

Lutheran Church of the Foothills



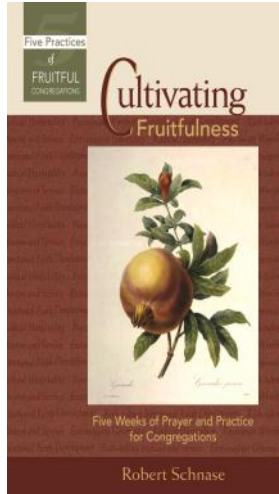
January 2012 FOOTNOTES

Our Mission: Together we celebrate New Life in Christ as we seek to love God with our whole being, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Worship ... Serve ... Nurture ... Grow

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They are Here!

You are invited to pick up your copy on Sunday, January 1, 2012, at Lutheran Church of the Foothills in the Lobby.

See page 11 of this issue of *Footnotes* for more information.



You are invited
New Year's Day Potluck Brunch
Sunday, January 1, 2012
9:45a-10:45a
in the Activities Room

Guild members will host and provide the food. We would be delighted if you could join us to kick off the new year! All are invited to attend.

Happy New Year!

All are welcome!
Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 29
9:45a — 10:45a

in the Activities Room (between worship services)

Includes a Continental Breakfast

Even if you are not a voting member, we encourage you to come and learn more about the community with whom you worship.

Community groups appreciate our service in Jesus' name



November 23, 2011

Dear Lutheran Church of the Foothills [and Read & Yak book group],

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,877 to [Pangani Lutheran Children Centre](#). Your generosity is appreciated now more than ever. Your gift, combined with the gifts of others, helps strengthen over 300 ELCA Global Gift projects in 84 companion churches, and shares the fullness of life in Christ with our global neighbors. As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we do more together than we ever could do alone. Thank you so much! Blessed Advent. Yours in Christ,

~ Pastor Twila Schock, Director, ELCA Missionary Sponsorship and Global Appeals

December 1, 2011

Dear Friends,

It is with much gratitude that we acknowledge and thank Lutheran Church of the Foothills for the toiletries and Bingo prizes for CarePartners served by [Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network](#) (TIHAN). We are grateful that when a need exists, generous people such as you step forward to help. With an estimated 2,500 persons in Pima County presently infected with HIV, TIHAN is committed to addressing the fears and stigmas surrounding this disease. TIHAN reaches thousands of people through our education and awareness programs in congregations throughout southern Arizona. Until we have a cure, may we continue to join together as people of faith to end the fear and separation surrounding this disease. Thank you again for thinking of TIHAN, and many blessings to you. With gratitude,

~ Scott Blades, Executive Director

December 2, 2011

Dear Babbie [Lynton] and the Community of Lutheran Church of the Foothills,

On behalf of everyone at Primavera, I want to express a very special thank you for the seven large family food boxes (including \$170 in Fry's food cards) that you donated for our families living in the Family Shelter. Your generosity helped make their Thanksgiving much brighter. Have a wonderful holiday season,

~ Mary Clare of the [Primavera Foundation](#)

December 14, 2011

Dear Pastors John and Bonnie, and the good people of Foothills Lutheran,

Many thanks for the wonderful gift of \$1,250 you have given to Lutheran Campus Ministries at University of Arizona! The students are finishing up finals this week and will be having a welcomed Christmas break. We are excited about the New Year, especially our upcoming trip to Palestine/Israel over Spring Break: March 10-19, 2012. We thank you for prayers, meals, and financial support. We are grateful. Advent & Christmas peace,

~ Pastor Ron Rude, [Lutheran Campus Ministry](#)

December 7, 2011

Dear Lutheran Church of the Foothills,

The [Saguaro Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans](#) is pleased to provide this funding check in the amount of \$900 for your Food & Prep for Primavera "Care Abounds in Communities" activity. The Chapter Board wishes to thank Joan Peyton and the entire "Care Abounds in Communities" Activity Service Team for their efforts.

