



Crosswinds

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Christmas Worship Schedule



Christmas Eve
Wednesday, Dec. 24
3:00 Children's choirs
4:30 Special Music
11:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Holy Communion at all services
Nursery provided at 3 & 4:30

No worship at St. Barnabas on Christmas Day

First Sunday after Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 27, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 28, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Orchestra after services

All-Church Orchestra - December 28



An All-Church Orchestra will help celebrate the Christmas season at St. Barnabas by performing seasonal music in the Ministry Center during coffee hours on Sunday, Dec. 28. **There will just one rehearsal on Saturday morning, Dec. 27, from 10:00 - 11:30.**

The music won't be hard, but it will be lots of fun. For those who've taken part in the past, there will be a new tune or two this year. There won't be any chair tests, any kind of pressure at all - just the shared joy of making music together and lighting up a smile or two. Players of every level, experience, and length of time since you last played are welcome.

Those interested in playing are asked to sign up (either online at <http://www.stbarnabaslutheran.org/music/aco/> or at the Welcome Center) by Dec. 17 so we can be sure and have music for everyone.

JustGifts Market Continues

The **JustGIFTS** Market had a great opening weekend. Thanks to all who participated!

If you missed out, a condensed version of the Market will be available Dec. 14 & 21. Stop by the Market after worship and choose a gift for someone on your list. This gift will bring help and hope to someone in need.

Discovery & Growth

D&G

Discovery & Growth is an adult education opportunity that meets most Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30 in the Gardenview Room.

People are encouraged to worship at 9:00, enjoy fellowship with others in the Ministry Center from 10-10:30, and then get in the habit of making D&G part of their Sunday morning routine.

During December the D & G classes will focus on the theme of Just Gifts. The presentations will focus on programs in the St. Barnabas community that enrich our families.

Dec. 14 JustGifts of our Families

Nancy Lykkehoy and **Jana Hawkins** will speak about sharing “the gift of your family” with an international student for an academic year. A new dimension of day-to-day family life is enriched with this experience! Nancy and Jana will share the experiences and unexpected blessings that have occurred with their participation in this program. Information about hosting an international student will also be available.

Dec. 21 JustGifts for our Youth

High school years are often difficult for many adolescents. Peer pressure, access to recreational drugs, and confrontational communications are daily challenges many youth face. **Tim Cryer**, from TreeHouse Youth Outreach, will share with us the services and programs they provide to help adolescents survive and successfully transition to young adults. (St. Barnabas provides office space for the Plymouth TreeHouse staff.)

Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting - January 11

Eric Gustavson, a new member of St. Barnabas and retired pastor, is leading a trip to the Holy Land and Egypt in October, 2009. He will hold an interest meeting in the Fireside Room on Sunday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m. If you have any interest in a trip to Israel and Egypt, grab your coffee and treat and take them to the Fireside Room and learn what would be involved.

If you are interested but can't make it to the meeting, call Eric at 763-473-2991, or email him at ericjgustavson@hotmail.com. There are brochures on the Welcome Center.



Ongoing groups:

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact **Ross Patton** (763-544-3617) or **Brenda Percy** (763-550-1759).

“Barney’s Boys”

Men’s study and fellowship group meets every other Saturday from 8-9:30 a.m. at Panera, Hwy 55 & County Road 24. Next meeting is Dec. 20. They are currently discussing the book, *Wild at Heart* by John Eldridge. For more information contact **Jeff Carter** at 763-577-1507 or slrams@comcast.net.

Pastor’s Class

Pastor Wayne leads a study each Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:30. New participants are welcome at any time. The group is currently studying the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

JustWomen

Pastor Chris leads these Bible studies Two options are offered:

- Thursday Mornings, 9:30-11 a.m. *Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian.*
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. *Life in the Promised Land*

Divine Drama

Adult study of the sacraments, creed, and ethics. Led by David Lindblom. Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00.

Knitters & Crocheters

The groups meets the 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. but because this falls on Christmas Day, the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 28. Work on your own project. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact **Mary Pestel** 763-559-9138.

Quilters

First Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. No meeting in January. Next meeting February 6. All skill levels are welcome. **Audrey Johnson** 763-559-4459.

Soup N’Bread

Soup N’ Bread is a monthly lunch gathering of those “55 & better” on the 3rd Friday of the month. The next gathering will be Friday, December 19, at noon.

Radio Christmas Programs

KSNJ Radio, 99.5-FM, will be airing two of our ELCA college Christmas programs:

Monday, Dec. 22, 8:00 p.m. Luther College, Decorah
Friday, Dec. 25, 8:00 p.m. St. Olaf College, Northfield

December “Gift of Love” for ELCA World Hunger Appeal

More than 850 million people in the world go hungry each day. In developing countries, 10 million children under age five die each year, over half from hunger-related causes.

