

december

1(Sun.) Holy Communion

9:30 am – Full Worship Service

Hanging of the Greens

2 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women’s Bible Study*

 NO – Adult Study

 4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

3 (Tues.) 10:30 am – Grief Support Group

4 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men’s Bible Study**

 10:30 am – Our Home K Care Service

 3:45 pm – Elementary Youth Groups

 6:00 pm – Madams & Sirs Potluck & Program

5 (Thurs.) Guild Christmas Lunch

 3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

8 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

Children’s Christmas Program

9 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women’s Bible Study*

 4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

11 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men’s Bible Study**

 3:45 pm –Elementary Youth Group

12 (Thurs.) 3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

15 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

 Chit Chat Articles Due

16 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women’s Bible Study*

 NO – Adult Study

 4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

17 (Tues.) 10:30 am – Grief Support Group

18 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men’s Bible Study**

 3:45 pm – Elementary Youth Group

 5:30 pm - Session

19 (Thurs.) 9:30 am - Guild

 3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

22 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

 Angelus Handbell Choir

23 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women’s Bible Study*

 NO – Adult Study

 4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

24 (Tues.) 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve

Communion Service

25 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men’s Bible Study**

 NO – Elementary Youth Group

26 (Thurs.) NO – Hand Bell Choir

29 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

30 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women’s Bible Study*

 NO – Adult Study

 4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

* - meets at Koller Library

** - meets at Little Bohemia

Duties

Ushers

Dec. 1 Dennis & Cathy Breitholtz

Dec. 8 Dennis & Cathy Breitholtz

Dec. 15 Bob & Sharon Bridges

Dec. 22 Fritz and Susan Schellgell

Dec. 24 Bill & Janie Williams Family

Dec. 29 Parker & Mid Sharpe

Liturgist:

Dec. 1 John & Kay Suffron

Dec. 8 Frandy Family

Dec. 15 Dennis & Cathy Breitholtz

Dec. 22 Stacey Pearce Family

Dec. 29 Rose King

Lay Leader:

Dec. 1 Helyn Woolf

Dec. 8 Marjean Schuelke

Dec. 15 Marjean Schuelke

Dec. 22 Deane Galloway

Dec. 29 Helyn Woolf

Communion Person: DuWayne Schumacher

Counters

Dec. 1 Vince Hoehn and Bob Schmidt

Dec. 8 Carol Bohlin and Mid Sharpe

Dec. 15 Bob Bridges and Dave or Sharon Lukas

Dec. 22 Joan Dioszegi and Sharon Bridges

Dec. 24 DuWayne Schumacher and Mid Sharpe

Dec. 29 Bob Bridges and Mid Sharpe

Happy Birthday Jesus!

SESSION MEMBERS 2013

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Mark Schuelke-715-686-7223,

DuWayne Schumacher-715-686-2074

Helyn Woolf-715-686-7173.

Session meets the third Wednesday of the month.

DEACONS

Cathy Breitholtz, Mark Suckow, Dale Ekdahl,
Ruth Stober, Hope Dougherty, Carmen Farwell

*Feel free to contact a Session or
Deacon member with any concerns or questions.*

Merry Christmas

Madams & Sirs

December 4, 2013

6:00 pm Potluck

Program to follow:

Zack Wilson will be telling of his
nature programs and adventures.

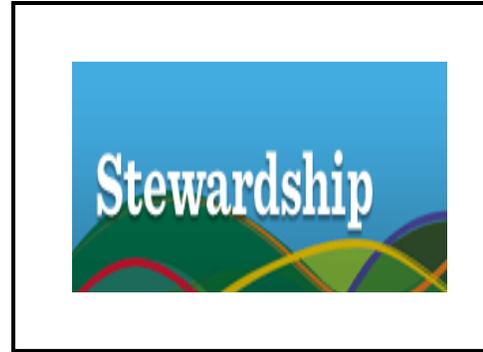
A Look to January 2014:

Madams & Sirs **will not** meet in January.

Fleazaar Help Needed!!

