

**Welcome to
Concordia Lutheran Church**
Machesney Park, IL

*New Year's Eve & Day
December 31, 2011
and
January 1, 2012*

As We Worship Today

5:00 p.m. – New Year's Eve Worship

Service: Special Order
Lessons: Psalm 111; Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans
8:31-38; Luke 13:6-10
Hymns: "From Shepherding of Stars" # 71
"Come, Your Hearts..." # 48
"It Came Upon a Midnight..." # 62
"Across the Sky..." # 181
"Our God, Our Help..." # 180

9:00 a.m. – New Year's Day Worship

Service: Special Order
Lessons: Psalm 116, Genesis 17:1-4;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 2:21
Hymns: "From Heaven Above" # 37
"Let Us All with Gladness..." # 42
"Jesus! Name of..." # 182
"Of the Father's Love..." # 36
"Welcome to Earth..." # 38

Sermon Notes – NY Eve

"Time – and Again"
Text: Luke 13:6-9

Sermon Notes – NY Day

"What's In A Name?"

Text: Luke 2:21

Please Remember in Prayer

- Members who are shut-in: Dorthea Corey, Irene Daer, and Lorraine Fuhrer
- The family of **Dorothy Helberg**. Dorothy died on Thursday, December 29. Funeral arrangements are through Sunset Funeral Home. Visitation will be at Sunset Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 3rd from 5 to 7 p.m., with services at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4th here at Concordia.
- Families of Concordia: Robert & Lana Warren, Phyllis Webb and Chad, Martha, Kenneth & Sara Wilson.

Worship Next Weekend

The readings for next weekend are: Psalm 29; Genesis 1:1-5; Romans 6:1-11; Mark 1:4-11. The Sermon text and title are: Romans 6:1-11, "The Transforming Power of Baptism."

5:00 PM

Keyboard: Karen Dhuse
Elder: Jerry Monson
Communion: Alan & Doreen Spiegler
Usher Team: #7 Massier
Acolyte: Savana Schubert

9:00 AM

Keyboard: Karen Dhuse
Lector: Linda Klein
Elder: Gary Thompson
Communion: Larry & Barb Stenzel
Usher Team: #3 Harper
Acolyte: Kylie Anderson

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1/1 Sandra Monson
1/4 Glenn Burdick, Yvonne Harper &
Alise Heinrich
1/5 Colton Heinrich
1/7 Cindy Strong

The Calendar Jan. 1-7, 2012

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:20 a.m. No SS or BC
Monday: 9:00 a.m. Bible study
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Ed. Team
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Helberg Funeral
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Quilters
5:00 p.m. T.O.P.S
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. LWML Mtg
5:00 p.m. Worship

Statistically Speaking

Attendance: Christmas Eve 96
Christmas Day 48
Offerings: \$1,619.84
Christmas Tree: \$240.00
Christmas: \$1,526.00
New Years: \$125.00

Notes and Information

1. **The picture won't be complete without you:** The directory helps new members learn who you are. Let's build a complete photo directory so we can be a family not just a congregation of families. Schedule your portrait sitting today. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex OR register using the link on clc-mp.org. Picture dates: Jan. 26, 27 & 28 with additional dates: April 13 & 14 (only available after Jan. dates are filled)

2. **NO Sunday School/Bible Class:** this weekend.
3. **Cookie Walk Recipes:** We are still missing the box of recipes from the cookie walk closet. If you have it or know where it is, please contact Mary Jo. Thank you.
4. **He Eats Like a Horse:** My grandson is 11 years old and he is mostly always hungry. He eats like a horse. When he is at our home we try to keep him fed. However, there are quite a few young people, living in less fortunate homes within the Rockford area, who are always hungry because the household income is low. Let us keep this in mind as we give items to the Winter Food Ingathering bin.
5. **Recycling Reminder:** When receiving gifts this year and you consider recycling old items, remember our recycling program collects old MP3 players, IPOD's, digital cameras, laptops, and GPS systems.
6. **For your Information:** In the year 2011, we had 9 Baptisms, 6 Confirmations, and 5 member funerals. With transfers in and out, confirmations and releases, we began the year with 317 members and ended the year with 310.
7. **T.O.P.S:** Beginning on Thursday, we will have a group called TOPS "Taking Off Pounds Sensibly" join us at Concordia. This group will meet every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in the commons. For additional information, please contact Joy Chappell.