Serving Christ in the community.

~ Neal Lundahl, Volunteer Financial Director, Saguaro Chapter of Thrivent

December 23, 2011

Friends at LCF,

Today we received the check for \$2,701.00 from [Thrivent](#) for the \$1,800 you raised for us from the Musical Potpourri concert, plus the \$900 matching you secured from Thrivent. Thank you so much for all your work to ensure that those in need who are living with HIV can benefit from the vital programs and services that TIHAN provides.

Blessings to you all!

~ Scott (Scott Blades, Executive Director, [Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network](#))

January Community Giving

The [Primavera Men's Shelter](#) is in need of 20 new twin-size blankets. The men can also use some sweatshirts—all sizes. Next time you are out shopping please pick up something to donate and put it in the blue "Primavera Men's Shelter" bin under the Activities Table.

Thank you! Happy 2012!



Community Service is always needed



Happy New Year Everyone. Here's hoping that 2012 will be a good year for all.

Thank you, again, for your response to the Christmas gifts for needy families, and the Thanksgiving baskets. You are all exceptional in your charity.

Primavera homeless were well-fed as usual and we thank you for that.

Now we have a request from Abounding Grace Lutheran Church for more canned foods for their pantry. The blue "[Abounding Grace Food Pantry](#)" donation bin will remain under the Activities Table in the church lobby and when possible, put something in it and your donations will be delivered when the bin is full. Thank you.

~ Joan Peyton, for Community Services

You can serve at Poz Cafe on February 15

In November some of you heard representatives from [Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network](#) (TIHAN) speak at the Christian Education Hour Forum for Adults and Youth. They spoke about the monthly lunch, Bingo and Poz Marketplace that takes place on the third Thursday of each month at St. Francis in the Hills United Methodist Church. On February 15, 2012, Lutheran Church of the Foothills, Rincon Congregational Church and the Green Valley Community Church will jointly sponsor Poz Café.



What does it mean to sponsor Poz Café? We supply, cook and serve the meal to an estimated 120 guests who come to the lunch. We also set up, clean up and get the Poz Marketplace ready; not to mention helping with Bingo. Over the years Pastor John Lillie has been the Bingo caller star. Each sponsoring congregation has a grocery list. We buy the food and it is all cooked on site.

What does a volunteer do? On the day of the event six of us will meet at St. Francis at 8:45a for a brief orientation on HIV101 and to hear a person living with HIV/AIDS speak. This is a very important and informative part of the day and all volunteers are required to attend. The reason is simple. You will have some knowledge about the disease and how it is transmitted, and you will have an idea of what life is like for a person living with HIV/AIDS and be able to understand them better. Then we prepare the lunch, serve the lunch, interact with guests, clean up and know that we have made a difference in someone's life and they have made a difference in our lives as well. It is truly amazing how the volunteers receive even more that they give at Poz Café. Watch for the sign-up sheet in our church lobby.

Can't volunteer the day of the lunch but still want to help? Well, consider

- ♥ donating money to help buy the food
- ♥ donating personal care items for Poz Marketplace
- ♥ praying for the volunteers
- ♥ praying for TIHAN

There will be grocery bags with a grocery list in the lobby for you to take home and bring back filled for the Poz Marketplace.

This serving opportunity comes right in the middle of our Missional Leadership Academy "Everyday Discipleship" project for Risk Taking and Mission and Service. What better way to grow as a disciple and reach out in the community than helping at Poz Café. If you have not volunteered at Poz before, "Take a Chance, Take a Risk, Come and Serve..."

Any Questions? Contact Beth Daum (577-1782) or Kristen Birner (909-0908). Thank you.

December Community Giving

Thank you for your amazing generosity! Besides filling our five families' wish lists and grocery cards, we were able to donate over 100 toys to [Toys for Tots](#), [Gospel Rescue Mission](#), and [New Beginnings](#).

