

# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PASTOR

As you all know, the United States has just come through another presidential election cycle. Many may agree this has been one of the most interesting and controversial elections of our lifetime. Notice how many of those running focused on the theme that America is not what it should be and that through their leadership they would restore this nation to its full potential and glory. You heard the slogan, "Making America Great Again." The thought was that the United States was once an industrial, economic, and military powerhouse respected by its allies and feared by its enemies but has now fallen and lost its way. It needs a leader to bring it back to its former glory.

In first-century Israel, many Jews had a similar expectation. They were expecting God through his Messiah to restore Israel to its former glory as in the days of kings David and Solomon or at least of the Maccabees. Some were even hoping the Messiah would usher in the Last Day when all things would be restored. God, they all felt, needed to make Israel great again.

Yet when God acted in Jesus, he did something many did not expect. Jesus came preaching the Gospel, forgiving sins and calling sinners to new life. He came cleansing lepers, casting out demons, healing the blind, and raising the dead (Mt 11:5). Israel's problem was not merely their loss of former political independence and glory, but their sin and rebellion against God. These Jesus the Christ overcame. Those who believed experienced not only physical healing, but restoration in their relationship with the God of Israel.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

\*\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*\*

Christmas Eve Service 5:30pm &  
11:00pm

Christmas Day and New Years  
Day Services 10:45am



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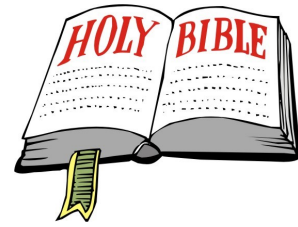
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### Special points of Interest

- 12/4- Church Decorating
- 12/6- Midweek Advent Service
- 12/9- Shower for Jesus 6:30pm
- 12/17- Lessons and Carols  
7pm
- 12/18- Sunday School Pageant
- 1/08- Acolyte Training

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Christmas Pageant will be on December 18th



The kids are preparing not only in this season of Advent, but also preparing for Christmas with "Jesus; God's Greatest Gift"

There is no Sunday School on December 25th or January 1st  
Enjoy the Holiday Break! Classes will resume on January 8th.

December 11th

The Youth Group will be holding a Christmas Movie & Craft day  
From 12pm-4pm. Snacks will be provided with Pizza for Lunch

As we gather in Holiday fun while Parents can enjoy

An afternoon alone to go Christmas Shopping.

Children of all ages are welcome to attend.



### ACOLYTE/ USHER TRAINING

There will be an acolyte training for anyone interested in grades 4 and up. There will be an Usher training as well for those who would like to learn how to usher. Ushers must be Confirmed.

A quick run through of the service and how to conduct ones self while on the altar, as well as the different jobs done by the Junior and Senior Acolytes. Please stay right after service on January the 8th.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class continues to be held each Sunday during the Sunday School Hour. Each child is in 7th or 8th grade.

Confirmation will be June 4th, 2016 this year.



## LADIES GUILD

### December Altar Guild

Joan Tisbe

### Next Meeting:

December 9th-6:30pm

“Shower For Jesus”

**ALL LADIES OF THE  
CONGREGATION ARE  
INVITED!!!!!!**



## COFFEE HOUR

We've had some members of the congregation sign up recently to do a coffee hour but we could use some more. Why not pair up with someone else to host a coffee hour. Get some rolls or bagels and a few cookies or baked goods with juice and milk to go with the coffee. The Ladies Guild purchases the coffee and paper goods. Clean up after is a breeze! The sign up sheet is in the Narthex next to the Flower Chart. Let us all work together to continue what we Lutheran's do best. Congregate and Eat!

## FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on any Sunday, please sign the flower chart posted in the Narthex outside Pastor's Office. Please indicate if it is in memory or honor of someone or in celebration.

Please note that the cost of each arrangement is \$10.00

There are many weeks throughout the year that need flower sponsorships.



## FUNDRAISER

Our next Helping Hands Feeding the Homeless Fundraiser Will be March 21st. A sign up sheet will go up in the Narthex For everyone to sign up for different dishes to bring.

