

December 10 and 11, 2011

## Community Family News

**Year End Giving** - Contributions for 2011 need to be submitted to the church by December 31, 2011 in order to be credited to your 2011 giving statement.

**Winter is coming!** As we begin our journey into winter please check the church website for up to date cancellations before coming out for a church activity if the weather is inclement. All weather cancellations will be made by 3p.m., so check community-church.com after that time.

**Informational Meeting** - Beginning in January we will be calling this gathering "Party With The Pastors" where you'll be able to spend the evening with Pastor Alan, Pastor Karl and maybe even an Overseer or two. Our goal is for you to connect with them and have your questions about the church, baptism, membership or anything else answered. We've put Pastor Karl in charge of "fun and tomfoolery" for the evening, so you're not going to want to miss this one! If you would like to join us on January 4/6:30 p.m., contact the church office to make a reservation, 231-7070.

**Share the love!** We need a few adults who would be able to share a smile and handshake as an usher or greeter. If you'd be willing to 'share the love' for one service each month, please give the office a call or indicate your willingness on the blue card in the bulletin.

## Holiday Service Times

Christmas Eve - 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve - NO Service

New Year's Day - 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

## Men's Ministry



**Men's Winter Retreat!** January 27-29, 2012. Mark your calendars now and be sure to register and pay this weekend...if you do...you'll save \$15!!! Price goes up soon. Reserve your spot now so you're all set for the "Up North With The Guys" trip

to the camp in Mt. Morris. We're getting the study set, the band assembled, and the fun activities planned. Should be a great time, all we need is **YOU!!**

## Missions Ministry

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement class starts on January 17, 2012, 6:30 - 9:30PM; at Lighthouse Christian Church, corner of Fourth and National, Fond du Lac, WI. During this 15 week course, outstanding speakers will draw from their rich experience and teach on the Biblical, historical, cultural and strategic perspectives of God's plan for the Nations. Be a part of something bigger than yourself! For information contact Craig Postier 920-948-5415 or Janet Postier 920-979-9358 or register at [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org)

## Promiseland

In order to allow the dedicated Promiseland teachers time with their families during the holidays, Promiseland will be closed (2 year olds - 5th grade) on December 25 and January 1. Nursery will be closed on December 25 and possibly January 1; this depends on volunteers stepping forward. Please have your children join you in the Worship Center.

## LifeGroup Questions

### Core Truth

God's glory is displayed in Jesus' name: *God saves.*

### Open

Do you know what your name means? Do you know why your parents named you with the name they gave you?



### Explore

Read Luke 1:26-38. We are so familiar with this passage of Scripture that is easy to read without interacting with this monumental event. Go through these questions as you reflect on this account:

What is so exciting about the angel's announcement?

What is so hard about the angel's announcement?

What is so powerful about Mary's response?

What is the promise in the name "Jesus"?

### Digging Deeper

Read Isaiah 9:1-7. How does Jesus fulfill the promises God made to the people of Israel through the prophecy of Isaiah?

Read Isaiah 52:12-53:12. How is God's saving work described in these words of Isaiah? How does Jesus fulfill these words?

## LifeGroup Notes (continued)

### Apply

Jesus means “God saves.” Think back to when God saved you. How did God save you? Take time in your Life Group to share the story of how you came to know Jesus. If you are not in a Life Group, share your story with someone today.

As a devotional exercise, either individually or with those around you, take time to slow down and thank God for His saving work. If you use an advent wreath light the third candle then read and reflect on the verses below. If you don't use an advent wreath, set aside time to meditate (think deeply) on the verses below.

Monday - Luke 1:39-45

Tuesday - Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday - Luke 2:22-35

Thursday - Luke 2:36-38

Friday - Luke 4:16-21

Saturday - Luke 24:36-49

Sunday - John 20:30-31

## Sermon Notes

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