

***Luke 2:21 (ESV)***

***And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.***

## **St. Paul Lutheran Little Lambs Childcare**

2012 is just around the corner! It sure has been a different winter from last year. We still are able to get outside some days for playtime or a walk.

Thank you to all of you for your donations and gifts to Little Lambs. It is much appreciated. We are continuing our fundraisers into 2012. If you need a new list for the ink cartridges or labels, we have some on our table at LLC. Also, please remember to use Good Search for your search engine on the internet. Our other fundraisers are Milk Moola and SCRIP. If you have any questions about any of these, please let us know and we will help you.

During December we learned about how the angel came to Mary, the trip to Bethlehem; baby Jesus' birth, the shepherds and the wise men. We also enjoyed making several Christmas crafts including a gift for our parents.

In January we will be learning the following things:

### Bible Stories

Jesus Grows Up

*Luke 2:40, 5*

Jesus at the Temple

*Luke 2: 41-52*

### Monthly Themes

Winter/Brr, it's cold outside!!

Polar Animals

Keeping our bodies clean and healthy

The color white

The shape triangle

The letter E

The number 5

We welcomed a new infant to daycare on a drop in basis. His name is Milo. And soon we will have another new infant, Owen. They will keep us busy!

*Nothing you can do will make God love you more.*

*Nothing you can do will make God love you less.*

*God loves and accepts you—unconditionally—because of Jesus and His sacrifice on your behalf.*

## Church Library Additions—January 2012

### **Intermediate Books:**

Two books in the Hero of Faith series have been added to the church library.

Johann Sebastian Bach by Barry L. Bobb can inspire young readers who wonder how God may work in their lives to bring glory to Him while uplifting others through the use of their individual talents and abilities, as J.S. Bach did through his music. Call number: B-Bob

C.F.W. Walther was written by Gerald Perschbacher. Young readers will find encouragement for their lives as they read about the struggles and uncertainties that C.F.W. Walther faced in sickness, disillusionment, and other challenges of being in a new country far from his home in Germany. He was a parish pastor, the first president of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the first president of our seminary, and a writer, editor, publisher. God was with him throughout his difficult, but productive life. Call number: B-Per

### **Teen Book:**

Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers was written by Brad Alles. This book helps youth defend their faith by showing that Christianity is true and that Jesus is real in a culture that says there is no truth. Some topics that are included are—"Are You Ready to Defend Your Faith?", "What Is a Worldview?", "Does Evolution Explain the World?", "Does Creation Explain the World?", "What about Dinosaurs?", "Is the Bible True?", "How Can We Witness Effectively Today?". Call number: C-All

### **Books for Adults:**

The Religion Bodies of America by F. E. Mayer is a helpful book for those interested in the doctrines and practices of various church bodies—to understand the differences of various denominations. Call number: 7-May

Augustine for Armchair Theologians by Stephen A. Cooper is an introductory overview of one of the greatest theologians of the early church: Augustine of Hippo. The author gives insights into the life and thoughts of Augustine and examines his theological views on important controversies of his time. Call number: 8-Coo

Aquinas for Armchair Theologians was written by Timothy M. Renick. Thomas Aquinas was one of the most influential thinkers in the history of Christianity and of western civilization. This is a good introduction to St. Thomas' thoughts on topics which include God, angels, evil, morality, sex, war, abortion, and politics. Call number: 8-Ren

ABC's of the Bible is a book of 400 questions about the Bible. The answers to the questions give new insights into understanding the Scriptures—the traditions, customs, and the social and political currents that affected people of the Bible. Call number: 10-Abc

Jesus and His Times tells about the everyday life and customs in the world that Jesus knew. It relates how the Gospel was spread by the Apostles and describes people who are mentioned in the New Testament. Call number: 10-Jes

Thank you to those who donated books. Stop in the library at your convenience. It is located next to the Sunday school superintendent's/LLC's director's office in room 103 on the lower level of the education building.

