



# Crosswinds +

## JustGifts Market Returns December 5-6

*“Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.” Isaiah 1:17*

We have been blessed with many gifts. Here is an opportunity to give to others around the world this Christmas season.

The *JustGifts* Market is wholly created and managed by a small passionate group of St. Barnabas women who embrace the need to support women and children in our neighborhoods and around the globe.

The Market will be open in the Ministry Center  
**Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

This year’s market will provide a wide selection of “alternative” gifts and handicraft items with proceeds going to missions in Nigeria, Chile, Honduras, Tanzania, Jamaica, and Thailand. Shopping will involve selecting

the projects you want to support and giving an amount of money to honor those people on your gift list. These gifts are simple but important and best of all don’t need wrapping or postage.

The selections this year include gifts of:

- education for children
- pre-natal health
- projects to reduce hunger and improve nutrition
- projects to provide safe water
- vocational training.

There will be handicraft items for sale from around the world; items like quilts, table runners, purses, jewelry, and baskets.

In addition, matching funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to help your gifts go further. Please come and see for yourself what you can do to support these important missions.

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## Advent/Christmas and “The Holidays” — They’re Not the Same Thing!

The church calendar begins a new year this Sunday, November 29. It is the First Sunday of Advent, a four-week long season during which Christians prepare to celebrate Christmas.

The word “Advent” means “coming”. It is a time of eager expectation as we await the coming of our Lord.

Advent occurs at a time when we are busy with two celebrations: Christmas, the Christian celebration of the birth of Christ, and “the Holidays”, our mid-winter time of parties, Frosty the Snowman, and Santa Claus. The term “the Holidays” is often used by the secular world to refer to Christmas, so the two terms are often confused.

***But “the Holidays” is NOT Christmas!***  
Everyone in our society can celebrate “the Holidays” because it has no religious content. This is the festival our public schools observe this month.

Christmas, however, is celebrated only by Christians who believe that the birth of Jesus is

an event that has changed the world and changed our lives.

Our celebration of Christmas need not be overwhelmed by our celebration of “the Holidays”, but it does require some effort on our part to make a distinction between the two. One of the best ways to help make this distinction is by observing the season of Advent in our homes and together at church.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find *Church Begins at Home*, a resource for personal or family devotions for the four weeks of Advent. Try taking five minutes each day (or a couple days a week) to light the candles of your Advent wreath and read the scripture lesson and prayer. If you receive Christmas greetings from friends, open and read them during this devotion time and then remember those friends in prayer.

Enjoy “the Holidays”, but make your observance of Advent and Christmas the primary focus of the season.

### Church Begins at Home

Enclosed is a resource for personal/family devotions for the next four weeks. Pull the insert out to keep on your kitchen table, night stand, or wherever it will best be available to you.

## December “Gift of Love” for ELCA World Hunger Appeal

### Ongoing groups:

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact **Ross Patton** (612-418-1243) or **Brenda Percy** (763-550-1759).

#### Pastor's Class

Pastor Wayne leads a study each Tuesday morning from 9:15-10:30. The group is in the midst of an 8-session study of the main stories of Genesis. Cost for the participant book is \$10. New participants are welcome at any time.

#### Just/Women

Pastor Chris leads these Bible studies, this fall doing a study of the Letter to the Hebrews. Two options are offered:

- Thursday Mornings, 9:30-11 a.m.
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m.

#### Theology on Tap

Pastor Wayne invites those who enjoy pondering questions of faith and theology to join him on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:00 p.m. at Jake's on 55 & Fernbrook. The group takes a break during December and will resume January 5.

#### Breakfast Bible Study

Pastor Chris invites folks to join her in the Community Room at Lunds on 55 & Vicksburg on Wednesday mornings from 7-8:00 a.m.

#### Who Is Jesus? Themes from John's Gospel - NEW

Sue Hagen will lead a study of the Gospel of John on six Wednesday evenings (Jan. 6-Feb. 10) from 6-7:00.

#### Quilters

First Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Next meeting December 4. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call **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 a potluck on Friday, December 18, at noon.

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](http://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 meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. to discuss a novel. New participants (both women and men) are always welcome.

