

HELP THE HOUSER FAMILY

If you would like to help the Wayne Houser family with some of their day to day needs, please check the bright yellow poster in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. There are Post-It notes with items that are needed by the family; some small, and some large. If you can help at any capacity, please take one (or more) of the notes, purchase the item(s) and return to the bin beneath the poster. Any questions, please call Denise at the church office at 952-955-1498.

ALSO

If you know of someone else who is in need of some help, please do not hesitate to call the church office or one of the share and care members, you have seen information in the bulletin about the Houser family and their needs, but please call if you know of anyone else that needs our help.

**Thanks,
The Share and Care Committee**

DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME ON YOUR HAND?

If you have extra time on your hands this winter, we need you. We are looking to form a committee to go through and organize church confirmands and school graduate alumni from CCLS (St. Paul and St. Peter). If you are interested in spending some time this winter and go through this info, call the church office at 952-955-1498.

NATIONAL CHILDRENS MEMORIAL DAY

The National Children's Memorial Day is Sunday, December 9, 2007. This event which began in 1997 is a day set aside to remember all children who have died. Candles will be lit by families and friends in homes around the world in memory of children who have died. Candle lighting will begin in New Zealand and end on the West Coast of the US, illuminating the globe in a 24 hour wave of light. Peterson Chapel, Compassionate Friend of Rockford, and Buffalo Hospital Foundation are working to make the public aware of this special day. We are inviting parents of children who have died to attend a candle lighting ceremony on Sunday December 9th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at king's house at 621 1st Avenue S. Buffalo, MN. Parents may bring a single framed photo of their child for display if they wish. Time for sharing reflections and memories will be part of the evening as well. For more information of if any questions, call Darlene Stender at 952-955-2440.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our pie sale a success. Thank you also to those who took orders at work, it helped us in sales. Because of all of you we raised \$526.89 for the Building Fund.

Thanks again from the Pie Committee,
Joyce Schmidt and Kelli Busch

NEWSLETTER FOR

November 25th, 2007

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Sunday, November 25th

8:00 Worship

9:15 SS / Youth / Bible Class

10:30 Worship / Praise Band

Volunteer recognition at both services

11:30 Christmas set up

Monday, November 26th

6:30 Choir Practice

7:00 SPIRIT Grp. (Kohls)

Tuesday, November 27th

7:00 Faith Fundamentals

7:00 SPIRIT Grp. (Steinborn)

Wednesday, November 28th

3:30 Confirmation

6:30 Worship

Thursday, November 29th

7:00 Handbell Choir

Saturday, December 1st

7:30 SPIRIT Grp. (Roy)

8:00 Trustees Meeting/Work day

9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, December 2nd

8:00 Worship w/ Com

9:15 Bible Class/youth/SS

9:15 Share and Care meeting

10:30 Worship w/ Com

ATTENDANCE FOR:

Wednesday, November 14th – 31

Sunday, November 18th

1st service – 147, Com – 120, 2nd Service – 162, Com – 108

B.C. – 39

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts

The challenge we have set for ourselves to support the mission of bringing people into Christ's love:

Received this Week

Unified	School	Building
\$5,842.47	\$585.00	\$325.00
Needs per week	needs per week	needs per week
\$9,374.00	\$1073.00	\$793.00
Received to date:	Received to date:	Received to date:
\$371,968.16	\$25,630.00	\$27,148.72
Below needs: (YTD)	Below needs: (YTD)	below needs :(YTD)
(\$-59,236.84)	(-23,728.00)	(\$-9,329.28)

November 25 th	Michael Empting
November 26 th	Dayvin Schroeder
	Carol Zellman
	Douglas Dreier
	Christen Rasmussen
	Nichol Lobitz
	Greg Schuette
November 27 th	Christopher Carlson
November 28 th	Martin Weber
	James Zabel
	Kimberley Corkins
November 29 th	Evelyn Minge
	JoAnne Kohls
	Timothy Heun
November 30 th	Janice Albrecht
	Lonnie Hecksel
December 1 st	Cory Schrupp
	Todd Barnes
	Taylor Young
	Seth Boehlke

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Advent starts Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 pm
 December 12th – 7:00pm – Advent Music Service
 December 19th – 1:30 pm and 7:00pm –
 Advent Service at CCLS for Childrens program.

“ALL IS CALM, ALL IS BRIGHT”

St. Johns Lutheran Church, Norwood Young America is having a Night of Music and Worship on Wednesday, December 5th at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 9th at 8:30 or 10:45am. It is a choral and orchestral presentation of the Gospel birth of Christ Jesus. No charge and all are welcome!

MUSIC SERVICE

The Second Advent service on Wednesday, December 12th will be our music service. This worship service consists of music and readings. The adult choir, handbell choir, & praise band will be part of the worship. We would also like you to share your God-given gifts with us. Instrumentalists, soloists, duets, small groups, are all welcome. Please sign up on sheet in the narthex table. Deadline for sign up, is December 2nd. Questions: Call Rita Mueller at 955-1498 or 955-2561. Thank you

GRACE FUNDRAISER FOR CCLS

G.R.A.C.E. is having a “Breakfast” fundraiser for CCLS at Apple B’s in Delano on Saturday, December 15th from 8am -10am. The cost of breakfast is \$5.00 a person and the breakfast includes Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage orange juice and coffee. 100% of the \$5.00 goes to CCLS. Please tell all family, friends and neighbors.

ATTENTION TO ALL LWML

The members of St. Paul's LWML will be going to a Christmas concert at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waconia on Sunday, December 2nd at 2pm. After the concert we will be stopping at Vern and Elaine Rosckes home to tour Elaine’s Christmas Village Collection. After visiting the Rosckes home we will be going to dinner at B’s on the River at 5:30. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 1:00 otherwise, we will see you at the concert at 2:00.

START DIGGING

The Sunday School will be having a Coin Drive during the month of December. The Money collected will go towards buying gift certificates for the Houser Family. The jar is located on the table in the Fellowship Hall next to the poster board for the Houser’s. Start digging in the bottom of your purse, empty your heavy coin filled wallets or dig under the cushions of your couches to help the Houser Family.

100%

What equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 101%? What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented as: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26.

Then: (letter by number =)

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$$

and

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$$

But,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$$

AND, look how far the love of God will take you

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D

$$12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that:

While HARD WORK and KNOWLEDGE will get you close, and ATTITUDE will get you there, it's the LOVE OF GOD that will put you over the top!