

# Mountain Lutheran Church

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*From Pastor Ralph*

## Christmas

Luke 2:7 says, "And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

What an entrance into the life of creation! We first encounter the newborn Jesus Christ as a displaced person, an infant without a home, and a helpless child lying in a feeding trough for animals.

The poverty and hostility into which Jesus was born remains today. One in five of our children are born into and grow up in poverty. Each night in the United States thousands of people are homeless. In this Advent season leading up to Christmas we remember those people with whom Christ first identified: the poor, the homeless, the displaced, and our children.

In the humbleness of the infant Jesus may we find *hope*. In the frailty of the newborn Christ may we find *strength*. In the homelessness of Mary's firstborn son may we find *shelter*. May we in the name of the Savior commit ourselves to

service and advocacy for all people, especially those in need.

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### *Christmas Worship Services*

Our Christmas worship services will be: a candlelight Christmas Eve (Saturday), service with Holy Communion, at 7:30 p.m., with Pastor Ginger presiding; and a Christmas Day (Sunday), 10:00 a.m. service with Holy Communion, with Pastor Ralph presiding.

#### **Church Council Members:**

President	Tom Carman
Vice President	Jean Cox
Secretary	Mary Bruha
Treasurer	Elden Bruha
Financial Secretary	Stan Bruederle
Members at Large	Kay Smith
	Dorine Smith
Pastors	Ralph Herman
	Ginger DuMars

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Our Volunteer chairpersons for this year are:

Web Master	Tom Carman
Altar Guild	Delores Van Brocklin
Publicity	Dorothy Parker
Prayer Chain	Judy Basey
Newsletter Editor	Mary Bruederle
Refreshments	Judy Basey
Music & Worship	Tom Carman
Property Manager	Bob Smith



**Pastor Ginger's  
Christmas News, 2011**

**As we celebrate the Seasons of Advent & Christmas we are reminded to Watch & Wait, Prepare & Rejoice in God's Glory for the Gift of Jesus!**

*Come & See how you can watch & wait, prepare & rejoice in God's Glorious Gifts! Our Advent banners & candles, music & scripture lessons as well as our sermons echo each other with these themes of Advent & Christmas! The days & events of these Holy Seasons direct our attention to the 3 ways Jesus comes to us.*

*1. ADVENT emphasizes Jesus coming to us daily & weekly through God's Word & Worship including Holy Communion & our Servanthood & Fellowship that we enjoy with one another & with Jesus himself! Jesus comes to us & interacts with us DAILY!*

*2. ADVENT also emphasizes the SECOND COMING of Jesus. His Glorious Return to Earth will be to reign, to transform us & the earth into God's Eternal Kingdom.*

*3. At CHRISTMAS we celebrate JESUS coming to us as a HUMAN BABY BOY, God Incarnate, born in a setting of poverty yet with magnificent angel choirs announcing the birth of GOD's SON, Prince of Peace, and Savior of the World - for everyone! Glory be to God! Come & See! Come & Worship & Invite JESUS into your life for these Holy Seasons & forever! Invite your family & friends too!*

**DECEMBER Events to help you Watch & Wait, Prepare & Rejoice:**

**Every SUNDAY at 10:00 a.m.** – Worship with Holy Communion, Fellowship & Refreshments after Worship.



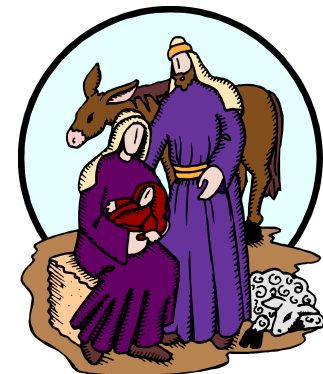
**THUR., Dec. 1** at 1:00 - Bible Study. 3:00 – Decorating the church.

**SUN., Dec. 4** at 11:30 - Council Meeting

**FRI. & SAT., Dec. 9 & 10** at 7:30 p.m. & **SUN., Dec. 11** at 2 p.m. – Pine Cone Singers' Christmas Concert at Evangelical Free Church.

**SUN., Dec. 11** at 6 p.m. – Compassionate Friends'

*Candle Lighting Service in honor of parents who have experienced the death of a child (adult, infant, pre-birth or any age) – at First Baptist Church, 11347 Wards Ferry Road, Big Oak Flat. RSVP (962-7038) to have a candle ready for you to light & to give the name of your child to be remembered & honored.*  
**TUE., Dec. 13** at 11:30 – Thrivent Financial Chapter Meeting & Christmas Lunch at Mountain Springs Golf Club, Sonora – for Chapter Officers, Congregational Advocates, Pastors, Spouses.  
**WED., Dec. 14** at 6:00 – Advent Soup Supper. 7:00 Holden Eve. Prayer Service (set to music).  
**THUR., Dec. 15** at 1:00 – Bible Study  
**SUN., Dec. 18** at 11:00 – Annual (End of Year) Congregational Meeting with Council Member Elections, 2012 Budget Proposal, etc.



**SAT., Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m.**

(NOTE – LATER time)  
Candlelight Christmas Eve. Service with Holy Communion.

**SUN., Dec. 25 at 10:00 a.m.**

– *Christmas Day Service –  
with Holy Communion*

**THUR., Jan. 5 at 1:00 p.m.** –  
*Bible Study.*

**FRI., Jan. 6 is Epiphany and  
the beginning of the Epiphany  
season.**



**SUN., Jan. 8, at 10:00 a.m.** –

*Installation of Mountain  
Lutheran’s Church Council..*

**With Christmas Blessings  
for You & Your Loved  
Ones.**

**Pastor Ginger DuMars**

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**From Shirley:**

Mountain Lutheran Church  
recycling is the last Sunday of

each month. We take any plastic bottles that say **CA CASH REFUND** on the labels. We don’t recycle any plastic, such as milk bottles, hair spray bottles, etc. Please leave the labels on the bottles, so they can be identified as **CA CASH REFUND**. Please take all the lids off the bottles. We also recycle all aluminum cans, but don’t take cans, such as coffee cans, etc. We do take any glass bottles that have **CA CASH REFUND** on them. Please take all plastic bottles and glass that DON’T HAVE CA CASH REFUND on them and all non aluminum cans to Moore Brothers in Big Oak Flat and recycle them. We thank you for recycling and making God’s world a better place to live.



We still many new **NIKE CLOTHING** items available for sale. We have ladies medium and men’s large items that would make great Christmas presents. Please tell your friends and family to call Shirley (962-5647) and she would be glad to show them what is available. The price of most of the clothing is 3 for \$20 and a few at \$10

each. The Nike clothing sales will benefit Mountain Lutheran Church. Praise the Lord for Leslie Moyer and her great generosity giving Mountain Lutheran the clothing to sale. Leslie we miss your great smile at Mountain Lutheran.

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*“Sometimes the  
angels fly close  
enough to you  
that you can  
hear the flutter  
of their wings.”*

*Watch for the  
angels in your  
life.*



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