We truly are a giving community!

~ The Community Services Christmas Team



Sylvia with gifts for one of our Christmas families.

Toys delivered to Fire Station for Toys for Tots and Gospel Rescue Mission. Another 15 gifts were delivered to New Beginnings.



Christian education forums in January:

The start of the new year will continue our timely and informative Sunday morning adult forums.

For more information, please contact Pastor Bonnie Pene.



January 1 New Year's Brunch - sponsored by the Guild - no classes.

January 8 "Epiphany Celebration"—Our class will travel to different countries (in the comfort of our Activities Room) to witness how Epiphany is celebrated in other cultures. In some countries Epiphany is a bigger celebratory day than Christmas day. We will conclude the class with a sampling of an Epiphany cake. See if you are the one who gets the surprise in the cake!

January 15 "Radical Hospitality"—What is radical hospitality? What were some of your experiences of hospitality that were overwhelming and unexpected? How do you practice hospitality to others? Should the word "radical" be used with "hospitality?" What does that mean to us as a congregation? Join us in the church lobby as we experience hospitality as a group.

January 22 "Passionate Worship"—We will explore our worship service, the Lutheran liturgy, and see what we do in worship, why we do this, and what does all this mean? We may even sing a few hymns. Why are hymns such a part of the Lutheran tradition? We will meet in the sanctuary and explore what "passionate" worship is all about.

January 29 Congregational Meeting - The annual congregational meeting will take place between services. No classes.

Using *The Lutheran* monthly magazine as a learning resource

Make a New Year's resolution to use *The Lutheran* as a study resource in 2012. The January issue has plenty of topics for individual and group study. Think of a different kind of resolution by reading "Be it resolved ..."—getting spiritual on the brink of a new year (a study guide is available for this article at www.thelutheran.org; click on "[study guides](#)" — it's free to print and Web subscribers). Go deeper into "Salvation," a conversation between — and for — Lutherans led by ELCA teaching theologians. Contemplate empathy and how it will change your life. Or ponder "A face that shines" with Lutheran pastor Peter W. Marty. He recommends Exodus 34:29-35 as a Bible story that breathes life.



The Lutheran magazine, along with other ELCA publications, is on the counter in the church lobby. Help yourself—and take a few extra issues to share with your friends and family. There is no charge; these publications are provided by our congregation so that you can explore the riches of our theology and denominational activities.

Share your thoughts on next Sunday's readings

Something new for the New Year! Every Tuesday at noon, bring a brown bag lunch and gather with the pastor who is preaching the next Sunday to discuss the scripture texts for that Sunday.

The lessons for the next Sunday can be found in the calendar printed in each Sunday bulletin. Even if you have not read them ahead of time, they will be available at "Text Talk" on Tuesday.

Come to study the lessons and give your thoughts. No experience necessary.



TUESDAY
Text Talk

Journey into the desert with us

Our next Thursday Journey will take us to the Sinai Desert for an in-depth look at the Ten Commandments.

We all learned them in Sunday School and confirmation, but what is their relevance in today's world? If asked, most of us say we try "not to break the commandments," but do we know what that really means? For instance, what does "keeping the Sabbath" mean? Is war considered part of "do not kill?" What about abortion? Is admiring a person's new car considered "coveting?"

We will look at what the Lutheran church teaches in Luther's Catechism, and see what it says to us today. Talk with Pastor Bonnie Pene for more information.



C³PO invites you to live the questions

LIVING THE QUESTIONS -- First Light Jesus and the Kingdom of God



Welcome to our first session of C³PO - Jesus and the Kingdom of God. [Marcus Borg](#) and [John Crossan](#) [B&C] have developed a wonderful presentation about Jesus and the Kingdom of God. Phil and I would like to offer you summaries of this 12-part presentation to stimulate thought and discussion.