If you would like to stay and help feed and stay overnight please see Joan Tisbe or Irene Keenan.

## YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Events:

January 13-15 Annual Retreat to  
Koinonia

Please hand in your permission slips by  
January 1st to Nick.



Next Meeting  
December  
3rd  
Christmas  
Cookie  
fundraiser

Coming in February

February 5th, 2016

Our Trivia Intergenerational Gathering during the Sunday School Hour.

All children and adults are encouraged to attend.

Baby Shower Coffee Hour to benefit Lutheran World Relief  
Specific Baby Donations will be collected to give to the one's

In need around the world.

Date to be announced.

# SUNDAY SERVANTS

Dec 4th  
 Minister's Asst: Irene Tatti  
 Lector: Linda Worker  
 Ushers: Birgitt Culver, Harvey Culver  
 Acolytes: Louisa Gutenberger, Katerina Gutenberger  
 Introit/Gradual: Katerina Gutenberger

Dec 6th – Midweek Advent Service  
 Minister's Asst: Nick Culver  
 Lector: Barbara Cavanagh  
 Ushers: Barbara Cavanagh, Marilyn Lobbe  
 Acolytes: Kim Cavanagh, Lorelai Lobbe  
 Introit/Gradual: Lorelai Lobbe

Dec 11th  
 Minister's Asst: Nick Culver  
 Lector: Joan Tisbe  
 Ushers: Joan Tisbe, Irene Keenan  
 Acolytes: Cameran Gavan, Delaney Morrison  
 Introit/Gradual: Delaney Morrison

Dec 18th  
 Minister's Asst: Irene Tatti  
 Lector: Barbara Cavanagh  
 Ushers: Barbara Cavanagh, Carol Hoerter  
 Acolytes: Kim Cavanagh, Jessica Birch  
 Introit/Gradual: Jessica Birch

Dec 24th - Christmas Eve - early  
 Minister's Asst: Nick Culver  
 Lector: Barbara Cavanagh  
 Ushers: Birgitt Culver, Harvey Culver  
 Acolytes: Austin Tyler, TBD  
 Introit/Gradual: TBD

Dec 24th Christmas Eve - late  
 Minister's Asst: Irene Tatti  
 Lector: TBD  
 Ushers: TBD  
 Acolytes: TBD  
 Introit/Gradual: TBD

Dec 25th Christmas Day  
 Minister's Asst: Nick Culver  
 Lector: TBD  
 Ushers: TBD  
 Acolytes: TBD  
 Introit/Gradual: TBD

Jan 1st - New Year's Day  
 Minister's Asst: Irene Tatti  
 Lector: TBD  
 Ushers: Sylvia Walker, TBD  
 Acolytes: TBD  
 Introit/Gradual: TBD



## WHUD 100.7 FM

Please note that in the event of inclement weather, members should tune to WHUD 100.7FM and on News 12 for an announcement concerning the cancellation of either Sunday School or Worship Service. If you are in doubt please contact one of the members of council or any other member. Emails will also be sent out to members



## HELP WANTED

If anyone is interested in being an acolyte, usher or lector, please speak with Barbara Cavanagh, Head Usher at 429-6475 or at BViguie@aol.com

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**December 17th 7:00pm**

“Lessons and Carols”

Performed by  
James I. O’Neill  
High School  
Select Choir

## Christmas Poinsettias

Please be on the lookout for the order forms

To place orders for Poinsettias.

Please contact Birgitt Culver to place your order or if you have any questions.



## SOUP AND STUDY

The Soup and Study will continue starting in the month  
Of February and will be held every 4th Sunday of the month  
Thru the month of April.

The Boy Scout’s program slogan is “Leave No Boy Inside” Boys! Get off the couch, put your video games down and look around at nature. Enjoy what God has given us! The scouts meet on Thursday nights between 7-8:30pm. Please check out our website at [www.troop2010.com](http://www.troop2010.com) for more information.