In the United States, 12.6 million children live in households where people have to skip meals or eat less to make ends meet. That means one in ten households in the U.S. are living with hunger or are at risk of hunger.

ELCA World Hunger is a connected, comprehensive, and compassionate program that helps individuals and communities lift themselves out of poverty into self-sufficiency. Through our giving and caring, through our advocacy and action, we make a life-saving difference.

The international work of ELCA World Hunger is carried out with several trusted partners, notably Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). Because of these long-held connections to partners around the world, ELCA World Hunger efforts are efficient and effective.

ELCA World Hunger is a comprehensive and sustainable program that uses multiple strategies—



relief, development, education, and advocacy—to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. ELCA World Hunger responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world. One way this happens in the United States is through domestic hunger grants.

Gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal total over \$20 million each year. Out of each dollar contributed, over 70 cents goes to international hunger relief and development work. Over 90 percent of every gift provides direct support for our church’s hunger ministry; less than a dime is used for churchwide administration, fundraising, and communication.

ELCA members support Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran World Federation through their gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. About 60 percent of the ELCA World Hunger budget is channeled through these two key partners.

More information about ELCA World Hunger can be found at www.elca.org/hunger.

December’s “Gift of Love” is for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Our gifts to the World Hunger Appeal may seem small, but even small gifts can go far in alleviating the needs of people around the world. Our goal is for everyone to give to the “Gift of Love”, whether it’s 50¢ or \$50.

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion group gets together on the third Thursday evening of each month of the school year. New participants (both women and men) are always welcome. One can come on a regular basis or just for a single time. Just contact the host for the evening to let them know you are coming.

December 18

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
Host needed. (A new style of book called a graphic novel. Available in the church office)
Host: Ann Kolden, 763-420-5082

January 15--Classics Month

Frenchman’s Creek by Daphne Du Maurier
Host Needed

An exhibition of watercolor paintings by Plymouth artist Gail Speckmann is on display in the Gardenview Gallery through December.

Christmas Poinsettias

Sign up at the Welcome Center if you would like to donate a poinsettia for the sanctuary for Christmas.

Each poinsettia costs \$10 and may be given “in honor of” or “in memory of” friend or loved one.

Cooking Class

Chef Chris Troftgruben is willing share her cooking skills by teaching cooking classes. If you are interested in a cooking class, contact Chris by email chefgruben@hotmail.com or sign up at the Welcome Center. She will set up classes based on interest.



Young Adults Game Night

Chris Troftgruben is interested in organizing some game nights for young adults in the congregation. If you want to participate and/or help with the planning, sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Chris by email chefgruben@hotmail.com.

Music Notes

Jeff Whitmill



The most famous choral work by the greatest English composer of his day and a modern classic will occupy the choir over the next couple of weeks.

Chorister, madrigalist, virginalist (a virginal was a small version of the harpsichord), composer and court organist Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) was known for “the best finger of that age.” One assumes from the context this was more a reference to his dexterity on the keyboards than any particular proclivity for unrefined gestures, though another contemporary citation of him as “the best hand in England” perhaps leave room for discussion.

The fourth son of William Gibbons, one of the waits (municipal musicians) of Cambridge, Orlando grew up in a musical family (an older brother was master of choristers as King’s College). Orlando was organist for the Chapel Royal and Westminster Abbey, as well as keyboardist for the privy chamber of Prince Charles (later Charles I).

This is the Record of John is Gibbons’ most famous verse anthem. It alternates between a technically demanding tenor solo (sung this week by Ken Hoyme) and contrapuntal sections for 5-part chorus. It’s a majestic setting of the Advent text from John 1:19-23. We’ll sing it 10:30 service on December 14.

Our modern classic comes from the pen of Morten Lauridsen, a professor at USC’s Thornton School of Music and former composer-in-residence for the Los Angeles Master Chorale. The selection we’ll offer, *O Magnum Mysterium* (O Greatest Mystery), is the all-time best-seller in the 225-year history of its publisher. It’s a masterpiece, plain and simple. Absolutely gorgeous writing for choir. And while it’s not the most difficult piece in our music library, it’s certainly in the top 10, perhaps the top 5. It’s beautiful, and we’ll sing it at both services on December 21.

On Christmas Eve the choir will sing Craig Courtney’s *Carols of the Night*, a mystical medley of *Oh, Holy Night* and *Silent Night*. We may also offer *O Nata Lux* (O Born Light) by Guy Forbes. This rich and beautiful work also makes considerable demands on the choir, so we may wait until we have more of a quorum present on January 4. Stay tuned.

December SBCA Concerts

Accent Brass Quintet Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2:00 p.m.

Some of the faculty of the St. Barnabas Center for the Arts play in this talented quintet. Admission is a free will offering (\$5 suggested donation). Reception follows the concert.

SBCA Fall Term Recitals

Saturday, Dec. 20, Noon & 2:00 p.m.