We currently need volunteers to help pick
up donations from individuals who cannot
transport their items to the church. This
effort is very important to the success of the
Fleazaar. If you can spare an hour or two
per month, please contact Glen Wildenberg
at (920) 323-2728. Your help will be
appreciated!!

God's blessings,
Respectfully submitted,
Glen Wildenberg



Completing Our 2013 Pledges

With the approach of the holiday season and the celebration of Jesus' birth, we look forward to the family closeness and gift-giving that Christmas brings. But it often seems as though time speeds up during this holiday period, so that we run in fast-forward trying to get everything done!

The Stewardship Committee suggests that now is a good time to note what portions of our pledges for the 2013 calendar year remain to be fulfilled, if any. A gift that completes our pledged amount would be especially appropriate in the Advent season, as we celebrate God's gifts to us.

Also, if you have not yet paid the church's per capita amount of \$28 per person, now would be a good time to do so. This is the per-member amount our church is asked to pay in support of the Presbytery and PCUSA.

The committee is also happy to report that the 2014 pledge campaign has done well as it draws to a close. Many members increased their pledges for next year. Because of this generosity, the church can maintain its active role in our lives and our community, and support local and global missions of need.

Respectfully submitted,
David Foster, Stewardship

Missions

The Missions Committee met in late October to finalize the disbursement of remaining funds for the 2013 calendar year. In doing so, we attempted to find a balance between funding of local, state, national, and international entities, with a primary focus on local needs. Do know that when we discuss the merits of national or international programs, we access Charity Navigator.org to assess the effectiveness of any given program before making our decisions. A complete breakdown of the allocations will be included in the Annual Report.

One of the final tasks was to select how our contribution of \$1,000 to Heifer International was to be targeted. In a magic moment of creativity, Sarah enlisted the aid of her two grandchildren and they decided we should purchase the following: 1 heifer, 1 lama, 1 goat, 1 pig, 1 flock of chickens, 1 flock of ducks/geese, a share of a trio of rabbits, and tree seedlings. Our loose change offering for this last quarter is targeted for the same organization. It could provide a similar opportunity for the youth of our church to decide what combination of livestock/poultry/plants should be gifted and get them directly involved in the missions program and a project that will hopefully be ongoing.

The committee welcomes suggestions for future funding projects and any considerations should be forwarded to either Sarah Becklund or Helyn Wolfe who will be serving as co-chairs of the committee for 2014. In addition, if you have an interest in serving on the committee, please speak to either of them.

Committee Member
Bill Kauffman

The basket in the Fellowship Hall labeled **DOVE** has been in existence for quite some time. In reviewing items that are needed it was brought to our attention that they do not need any more small sample shampoos, conditioners, or soaps. **However, they do need razors, shaving cream, laundry soap, batteries, and cleaning supplies.** Thank you for your attention to this.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Savior!

By Marcella Hooe Alexander

Dear Virginia, I am writing,
'Cause I know that years ago
You were wondering about Santa Claus,
And was it REALLY so?

And so many felt it major
That your faith should be intact,
That's now a yearly custom
To reiterate the fact!

So we hear it on TV,
In each magazine and article,
And the TRUTH that makes it Christmas
Doesn't seem to mean a particle!

But Virginia, here's THE STORY
Nineteen centuries ago,
A star shone over Bethlehem
That set the world aglow!

The baby boy from there that night
Of such a lowly birth,
Without credentials or degree
Completely changed the earth!

We need not write HIM letters—
In a second He is there—
In the room, and right beside us!
We can reach HIM with a prayer!

Santa's image is appealing,
I admit it's very true—
But this one thing I'd remind you---
SANTA DIDN'T DIE FOR YOU!

Tho' Christ had no goods—no money,
Still He showed us how to live---
Not our money—not a bauble—
'Tis OURSELVES that we must give!

There's a Book that tells about Him,
And the glories we can share---
'Tis the greatest gift of all time—
It's unopened—lying there!

It is there just for the taking---
Based on LOVE, and not BEHAVIOR---
I just thought you'd want to know it---
Yes, Virginia,

THERE'S A SAVIOR!

