

# Community Church Oshkosh

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December 17 and 18, 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.

**Parents of Youth Group Students!** Make sure that you check the SUP for December dates. There are some changes over the holidays.

**Party With The Pastors** - Beginning in January we will have a gathering called, "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. 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.

*We extend our condolences to the Lowther family on the loss of AJ's mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

## 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.

## HELPS Ministry

Festival Foods grocery receipts are due January 8. A percentage of these receipts is donated back to the church and used to fill our food pantry!

## Men's Ministry



**Men's Winter Retreat!** January 27-29, 2012.

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.

## A NEW Ministry!

Woven Hearts Ministry is a new Community Church ministry that will provide support and networking for families who are on the journey of foster care or adoption. Watch for more information about this ministry team and how you can be involved. For more information contact Katy Honish, 589-5005 or [honchkajo@yahoo.com](mailto:honchkajo@yahoo.com).

## LifeGroup Questions

### Core Truth

God's glory is revealed in the return of Jesus Christ.

### Open

What do your preparations for Christmas look like? Do you have any traditions that you and your family follow that are unique to this time of year?

### Explore

Review the seven churches of Revelation 2-3. What hardships did they face? What were the challenges those churches faced?

Read Revelation 19:11-16. How is this picture of Jesus' return a cause for hope for the seven churches that John was writing to? How does the return of Jesus challenge the churches?

### Digging Deeper

People have tried to predict the date of the Jesus' return for centuries. What, if any, are the benefits of doing that? What, if any, are the dangers in doing that?

If someone asked you, "Why should I be concerned about Jesus' return?" what would you say?



## LifeGroup Notes *(continued)*

### Apply

How does the return of Jesus give you hope? How does the return of Jesus challenge you? If you knew Jesus was coming back tomorrow, what would you do to prepare for His return?

As a devotional exercise, either individually or with those around you, take time to slow down and thank God for Christ's second advent. If you use an advent wreath light the fourth 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 –Matthew 24:29-31

Tuesday – Acts 1:6-11

Wednesday – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Thursday – Philippians 2:1-11

Friday – Luke 1:26-38

Saturday – Matthew 1:18-25

*Merry Christmas!*

*Sunday – Luke 2:1-20*

## Sermon Notes

*Glory Comes: The Unknown Name*

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