



Paynesville Lutheran Church

The Shepherd's Voice

January 2010

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Worship Schedule:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Jan. 3 Contemporary
Jan. 10 Traditional
Jan. 17 Contemporary
Jan. 24 Traditional
Jan. 31 Blended

Holy Communion
celebrated every Sunday

Fellowship:

Each Sunday between services

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 - 4:30

Church Secretary

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Custodian

Doreen Miller 243-4985 (H)

FROM THE PASTORS

Over the past few months, a change that has occurred in our sanctuary has been the addition of the flat panel televisions. Whether you love them or hate them, it has been a real opportunity for people worshiping at PLC to be able to follow along with the service regardless of where they are sitting. It was an incredible gift from the family of Ardyce Peterson (as a memorial), the Endowment Committee and Women of the ELCA that made it possible.

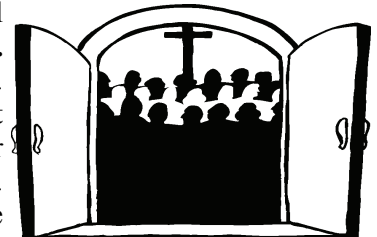
You also may have noticed the increased use of videos in worship---whether it has been a clip from a movie like *300* or *A Christmas Carol*, or as moving images behind song lyrics, prayers, and other parts of worship. All of this is designed to enhance and supplement worship of God, and not to supplant it. We are determined to answer God's call to this community, and this is one way in which we answer that call to the best of our ability. One of the ways we have done that recently was the video series at the beginning of each service during Stewardship in which different members of our congregation spoke about different aspects of giving to God.

But did you know that each video took several hours to build and edit in addition to the hours it took to record people? It's a big task, but one that we think is worth it! Another ministry that we are now doing at PLC is not only showing each service on the community channel every week, but taking the video of that week's sermon and putting it on our website, www.paynesvillelutheran.org. It is another way to reach people that either can't make it to worship that particular week, or for members that are away for a period of time (like many of our snowbirds).

To that end, we are seeking out people who would be interested in serving in this awesome ministry. You don't have to know how to build and edit videos, or how to load them onto the Internet, but only the willingness to learn. Talk to Pastor Dan for more information on this new ministry. And if you ever have feedback on anything having to do with our worship, including our use of videos and other media, please talk to Pastor Audrey.

Peace,
Pastor Dan and Pastor Audrey

The congregation of Paynesville Lutheran Church will hold its Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 17th**. There will be a potluck meal following the 11:00 a.m. service with the meeting directly after the meal at approximately 1:00 p.m. Please watch your mail for your copy of this year's Annual Report to the Congregation. You will be receiving the report the week prior to the Annual Meeting.



**Congregational
MEETING**

All confirmed members of the church in good standing are eligible voting members. And according to our Constitution, we need 10 percent of our voting members to constitute a quorum. Therefore, we hope that you will make every effort to attend this important meeting as we give thanks for another year of ministry, and as we look forward to an exciting year in 2010.



Caring and Sharing

Congregational Report...

Those in our congregation and in our families who are dealing with illness and pain; may they feel God's healing presence in their lives.

Please pray for those in our congregation who have lost loved ones:

- ❖ The family and friends of Millie Wagner
- ❖ Gaile Leimer and family at the death of his brother, Denny
- ❖ Lois Stebbins and Doreen Dickey at the death of their mother and aunt, Alice Stebbins

Please pray for the safety of the men and women serving in the military: Jenifer Detert, Ryan Hunt, Scott Ingalsbe, Brian Jacobson, Cole Kampsen, Curtis Mohr, Darwin Thiele, and others.

Please pray for the safety of those serving our military overseas: Adam Ingalsbe and Jackie Osterhaus in Iraq and Chad Wyffels in Kyrgyzstan (central Asia).

Prayers are listed in the bulletin each Sunday; we must have permission of the person before we print any names. Requests will be shared for a three-week period and must then be resubmitted.

Baptisms— None

Deaths—

Mildred Wagner passed away on November 27th. Her funeral was at PLC on November 30th.

Alice Stebbins passed away on December 15th. Funeral services were held here on December 18th.

Marriages— None

MEMORIAL ENVELOPES

We encourage you to use these envelopes when you wish to make a contribution to the church in memory or in honor of someone. The envelopes can be found in the basket on the table in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, please visit with either of the pastors or the church office.