A host of (mostly) younger talented musicians will show the progress they have made this semester in two Fall Term Recitals. This is always a great festival of celebration as these artists from our music school share their talents with us. The public is invited to attend.

Jazz@StBarney’s Big Band Christmas **KC Gospel Orchestra & the Good News Big Band**

Saturday, Dec. 27, 7:00 p.m.

SBCA joins with the Twin Cities Jazz Society to present a 2-hour holiday spectacular at the perfect time - AFTER all the hustle and bustle of the weeks leading up to Christmas. Come out, kick back and enjoy some dynamite big band arrangements of familiar Christmas and holiday tunes. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Free popcorn, coffee and lemonade will be provided; soft drinks will be available for 50 cents.

St. Barnabas All-Church Orchestra

Sunday, Dec. 28, after both services

See page 1 for more information

Good Shepherd School Christmas Program

The children who attend Good Shepherd School on Saturday mornings (age 3-grade 2) will share their Christmas program as part of the 5:00 worship service on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Good Shepherd School will meet as usual that morning from 10-11:15.



Youth & Family Ministry News

Dennis Manson



Navigator Confirmation: “J-Term”

This four-week series (January 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.) for 6th-8th graders and their parents will explore where faith meets life. Other members of the congregation are invited to attend as well. We will introduce speakers and topics that help us discover together what it means to have an active, living faith in the real world.

This year the theme is “How to Stay Sane in a Crazy World.” You will hear the real truth and discover how to be the healthy person God wants you to be, mentally and physically. Topics will include:

- Eating and Eating Disorders. (Not just for girls anymore.)
- Depression. (Adolescence or something more serious?)
- Self-Injury, Chemical Use or When Things All Happen at Once

Each evening will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with a speaker, followed by a brief question and answer session. Then each parent-child group will have some time together to discuss what you have heard. We will close with “Why this matters to God.”

These are required sessions for the Navigators and one or both parents.

7th Grade Retreat, Jan. 9-11

The 7th Grade Retreat is scheduled for January 9-11 at Luther Park Camp. This retreat is centered around values and choices regarding our sexuality.

An e-mail letter will be sent to parents with a full list of what to bring & registration forms.

Parents are needed and encouraged to attend the retreat! It's FREE for parents!

Quake Retreat...

There is still space available to register for this amazing three-day (Feb. 6-8, 2009) experience with over 500 middle school students hanging out at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. \$50 deposit by Jan. 4th!!

Mission Trip Registration Due Dec. 14

The destination for the June 19-28 mission trip to **Bayou La Batre, Alabama** (15 miles from Mobile on Gulf Coast) Early registration deadline is this weekend, Dec. 14. To register fill out YouthWorks form and return to Dennis with \$75 deposit. Registrations will be accepted after the 14 but add \$50 to fees.

Visit the website for registration and more info on the above retreats and mission trip.

Education Ministries will NOT meet on the following dates:

Good Shepherd School:
December 27 & January 3

Lighthouse Confirmation:
December 24 & 31

Navigator Confirmation
December 24 & 31

Christmas Giving Reminders Adopt-a-Family

Cindy Lindberg of St. Barnabas is actively involved in a group called the **Slavic Family Assistance Association** which helps families get established in this country. Cindy has arranged for St. Barnabas to “adopt” two families for Christmas. We hope to be able to give each person two gifts; one that they really need and another that would be special to them. **Due Date December 21**



Food Baskets/Gift Cards

St. Barnabas' partner congregation, St. Paul Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis, serves many immigrant families from Mexico and Ecuador living in its neighborhood. Pastors Patrick & Louisa Cabello Hansel are identifying families for whom the gift of food would be a much-appreciated Christmas gift.

Christmas Shoe Boxes for Interfaith Outreach are due December 14.

Service of Prayer for Healing

Sunday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

St. Barnabas offers a monthly *Service of Prayer for Healing*. The service is generally on the second Sunday of each month from 7:00-7:45 p.m. The service is simple: gathering, listening, praying, and (for those who desire it) laying on of hands. Everyone is welcome. Come seeking prayers for yourself or to intercede on behalf of a family member or friend.

It is our

**Duty &
Delight**

Thanks to all who have returned their pledge cards for 2009. We are waiting for a response from about fifty more households.

If you have misplaced your pledge card, extra copies are available on the name tag table in the narthex.

2008 Offerings Received through January 4

Any gifts that one wishes to be credited to the 2008 fiscal year must be received in the office by Sunday, January 4 and must be dated on or before December 31, 2008. Any gifts received after that will be credited as 2009 gifts.

Barney's Blarney

"WHERE IS MY SUNDAY PAPER?" the irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded.

"Ma'am," said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday ...the Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday."

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition, as she was heard to mutter...

"Well, shoot ...so that's why no one was at church today!"

Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Morning Prayer
7:30 a.m.

Prayers for Healing
2nd Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve
3:00, 4:30, & 11:00 p.m.



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