



Note from Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Revelation, St. John records these words from God Himself: "Behold, I am making all things new." (Rev. 21)

God encourages us with these words by affirming to us; first of all, that He is at work in our lives. We don't have to face the challenges and struggles of human existence by ourselves. God says, "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you." (John 14) That's important for us to hear and take to heart as we enter 2011. Many of the problems and challenges in our families, with our work, and concerning our health will carry over into the New Year. The celebration and euphoria of a New Year quickly passes as we wake to face the harsh realities that are still part of our lives. In the challenges of life, many people think of Job and the unbelievable tragedy he faced in life. Yet at the end of Job, he will say to the Lord, "I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted." (Job 42) St. Paul urges us not to lose heart, "though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day." (2 Cor. 4) St. Paul is beautifully speaking of the work of God in our life through the Holy Spirit. Yes, we wake to face the battles of life; but God stands by our side. Our faith strengthened through Word and Sacrament Ministry enables us to hold on to the promises of God and to look with hope to the future. The writer of Hebrews says, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." (Heb. 10)

Yes, we firmly believe by faith that Almighty God is at work in our lives! Furthermore, we believe that He is working to make all things new. St. Paul tells us that if "anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God." (2 Cor. 5) To me, new entails all that God gives to me and puts within my heart through His gracious Spirit that is at work in the lives of His redeemed creation. Because God is making all things new in our lives, we are different men and women. Grace, hope, forgiveness, and indeed faith have been received in abundance from Him who is at work in us. We truly are different men and women. God Himself lives within us and now living out our new life in Christ each day is faced holding dear the truth that God is "able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us." (Eph. 2)

As you enter 2011, what do you need "new" in your life? Do you need a fractured marriage healed? Do you need a broken relationship with your neighbor mended? Do you need healing from an illness? Do you need comfort in the midst of the loss of a loved one? Do you need daily provision to feed your family? We enter this New Year treasuring in our hearts the reality that God is at work in our lives and He is truly making all things new! No matter how great the challenges you face; may God always give you the faith to look to Him as He works out His beautiful will for your life and those you are praying for each day.

A blessed New Year,

Pastor Michael McFarland

Therefore, if anyone is in
CHRIST
anyone
he is a new
CREATION
the old has gone, the new has
COME!
Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17

General Announcements

Echoes Submission Deadline for February is Monday, January 17, 2011.

Emmanuel Co-Ed Bowling League: We will now meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm at SkyLanes. Next Game: January 9. For more information, please contact Brenda McFarland at bhmcfarland@earthlink.net.

THE ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2011 IS UP! It's that time again! The sign-up chart is now up on the bulletin board. Please take the time now to sign up for flowers for 2011. Flowers are now \$20.00 per arrangement and we ask that members please pay at time of sign-up so that the money will be in place when we order them. Please make the check out to *Emmanuel Lutheran Church* and put *Altar Flowers & date* in the memo section so that we may be sure your funds get credited to the right account. Please note on the chart what the occasion is and whether taking or leaving the flowers.

ABCCM January Donation: Canned Fruit. Thank you for your continued support of this local mission.

From Dr. Lisa Greene: I will be going back to El Salvador to help the girls of Casa Moraga in January/February 2011. The girls will be starting the new school year and will be needing basic school supplies, personal care items and tuition assistance. I will be taking monetary donations too and will purchase the supplies there. If you would like to help, please make your donation through the church or directly to *Almas Unidas-Hearts United*. Check may be mailed to 1030 Redfield Drive, Clyde, NC 28721. Questions? Contact me at 508-1747 or at Lmgreene2020@gmail.com.

New Acolyte Training! Want to be an acolyte? We'll have a training session for children 5th-8th grade on Sunday, January 9 after the late services. Please meet in the church sanctuary. Parents are welcome! Contact Elaine Schallhorn with any questions at 252-1795, ext. 141.

Offering Envelopes are here. Please pick yours up from the tables in the narthex area. Please note two changes for 2011:

1. There are no Vision 2010 envelopes. If you wish to donate to Vision 2010 please use the Building Fund envelope.
2. BLOOM envelopes have been added for your donations to the new capital campaign. Please indicate on this envelope the designation of your offering.