We thank the following for their Memorial Gifts to Paynesville Lutheran Church ~

- ◆ In memory of Mabel Rossler to the Quilters' Fund by Lynda George
- ◆ In memory of Millie Wagner to the Undesignated Fund by Rudy & Viv Johnson
- ◆ In memory of Millie Wagner to the Endowment Fund by Jack & Audrey Bugbee
- ◆ In memory of Millie Wagner to the New Tables & Chairs Fund by Lynda George
- ◆ In memory of Millie Wagner to the Flower Garden from Wally & Jean Payne
- ◆ In memory of Millie Wagner to the Undesignated Fund by Doug & Shirley Hendrickson
- ◆ In memory of Millie Wagner to the Resource Center by Jim & Betty Loomis

Care Packages

We are once again planning on putting together Care Packages for PLC college students and also for those serving in the military. If you would like one sent to your child(ren) or a loved one, please provide:

- A sturdy shoe box (the larger boot boxes work perfectly)
- A label with the person's name and mailing address
- \$8 for postage

We need donated items to fill the boxes. These may include candy, homemade cookies, toothpaste, socks, note paper, pens/pencils, etc. Whatever you would like to share will be gratefully accepted! Donations and boxes can be brought to the church office. **We also need volunteers to help assemble the boxes, which will be done on Wednesday, February 3rd.** If you have any questions, please contact Mary Janotta at 243-3916 or Doreen Miller at 243-4985.



Paynesville Lutheran Friends,

I want to thank you for all of your prayers, cards, and concern given to me during and after my surgery. I have so much to be thankful for, as my brain tumor was benign. A special "Thank You" to Pastor Audrey for her care, emails and for visiting my mother in her home. I am now recovering at home and improving daily. God is so good!

God's blessings to all of you.

Sincerely,
Julie Morgan

Paynesville Lutheran,

A HUGE, special THANK YOU to all those that helped with this year's SADD Coat Drive.

Paynesville Lutheran collected an amazing 19 coats, 4 hats, 9 pairs of mittens, 3 headbands/earmuffs, 3 scarves, 1 pair of boots, 2 sweatshirts, 2 boxers and a pair of slippers. Several items were brand new!

In total SADD collected 87 coats!! They will be donated to the Community Service Center to help those in need.

Thanks for making this another great year—we appreciate it!

Heather Anderson
and Jackie Campbell,
SADD Advisors

Paynesville Lutheran Church,

On Monday, November 23rd we held our 10th annual Holiday Blood Drive at PLC. Together we collected 125 units, potentially saving 375 lives. This is a great return on our investment. We had 11 first-time donors which gives us hope for our future drives. The PAHCS Holiday Drive was assisted by 20 volunteers from both Paynesville Lutheran Church and PAHCS staff.

We received accolades of thanks from the two charge nurses overseeing the drive. They were very appreciative of the hospitality shown to their staff and donors by the volunteers and especially appreciated of the 137 donors who took time from their busy holiday schedules to donate blood. Thank you for all your help!

Renaë Wirkkula

Thank you to the crew who raked leaves and took them to the brush site: Rachel Ampe, Jodee & Josh Buermann, Abbie Swenson, Ben Youngs, Pastor Dan, Paul Oman, Rudy Johnson, Wanda Haase and John Buermann. I appreciate your help.

Arlene McCalmant

Dear Endowment Committee,

On behalf of the Meal Delivery Fund board members, I would like to thank you for granting our request for financial assistance with the volunteer drivers' gas reimbursement. The \$500 will certainly be a tremendous help to our fund. Thank you!

Linda Manz,
Meal Delivery Fund Board

Triune Ministry

We have a new *Triune Ministry* at PLC. This team is put in place to be available to pray for prayer requests, visit members who are unable to attend church or have other needs as requested, and to bring communion after the Sunday services to those who desire communion on a regular basis. *As you have spiritual care needs in any of these areas, rather than calling the church office, we are asking that you contact the coordinators of these ministries:*

Prayer Disciples: Lynda George at 320-243-7206

Faith Full Friends: Marlys Sorenson at 320-243-3824 or
Arlene Sullivan at 320-243-4265

Communion Ministry: Judy Lindgren at 320-243-7142

Free Babysitters!

A group of responsible 9th grade girls is offering FREE babysitting services for families as part of their Crosswalk community service. If interested, please contact McKenna Evans (320-241-4501), Karlee Hanson (453-2368) Brianna Kalahar (453-3179) Abbie Swenson (453-2420), or Pastor Dan.

Sign Up for a Dinner Group!

We will be starting a new four-month rotation for February through April, so here's your chance to be part of this fun experience. This is a great way to get to know your fellow church attendees better, plus eat some delicious food! This is for adults young, old and in between, single and married, members and visitors. A reminder about how it works: There are four units (a unit consists of a single person or couple), so from 4-8 individuals per group. Each unit takes turns hosting one meal (providing the main dish), and the others in the group bring the other items such as salad, dessert, etc. as requested by that month's host. Dates and times are to be decided by the groups, but each group should meet once a month. Your group could work together to coordinate childcare if needed.

