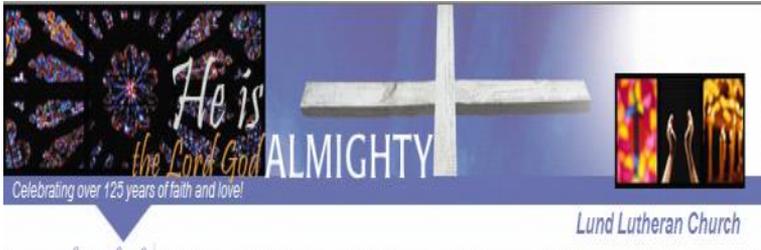


# Lund Newsletter



2013

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### THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

***"But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."***

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (NIV)

Grace and peace be yours from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Once in a while people will remark about the lack of enthusiasm they have as we approach December 25<sup>th</sup>. They might say, "I'm just not in the Christmas spirit." Their comment probably has something to do with not yet feeling jolly or festive about getting out the decorations and shopping the Christmas specials. Maybe they feel more stress than excitement in planning and attending "happy holiday" parties. For the majority of our community, Christmas has a lot more to do with the things and events just mentioned than the season as an anticipation of Jesus' birthday anniversary.

What is the true spirit of Christmas? For the person who is a follower of the Messiah, there should be a deeper sense of reality of two things:

One is that God Himself, the One who created the vastness of the galaxies and now sustains all things, entered into our little part of the universe called Earth, and dwelt among us as a baby and grew to manhood. Incredible! This is the greatest thing of all human history. This is the fascinating story of the ages. No wonder the angels of heaven pronounced "Glory!" over Bethlehem.

The other thing we deeply sense is the reason that God would need to enter our world. That reason is the tremendous need we have for a Savior-the Messiah-our Redeemer to free us from the condemnation of sin.

It is not popular to talk about sin nowadays. It is more "politically correct" to say, if we have to address it at all, "addiction" "alternate lifestyles" "acting out" "bad choices" or "unhealthy self-destructive behavior".

Certainly these are descriptions that we might attach to poor behavior toward others or ourselves. Maybe we can clean up our act and be good-or at least better- citizens when we get into the Christmas season.

But Sin is a much bigger problem than how we act among ourselves. Sin is our fallen nature, fallen from a perfectly harmonious relationship with God. We as sinners are horrifically condemned as enemies of God. Our sin blackens our hearts with a corruption that will keep us separated from God for eternity. Where His dwelling is perfect Light, we are filled with darkness. That is our permanent state, unless ---we receive the true Spirit of Christmas.

The One who is the Spirit of Christmas has the power to take away our sin. Thank God, He has come to do just that. He has come to remove sin as far as the East is from the West. He has come and by his own sacrificial death and resurrection, the Spirit of Christmas brings life. By His Spirit He offers freedom from the bondage of Sin sickness and death. What a Christmas present! "For God so loved the world that he gave" is the most wonderful Christmas gift he provides to "whoever" will accept it. If we accept this gift, then the veil that hides his glory from our sinful eyes is removed for all time so that we can forever live with Him and gaze on the beauty of the Lord and even be transformed into His glorious sin-free image.

Jesus is the true Spirit that we need for Christmas. He fills the forgiven sinner with joy that is unending. He fills us with true love so we can truly love on others. He is the present that keeps on giving.

Are you looking for Christmas Spirit?

***"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*** Luke 2:12 (NIV)

***"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*** Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

**Christmas Eve Service Tuesday, December 24th 5:00pm.**

Minutes of the Lund Lutheran Church Council meeting November 7, 2013.

Present: Myra Eastman, Sharon Westerholm, Pastor Jim, Russell & Carol Okeson, Tom Alexander, Robin & Jennifer Turnwall and Cindy Sauer.

Absent: Les & Donna Heimark and Karen Alexander.

Meeting called to order by President Robin Turnwall.

Meeting agenda was approved with several additions.

Devotions were given by Sharon Westerholm.

Motion to approve Lund Lutheran Church Council Minutes of meeting held October 3, 2013 with the amendment that Myra Eastman is to be the new Sunshine Lady. R. Okeson/T. Alexander. **CARRIED.**

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report of October 31, 2013. M. Eastman/T. Alexander. **CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

**Mission Committee** to meet the following Sunday. Pastor Jim to invite Lynette Price to come and talk about the Compassion House.