Visionary Parenting—Coming January 16, 2011—Sunday Mornings: What is the most important instruction in the entire Bible? Jesus said it is found in Deuteronomy, Chapter 6. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and with all your strength. The commands that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children." (Deuteronomy 6: 5-7 NIV). Do you know why God created your family? Do you know why He gave you your children? Through the **Visionary Parenting** series, you will be inspired from the Bible to catch a fresh vision of God's purpose for your family. You'll be inspired to build faith and character in the hearts of your children. God has brought your family together for a grand purpose! **Visionary Parenting** will help you discover it. This video series by Rev. Rob Reinow captures Eight Key Visions for the Christian Family:

- ◆ God's grand vision for the home
- ◆ Multi-generational faithfulness
- ◆ A God-filled normal life
- ◆ A safe home
- ◆ Biblical motherhood
- ◆ Biblical fatherhood
- ◆ Family Worship
- ◆ Discipline that disciples

Please join Christi Lorenz and other parents as we explore God's direction for our families and support each other in Fellowship along the way! If you have any questions, please call Christi at 658-9389.

The Family Ministry Team will be holding a Brown Bag Lunch on Sunday, January 9, after the late service in room 104. Come and learn more about the different ministries we are involved in and new opportunities for service. For more info, contact Lisa Baldwin at 628-9537 or rtbaldwin2@charter.net.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF): Begin a Family Emergency Fund. Three to six months of expenses is a good goal to strive for in establishing an emergency fund. Consider opening an *LCEF Family Emergency StewardAccount* today to equip yourself to handle those unexpected expenses that crop up at the most inconvenient times. Just \$25 a month is all you need to begin your journey toward financial security, while supporting the ministry of LCEF. See your LCEF Congregational Representative, call the district office at 800-637-5723, or check the website at www.lcef.org.

The 9th Grade Catechism Class (and others who might be interested) has rescheduled its presentation on Islam for Tuesday January 4, at 6:30 in room 104.

The Schallhorn Home Bible Study will resume meeting on Monday, January 10.

Leisurites will meet on Tuesday, January 18 in room 104. Time: TBA. Look for sign-up sheet on bulletin board, or contact Irene Kaeding at 687-7821.

Groups

Helping Hands for January are Carole Williams and Elaine Schallhorn. If you know of a need, please contact them or the church. You may retrieve your serving dishes from the cabinet labeled “Helping Hands” in the church kitchen.

Milner Monday Night Bible Study meets on Mondays at 7:00 pm in room 104. For more information, please contact Cinthia Milner at 683-1665.

The Outreach Singers sing for local nursing home facilities, rescue missions and prison ministries approximately once a month. For more information, please contact Doug or Martha Greene at 669-0212.

Women’s Bible Study group led by Deb DeBerry meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in room 104. All women are welcome!

Pastor’s Small Group Meetings are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:45 pm in room 104. For more info, please contact Pastor McFarland at pastormcfarland@elcsmail.org.

Nordmeyer Small Group Study meets at 6:30 pm on Monday at their home in Haw Creek (call 512-789-1314 for directions).

McMahan/Greene Small Group Study meets at 6:00 pm on Mondays at the McMahan home (call 253-8186 for directions).

Schallhorn Small Group Study meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at their home (call 667-4112 for directions).

Genesis II meets at 10:30 am in room 104 every second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Jean Stiemke at 299-1534. Our next meeting is January 10.

Cub Scouts meet on different days and times of the week depending on the age group. For more information, please contact Julie Strum at 665-9030.

Girl Scouts meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 3:15. There are four different age levels offered. If you would like for your daughter/granddaughter to be a part of this enriching opportunity, contact McKenzie Koon at 298-4488 for more details.

LWML meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the media center. For more information, please contact Elaine Schallhorn at 667-4112. Our next meeting will be January 4.

Shelter Meals: On the first, third and fifth Monday of every month, Emmanuel provides lunch for the local ABCCM men’s veteran shelter ministry. If you would like to help out with cooking or serving, please contact Judith Walter at 545-3097.