From the Prologue - What are the main questions we will address in these 12 sessions?:

- Why did Jesus happen when he happened? If you quickly reply divine providence, let us rephrase the question. Why are at least some of his fellow Jews ready for that specific providential event at that time and in that place?
- Why did both the Baptist movement of John and the Kingdom movement of Jesus occur around the Sea of Galilee in the 20's? [0020 CE]
- Why were Jesus' best known companions all associated with fishing villages around the northwest shores of the Sea of Galilee?
- Why Jesus? Why then? Why there?

1 - THE MATRIX OF JESUS

“As for these four great beasts, four Kings shall rise out of the earth.
But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom
and possess the kingdom forever – forever and ever” *Daniel 7:7-8*

THE CHALLENGE OF THE MATRIX. “We [B&C] deliberately use the term *matrix* to avoid any idea that you could pass *background* and go straight to *foreground* or even pass *context* and go straight to *text*. By *matrix* we mean everything you must know to understand Jesus in his own time and place before it is possible to understand him in ours. **Jesus minus matrix makes gospel equal Rorschach.** [Rorschach - the ink-blot test reflecting one's own subconscious desires, feelings, beliefs] Could you discuss/understand Mahatma Gandhi without understanding he was an Indian within Hinduism within British imperialism. No! So it is with Jesus, a 1st century Jew within Judaism within the Roman Empire; and the matrix for Jesus begins a century and a half before his birth.

BEAST-EMPIRES OUT OF CHAOS. In the 160s BCE the Maccabees (Hasmoneans) fought the invading Greco-Syrian empire. However, other Jews resisted non-violently. The book of Daniel is their vision. It fictionally imagines its protagonist, Daniel, as a prophetic sage during the Babylonian exile in about 500 BCE. His vision begins with four beasts arising sequentially out of the chaos of the sea. The fourth beast is different, it is able to devour the whole earth. It represents the imperialism of Alexander the Great which subdued the known world, but broke apart after his death. The Greco-Syrian sub-empire is merely a “little horn” from that beast.

AN END TO IMPERIALISM. In heaven, God, the Ancient of Days had already convened a judgment tribunal (7:9-10). Both the fourth beast and its little horn were condemned to destruction.(7:14,18,22,27) “In other words, imperialism itself – that unjust process whereby one people or nation uses others exclusively or primarily in its own interest – was condemned in all its then known incarnations and, presumably, in all its future ones as well.” But what was to take its place? Following the ancient Greek tradition of five great periods/empires of history, they asked: What would the Fifth Kingdom be like?

During the same time period that Daniel is written, Rome is claiming to be the Fifth Kingdom. But, Daniel's writers see things differently. Their vision is repeated four times (repetition underscores importance) with significant developments across those accounts.

The great kings personifying and embodying earthly empires are all “like” this or that beast. But at that heavenly judgment-tribunal, the Kingdom of God begins when: “I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.” (7:13). This personified embodiment of heavenly rule is “like” a human being, not “like” a beast.

More about that in our next “installment”, as well as tips about understanding the concepts of: the Son of Man, the Eschaton (the end or the last of something), Apocalypse (a revelation) and of course Apocalyptic Eschatology as they relate to the Jesus matrix. If these topics are catching your “fancy”; catch us or the pastors for further discussion/clarification. Join our group discussion Sunday February, 26th at 9:45 am in the sanctuary (and every third Sunday of the month after that).

~ Kevin Roark and Rev Phil Stephan

Worship Leaders for January 2012

	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Altar Preparation	Beth Daum				
Communion Bread	Monica Coté	_____	Monica Coté	_____	Monica Coté
Fellowship on the Patio	New Year's Brunch	_____	_____	_____	Annual Meeting with Continental Breakfast