#### December 17

*Two from Galilee* by Marjorie Holmes  
Host: Laurie Sanderson 763-773-8384  
[lseeksand@aol.com](mailto:lseeksand@aol.com)

#### January 21

*East of Eden* by John Steinbeck

#### February 18

*Heaven Lake* by John Dalton

You do not need to make a big commitment to join this group. To participate in the discussion, read the book and RSVP to the host. For more information, contact Julie Hoyme ([jhoyme@stbarnabaslutheran.org](mailto:jhoyme@stbarnabaslutheran.org) or 763-553-1239).

# D&G

The Discovery & Growth adult forum will not meet on November 29 or December 6. Topics for D&G on December 13 & 20 will be publicized in the weekly Crosswinds e-newsletter.

### Miracle on Christmas Lake

#### ... a side-splitting holiday comedy!

The St. Barnabas community is invited to see the holiday play, *Miracle on Christmas Lake* on **Sunday, December 6**, at the Yellowtree Theatre in Osseo. The show begins at **2:00 p.m.** Those who wish to car pool will meet at church no later than **12:45 p.m.**

Twenty general seating tickets have been reserved for the matinee at the group rate ticket price of **\$14.00**. Tickets can be paid for that afternoon at the ticket office. (cash, check, or Visa).

There is a small café there where one can purchase beer, pop or wine that can taken into the theatre and enjoyed during the show.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office: 763-553-1239.

### The Marks of Discipleship

- Daily prayer
- Weekly worship
- Bible reading
- Service in and beyond the congregation
- Spiritual friendships
- Giving time, talents, and resources

*Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19)*

# Christmas Giving Opportunities

St. Barnabas households will have several options for sharing Christmas with folks who are experiencing tough economic times.

## Shoe Box Christmas

Shoe Box Christmas is a program that St. Barnabas created several years ago. It is coordinated this year by **Eric Talus**, one of our high school seniors. St. Barnabas partners with Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners (IOCP) in Wayzata to provide gifts to children who did not get registered for the IOCP Christmas Party in early December. The program is simple—donors fill a shoe box with items appropriate for a particular age category.

Eric has set an ambitious goal of 100 boxes this year. **The due date for the boxes is Dec. 13.**

## 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 is arranging for St. Barnabas to “adopt” three 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. Information will be posted in the narthex by Dec. 6 and **the due date for the gifts is Dec. 20.**

## 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.

## Winter Coat Collection, New or Used

St. Barnabas is participating in a ministry to collect new or gently used and clean winter coats for the Plymouth Workhouse. The inmates often end up at the workhouse without a coat, even in the middle of winter. If you have a adult winter coat that you are not using, men’s or women’s, especially sizes L and XL, you may bring them to church and place them in the box in the narthex. **Collection will continue until Dec. 6.**

## Children’s Books for People Serving People

People Serving People provides emergency housing assistance in downtown Minneapolis (614 S. 3rd St.). They have a need for children’s books and picture books. New and gently used books can be brought to St. Barnabas by **Dec. 7.**



## Christmas Cookies Needed for Regency Pointe Dinner

St. Barnabas volunteers provide a free community meal to the residents of Regency Pointe Apartments each month. They would like to serve homemade Christmas cookies at the meal on Thursday, Dec. 10 and are looking for six volunteers to each provide two dozen cookies. Cookies should be brought to St. Barnabas by 2 p.m. on Dec. 10. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

## Christmas Poinsettias

Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office (763-553-1239) 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” a friend or loved one.

# Wellness Ministry Team Gets Underway

Rose Umland, Parish Nurse

The Wellness Ministry Team is a group of members who are committed to supporting the Wellness Ministry at St. Barnabas. The Team is comprised of:

Carolyn Torp	Laurie Robarge
Sue Gregerson	Ann Dryer
Eric Gustavson	Pastor Wayne
Bobbi Dering	Rose Umland.
Ross Patton	

In its first meetings, the Team engaged in study and discussion to come up with a mission statement to give direction to this ministry. Here is the result of their efforts:

*The Wellness Ministry of St. Barnabas is rooted in the healing ministry of Jesus, providing education and pastoral care that inspires health and wellness.*

The first educational opportunities will be offered at the end of January.

- A **Basic First Aid class** will be offered on Saturday, January 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- A **CPR/AED class** (American Heart Association) will be offered on Sunday, January 31 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Both will be taught by certified instructors from Minnesota Medical Training Services. The fee is \$30 per class, which will be collected at the door. Sign up sheets will be available on the Welcome Center. Although we do not have a maximum number for the classes, we do request that folks sign up so that sufficient quantities of materials can be planned for.

Blood Pressure checks will begin in January. They will be offered monthly on the second Sunday of each month following the worship services in Rose Umland’s office.