Bushwhackers: We need volunteers to help keep down growing weeds, plant and prune shrubs and trees, mulch beds and to maintain our greenway. We gather the 3rd Saturday of each month (except Dec-March.) from 8:00am–12:00. Please contact Gerry Hardesty (299-3315) for more information.

Church Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the music room. Please contact Kevin Lorenz for more information if you are interested in joining.

Handbells meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the music room. Please contact Kevin Lorenz for more information, or if you are interested in joining.

Linus Blankets: Providing security through blankets—Blankets created in Buncombe County go to thirty different agencies, such as hospitals, shelters, police/fire/sheriff departments, etc. Our group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the church Fellowship Hall from 1:30-3:00 pm. Best part—no sewing! Just bring a pair of scissors. For more info, contact Marge Hansel at 670-8975.

Memorials

Received in Honor of:

Robert Bowman:

From: Paul and Andre Benson

Fred Stiemke:

From: Alex and Virginia Napolitano, Eugene and Karen Boerger, Paul and Andre Benson, and Sarah Poplinsia

Anneliese Lubbeck:

From: William Lubbeck

Thank You

Thank you from the Altar Guild! Thanks to those who came to help on Saturday, 12/4 to decorate the church. Especially: Shirley Parker, Michelle Huff, Mitchell Huff, Madison Baldwin, Alex Arldt, Samuel McFarland, Fran and Jerry McMahan, Martha and Doug Greene, Ken and Carol Treadway, Hugo and Irene Kaeding, Marjorie Locke, Sherry Rauschenplat, Katherine Weymuth, Susan Brock, Don Spude and Stephanie Hanson. We also thank the youth group for providing apple cider and cookies! **And a special thanks to Betty Koon** for donating a candle lighter stand to use in the P&W services.

A Big “Thank You” to Rev. Arthur and Kathy Gillespie for donating a new upright vacuum cleaner for use in our church Sanctuary—thank you so much!

Youth

Our Senior Youth has a new line of communication. Want to know what’s happening with the Senior Youth? Join our new Yahoo! Group and receive copies of emails within the group. The easiest way to join is to go to the Senior Youth page on the church website. There is a place there to enter your email address, click the link, and your request will be submitted. After a few hours, you will be a member and can post and receive messages. All you have to do is send one email to the group website and it will be disseminated to all members automatically! We have a calendar where events are posted and reminders are setup to be emailed to all members about upcoming events!

Birthdays

January 1	Karen Boerger Matthew Carney Janet Hollar Shirley Schildt	January 12	Patricia Sands	January 28	Karel Koon Ken Treadway
January 5	Donald Groh Sue Morrison	January 16	Laura Kruggel James Lawson	January 29	Rev. Michael McFarland
January 6	James Frisbee Hugo Kaeding	January 18	Micah Bagwell	January 30	George Bergholz Max Cook
January 8	Megan Krintz Rebecca Salomon	January 19	Cindy Piercy	January 31	Rossana Bonvillain
January 9	Bruce Benson Katherine Conner Micah McFarland CJ Wolff	January 20	Eugene Boerger Byron Gleason John Greene Zachary Salomon		
January 11	Cecilia Anderson	January 21	Carol Cook		
		January 25	Don Weaver		
		January 26	Hilary Hubler		
		January 27	William Baldwin Luke McFarland		
		January 28	Ryan DeBerry		

Anniversaries

January 1	Cliff and Shirley Dozier Julia and Richard Kearley
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Helping Hands 2011

Helping Hands has been a ministry of Emmanuel for over 26 years. Below is a list of members. Should your name not appear there and you would like to participate, please call the front office, and it will be added, or, if your name is on this list and you are unable to participate, please call and it will be removed.

It is important that our friends know we care and are thinking and praying for them. We cannot fix and remove all needs, but we may be a part of the solution. When a member comes home from the hospital, or is recuperating from some other illness, or experiencing a death in the immediate family, etc., someone from the Caller's List will contact a member from the Helping Hands list, and they in turn will call the family, or member and ask if we can prepare a meal for them. A meal consists of 4 to 6 different dishes and each person is to prepare only one dish, so 4 to 6 members would make the meal. The meal may then be picked up by a family member from the church kitchen after a worship service, or be delivered to the home.