“Desert Song” worship service ~ 8:30a

Song Leader	Ken Ahlstrand	Judi Forbes	Renée Geiger	Craig Geiger	Gary Anderson
Communion Server	Colette Barajas & Kristen Birner	Babbie Lynton Sharon Tatom	Dan Hodgson John McClure	Peg & Pat Zumbusch	Claudia & Robert Rasmus
Greeter	Joan Peyton Rosemarie Schulz	Judy & Noel Fedje	Karen Junghans & Bruce Seligman	Ann & Larry Haab	Nancy & Ed Landes
Reader	Scott Warren	Donna Skaar	Susan Thompson	Pat Zumbusch	Warren Wood
Usher	John McClure Art Meyer	Carolyn & Jim Parsons	Sally & Travor Beste	Barbara Gerstenfeld Zenaïda Meyer	Sharon & Bob Baker

“Traditional” worship service ~ 11:00a

Assisting Minister	TJ Ford	Gary Anderson	Ulrich Michael	Christina Butler	Vicky Kuzel
Communion Server	Anita Blake Vicky Kuzel	Beth & Bryan Daum	Dorothy Loescher Brigitte Michael	Beth & Bryan Daum	TJ Ford Joan Nolan
Greeter	Marlene & Matt Pushkar	Cheryl Lillie Virginia Sampson	Linn Campbell TJ Ford	Ginnie & Jim Hinkle	Tom Johnson? Karen Nickey
Reader	Carol Lundberg	Joan Nolan	Donna Cousino	Lesley Van Bors-sum	Anita Blake
Usher	Linn Campbell Amelia Solo	Ginnie & Jim Hinkle	Ruth & Chuck Waldron	Marsha Rianda Amelia Solo	Colette Barajas & Kristen Birner

- **If you cannot serve as scheduled, please contact your team members to find replacement and notify the office with names and dates.**
- For last-minute replacements (illness or emergency) please contact one of the pastors.
- Update your availability as you have new information by e-mail or using the forms on the Activities Table.
- Scheduling is usually done between the 15th and the 20th of each month for 1-2 months ahead.

Choir rehearses every Wednesday

Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Choir rehearsals are held in the Sanctuary at 7:00p on Wednesdays; they usually last 1 hour. The choir sings at the late service about twice a month, and may soon be also singing at the early service.



We appreciate our choir's involvement during Advent and Christmas Eve!

Our choir Director, Andrew Cleaver, is very talented and is leading us into some more challenging music. Talk with Pastor John Lillie for more details.

We are appreciated



December 2, 2011

Thank you for the prayers for my brother [John Ledgerwood] from the entire congregation. We believe in miracles and prayers helped so much.

~ Lesley Van Borssum

December 7, 2011

Pastor Bonnie Pene's class on The Book of Revelation has been great. I previously had no understanding or appreciation for Revelation. Now it is meaningful. Thank you Pastor Bonnie!

~ Kermit Franzen

12/12/11

Thanks for all your prayers and good wishes. A special thanks to Guild members, who filled a card with signatures and individual good wishes. Your support makes each day brighter.

~ Don & Peggy Eckerstrom

December 20, 2011

Dear Fellow Servants at LCF,

Thank you so much for your concerns and prayers for me. I was diagnosed with vertigo caused by a virus, and so far now seem to be fine. (For those who don't know, while at the office the morning of December 12 I very suddenly got sick with dizziness and other symptoms; 911 was called.) Thanks again for your caring and support.

~ Leslie Johnson, Administrative Assistant

December 20, 2011

Thank you to all for your cards and kind words on the passing of my mother, Lois Hibbs. Mom loved having you visit and so enjoyed the cards sent to her from the ladies in the Guild. Thank you to those who celebrated mom's life at a very unique and beautiful service. She would have loved it! And the Guild outdid themselves on the yummy food afterwards. Lois loved her church family, in particular two very special pastors. Thank you.

~ Laurie Aguirre

December 2011

Thank you all for the generous Christmas bonus. Your recognition of my contributions to your mission and ministries through Lutheran Church of the Foothills is very much appreciated.

~ Leslie Johnson

From the desk of Pastor John

"For the continued healing of our community . . ."