We need everyone to sign up by January 3rd! Please sign up even if you have participated before, and include your contact information. You may sign up here, contact the church office, or contact Kathy Lura at 243-4321 or by email at d.lura@mchsi.com. You will be contacted with your group's information. Please join us!



Adult Forum

For the first seven weeks of the year, please join Pastors Audrey and Dan for the Adult Forum at 10 a.m. in Trinity Room A. They will be leading a series entitled “Bible 101” which uses materials and a short DVD from the Book of Faith Initiative of the ELCA. This series give the Evangelical Church of America’s perspective on scripture, which is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and written by seminary professors from Luther Seminary in St. Paul. This is a timely series as many people are asking many questions about Scripture these days!

January 3

Bible 101: What is the Bible?

January 10

Bible 101: Is the Bible True?

January 17

Bible 101: How is the Bible the Word of God?

January 24

Bible 101: Where did the Bible come from?

January 31

Bible 101: How can I read the Bible with greater understanding?

Women’s Friday AM Bible Study

A Bible study for women meets on the second Friday of each month during the school year at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room here at church. We are studying Romans using the Lutheran Woman magazine as a guide. If you would like a copy of the magazine, you can call 800-328-4648 or you can also order online at subscriptions@augsbuportress.org. Child care can be provided; please call Ann Lemke at 320-764-5332.

Men’s Bible Studies

Please join as at the **Hilltop Restaurant** at 6:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month—Breakfast & Book Study right now on *The Shack*.

A **Monthly Bible Study** is held at 7:07 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month at PLC—Book Study right now on *Wild at Heart*.

Projection, Video and Sound Meeting

If you are involved in doing the projection, video and/or sound, Pastor Dan will be leading a brief meeting on Sunday, January 24th after the second worship service. With the Sanctuary upgrade to flat panels AND an upgrade in our software, it will be a chance to go over those changes—and to share tips with each other. See you then!

Paper Arts Ministry

The Paper Arts Ministry will be meeting on Sunday, January 24th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women’s Book Club

Come and join us for coffee and conversation as we discuss the book, “The Noticer” by Andy Andrews. We will be meeting on Tuesday, January 5th at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, January 6th at 1:00 p.m. Bring your thoughts and reflections on the book, but if you haven’t finished reading it, come anyway! There is always a lively discussion.

Senior Shepherds

The Senior Shepherds is a group of “senior” citizens, age 50 and above, who get together monthly to share breakfast and fellowship at various restaurants in the Paynesville area. This month they will be meeting on Tuesday, January 19th at 8:30 a.m. at the Wishin’ Well here in town. If you need a ride, please contact Ardis Dodsall at 243-3602. There’s always room for more, so see you at breakfast!

Comfort Creators

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of Paynesville Lutheran will be meeting on Tuesday, January 26th at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to be part of this very vital ministry of our church, please contact Patti Cremers at 276-8250, or the church office.

Caring Casseroles

Would you be willing to make an occasional meal for members in our congregation who are in need? If you can help, or if you know of someone in need of this ministry, please contact Janell Hoffman at 243-4862, or the church office.

Women of the ELCA Dates to Remember:

Monday, January 4: Executive Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 9: “Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies’ Christmas” bus leaves at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 14: HOPE Circle at PLC, 7:00 p.m.
LOVE Circle at

Thursday, January 21: FAITH Circle at PLC, 9:30 a.m.??

Service of Healing

On Sunday, January 31st at 5:00 p.m. we will be offering a Service of Healing at Paynesville Lutheran Church. This quiet and contemplative service can be deeply meaningful to those desiring anointing and prayer for healing of any kind. Any prayer requests are confidential.

Plan to Experience Holden Village

Holden Village is a Lutheran camp that is well-known and well-loved by many. According to their website at www.holdenvillage.org, the camp is ministry, community, real, continually changing, and in an isolated wilderness setting. Pastor Audrey is leading a trip this year for the adults of the congregation to travel together to Holden Village in August 2010. Because we cannot secure our exact dates until after January 1st, you will have to watch the bulletin and the PLC website for exact dates.