**Endowment Committee** to do a write up on the fund to cover where it came from and how it is used.

**Deacons** – A new list is up to sign up for volunteers.

**Trustees** – To date cost of the picnic table and benches \$1594.46. \$1000.00 donated by Russ & Carol Okeson. Motion to pay the balance of \$594.46 from the Memorial Fund. M. Eastman/C. Okeson. **CARRIED.**

**Old Business:** Painting of the alcove was \$680.85 with a donation of \$50.00 leaving a balance of \$630.85. Motion to allow the women's fund to pay the balance of the fund if they agree to it.

R. Okeson/M. Eastman. **CARRIED.**

The price to paint any more would not be feasible, so Tom Alexander to check on Wainscoting pricing.

**New Business:**

It was requested to look into a shelving unit to replace the table in the Narthex as it looks messy.

**Nominating Committee:** No Report.

Thanksgiving Service to be held Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Members may offer what they are thankful about our church and a Bible verse to share.

Christmas Parade – Parade of Lights. It was agreed to put a float in the parade to be set up in a warm location. Parade is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Float must be registered by November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meatball dinner was discussed. Net amount not all in, but should be about \$2400.00, down about \$900.00 from last year. President Robin Turnwall said he was proud of the work, effort and all that was involved in making it a nice family affair.

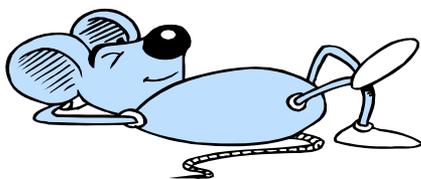
A Thank You to be sent out to those that contributed to the cemetery project. Christmas Cookbook ad needs to have LCMC put on, change the black to another color. Add in the Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m. Motion to do the small ad for \$85.00. M. Eastman/T. Alexander **CARRIED.**

Sharon to call to find out the price of Thanksgiving ad.

Next meeting to be held December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed by Robin & Pastor Jim leading in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Westerholm



Hello there, Mousey here,

November has been a busy month too. We had four young people confirmed they were Parker Anderson, Auroura Eckberg, Anna Nickolauson and Jon Richards. That is always exciting.

Bible study and Sunday School has been fun and we have learned a lot. The big people are studying the 10 Commandments. Boy is there a lot to learn there. Makes a mouse think a lot.

Thanksgiving is coming. That's the day we are supposed to be thankful for everything, but I really think we should be thankful every day for all the wonderful things God gives us. Our families, friends, jobs, our church, our church family – all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pretty soon we will begin the Advent Season, one of my two favorite days we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Life is so good.

I sat through the council meeting, but no one brought treats. Bummer!

Love you all! Till next month.  
Mousey

# Kids EVENTS



## Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15th 9:45 am

There will be a potluck dinner following the worship service.

Practice times are Sunday, Dec. 1st, 8th, & 15th at 8:30 am

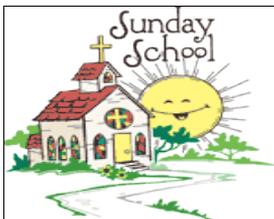


The Sunday School kids will be hosting a sock tree this year. They are collecting any size socks (children's, women's and men's) for the women's shelter and the Refuge in DL.

Starting Sunday, December 15th at 1:00 pm there will be a movie matinee.

Free will offering for snacks, Family friendly movies provided. Our first film is "The Nativity Story".

Watch the bulletin and newsletter for the January movie.



## Attention Parents

### Sunday School

Sunday mornings 8:30am—9:30 am

Ages 3 years and up.

Learn about Jesus, have fun, play games.

# YOUTH NEWS



## *Youth Nights (7-12th grades)*

Wednesdays,

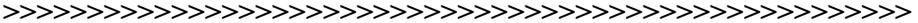
Supper @ 6:00 PM

The "HOPE" series @ 6:30 PM

Questions contact:

Pastor Jim or Robin

No Youth Night December 25th



## *Sr. High Winter Weekend*

Inspiration Point

Christian Camp & Retreat Center

February 14-16

Grades 9th-12th

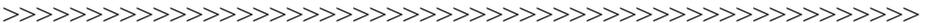
**Get away.**

**Get life.**

**Get to The Point!**

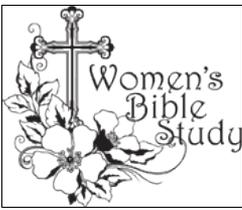
Registration will be subsidized.

More information on the bulletin board in the Foyer.



**And a Healthy, Happy New Year!**

Thank you for your support!



Lund Women's Bible Study  
Tuesday December 10th,  
Sharon Westerholm & Judy Gildersleeve are hosting.