Anderson, Kimberly 645-9800
Arlt, Jill 232-0789
Bailey, Glenda 628-2598
Bair, Amy 645-8639
Baker, Brenda 667-5913
Baldwin, Lisa 628-9537
Banjak, Betty 299-1536
Benson, Lori 667-4279
Benson, Andre 667-4279
Black, Shannon 667-4713
Blaylock, Leslie 665-4578
Blaylock, Patsy 683-3429
Borum, Susan 253-1920
Bradburn, Catherine 277-0251
Brehm, Eileen 698-5675
Brock, Susan 667-0910
Bruckner, Carol 253-2093
Buckner, Susan 645-0653
Buckner, Tammy 665-2223
Carpenter, Tracy 299-0107
Causer, Lisa 255-9604
Charlson, Anitta 877-863-4787
Clark, Donna 254-8935
Clark, Judy 255-8059
Cline, Helen 255-8276
Conrad, Grace 645-6996
Cook, Carol 665-1477
Crimmel, Cathy 654-9175
DeBerry, Debbie 298-5208
Emory, Kathleen 665-0592
Fahres, Ann 628-4001
Fastenau, Dot 645-4029
Fastenau, Judith 645-2563
Fridd, Cindi 232-1974
Frisbee, Anne 675-0633

Fulmer, Nelle 252-0455
Gant, Pat 298-9622
Gerhart, Christel 299-8384
Giese, Lillian 645-9568
Gleason, Karin 684-1318
Graham, Kathleen 258-2236
Greene, Martha 669-0212
Groh, June 628-9839
Groh, Susan 687-2681
Hall, Karen 301-5346
Hansel, Marge 670-8975
Hanson, Stephanie 683-0276
Hardesty, Peg 299-3315
Harris, Sue 667-9458
Helms, Jeanine 651-9227
Hensley, Cynthia 665-9880
Hensley, Melanie 298-0354
Hiler, Kathy 683-2148
Hollar, Janet 259-9153
Hollar, Minnie 253-0896
Hubler, Jennifer 645-0097
Huff, Michelle 665-9198
Isaac, Pat 253-4040
Isaac, Patty 253-1932
Jacobson, Karen 683-3661
Jacobsen, Vicky 683-1368
James, Andrea 658-8221
Janisko, Helen 645-2060
Kaeding, Irene 687-7821
Kearley, Julia 667-2132
Keller, Marta 253-1325
King, Amy 667-3813
Koon, Betty 285-2429
Koon, McKenzie 298-4488
Kostenbauder, Marqueen 254-6364

Kruggel, Laura 225-5948
 Lawson, Mary 628-7923
 Leyva, Colleen 684-5440
 Locke, Marjorie 645-3778
 Lorenz, Christi 658-9389
 Luke, Rosie 683-9841
 Mason, Tori 258-8674
 McCall, Clela 667-3860
 McCormac, Ellie 254-4273
 McMahan, Fran 253-8186
 Mello, Linda 645-1342
 Mertens, Bertha 684-9386
 Metcalf, Jean 252-9906
 Meyer, Traci 258-0546
 Miller, Ilse 645-7984
 Mills, Phyllis 299-8109
 Milner, Cinthia 683-8860
 Mitchell, Lou 258-1678
 Moore, Patti 667-8551
 Morrison, Sue 667-8002
 Nordmeyer, Chris 298-8680
 Norris, Sharon 236-3957
 Parker, Shirley 252-7618
 Peterson, Barbara 277-0750
 Peterson, Elnora 254-0163
 Piercy, Cindy 681-8472
 Pollock, Barbara 687-0050
 Poppy, Toni 281-2566
 Rauschenplat, Sherry 667-1903
 Reaves, Shari 251-5649
 Ridgeway, Kathy 628-0258
 Roberson, Amanda 667-4165
 Roberts, Leidonna 665-1928
 Roby, Susan 628-6245 (*here part time*)
 Rush, Rojealous 665-2511
 Sands, Patricia 683-3144
 Schallhorn, Elaine 667-4112
 Schell, Lucy 253-1212
 Schell, Peggy 253-6322
 Schmelzle, Tanya 335-8207
 Schmitz, Barbara 255-7861
 Schulhof, Jan 274-1333
 Schweizer, Delores 236-0023
 Senn, Jeanette 687-9661
 Shook, Deborah 689-5874
 Smathers, Teenie 232-0251
 Smith, Alice 253-7299
 Spear, Vanessa 658-2792
 Stiemke, Jean 299-1534
 Strum, Julie 665-3000
 Tharp, Jan 698-3451
 Thomas, Gail 254-9832
 Thorp, Kay 230-4225
 Treadway, Ken & Carol 667-8066