Feel free to call Rose (612-553-1239) or send her an email ([rumland@stbarnabaslutheran.org](mailto:rumland@stbarnabaslutheran.org)) if you have any questions, concerns or needs.

## A Vision of Christ's Kingdom

I share the following story with permission and gratitude. In the winter of 1989 my sister Paula had a two-year-old daughter, Libby, and was very pregnant with her second child. It was then that her husband decided he preferred the company of a co-worker and walked away from his family. My sister was devastated, frightened and lost. Together they hadn't made much money. She did child care during the day and was a part-time waitress at night. He managed a small convenience store. But they got by. And then he left, taking his pay check with him.

After the initial storm had blown over, we helped move Paula and Libby into my parent's house. I was called in as birthing coach and watched my nephew Nathan take his first breaths. Paula enrolled in a bachelor's degree completion program at a local college and got a job at the same insurance company where I worked. Paula was an adult woman with a family. She craved the independence she had once had. So after she got her diploma, she moved into an apartment near her job and enrolled her kids in a good day care center near by. Paula worked hard, paid her bills and took care of her children. She only got child support because the county has garnished her ex-husband's wages. It was still not enough. In order to get rental support, she was told she had to get a three bedroom apartment because her children were opposite gender. A three bedroom apartment meant higher rent ... more money out of her pocket even with help. She also needed help to pay the full cost of two kids in full time day care. (My parents both worked full time so they weren't an option.) Paula was fortunate that programs existed to help her bridge those difficult months as she diligently worked her way back to financial independence. That year, Christmas was profound for me. As I was merrily contributing to an adopt-a-family gift at work, I learned that my niece and nephew had qualified to receive shoebox Christmas gifts from their day care because of their financial status. I broke down and cried. My sister and her kids would never have landed on the street. Nor would they have gone without at Christmas. We were there to catch them. But Paula's experience opened our eyes to how easy it is for a hard-working someone to end up homeless. What if my parents hadn't been alive or in her life? What if she lived many states away? What if we ourselves had been devastated by the financial burden of a health care crisis or seriously ill child or job loss? It is not so hard to imagine how close Paula and Libby and Nate came to ending up in their car over night.

I understand now the dignity and decency of people who find themselves seeking support services. I understand how important it is that we find a way to help families and individuals bridge difficult times as they work their way back to financial stability and independence. How important it is to keep them in safe homes so they have an anchor to their lives and a table around which to gather and remind themselves that they are still family and they are still whole.

In the beautiful opening passage from Revelation, Jesus Christ is lifted up as the ruler of the kings of the earth; the one who is, who was and who is to come. The one who occupies the throne. This Sunday we celebrate Christ the King in churches around the world. Jesus Christ who proclaimed that the kingdom of God has come near and described for us a kingdom of justice, peace and inclusion; a kingdom where the sick are cured and the poor are cared for.

Also in this opening passage, the evangelist reminds us of something we already know but that we often forget in the midst of the competing claims on our loyalty. "To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us to be a kingdom..." Loves us, freed us, and made us. This great triad of verbs beckons us to the task of being a kingdom ruled by Jesus, our faithful witness and servant king.

Jesus bought us with his blood and claims us as his people. He freed us from sin so that sin no longer hangs like a yoke around our necks, draining us of hope and energy. Sure, we still see sin in abundance all around us. But forgiveness abounds even more and we are no longer defined by our sin but by Jesus' cross, our king's insignia, on our foreheads and on our hearts.

And Jesus Christ our king made us to be his kingdom! To be a kingdom. The evangelist talks of the kingdom as a present reality and a future hope. We are the present reality, the kingdom of Jesus Christ who is.

As a kingdom, we look always to Jesus to see what kind of kingdom we are to be. Jesus spent his earthly ministry walking among the poor, the broken, the oppressed, and the marginalized and he instructs us to do the same. Through the prophets God repeatedly declares that our solemn assemblies and worship have no interest for him if they are not also accompanied by acts of justice and care for the orphan, the widow and the resident alien.

Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners, of which we are a part, is working hard to be the kingdom of justice and mercy that Jesus has made us to be. Interfaith's theme for their 2009 Sleep Out is "Shelter from the Storm." Lost jobs, lost housing and less available help in the economic downturn have created a perfect storm that has impacted families in extraordinary ways this year. In addition, Interfaith has had to reduce their own budget and currently turns away 20 families per month with worthy housing requests.