As we step into a new year, 2012, we will soon be reminded that the year just passed began in violence and death – the shootings at the Safeway shook Tucson to its very core.

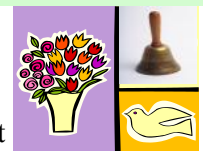
But we live in a wonderful and resilient community which has shown much love in the midst of great loss. January 8 will mark the first anniversary of the shootings in which six innocent lives were lost, and others gravely wounded – including our September Adult Forum presenter, Pam Simon. In the face of such tragedy the community has pulled together in many ways to support and comfort one another on the first anniversary of this day.

On Saturday, January 7th there will be special outdoor events in many locations around Tucson including walks, hikes, rides and runs to celebrate the memories of those loved ones injured or lost, especially Gabe Zimmerman, who was an avid outdoors enthusiast. A main event at Reid Park begins at 10:00 am and will include creative opportunities with Ben's Bells, Beads of Courage, Story Odyssey, Stories that Soar, Arts and Crafts, and the Tucson High Jovert Steal Drum Band. Other activities include a health fare at the Tucson Medical Center. You can check out the host of activities being planned at www.beyond-tucson.org.

On Sunday, January 8 (the actual anniversary of the tragedy) we will have many opportunities to pause and commemorate this day. If you are with us for morning worship you are invited to bring a bell from home to ring. We will interrupt our Adult Forum that day to step outside and ring those bells at 10:11 am – the exact time of the shootings. In addition, I have been part of a planning team for an Interfaith Prayer Service that will take place that afternoon at 1:00 pm at St. [Augustine](#) Roman Catholic Cathedral. The theme of this gathering will be "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe," and will include leaders from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities. Later that afternoon a vigil will be held on the mall at the University of Arizona, with speakers and special music.

You are welcome to participate in these opportunities to remember and reflect as we continue our collective process of healing on this first anniversary of tragedy. May we use this weekend to seek peace and healing not only of Tucson, but for all the world.

~ Pastor John Lillie



Pastor Bonnie to lead Bible study at Guild meeting

The next Guild meeting will be held on Tuesday, *January 3, 2012*, at 9:30a in the Activities Room. Pastor Bonnie Pene will help us to learn more about the Gospel of Mark 9:24, "I believe, help my unbelief." After the Bible study, we will conduct our monthly business meeting focusing on plans for our annual February fundraiser. All are welcome to join us in fellowship for the Bible study, meeting, and also for lunch at [Ric's Cafe](#) for those whose schedules permit.

Guild meets the first Tuesday of each month through May. Its primary function is to provide every adult in the church the opportunity and means for spiritual growth, social service, and fellowship. Guild brochures are available on the Activities Table. For more information, please contact Pastor Bonnie Pene, Pastor John Lillie, or Guild Co-Presidents Carol Bishop and Jane Hodgson.



Play games in church

Fun & Faith will meet on Friday, January 20, at 9:30a in the Activities Room for a brief devotion, followed by table games—Mahjong, Bridge, Scrabble, etc.—with coffee and light refreshments. Please sign up on the Activities Table in the church lobby.

We hope to see you and your friends there. For more information please contact Virginia Sampson.



“Friday with Friends” Epiphany party is filled

Twenty-two friends are gathering on January 6 to share good food, drink and fun at the home of Rosemarie Schulz and Don Hagen. They have reached capacity for this gathering.

The sign-up sheets fill quickly for these “Friday with Friends” potluck suppers, so keep your eyes open for the next event; they are usually held on the fourth Friday of the month.

For more information, please talk with Joan Nolan.



Foothills Prayer Group now offering laying on of hands prayer

In addition to Sunday and Monday morning, when and where do we pray for those on our printed prayer list? Some have the prayer list taped to their bathroom mirror; others keep it in the car so they can pray while sitting at a stop light; some carry the list in their purse and others keep it at the breakfast table or near their easy chair. You may have a favorite time and place where you pray but, if you don't, we hope you'll consider finding a time for prayer in the New Year. Prayer makes a difference in the lives of those we pray for and in the lives of those who are praying.