The scouts are always looking for new members. If you are between the ages of 10-17 and are interested in scouting, please stop by on Thursday Night with a parent. If you are over 18, there are always opportunities for you to get involved with the leadership of the scouts. Please speak with Charles Blaha, Scout Master.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOVEMBER OFFERINGS

11/6- \$1,068.00

11/13- \$1,518.00

11/20- \$670.00

11/23- \$205.00

11/27- \$1,180.00

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Total- \$4,641.00



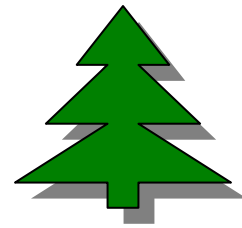
### LADIES GUILD SHOWER FOR JESUS

Ladies Guild Christmas Party and Shower for Jesus will be held on  
December 9th at 6:30pm

Please bring an appetizer and /or dessert to share

Cookie Swap: If interested, bring in 8 dozen homemade cookies, take a  
variety of cookies home with you!

Its time to restock the pantry!!! Please bring in needed items wrapped to  
place under the tree. A list is in the back of the newsletter.



### Our Very Own Boy Scouts Troop 10

Is selling Christmas Trees Outside Behind the Church during this Christmas Season

Stop by and take a look they have some wonderful selections of great

Evergreen Trees just perfect for your Holiday Decorations.

**ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Stony Point, New York 10980  
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**December 16th**  
**@ The Hoehn's House**

**Church Council**

- President: Carol Hoerter (845) 354-1926
- Vice President: Irene Tatti
- Treasurer: Peter Mahoney
- Financial Secretary: Birgitt Culver
- Secretary: Linda Worker
- Church Administrator: Marilyn Lobbe
- Head Usher: Barbara Cavanagh
- Elders: Nicholas Culver, Joan Tisbe, Robert Walsh
- Trustees: Steve Hoehn, Richard Campbell, Marty Worker
- Sunday School Superintendent: Teresa Tyce
- Asst. Sunday School Superintendent: Andrea Tyler
- Leaders: Nicholas Culver, Joan Tisbe, Barbara Cavanagh

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS  
AND ANNIVERSARIES**

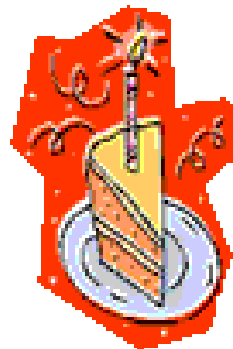
- 8th– John Brehmer Jr.  
Jason Tatti
- 9th– Max Hoehn
- 18th– Kimberly Cofer-Corbett  
Freya Peters
- 21st– Eric Shrek
- 22nd– Caroline Pond

**Anniversaries**

- 6th– Birgitt and Harvey Culver

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

- 3rd– Nicole Hanzus
- 4th– Delaney Morrison
- 30th– Jason Tatti



For Newsletter contributions, questions or comments, please contact Nicholas Culver at 845-429-3843 or Email at [culverjvjyanks@gmail.com](mailto:culverjvjyanks@gmail.com)





# Shower



# For Jesus

## Kitchen

Paper Towels

Garbage Bags (DRUM size 55gal)

White tall Kitchen Garbage Bags

Ziploc Bags (Sandwich & Gallon)

Chinet Dinner Plates (White)

Vanity Fair Salad/Soup Bowls (white)

Takeout containers

Plastic tablecloths (54x108)

Toilet Paper

Coffee (Decaf and Regular)

Coffee Cups (10oz)

Lipton Tea Bags

Stainless Steel Pastry Scraper/Chopper

Wood Cutting Board

12-16" Deep Mixing Bowl

Long Wooden Spoons

3- Tiered Serving Tray

Forks, Spoons, Knives

Half size steam pans

Gel Sterno

Sponges

Solid Air Fresheners

Spray Air Fresheners

11"x8" deep pot

Bathroom soap (indiv pump)

Hand Sanitizers

All Purpose Spray Cleaners (2)

Handi-Wipes

Sugar Packets

Can Opener

Medium Colander

2-Sharp Butcher Knives

Scissors (Adult)

## Office

Copy Paper (case)

White Envelopes (standard size)

Clear Packaging Tape

Scotch Tape (Clear)

Masking Tape

Pack of Labels (Avery 5160)