The goal of the 2009 sleep out is to keep 1000 families in their homes... which means they need to raise \$2,000,000. On average, a client family of Interfaith will receive three housing assists in a year, totaling about \$2000. Which is nearly \$800 less than it costs to keep one adult and two children in a county shelter for one month. And that assumes there would be room. Hennepin County only has 3 shelters with a capacity of 250 families or individuals. All of these shelters are full and turning people away every night. None of these shelters is in the Interfaith service area.

*This sermon by Pastor Chris Bellefeuille was preached Nov. 22 for The Festival of Christ the King. It is based on this passage from Revelation:*

*Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him to glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

*- Revelation 1:4-6*

The \$2,000,000 that Interfaith will raise will be used for emergency housing assistance, services that stabilize families in the long term like employment counseling and case management and affordable housing projects. Robyn Cook, former Wayzata City Council woman and current chair of Interfaith's Board lifts of the ministry of Interfaith this way: "These aren't just charitable handouts. We want to be providing the underpinnings of practical need ... to help those who come to Interfaith get off to a new start with a solid financial plan that they can sustain." (*Star Tribune* 11-11-09) Interfaith's goal is to help people like my sister bridge the difficult times and to move them into a more stable future.

You are probably wondering about my sister. Well, Paula eventually remarried and her husband, Gary, adopted Libby and Nate to love as his own. Libby graduated from Concordia College and Nate is a junior at the University of Minnesota-Morris. Their sister Elena is a junior in high school. Last Saturday, we celebrated Libby's wedding to her beloved Dave. Her dad walked her down the aisle with pride and love.

Her brother Nate sang "What a Wonderful World" in his beautiful baritone voice. Elena read and acted as personal attendant. There was food and music and lots of dancing. It was a day of celebration. A celebration of love, possibility and hope.

I can never say thank you enough to the agencies and individuals that helped my sister and her family make the bridge to their future. They were helped by those who had a vision of Christ's kingdom. A vision cast for us by the prophets and evangelists. A kingdom of security, justice, possibility and hope. I know that the demands on your finances are heavy right now. Today you will be making your pledge to support the ministries of this church. Christmas is around the corner and many worthy charities will be knocking on your doors. But perhaps you have a story in your family like I do in mine. Maybe it is the Sleep Out that has captured your heart and your imagination. Then there are individuals and families in our community who need your gifts of love. The gift of shelter. And a place to call home. Amen

**The Sleep Out campaign continues through December 23. Pastor Chris will sleep outdoors in a tent on Dec. 10 with other clergy in the community. If you have not already given to The Sleep Out through the November "Gift of Love", you might consider sponsoring Pastor Chris with a gift. Be creative with your pledge! Perhaps \$5 for every degree it goes below freezing that evening. Checks can be made out to St. Barnabas.**

## It is our Duty & Delight

*Sue Hagen, a member of the St. Barnabas Church Council, shared this faith story at worship on November 15.*

Hello, I'm Sue Hagen and with my husband Arlan, have been a part of St. Barnabas for about two years. Before I begin, I want to thank you for being faithful in the past in building and supporting this church, so that it was here when we moved to Plymouth and began looking for a church home. We are truly grateful to have found home here at St. Barnabas. And that took your generous contributions in the past, and we don't take that for granted.

We are continuing the theme of Duty and Delight when we talk about giving offerings to St. Barnabas. This idea is from a book titled: *From Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life* by Mark Allan Powell.

Last weekend Darin Troftgruben shared with us how he and Christina understand and practice the Duty portion of offering, that of giving 3% of one's income as a fair share part of belonging to this church. If every household in the congregation practiced this Duty part of giving, all the needs of our church's budget would be met. We could come each week knowing the lights are on, the building is heated or air conditioned, it's insured and safe, and clean, staff salaries will be paid, and I hate to even mention this one, but it won't be long that we'll need to have the snow plowed in the parking lot. That's the Duty part and it is just and fair that each of us strive to make that minimum gift to St. Barnabas.

But now the fun part - the Delight part. I believe that this is the part where God's miracles start taking place. Our Duty & Delight brochure suggests that as a starting point for Delight giving, St. Barnabas members give 10% of their disposable income after their necessary expenses (which includes their Duty offering) are paid. This is not a true tithe (giving 10% of total income), but it is a good first step in experiencing Delight giving

Actually Arlan and I were fortunate enough to have heard a life-changing talk over 30 years ago. We had been married just a few years and were attending a small church in North Minneapolis, where we had purchased our first home. It was a stewardship talk that was transformational for us, but interestingly we can't

remember what was said or who even said it. But we both remember that as we drove home from that service we decided to give 10% of our total income before our expenses were paid.