Recently Foothills Prayer Group has added “[laying on of hands](#)” to our Monday morning prayer time. What a gift it is to be able to pray for the needs of our Foothills servants and what a blessing to feel the Spirit’s presence as we've prayed for them. We'll continue to provide laying on of hands prayers when requested.

Foothills Prayer Group will have its first meeting of the New Year on Monday, January 9, at 10:30a. We'd love to have you join us. All are welcome!

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. ~ Psalm 62:5-8

~ Ruth Anne Osenberg for the Foothills Prayer Group



DNA helps connect family roots

LCF’s Family History Group will be meeting on January 10, 9:30a in the Activities Room.

We will continue our discussion on using DNA to trace family roots and connections. Some interesting results were discussed this past month. In addition we'll discuss new techniques for research and also learn of new developments in everyone's research.

We look forward to seeing you all there. Contact Norb & Brigitte Woolsey at 885-5912 for more information.



Are you living with a chronic illness?

LCF's Chronic Illness Group is meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 1:00p at the church. Our next meetings are January 12 and January 26.

If you have a medical condition that is persistent and long lasting come to support, learn from others, laugh, pray..... as we live with our illnesses in our everyday lives.

See Pastor Bonnie Pene for more information.



Get ready now for February 2012 edition of *Footnotes*

Newsletter articles for the February 2012 edition of *Footnotes* are due on Friday, January 20. Please drop your articles off in the church office or email them to office@foothillslutheran.org.

Microsoft Word e-mail attachments are preferred, and other formats are acceptable. Talk with Leslie Johnson, our Administrative Assistant, if you have questions or comments about any edition of *Footnotes*.



The real star of Bethlehem wasn't in the sky

Do you have a favorite book you'd like to recommend to LCF's Read & Yak book group? Or maybe you have one you've been eager to read? Bring your recommendation(s) to the January meeting, where we will be putting together our reading list for the coming months.

The yakking begins at 10:00a on Saturday, January 28, at the church. Come join us! See Pastor Bonnie Pene for more information.



Devotional aid enriches Sunday Bible readings

Christ in Our Home (also known as *Light for Today*) booklets for daily devotions from January 1 through March 31 are now on the counter in the church lobby.

Regular print and large print editions are both available.

This pocket-sized devotional booklet is published quarterly by our denomination's publishing house, and follows the same Bible-reading schedule that we use in church each Sunday. The meditations are written by pastors and lay people. You especially might enjoy using this as a supplement to the new "Text Talk" on Tuesday noons beginning January 3.

Feel free to pick up a copy and use it as encouragement to live out your faith daily. *Christ in Our Home* is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day. There is charge to you—this publication is provided by your congregation to aid you in your spiritual life.



Find us on Facebook

Lutheran Church of the Foothills is joining the 21st century. We have a [Facebook](#) site! If you are a Facebook member, find us at "Lutheran Church of the Foothills" and join our open group.

We are updating the site daily with announcements and news, and keeping in touch with each other. If you are not on Facebook, now may be the time to take the plunge! It is an easy way to keep in touch.

If you are nervous about joining Facebook, or don't know how, talk with Jim Hinkle, Todd Helmick, or Pastor Bonnie Pene. If enough people are interested we can have a class on how to navigate Facebook, using our projection system in the Activities Room.



The church calendar is published weekly in your Sunday bulletin

If you have a photo of an LCF event you would like printed in "Footnotes," please submit it, with explanatory caption, to the church office.

Guild adds silent auction to February fundraiser

The annual Guild Fundraiser will be held this year on both *February 11 and 12, 2012*, in the Activities Room. The fundraiser theme will be **"Trinkets, Treasures, and a Silent Auction."** We are pleased to announce that the monies raised will help fund two much needed audio-visual projects for the church: sermons on-line and a hearing impaired assist system for the sanctuary.

