class 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am coffee fel- lowship	30	31				

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UCC Annual Meeting
On:
Sunday, January 22nd
At:
11:30 am (following worship)
Following the meeting there will
be pot luck dinner.

December Trustees Meeting ~ Dec. 7th, 2011

Absent: Lawrence Pickner

Present: Pastor Greg King, Connie Priebe, Doug Johnson, Tom Stone, Barry Swanson, John Blum, Lawrence Pickner, Sally Reimer and Roger Burfiendt

Doug called the meeting to order and Pastor Greg followed with a prayer. A motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Connie and Roger seconded it, carried. Tom moved to approve the November bill list Connie seconded it, carried. Barry made a motion to approve the financial report and John seconded it, carried.

Old Business:

The 2012 budget was again gone over. Proposed budget's that were submitted by boards were reviewed. The "utilities" budget was also discussed; an accurate amount will be needed for the next budget. All the trustee members will work on the budget so that it may be finalized before the Annual meeting in January.

The pledge cards for the 2012 year were received. 49 pledge cards were returned, down from 58 last year and down from 62 the year before that.

New Business:

The Annual Meeting will be held Sun. Jan. 22, 2012. The meeting will follow worship, and following the meeting will be a pot luck dinner. Roger made a motion to give a \$600.00 donation to Chicago United Eden Seminar in St. Paul. Connie seconded the motion. Carried. A discussion was held on "auditing" procedures. More will be discussed in the January trustee meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Sally and seconded by Connie.

The next meeting was set for **Jan. 11th, 2012** at 5:30 pm in the church library.

Lynn Miller, secretary

	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	GENERAL	BUILDING	MUSIC	TOTAL
9569	Tim Johnson	monthly custodial contract	400.00			400.00
9569	Tim Johnson	1 wedding/1 funeral	175.00			175.00
9568	Gregory King	salary 11.31.11	3,648.08			3,648.08
9570	Gregory King	mileage	496.72			496.72
9570	Gregory King	music/professional	32.24			32.24
9570	Gregory King	reim. For members roses	19.08			19.08
9571	Oahe Association	membership dues \$3/per	1,128.00			1,128.00
9572	Chamberlain Wholesale	church supplies	46.32			46.32
EFT	US Treasury	payroll tax	107.07		71.90	178.97
9573	Jane Cameron	organist			267.20	267.20
9574	Lynn Miller	secretary	516.76			516.76
9575	Cokesbury	comm. Wafers	18.50			18.50
9576	Variety Plus	church/office supplies	53.19			53.19
9577	Dakota Milestones	2 mailings	206.88			206.88
9578	Pensions Board	King tax shelter	200.00			200.00
9579	The Pensions Boards	employer dues-1st qtr.	1,911.00			1,911.00
9579	The Pensions Boards	dental	264.75			264.75
9579	The Pensions Boards	life/disabilty	204.75			204.75
9579	The Pensions Boards	health benefits	4,425.00			4,425.00
9580	McDorman Piano Services	tune 2 pianos			148.40	148.40
9581	Servall	church rugs	40.19			40.19
9582	Hutmacher Drilling	drain sprinklers	86.73			86.73
9583	Jenny (Priebe) DuFrain	refund on wedding deposit	150.00			150.00
9584	Office Products	contract	63.77			63.77
9585	Northwestern Energy	utilities, church	302.02			302.02
9585	Northwestern Energy	utilities, parsonage	148.61			148.61
9586	Steckelberg & Steckelberg	utilities, church	23.59			23.59
9587	Burke Oil	church	1,176.61			1,176.61
9587	Burke Oil	parsonage	196.30			196.30
9588	Midstate Communications	church	137.12			137.12
9588	Midstate Communications	parsonage	107.11			107.11
9589	Chmaberlain Food Center	diaconate-popcorn	8.95			8.95
9590	SD Conference	Dakot. Assoc.	166.00			166.00
9590	SD Conference	Scholar. Fund for sem. Stude .	166.00			166.00
9590	SD Conference	NIN	229.85			229.85
9590	SD Conference	OCWM	666.67			666.67
9590	SD Conference	Placerville	50.00			50.00
TOTALS			17,572.86		487.50	18,060.36

Diaconate Board Meeting Minutes November 16, 2011

Present: Julie Mertz, Jo Dooley, Jack Dooley, Becky Phelps, Louie Bergner, Ryan Schaub, and Pastor King

Absent: Renee Schaub, Tom Carruthers, Carol Randall, Derek Long, Gary Biskeborn, and the Jr. Deacons and Deaconesses

Pastor King opened our meeting with Prayer.

Old Business:

Julie read the minutes from the previous meeting held on October 19, 2011. Approved by Louie and seconded by Carson. It was decided we will need fifteen communion cups when Pastor King officiates at the nursing home service the first Sunday of each month. If possible someone from the diaconate will help at the nursing home service to help get residents to the service. He has a service at the Regency the first Monday of each month. Some members looked over the nativity scene and feel it is usable for this season. Next year repainting will be needed. The nativity scene will be set up the Sunday following Thanksgiving. The advent candles will have to be set up for the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Carson and Tim Pringle and family volunteered to do the reading and lighting of the first advent candle. We will ask for volunteers during church to participate in the remaining Sunday's of advent. Banners-Pastor Greg would like to see more banners displayed in our church. We have the option of making some more or ordering some from a magazine. Renee will get the magazine and we will talk more about ordering banners in January. Jo made a motion to approve the old business and Jack seconded the motion.

New Business:

Pastor King discussed the responsibilities of the diaconate. We also discussed how funds are received for the diaconate. The UCC trustees give the diaconate \$500 each year. We also receive half of the Christmas Eve service offering. There will be four children baptized on Sunday November 20th. Jo Dooley will wrap the gifts we have chosen and be up front with Becky Phelps during the baptisms. The community Thanksgiving service will be held on the evening of November 20th at the UCC church. Florine Glaus, Mildred Reniker, Edie Holmquist, Tracy Burkhard, and Alta Ramey volunteered to make pies for the community Thanksgiving service. There will be a hay ride for the children of the church on the afternoon of December 18th, 2011. Louie Bergner made a motion to donate to the hay ride if needed. Carson Pringle seconded that. Carson Pringle will order new candles for our Christmas Eve service. We will decide who will help usher for the Christmas Eve service at our December meeting. When there is Bible study before church on a morning we have communion, the diaconate will meet in the library around 10:15 am. Carson, Julie, Becky, Jack, Jo, and Ryan will help serve communion December 4th. Jo will get the bread and Julie will get the grape juice. Our next meeting will be held on December 14, 2011. Louie made a motion to adjourn our meeting. It was seconded by Jack Dooley.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Mertz (for Renee Schaub, Secretary)

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