Cindy Wood

### **Bazaar report and thanks:**

God again blessed our Cotta Guild's annual bazaar with a good crowd, favorable weather, and willing workers. As God blessed our efforts, we were able to use the funds for a variety of mission projects—spreading His Word and providing thanks and encouragement to our church workers. This is a list of projects that the proceeds of the bazaar supported. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

### **List of Cotta Guild bazaar donations**

| <b>Mission Project:</b>                            | <b>2011</b> |
|--|-------------|
| Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne                     | \$100       |
| Concordia Seminary, St. Louis                      | \$100       |
| Trinity First Lutheran                             | \$200       |
| LCMS World Relief                                  | \$100       |
| Lutherans for Life                                 | \$100       |
| MN South District Missions                         | \$200       |
| LCMS World Missions                                | \$200       |
| Bethesda Lutheran Home                             | \$100       |
| Little Lambs Child Care                            | \$100       |
| Waseca Hospice                                     | \$100       |
| Camp Omega   | \$200       |
| Cannon Valley Lutheran High School                 | \$200       |
| Neighborhood Service Center.                       | \$200       |
| Lutheran Hour                                      | \$100       |
| Pastor Zimmer                                      | \$150       |
| Amy Marquardt                                      | \$50        |
| Lisa Mens  | \$50        |
| Allen Eichhorst                                    | \$50        |
| Sue Barbknecht                                     | \$50        |
| Kelli Lenz   | \$50        |
| Concordia Seminary Guild, St. Louis                | \$50        |
| Concordia Theological Seminary Food Bank           | \$100       |
| St. Paul kitchen                                   | \$400       |
| Dakota Boys' Ranch                                 | \$100       |
| The Dwelling Place                                 | \$100       |
| St. Paul Lutheran Church Radio Ministry            | \$150       |
| Faribault Lutheran Hour Broadcasts                 | \$100       |
| Waseca Senior Center                               | \$100       |
| Feed the Children                                  | \$100       |
| Jared Korb, Concordia Theological Seminary student | \$200       |
| Veterans of the Cross, LCMS retired pastors        | \$100       |
| Total:   | \$3,900     |

For those who helped our Cotta Guild with donations and serving and who are interested in comparing the bazaar reports of recent years, here is a summary of the St. Paul Lutheran Cotta Guild annual Christmas bazaar funds.

|                  | 2011       | 2010       | 2009       |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <i>Bake Shop</i> | \$564.15   | \$448.90   | \$670.75   |
| Candy Shop       | \$697.75   | \$585.50   | \$437.50   |
| Cookies          | \$757.00   | \$912.00   | \$746.00   |
| Crafts           | \$925.25   | \$781.95   | \$671.00   |
| Lunch            | \$1,800.00 | \$1,669.75 | \$2,344.50 |
| White Elephant   | \$199.86   | \$175.25   | \$179.25   |
| Total            | \$4944.01  | \$4,573.35 | \$5,049.00 |
| Expenses         | \$611.49   | \$562.01   | \$600.37   |
| Net              | \$4,332.52 | \$4,011.34 | \$4,448.63 |

**Cotta Guild** will meet Thursday, January 12, at 6:00 PM for a potluck. Members are encouraged to bring a friend or a spouse. Each circle is to decorate a table for 12 people. There will be installation of officers during the business meeting. Pastor Zimmer will have a devotion. All women of the congregation are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship.

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**Radio Broadcast Monitors**

As the Board of Evangelism prepares the schedule for 2012, they once again are thankful for the people who serve as radio monitors each Sunday. But as always, we can use more volunteers. If you have any interest in serving, please contact Gene Schwarz or Paul Krienke or anyone on the Board of Evangelism and they would be very happy to answer questions or help get you started as a radio monitor.

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**C.F.W. Walther**

During four Sundays in January and one in February, St. Paul will be offering an education program on Pastor C. F. W. Walther and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod at 2 PM. The first Sunday we will meet from 2 to 4 at the fellowship hall of the church for the main feature film. After that we will meet from 2 to 3 on the other Sundays. Everyone is welcome. If you wish, you may bring a guest.

Dear children of the Heavenly Father,

Happy New Year!

It seems like only yesterday that we were planning for the year 2000, and wondering what was going to happen. Now eleven years have gone by-whizzed by, actually, and here it is the beginning of the year 2012. Has your life changed in these eleven years?