Westminster Guild

The ladies of the Westminster Guild met on November 7 for our Bible study and business meeting. We continued our study of the presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy, this month focusing on God's call to serve. Father Bill Radant, our **totally awesome** leader, led us in discussing the "key idea": "Just as God called Moses despite his hesitation, we too are called to service even though we may feel inadequate. God's promise to Moses is also to us: 'I will be with you' (Ex. 3:12)."

Our second meeting of the month, on the 21st, was a "work session," and you never saw so many ladies involved in so many projects on one morning! Some were sorting fabric and supplies; some were cutting fabric for little boys' shorts (to go overseas along with our wonderful pillowcase dresses); one talented member was sewing some of the shorts; some were organizing our SERRV/Equal Exchange items for sale – please check out our newest item (a wonderful breakfast bar, full of extra nourishing goodies); some were getting items ready to go to the Winnebago Mental Health Institute; and some were working in the kitchen. We accomplished a lot, and our activity ended with a bag lunch (brought from home) and a delicious strawberry shortcake dessert provided by Jean Eales.

Our annual Christmas lunch will be held on **Thursday, December 5**, at noon at the Outdoorsman in Boulder Junction. We are looking forward to this time of fun and fellowship, and we would **LOVE** to have you **join us!**

Until next time,

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Suffron and Audrey Winchell,
Co-Moderators

Deacons

Please remember those less fortunate this holiday season. Send a note to someone in the hospital, to someone who has lost a loved one, to someone who is lonely, to those lost in an addiction...and send an extra prayer their way.

We are pleased to present two new Deacons who will serve on the board for the next 3 years:

Mannford (Manny) Markham
Jan Schumacher

Carmen Farwell, who has ended her term as an active Deacon...we send off with
JOB WELL DONE,
Good and Faithful Servant.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

You don't want to miss this one! It's our annual youth Christmas program. On December 8th our elementary youth will be presenting:

The Flower of the Holy Night

This will be during our regular Sunday worship

at **9:30 am.**

Invite all your friends, neighbors and relatives. Everyone enjoys watching the kids perform, especially a Christmas program.

Our Monday adult bible study is doing a semi-independent study of **Psalms**. We have lessons for 6 weeks, which we will do on our own, then when we reconvene in January we will review our studies together and decide if we want to continue a few more lessons or go on to something new. If anyone wants to do this study themselves, just contact me. I will be happy to give you a copy of the lessons.

I can't get over just how fast the time flies. Christmas will soon be upon us. Try to remember between all the shopping, parties, gatherings and other events, that **Jesus** is the real reason for the Season. Take time to worship the King.

May you all be blessed with good health, good times, and a safe holiday season.

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!**

In His Service and Yours,
Joan Dioszegi
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Membership

I hope you have taken the time from the "hustle & bustle" of the season to be Thankful and count your Blessings. It seems that Thanksgiving gets swallowed up as the Christmas flurry comes earlier and earlier.

As I am writing this, we are preparing for the Hanging Of The Greens. By now, we are all enjoying the sparkle and colors of Christmas. **I thank you all, in advance, for your hard work and fellowship, as my mind is imagining the beauty of our church.** Having just said that, I will remind you that it all has to be "undecorated" after the holidays end. Please set aside January 5, 2014! to reverse what we have done on December 1, 2013.

Again, it is a fun day and you will all be rewarded with lunch. We will probably have pot luck, so check your bulletin as the date approaches for specific plans. After this final meal, let the diets begin!

I will see you all in church and around the community as we enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the Christmas Season. What a wonderful way to praise the coming of our Lord and Savior.

Respectfully submitted,

Helyn Woolf, Membership Chairlady

From your Clerk of Session

WE WELCOME and.....

Congratulate *Janie Williams* who has been elected to serve as an Elder beginning January 2014. We thank retiring elder/ Treasurer **Mid Sharpe** for the 10 years she so loyally and diligently served our church. Thank you Mid...**for Jobs Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant.**

God Bless you,
Carol Bohlin, Clerk

An Update from your Treasurer

October General Fund Income	\$13,549
October General Fund Expenses	\$16,172

(The expenses for October included Chip's new computer.)

Please welcome our new Treasurer,
DuWayne Schumacher.