We will meet at 1 pm instead of 2 pm and have  
a light Christmas lunch before the bible study.

Please bring two dozen cookies to pack for the shut-ins.

**Check on the back of the December calendar for the Women's  
Christmas project list.**

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*Thank you to everyone who helped make our Swedish Meatball Dinner a  
success!!*

Another successful fundraiser thanks to many helping hands!

On Friday, twelve of us met at Maplelag to make meatballs. With 120# of meat, we made 2024 meatballs. Thanks to the big ovens at Maplelag, we baked them in large pans holding 150 meatballs each. The meatballs went in the oven as fast as we could scoop them. Using Maplelag's large tilt pan, we made 12 gallons of gravy. From start to finish it took us about 4 hours.

At the dinner, we used 19 dozen buns, 250 large sheets of lefse, 3 gallons of pickles, lots of potatoes, vegetables and coleslaw and about 70 pies which were donated by members. Approximately 347 tickets were sold for a net profit of \$2,358.38. (About 60% profit.)

It truly takes the involvement of the entire congregation to pull off an event this large! When I chair this event, I always stress out over the preparations. But in the end I'm always amazed at how smoothly it goes. Everyone just digs in and does what needs to be done. What awesome members Lund Church has! Thanks again to all of you for being so willing to give of your time and talents. A special thanks to the Richards family for allowing us to use the kitchen at Maplelag and to Deb Olk for her gravy making expertise.

Judy Gildersleeve, Chairperson

# December Lectionary

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>December 1</b>	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm: 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
<b>December 8</b>	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm: 72:1-7	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
<b>December 15</b>	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm: 146	James 5:7-11	Matthew 11:2-15
<b>December 22</b>	Isaiah 7:10-17	Psalm: 24	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
<b>December 29</b>	Exodus 13:1-3a	Psalm 111	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:22-40



**Help trim the Christmas tree on Sunday, December, 1st after worship service.**

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Annual Congregation Reports due by December 30th.



The annual meeting will be January 26th after the worship service.



**Have a Blessed & Merry Christmas  
Happy Healthy New Year!**

**Birthdays:**

- December** 2. Kjersten Anderson
- 5. Rodney Eastman
- 8. Alfred Johnson
- 14. Austen Dickinson
- 11. Sharon Westerholm  
Jens Richards
- 17. Jeramie Jacobson
- 23. Robert Garrett
- 31. John Sauer



**Anniversary's**

- December** 6. Lloyd & Betty Varholdt
- 27. Ron & Jan Anderson



**May God Bless you on your special day!**

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If you know of someone who is not on our birthday and Anniversary list and should be please let Myra Eastman know (847-6706) or call Pam in the church office 847-9662.



**We are in need of worship volunteers for 2014.**

**You can sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the entry way.**

**Thank you for your help.**

## December Worship Volunteers

**Reader: Cleo Johnson**

**Ushers: Myra Eastman**

**Greeters : Sharon Westerholm**

**Communion Server: Myra Eastman**

### Sunday Coffee servers:

**December 1: Cindy & Maria Sauer,  
Lorna Schons, Lynda Hultin**

**December 8: Eric & Belynda Nickolauson**

**December 15: Sunday School Program Pot Luck**

**December 22: Jim & Barb Osvold**

**December 29: Leftovers from Christmas baking, everybody  
bring**



## DECEMBER

### Lund and Area Happenings:

**Sunday, Dec. 1st** decorate Christmas tree after worship service.

**Sunday, Dec. 1 3pm** Decorate float at Okeson's farm or "Light up the Lakes Parade"

**Sunday School Christmas program practice** Sundays, Dec. 1st, & 8th, at 8:30 am.

**Monday, Dec. 2nd** "Light up the Lights" 5:30 pm need volunteers to distribute candy during the parade. Meet at 5pm at Holy Rosary or Zion parking lots.

**Wednesdays, Dec. 4th, 11th, and 18th** Youth Nights supper at 6:00 Discussion 6:30—8PM

**Thursday, Dec. 5th** Refuge fundraiser Holms Theater Ballroom 5pm social 5:30 dinner \$25.00 per person.

**Sunday, Dec. 15th** Sunday School Program Pot Luck after the worship service.

**Sunday, Dec. 15th** Caroling, watch for further details in the bulletin, or call the office 847-9662.

**Thursday, Dec. 12th** Council meeting 7PM

**Wednesday, Dec. 18th** Newsletter articles due.

**No Sunday School Dec. 22nd and 29th**

**Christmas Eve Service 5:00 PM**

**Church office open Mon. Dec. 23 closed Dec. 26th**