Vestal, Pat 648-6346
 Waites, Cymantha 667-9634
 Walsh, Helen 298-0731
 Weaver, Marilyn 658-3285
 Westphal, Flo 667-1645
 Weymuth, Katherine 645-4476
 Williams, Carole 252-0427
 Williams, Krissy 252-6692
 Wilson, Shirley 252-4879
 Wolff, C.J. 654-7297
 Wolter, Sue 683-0217



At Home Devotions By Kurt Bickel

There is no place like home—for faith development. While the list of parental responsibilities is long and full of priorities for a child's welfare, none can be more important than family devotions. Family devotions are a wonderful way to be together while being held together by God's grace and peace.

Family devotions establish a context for the definitions of life. Faith is plausible because parents and children experience it and are able to give it a voice. The words of faith come alive in the home where we actually live together, sin against one another, admonish each other, repent to each other, forgive each other and rejoice with one another. It is the Word of God being spoken in devotional time and acted out in real time.

Love can be a lesson taught in Sunday school. Grace is a favorite sermon topic. Peace may be the theme for the youth night. We know that at church—there are lessons learned, sermons understood and youth meetings that do indeed help family members. But, it is faith within a family that makes love, grace and peace plausible. People, especially children, learn what words mean by the context in which they are used. For one person, love is the unconditional regard for their well-being and for another person, love is a manipulative relationship that subjugates and confines. If God is love, what kind of love is it? The stories, the lessons, the applications of the Bible shared during family devotions establish a language that helps us describe who, how and what we are to each other. They are powerful words because they are from God. They are powerful because they are explicitly and implicitly linked to our lives.

When the practice of family devotions is the normal

routine, speaking about our faith comes naturally. Family devotions incorporate the language of faith into the family's vocabulary. When a crisis arises, we know the words of comfort and hope. When we are upset with one another, we can use words of admonition and forgiveness. Even before we feel forgiveness, the language draws us back to love and the love enlivens rejoicing and restoration. When we have to make a big decision we have a practice of prayer that flows from the heart and connects to the heavenly Father. What could be more formative than putting the natural challenges of life into the eternal context of the cross of Jesus?

There are no special mechanics or methods to family devotion time. There are probably as many variations as there are families. Here are a few thoughts to consider when evaluating family devotions or creating your own:

- Does it include reading from the Bible, prayers and practical examples?
- Can it be done in a reasonable time—the attention span of the preschooler or the busyness of a teenager?
- Are the topics age-level appropriate?
- Is there a way that all members of the family can participate?
- Are there some repetitive features that become unique to your family, such as location, candles or special prayer?
- Can you do it often enough to become naturally normal instead of awkwardly unusual?
- Does it teach you how to pray from the heart and to have everyone share in prayer?

There are many resources available in print and even on-line that provide outlines for family devotions. You may want to experiment with the style and process that fits your family's age and preferences. The important thing is to seize the opportunity to formally fulfill your baptismal promise to raise this child in the Christian faith. There is no place like home for nurturing the faith. Living together in the daily renewal of our Baptism we arise to new life in Christ. Together we are strengthened for lives of servanthood, bringing power, potential and promise to all that we do.