We will travel by train which will cost each person approximately \$650 for sleeper or \$452 for coach round trip. The cost of staying at Holden for five nights is approximately \$300 per person. There will be an additional fee for a bus to transport us from Wenatchee to Chelan. So, if you are planning a sleeper (which is recommended because it's about two days' travel), the five nights, and the bus, a reasonable estimate per person is \$1,000. Exact numbers will be available after January 1st, and depending on how many are traveling there might be group rates available for the train. Please let Pastor Audrey know of your interest and watch for sign-up sheets in January. There will be a deposit required when you sign up.



Sunday, January 10th is Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. On that day we will be presenting

Thrivent Baptismal Medallions to those who were baptized here at PLC in 2009:

D'Jimon Edward Thornton
Caleb Donald Meierhofer
Evan Vincent Jones
Gavin Nels Popp
Ashton Micheal Utsch
Aiden Joseph Larson
Braydon Alan Kierstead-Hahn
Kristine Jean Schultz-Kierstead
Finley Marie Anfinson
Nicklas Wesley Anderson
Andrew James Schmitz
Ellie Jean Jacobson



Please pick up your 2010 offering envelopes, which are located (in alphabetical order) on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you notice any errors or omissions, please contact the church office.

Council Minutes

Copies of the Church Council Meeting Minutes will now be made available on the Cornerstone Cabinet in the Gathering Area here at church. Please feel free to pick up a copy.



Flower Calendar

The new 2010 Flower Calendar is located by the church office. Anyone wishing to provide altar flowers is encouraged to sign up. Please remember to list the person or event being memorialized or celebrated, and also who the flowers are given by. You are responsible for ordering the arrangement, and it must be delivered on Fridays during office hours. Please contact Paula with any questions.

Sermons Online

Wasn't that a good sermon? If you'd like to hear it again—or if you missed it the first time—the sermons are now available on the church's website! Just click on Worship, then Sermons and choose a date. The password is PLC.



UPCOMING DATES IN FEBRUARY

- ♥February 7: Uhambisano Sunday
- ♥February 10: Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Spirit Mountain Ski Trip
- ♥February 12-15: Spirit Mountain Ski Trip for high school youth
- ♥February 17: Ash Wednesday with Soup Supper prior to worship service
- ♥February 24: Lenten Services begin

JUST 4 YOUTH!

At-A-Glance Youth Calendar

JANUARY

- 3 Sunday School Village Day Event
- 6 Chicago Mission Trip informational meeting
- 10 Sunday School Parent meeting in sanctuary, 10 AM
- 11 Sunday School Teachers meet at 12:00 in Fellowship Hall
- 24 SS Students sing in both worship services
- 24 "Prodigal Son" Rotation begins

FEBRUARY

- 6 Thrivent "Moneys & Cents" Seminar
- 12 Spirit Mountain Ski Trip

Happy New Year! This January the Sunday School students are studying Joseph, Jesus' Father, and the Holy Family's flight to Egypt. Jesus fulfilled the promise of a savior sent from the house of David. Joseph was a direct descendant of David - that is why he had to head to Bethlehem, the city of David, for the census. You can find the whole lineage starting with Abraham at the beginning of the book of Matthew. We studied David this fall and Joseph, Jacob's son and Abraham's great grandson, in September. It would be a great time to look at your own family tree with your kids.

Joseph got a visit from the Angel Gabriel shortly after he visited Mary. He reassured Joseph that Mary was to have God's Son and that Joseph was definitely part of the plan. After Jesus was born Gabriel returned in a dream to tell him to get Mary and Jesus to safety in Egypt. Joseph did a great job listening to God and following God's plan - even though it was not what he had planned for his young family. We do not hear about him much after this in the Bible, but we know he was there fulfilling God's call to him to be a father. Give your kids a hug and remember the biggest job God has for you is being a parent.

Memory Verse: Matthew 2:13

"Get up, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt."

Village Day Event on January 3

Everyone is welcome to attend the Sunday School's Village Day Event on Sunday, January 3rd, as we travel around the Holy Land and learn what life was like at the time of Jesus' birth. Students should meet at their normal opening sites on that day.

High School Mission Trip to Chicago July 2-10

Pastor Dan will be leading a mission trip this summer to Chicago for high school students! It promises to be a life-changing experience where we will serve in inner-city Chicago during the day, and see different parts of the city at night (including Navy Pier, swimming in Lake Michigan, and fireworks the way they were meant to be experienced in Chicago!). On the way down, the group will also spend a day at Noah's Ark in Wisconsin Dells, the world's biggest water park. **There will be an informational meeting for students AND parents on Wednesday, January 6th at 5:30 PM in Trinity Room A.**

Thrivent "Moneys and Cents" Seminar for Teens and Parents on February 6

Greg Larson from Thrivent will be coming to speak to our CROSSWALK students and their parents about money matters on **Wednesday, February 6th at 7:00 PM.** What does it mean to be good stewards—even as students? Equipping our young men and women of this church is an important task, and this is one way to do so! High school students are also able to be part of this seminar. Talk to Pastor Dan for more info, or if you would like to attend.