Now some have said it is easier to give 10% of an income of say \$15,000-which is what our income was back then- but the ease or difficulty of giving 10% has not changed based on our income. What is difficult is living off the 90% that was left. That required being good stewards of what Arlan and I had decided was God's money anyway, and we started to see our selves as fortunate to get to have 90% to spend however we wanted.

Now over the years our financial life has had its ups and downs, as everyone's does: our car and furnace broke down at inopportune times, we've experienced a cut in hours at our jobs, the addition of children, costly health issues at one time, but our habit of tithing remained and we continued to be amazed at how God met our needs.

This many years later we face another financial challenge like so many others are facing: we affectionately call our 401K, a 201K, our townhome is worth less than we paid for it, and in addition, Arlan was laid off from the company he had worked at for 31 years. So my message is not one that is "if you faithfully tithe, your financial future is secure." That is not what giving is about. We have learned more clearly in these last couple years that security is not found in portfolios or retirement funds, but that true security rests in God's grace alone to sustain us, even financially.

Earlier I said that we were fortunate to hear a message that caused us to make a decision, which some would call radical, to give 10% of our salary, but we would argue that that decision was the best financial decision we made. We learned to live off the 90%, but more importantly it has kept us grounded in our faith in God, it kept us active in the congregations that we've belonged to who sustained us during the tough times, and it has allowed us to experience an appropriate relationship with money.

St. Barnabas is such a faithful and healthy congregation with so many blessings to be a safe resting place in the midst of a chaotic world and a beacon of God's faithfulness to even more people here in Plymouth. With God's promise to bless each of us in our giving, meeting all our needs and the wonderful church that St. Barnabas is, it's a win-win for all of us to prayerfully make a generous Duty and Delight Faith Promise to sustain the ministries of St. Barnabas Lutheran Church.

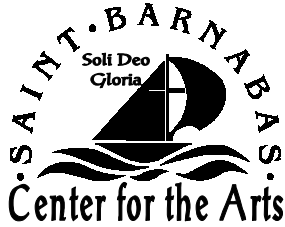
## All-Church Orchestra Plays the 10th Day of Christmas, Jan. 3

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, January 3. **There will just one rehearsal on Saturday morning, January 2, 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 at the Welcome Center or online at <http://www.stbarnabaslutheran.org/music/aco/> by Dec. 20 so we can be sure and have music for everyone.



Lessons offered for youth & adults in Piano, Organ, Voice, Guitar, Winds, Strings & Percussion

Music Together® classes for children 8 months-age 5

Jeff Whitmill, director  
[www.stbarnabaslutheran.org/sbca/](http://www.stbarnabaslutheran.org/sbca/)  
763-553-3083

### December SBCA Concerts

#### Masters of Music Series

Saturday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

Joan Griffith, guitar and Clea Galhano, recorder



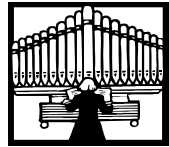
Master guitarist Joan Griffith and premiere recorder player Clea Galhano will pair up for an evening of Handel, Piazzolla (Argentine tango composer), Brazilian jazz and original works by Griffith from their upcoming CD release, Circle of the Dance. They will be joined in the concert by the University of St. Thomas Guitar Trio. Griffith will also play mandolin.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.

#### Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Thursday, December 10, 12:30 p.m.

Jean Krinke, Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church



The St. Barnabas Center for the Arts Organ Recital Series offers lunch time concerts on the second Thursday of each month, from 12:30-1:00. A simple lunch is served prior to each recital from 11:30-12:15. Please RSVP for the lunch, 763-553-1239.

#### Jazz@StBarney's

#### Big Band Christmas

Sunday, December 27, 7:00 p.m.

Good News Big Band and Just Friends Big Band



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.

### SBCA Fall Term Recitals

Saturday, Dec. 19,  
10:00 a.m. & Noon  
Sunday, Dec. 20  
1:00 & 3:00 p.m.

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

## News & Notes

Mary & Aaron Wenaas; Dennis Manson; Lindsay Hawkins; Gabrielle Sanderson & 2 friends; and Anna Pierro & a friend.