This is the time of year when we make New Years resolutions for the next year. Sometimes they are hard to keep, but with the Lords help, we will try.

First of all, I need to thank our Lord for all of you. I believe He has placed His most faithful children into my life. So I thank you all for your love, your kindness, your joy, your laughter, and yes also for sharing the sadness in my life. I also thank you for all the prayers sent to our heavenly Father for my family especially for Carol and Sarah. Both are doing much better. Praise the Lord!

I expect to be more homebound this winter so one of my resolutions is to keep in closer touch with relatives and friends that I feel I have neglected in the past few years. I will do so by telephone, by letter writing, by carrier pigeon or pony express-whatever works. We also have some 'little people' in the family now,( Peyton, my great granddaughter and Blake, my great-great grandson.) And I do want to get to know them better before I go home to be with Jesus.

When you read this item, we will already have celebrated the birthday of our Savior Jesus Christ. Our Father sent Him to earth as our Redeemer, friend and brother, to live a perfect life for us (the black sheep of the family) to suffer and die on the cross and to rise again three days later. He shed His blood to wash away the black sin from our bodies and make us white as snow. Years ago, a troublesome child in the family was called a black sheep. Thanks and Praise to God for the gift of a Savior who loves us with an everlasting love. Now we wait patiently for His second coming to take us home to heaven, where no one can snatch us from his hands.

As the angels sang and shared this message at Jesus birth Luke 2:1-14 "Fear not; for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord,-and 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will to all."

May we ask the Holy Spirit to help us to share that peace and good will to all whose lives we touch in the New Year, 2012. And remember to "Be joyful constantly, to pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks for that is the will of God for you through Christ Jesus."

2 Thess. 5:16-18

May our Awesome God grant each of you a blessed New Year and continue to send you His best blessings now and always!

In Jesus Love  
Your sister in Him  
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## BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Jesus said that the Old Testament Scriptures "testify of Me" (John 5:39). As the calendar year begins we start reading at Genesis and in Luke's Gospel. Jesus is proclaimed to be the Seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15), the Seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Galatians 3:16). In the book of Acts Peter quotes these passages as He proclaims Jesus Christ as the Seed of Abraham and the Savior of the world (Acts 3:24-26). Jesus appeared to Moses at the burning bush and called Himself the great I AM (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58). As you read God's Holy Word this year may you hear Christ speaking to you that you would have the forgiveness of all your sins.

### **JANUARY:**

1. Genesis 1,2; Luke 1
2. Genesis 3,4,5; Luke 2
3. Genesis 6,7,8; Luke 3
4. Genesis 9,10,11; Luke 4
5. Genesis 12,13,14; Luke 5
6. Genesis 15,16,17; Luke 6
7. Genesis 18,19; Psalm 3; Luke 7
8. Genesis 20,21,22; Luke 8
9. Genesis 23,24; Luke 9
10. Genesis 25,26; Psalm 6; Luke 10
11. Genesis 27,28; Psalm 4; Luke 11
12. Genesis 29,30; Luke 12
13. Genesis 31,32,33; Luke 13
14. Genesis 34,35,36; Luke 14
15. Genesis 37,38; Psalm 7; Luke 15
16. Genesis 39,40,41; Luke 16
17. Genesis 42,43; Psalm 5; Luke 17
18. Genesis 44,45,46; Luke 18
19. Genesis 47,48; Psalm 10; Luke 19
20. Genesis 49,50; Psalm 8; Luke 20
21. Exodus 1,2; Psalm 88; Luke 21
22. Exodus 3,4,5; Luke 22
23. Exodus 6,7,8; Luke 23
24. Exodus 9,10,11; Luke 24
25. Exodus 12,13; Psalm 21; Acts 1
26. Exodus 14,15,16; Acts 2
27. Exodus 17,18,19,20; Acts 3
28. Exodus 21,22; Psalm 12; Acts 4
29. Exodus 23,24; Psalm 14; Acts 5
30. Exodus 25,26,27; Acts 6
31. Exodus 28,29; Acts 7