High School Ski Trip to Spirit Mountain February 12-15

Do you like to ski or snowboard? How about hanging out in a hotel for the weekend that has a huge indoor water park? Pastor Dan is leading a trip to Spirit Mountain in Duluth over President's Day weekend, February 12-15, and whether you are an experienced skier or someone who wants to learn, this promises to be an unforgettable weekend. The theme of the weekend will be "Up on the Mountain." A Covenant Form complete with NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$75 will confirm your spot for the trip. Space is limited, so if you're interested in attending, let Pastor Dan know ASAP. Friends are welcome as well!

Congregational Officers

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Triune Ministries

Prayer Disciples: Lynda George
Faith Full Friends: Marlys Sorenson & Arlene Sullivan
Communion Ministry: Judy Lindgren

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Youth/Family Pastor Parish Relations

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Paynesville Lutheran Women of the ELCA

President: Viola Bengtson Secretary: Sue Greening
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Funeral Committees: Group 1-Pat Hansen, Kathy Lura, Wanda Vadner (Chairs)
Group 2-Lois Nehring & Betty Loomis (Chairs)

Kitchen Committee: Lois Nehring (Chair), Dixie Anderson, Dee Haines,
Pat Hansen, Marilyn Hoiseth, Judy Lindgren, Sharon Nelson and Jean Payne

Altar Guild Chairpersons: Mary Lou Lindeman & Lois Runge

Sunshine Lady: Vivian Johnson

Christian Women Representatives: Lois Nehring & Judy Lindgren

Cradle Roll: Lois Runge



JANUARY

1/01 Karen Mehr
1/02 Jennifer Anfinson
1/03 Dale Hecht
1/05 Ken Gniffke
1/05 Paul Larsen, Gavin Stanger
1/06 Perry Yungk
1/07 Lucile Dahlman
1/08 Allen Tollakson
1/09 Melanie Koerner
1/10 Baylee Lahr, Betty Loomis
1/11 Caitlyn Gottwald
1/12 Jayson Geier, Logan Utsch
1/14 Evan Jones
1/15 Cheryl Colbert, Cody Wiig
1/16 Brock Bruntlett, Kennedy
Kleist, Noah Larson,
Henry Salzl
1/18 Lois Stebbins
1/19 Leroy Thomsen
1/22 Amy Ellefson, Dee Haines,
Kayli Thelen
1/23 Autumn Fearing,
Mardonna Grages
1/24 Irene Hanson, Cindy
Kuhnau, Steve Swenson,
Zachary Swenson
1/25 Evie Sorensen
1/26 Deb Bennett,
Mary Cushman,
Caitlin Lien,
Arlene McCalmant
1/27 Madison Hentges
1/28 Kristin Desm
1/29 Allicyn Nelson
1/31 Erin Bruntlett, Dallee Hecht,
Randy Jacklitch,
Rosella Williams

*If we have made an error
or omission, please contact t
he church office so that
we may correct our records.
Thank you!*

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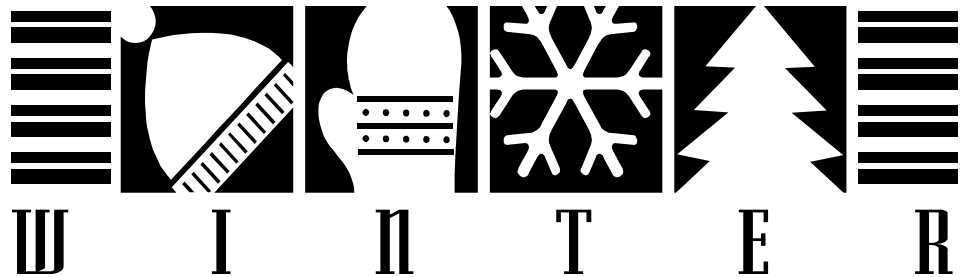
*The mission of
Paynesville Lutheran
Church is to:*

Point others to

Jesus,

Love generously and
gracefully,
and

Cultivate disciples.



'Tis the season of cold and snow, and very often storms. Please remember that if the Paynesville schools close due to the weather, all day and evening activities at Paynesville Lutheran are automatically canceled also. If the weekend weather is stormy, we will post church worship service cancellations on the two Albany radio stations: **KASM 1150 AM and KDDG 105.5 FM**. We will also try to leave any cancellation messages on the church answering machine.