*Kurt Bickel has served as a director of Christian education for the Lutheran church for more than 20 years. His **Fantastic Family Nights** bring parents and children together for an evening of activities that center on their life as a family of God. Currently, Kurt is a consultant, author and publisher and lives in Orlando, Fla.*



Teach Us To Pray

By Marilyn Sharpe

Even after three years with Jesus, His closest followers asked Him, "Teach us to pray." And Jesus did. They had seen Him go off repeatedly to pray. After Jesus sent them out to share the Good News, He took them to a place apart to pray. Why? Prayer is the essential floor under our relationship with God, keeping us connected to this One who loves us more than life itself, more than any of us can ever deserve. It is the ongoing, lifelong conversation with God, who created us in His image and sends us out to serve in His name. Jesus invites us to bring anything and everything to Him in prayer. When we cannot find the right words, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will pray for us, with sighs too deep for words. So how do we tap into this lifeline? Many of us feel ill-equipped to model a robust life of prayer or to teach our children to pray.

Have you ever been asked to say grace before dinner, tuck in a beloved child and pray with them, pray for a friend in need, and felt tongue tied? Now is the time to put our self-consciousness aside and learn how to pray, simply and from the heart. Parents, grandparents, godparents, baptismal sponsors—all Christian adults—are called to be faith parents to the children of God. How can we learn to be more at home in our praying and to teach the children and youth we love, when they ask us, "teach us to pray?" Here are my prayers for you, that you will

- learn that you already know many ways to pray,
- experience a few new prayer designs, and
- figure out how and why to braid prayer into daily life.

A dear friend, Lyle Griner, and his friend, Diane Monroe, discovered that they had both been collecting prayer designs. They collaborated to write *Heart Ignite*, a wonderful collection of 166 styles of prayer and an inspiration to make prayer a spiritual practice that indeed ignites your heart in faith. I borrow shamelessly from them and from things our family does to share these ideas with you.

■ Telephone Prayer

For a child or youth who feels self-conscious about praying out loud, hand them a cell phone or handset and invite them to imagine that they are talking to God, who is always there and listening.

■ Pocket Prayer

Invite all who are gathered to rummage in their pocket or purse for something that reminds them of someone or something for which they want to pray. Then, do it.

■ Newspaper Prayer

Take the first section of your newspaper, split it along the



spine, handing one sheet to each person gathered. Ask each to skim their page, looking for three things: one item that will delight God, one thing that will make God sad, and one thing you think God is calling you to do. Then, go around your circle and pray for those things.

■ Map Prayer

Spread out a map (local, state, United States, or world), give each person three Cheerios, and ask all to place their cereal circles on a place where there is a person, event, or place for which they'd like to pray. Do it!

■ Birthday Candle Prayer

At a birthday (or baptism birthday) gathering, give each person an unlit candle. Carry the cake around the table, asking each guest to place their candle in the cake, naming one thing about the birthday person for which they thank God. Then, light the candles and sing.

■ Hand prayer

Pray your left hand: thumb, for those closest to your heart; index finger, for those who have pointed the way to Jesus; middle finger, for those in authority; ring finger, for the weakest among us; little finger, for the little ones.

■ Christmas Card Prayer

Keep your photo Christmas cards this year and take a moment to pray for these one of these people each week.

■ Tea Light Candle Prayer

At your dinner table, give everyone two tea lights. Go around a first time, asking each to light one and name



a person who has been the light of Christ for them this week. Go around a second time, lighting the second and naming one person for whom each has been the light of Christ.

■ Christ Among Us

Light a candle at your table, reminding all that Jesus is the light of the world, the light that came into the darkness and whom the darkness could not overcome. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus and for the opportunity to let your light so shine before others that they will see Jesus.

■ Siren prayer

When you hear a siren or pull over for a squad car, an ambulance, or a fire truck, pray aloud for the person(s) that is hurt, scared, sick, or in trouble.

■ Bandage Prayer

Provide a bandaid for each person. Name one person who is experiencing pain, who needs a prayer for God's healing. (Children will be very concrete and name a physical owie; adults can expand that with those who experience other pain and fear and loss.)

Pray at the table before eating, at the bedside of a child, in the car, before someone leaves for the day, on a walk, wherever you are, all of the time! God bless you richly as you bring everything to Him in prayer.