With his knowledge and experience, our church finances are in good hands. It's been a pleasure to serve as Treasurer and Co-Treasurer with Bob Bridges these past few years. With the help of Lois, the Finance Committee and Session we've kept our books in order and had lots of fun doing it.

Mid Sharpe, Treasurer

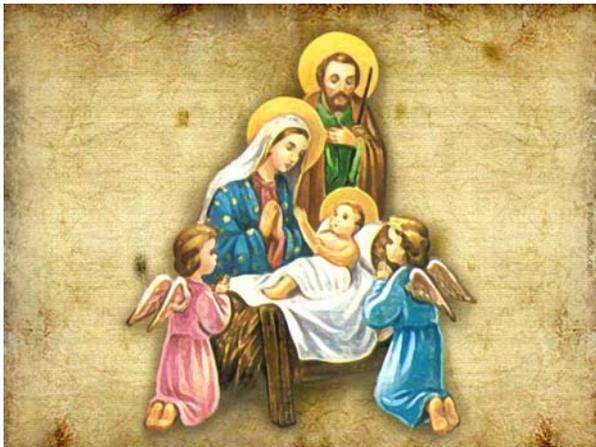
From your Presbytery:

Please remember in your prayers the churches in our presbytery that are in transition for a variety of reasons.

- Brule, Iron river, and Lake Nebagamon are discussing merger
- Chippewa Falls is seeking a called pastor
- Rice Lake is seeking a called pastor
- Eau Claire First whose pastor is on a leave of absence
- Eau Claire North is contemplating closing
- Phillips is working on a new building
- Maplewood Parish – Cornell and Hannibal – are without a pastor
- Duluth First is struggling with insurance coverage
- Ely is without an installed pastor
- Babbitt is without an installed pastor
- Westminster is without a building
- Park Rapids is seeking new pastoral leadership
- Virginia is without an installed pastor

8th Ann Wilson, Peggy Eble,
9th Sue Kleinsmith, 10th Steph Caroselli, 11th John Reichling, Patricia Indermuehle, Kim Woolf,
13th Dan Bloch, Dave Kebrdle,
14th Dick Indermuehle, Brook Stowers, Wild Jacobs, 15th Mark Halliburton, 16th Ken Winchell, Leah Hoehn, 17th Peggy Caldwell, 18th Barbara Johnson, 19th Pati Moberg, Jeremy Glynn,
22nd Jim Davies, Charles Rayala,
23rd Bob Paneitz, 24th Carol Laible,
27th Kathleen Wilson, Suzy Foster,
29th Michael Hayes, 30th Cay Wright, Ashley Fisher, Blaze Jacobs,
31st Barbara Boneck, Charles Peterson, Jessica Haas

4th Zack & Melody Wilson
17th Jim & Joan Carlson
26th John & Carmen Farwell
27th Parker & Mid Sharpe
28th Tony & Mary Schilling



From the Organist

I wish to thank you, the congregation, for having me as your organist, and wish you all a blessed "Holy Day" Season. Beth

4th Gretchen Stonecipher, Jean Eales,
Alex Danielson, 5th Natalia Schellinger,
Lauren Gardner, 7th Morgan Frandy,

Bible Trivia

...check your Bible
knowledge

Encounters with Angels

1. How many angels will be at the gates of the New Jerusalem?
2. According to Jesus, what causes the angels to rejoice?
3. Who had a vision of four angels holding the four winds of the earth?
4. What prophet saw the Lord's angel riding on a red horse?
5. What person saw the angel of the Lord in the form of a flame?
6. According to Revelation, what angel fights against Satan?
7. What two guides did the angel of the Lord provide for the Israelites in the wilderness?

Merry Christmas to
All and to All a
Good night

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Answers: 1. Twelve (Revelation 21:12), 2. A repentant sinner (Luke 15:10), 3. John (Revelation 7:1), 4. Zechariah (1:8), 5. Moses (Exodus 3:1-22), 6. Michael (Revelation 12:7), 7. A pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud (Exodus 14:19-20.)

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EVEN IN THE NORTHWOODS,
OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL THEY REST IN GOD

CHIT CHAT

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