*Children's Books Not Yet Written* is the theme of a delightful collection of screen prints by Minneapolis artist Brian Hartley Sago. The prints are on display in the Gardenview Gallery.

- In consultation with the City of Plymouth forester, Prairie Restoration did a prescribed burn last week on a small area of wetland west of the church parking lot. The purpose of the burn is to remove the poplars that are overtaking this section and help restore it to a wetland meadow, which is what the area was seeded for back in 1996. The project will continue next spring.
- Eighteen people slept in their cars in the St. Barnabas parking lot on Saturday night, Nov. 21 as their way of participating in The Sleep Out campaign. We tip our hats to **Andy, Dana, Sarah, & Matt Cossette; Robby & Shiah Sanders; John & Eli Hoff; Mark Anderson;**
- **Bob Troemel's** dark brown leather jacket was mistakenly taken from the church coat room following worship service on Sunday, November 22. A black leather Dockers jacket was left in its place. If you have any information about this exchange please contact Bob or Julie in the church office.
- We extend our sympathy to **Mark & Kara Fandrich** on the death of Mark's father.
- **Pastor Wayne & Jackie Peterson** leave for Ireland December 7 to meet up with their daughter, **Kaity**, who has been studying this semester at the Burren College of Art in Ballyvaughan. The three will travel together for a week and return on Monday, Dec. 21.

# Youth & Family Ministry News

Dennis Manson



## Navigator Confirmation

December 2 marks the next service event for our middle school students. Our 7th Grade Girls and 8th Grade Girls need to be ready to depart at 5:30 pm and all others (6th Grade, 7th & 8th Grade boys) will depart at 6:00 pm.

## No Navigators December 23 & 30.

## Navigator J-Term

This January we are pleased to continue our Navigator J-Term Series!

This year the theme is "The Nitty Gritty About Cash, Cliques and Carrying On: parents and teens get real about money, friends and when life is hard!" You will hear the real truth and discover how to be the healthy person God wants you to be financially, socially and emotionally. Topics will include:

- *No, Everyone is Not Wearing Abercrombie: The plain truth about money and teenagers*
- *Social Network or Social Nightmare: Why having a boy/girl/any friends matters*
- *Trauma vs. Drama: How to tell if someone is in pain or just being one*

Each evening will begin promptly at 6:00 pm 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."

If you have any questions or concerns please contact either Pastor Chris or Dennis Manson at 763-553-1239.

## Girls Sleepover - Dec. 11

Girls are invited to come and go shopping, make Christmas cookies, and watch girly movies (bring some tissues!) on Friday, December 11. The evening begins at 7 p.m. and ends Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

Registration fee of \$20 applies towards shopping for ShoeBox Christmas items and other miscellaneous materials. Bring snacks to share!

Registration due December 6. **Adults and parents are needed to help make this event successful.** If you can lend a hand or have questions, please contact **Keri Manson** at 763-416-5851 for more info.

## Aluminum Can Recycling

Our Youth Ministry collects aluminum cans on the 1st weekend of each month (this month's collections is December 5/6). Place bags of cans in entry at east end of building.

## Baking for Coffee Hour

We are looking for folks who are willing to spend just a little time at church preparing for Coffee Hour. The supplies are provided — we simply need your time and talent. If you have never worked in this kitchen before, you are in for a treat. The big ovens and many cookie sheets make baking double batches of cookies or muffins a quick job. Sign up at the Coffee Table if you are willing to bake. If you have questions about using the kitchen, please talk to Barry Bergh (763-553-1239).

## Mission Trip 2010

Destination: Logan, West Virginia

Dates: June 18-27, 2010

Cost: \$650

Scholarships and Fundraisers available!

**Registration Form & \$75 deposit is due December 6.**

For more information regarding the trip, including payment schedule, fundraisers, training dates, and facts about Logan, West Virginia, visit our web site:

<http://www.stbarnabaslutheran.org/youth/highschool/missiontrip.lasso>

## December Baptismal Anniversaries

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Steven Alexander   | 20 Erin Snell      |
| Jann Patton          | 23 Michele Herzog  |
| Brenda Pellegrino    | Laura Muhlstein    |
| 2 Mark Oelfke        | 24 Andrew Byington |
| 3 Jessica Malchow    | Mark Fandrich      |
| Kathy Valentine      | Abigail Harless    |
| 7 Samantha Daiker    | Britta Johnson     |
| 8 Derek Eilderts     | Jack Morrison      |
| 9 Erick Burkett      | 25 Gary Gronneberg |
| 10 Andy Cossette     | 26 Nancy Innvaer   |
| Matthew Moen         | Joshua Manson      |
| Julia Whelan         | 27 Lucy Andrews    |
| 11 Rob Merry         | Brett Turnquist    |
| Bryan Miller         | 28 Madeleine Seel  |
| 12 Arlan Hagen       | 29 Max Burkett     |
| 13 Stephen Dennis    | Kelly Hiserodt     |
| Lori Harless         | Michele Hiserodt   |
| 15 Jacob Struckmeyer | 30 Julie Hoyme     |
| 16 Diane Endorf      | 31 Sophia Leiseth  |
| 18 Erin Wade         | Carol Talus        |
| 20 Anna Snell        |                    |

## December Birthdays

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|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Kara Fandrich   | 9 Nicholas Hackl    | 21 Brenda Boone       |
| Alissa Gambrel    | 10 Anna Johnson     | Jared Nelson          |
| 2 Brita Gilyard   | 11 Donata Anderson  | 21 Lilly Regensburger |
| 3 Jennifer Nelson | Michael Setum       | 22 Griffin DesBles    |
| 4 Colin Mackin    | 12 Peyton Bacso     | Margaret Piepkorn     |
| Deborah Mossefin  | Nina Werstein       | Sarah Piepkorn        |
| Mary Newton       | 15 Steven Berg      | 23 Jim Anderson       |
| 5 Michael Loop    | Clifford Kramer     | Jenna Piepkorn        |
| Ander Lykkehoy    | Paul Sholtz         | 24 Emily Ilse         |
| Bret Rehl         | Kristen Smith       | Carol Talus           |
| 6 Brody Jones     | 16 Deidra Gustavson | 25 Marian Ducharme    |
| 7 Carol Forsyth   | Rebecca Lang        | Kevin Haugstad        |
| Kirsten Gregerson | Jack Morrison       | Lindsay Hawkins       |
| Annette Lund      | Kevin Welshons      | 27 Barbara Canibano   |
| George Sponholz   | 17 Joel Donnell     | 30 Jennifer Johnson   |
| 8 Kenneth Hoyme   | 18 Aaron Wenaas     | Dick Meyer            |
| Joyce Ilse        | 19 Earl Hebeisen    | Mari Orke             |
|                   | Elizabeth Martinez  | 31 Kami Miskiw        |
|                   | 20 Janice Andersen  |                       |

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## ST. BARNABAS IDENTITY STATEMENT

*St. Barnabas Lutheran Church is a part of the Body of Christ and a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

*The source of our life together is the Word and Sacraments, celebrated in our worship.*

*We name ourselves after St. Barnabas, a New Testament apostle. He was called "Barnabas", meaning "son of encouragement", because he joyfully shared the "good news" of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He faithfully supported the work of the Church with his talents, prayers, and offerings.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Sent by Jesus, we set our sails to be filled by God's Spirit, inspiring us to praise, grow and serve.*

## Barney's Blarney

A minister, having served the same church for many years, decided to leave and take a similar position in another church. Without telling anyone he had made this decision or writing a letter to the congregation, he waited until Sunday morning to announce his resignation in church.

When he spoke to the congregation he said, "The same Jesus that called me to this church many years ago has now called upon me to leave and serve another church. I am submitting my resignation and next Sunday will be my last Sunday with you."

Following the announcement, the congregation sat in silence. Then the choir stood and sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

## Service of Prayer for Healing Sunday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.

St. Barnabas offers a monthly *Service of Prayer for Healing*. The service is generally on the second Sunday of each month from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

The service is simple: gathering, listening, praying, and (for those who desire it) anointing with oil. Everyone is welcome. Come seeking prayers for yourself or to intercede on behalf of a family member or friend.



## Worship Schedule

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

**Saturday**  
5:00 p.m.

**Thursday Morning Prayer**  
7:30 a.m.  
(will not meet Dec. 24)

**Prayer for Healing**  
Sunday, Dec. 13, 6:00 p.m.

## Christmas Worship Schedule

**Christmas Eve**

Thursday, Dec. 24  
3:00, 4:30, & 11:00 p.m.

*No worship on Christmas Day*

**1st Sunday after Christmas**

Sat. Dec. 26 - 5:00 p.m.  
Sun., Dec. 27 - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.