Marilyn Sharpe is a mother, grandmother, parent educator and the founder of Marilyn Sharpe Ministries, LLC with the goal of "helping congregations equip households to nurture faith in all of life together." She is also author of the newly released book, **For Heaven's Sake: Parenting Preschoolers Faithfully**, with a companion study guide for the home, small group, or parent education class. Learn more about Marilyn's ministry at www.marilynsharpeministries.com.

Editor's Picks

FAITH AT HOME RESOURCES

■ **Faith Legacy Series** connects a partnership of home and the church to help families grow their faith at home. Available through Kids Kount Publishing, it is a ministry of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Omaha, Neb. Check it out at www.kidskountpublishing.com. Watch *Home Base* next month for a faith investment article by the developers of this series.

■ **Concordia Publishing House** offers these fine family devotion resources:

Family Faith Walks, by Kelly Haack, gets your family involved with God's Word in hands-on activities and conversation.

The **Little Visits** series provides a family with Bible readings, discussion questions, and prayers for every day of the year. Find them both at www.cph.org.

■ **Faith Begins @ Home Devotions** by Mark Holmen. This excellent home devotions starter offers step-by-step tips and age-appropriate guides for leading family devotions, as well as true-life stories from other parents. Go to www.faithathome.com for more faith at home formation resources for parents, families and family ministry leaders.



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January Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NEW YEAR'S
2 Epiphany 8:30a Church Service 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Church Services 12:15p Outreach Mtg	3 Shelter Lunch 10:30a Staff Christmas Party 12:45p Pastor's Small Grp 3:30p Girls Basketball 5:30p 7/8 Boys Basketball	4 School Resumes 11:00a Staff Meeting 4:30p Girls Basketball Game 5:30p 7/8 Boys B-Ball Game 5:30p LWML Mtg 5:30p BBshop Quartet 6:30p 5/6 Boys B-Ball Game 6:30p Confirmation Class 7:00p Barbershop Chorus	5 Noon Service 8:10/10:00a Chapel 12:45p Pastor's Small Grp 3:15p 3/4 Coed Basketball 4:30p 5/6 Boys Basketball 6:00p Girls Basketball 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir	6 8:00a Moms In Touch 2:30p Piano Lessons 4:00p Girls B-Ball Game 5:00p 7/8 Boys B-Ball Game 4:30p 5/6 Boys B-Ball Game 5:30p 3/4 Coed B-Ball Game 6:30p Parish Admin Mtg 7:00p Worship Team	7 4:00p Cub Scouts	8 11:00a Ruth Langworthy Memorial Service—Here 12:00p Wrestling Practice 1:00p Girls Basketball
9 8:30a Church Service 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Church Services 12:15p Family Min. Mtg 12:15p New Acolyte Training 2:00p Bowling	10 10:30a Genesis II 12:45p Pastor's Small Grp 3:15p Girl Scouts 5:30p Cub Scouts 5:30p PTL Mtg 5:30p 7/8 Boys Basketball 6:00p McMahan Bible Grp 6:30p BOD Mtg 6:30p Nordmeyer Bible Grp 7:00p Kaeding/Baker Bible 7:00p Milner Bible Grp 7:00p Schallhorn Bible Grp	11 11:00a Staff Meeting 1:30p Linus Blankets 4:30p Girls Basketball Game 4:30p 5/6 Boys B-Ball Game 5:30p 7/8 Boys B-Ball Game 5:30p BBshop Quartet 7:00p Barbershop Chorus	12 Noon Service 8:10/10:00a Chapel 10:30a Women's Bible Grp 12:45p Pastor's Small Grp 3:30p Girls Basketball 5:30p 5/6 Boys Basketball 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:00p Cub Scouts 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir	13 8:00a Moms In Touch 2:30p Piano Lessons 4:30p Girls B-Ball Game 5:30p 7/8 Boys B-Ball Game 6:30p 5/6 Boys B-Ball Game 7:00p Worship Team	14 2:30p Pep Rally 3:15p 3/4 Coed Basketball 4:00p Cub Scouts 4:30p Girls Basketball 5:30p 7/8 Boys Basketball	15 Lutheran Schools Basketball Tournament at ELS (Runs through Sunday)
16 Basketball Tournament 8:30a Church Service 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Church Services	17 Martin Luther King Day All Programs Closed Echoes Deadline 12:45p Pastor's Small Grp 2:00p ELS Wrestling 3:00p Girls Basketball 5:30p 7/8 Boys Basketball 5:30p 5/6 Boys Basketball 6:00p McMahan Bible Grp 6:30p Nordmeyer Bible Grp 7:00p Kaeding/Baker Bible 7:00p Milner Bible Grp 7:00p Schallhorn Bible Grp	18 11:00a Staff Meeting TBA Leisurites 4:30p Girls Basketball Game 5:30p 7/8 Boys B-Ball Game 5:30p BBshop Quartet 6:30p 5/6 Boys B-Ball Game 7:00p Barbershop Chorus	19 Noon Service 8:10/10:00a Chapel 10:30a Women's Bible Grp 12:45p Pastor's Small Grp 3:00p Cheer Practice 5:30p 5/6 Boys Basketball 5:30p Cub Scouts 6:00p Cub Scouts 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir	20 8:00a Moms In Touch 2:30p Piano Lessons 4:30p Girls B-Ball Game 5:30p 7/8 Boys B-Ball Game 6:30p 5/6 Boys B-Ball Game 7:00p Worship Team	21 3:15p 3/4 Coed Basketball 4:00p Cub Scouts	22
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January Server List

SERVICE TIMES	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION SERVERS	LECTORS	GREETERS	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	
Sunday January 2 <i>Epiphany</i>	8:30 HC	Jessica Kearley	Jim Lawson Stuart Thorp	Jim Lawson	Rich & Amy Bair	Kay Thorp
	11:00 HC	Tyler Craig	Donny Luke Gerry Hardesty	Donny Luke	Nelle Fulmer / Bertha Mertens P&W Mark & Nancy Jankowski	
Sunday January 9	8:30 Worship	Hannah Bair	—	Marta Keller	Barbara Clark / Dot Fastenau	Barb Schmitz
	11:00 HC	Davis Helms	Tommy Ridgeway Kathy Ridgeway	Tommy Ridgeway	Gerry & Peg Hardesty P&W Shirley Wilson / Don Baker	
Sunday January 16	8:30 HC	Ian McCarthy	Mike Rush Karl Koon	Mike Rush	Don & June Groh	Mike Rush
	11:00 Worship	Will Baldwin	—	Lisa Wooten	Diana & Isabelle Hempel P&W Rich & Lisa Baldwin	Megan Sanchez
Friday January 23	7 pm Worship	Noah Bair	—	Marjorie Locke	Claude & Sue Harris	Elaine Schallhorn
	11:00 pm HC	Alex Arldt	Deb DeBerry Ryan DeBerry	Deb DeBerry	Jean Metcalf / Lucy Schell P&W Janet Bennett / Gloria Connell	Jim Reaves
Sunday January 30	8:30 HC	Justin Kearley	Elaine Schallhorn Ken Treadway	Elaine Schallhorn	Minnie Hollar / Isle Miller	Luke Schmelzle
	11:00 HC	Bryan Carpenter	Ray Bailey Doug Piercy	Ray Bailey	Ed & Christelle Nordmeyer P&W James & Tracey Carpenter	
Usher Schedule			Altar Guild			
Sunday 8:30: Team 2 - Landon & Melanie Hensley, Jack Kossel, Rich Bair			Sunday 8:30: Stephanie Hanson			
Sunday 11:00: Team 11 - Ray Bailey, Ken Bailey, Brian Arldt, Tommy & Kathy Ridgeway Ian Black			Sunday 11:00: TBA / P&W TBA			
Helping Hands: Carole Williams, Elaine Schallhorn			Counters: Bruce and Julie Strum			

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Sunday Liturgical Worship Services —8:30 and 11:00 am
Praise & Worship Service —11:00 am (gym)
Wednesday Communion Service —Noon

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