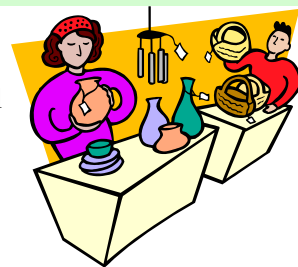
There are a few changes to the fundraiser this year. There are two basic parts: a *Trinkets/Treasures Sale* and a *Silent Auction*. Each item that is donated for the *Trinkets and Treasures Sale* needs to be reasonably pre-priced and labeled by the donor. Items donated need to look good and be sale worthy.

No holiday items, baked goods, or junk will be sold. Pre-priced donated items should be dropped off on the first day of the sale, which is Saturday, February 11. (Please note: jewelry items will be collected a few days prior to the sale.)

Items donated for the *Silent Auction* should be brought to the church on Thursday, February 9, and should be items of higher quality or can be a service (such as: washing someone's windows). The suggested minimum value of a silent auction item will be \$25.00. The fundraiser sale will continue on Sunday, February 12, until 1:00p. Items not sold will then be donated to the Lutheran Thrift Shop on Speedway.

We are blessed to have several Guild volunteers in charge of this year's fundraiser. If you have any questions, please contact them:

- Trinkets/Treasures Sale Committee: Georgia Ingraham, Dorothy Loescher, Helen McDonald, and Barbara Gerstenfeld.
- Jewelry Committee: Joan Nolan, Vicky Kuzel, Joyce Steiner, Barbara Burtnett, and Carol Lundberg.
- Silent Auction: Helen McDonald and Linn Campbell.



Dust Off Your Golf Clubs!

The Ninth Annual "Fund for Leaders in Mission (FLIM) Golf Classic"

A Golf Benefit for Future Pastors

Monday, April 9, 2012 ~ Noon Shotgun Start ~ Oro Valley Country Club

Questions? Email or call **Pr. Ken Ahlstrand**, Coordinator: pasken@comcast.net 520-481-4536

Celebrating Life's Milestones

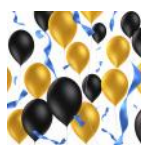
Anniversaries

Jean & Don Heldenbrand..... 1/22
 Donna & Ken Cousino..... 1/23
 June & John Hensala..... 1/25
 Georgia & Tony Ingraham..... 1/31

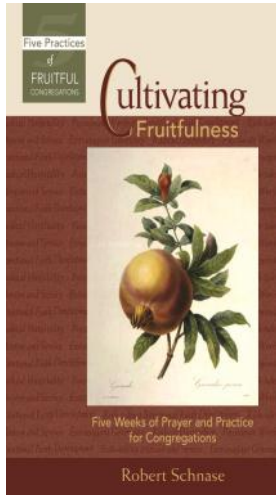
Birthdays

Richard Sercer..... 1/2
 Brigitte Woolsey..... 1/6
 Billy Burtnett..... 1/7
 Don Hagen..... 1/7
 Tom Reeves..... 1/7
 Bob Walker..... 1/9
 Christina Butler..... 1/15

David Hix..... 1/15
 Jaime Watt..... 1/18
 Beth Daum..... 1/20
 June Hensala..... 1/24
 Carolyn Parsons..... 1/26
 Emery Barker..... 1/28
 Norb Woolsey..... 1/28
 Ellyn Seifried..... 1/29
 Don Heldenbrand..... 1/29
 Jim Parsons..... 1/30
 Bruce Osenberg..... 1/30
 Georgia Ingraham..... 1/31
 Todd Helmick..... 1/31



Our apologies if we missed your birthday or anniversary—please let us know so we can recognize you next time (and so our records are correct).



They are Here!

You are invited to pick up your copy on
Sunday, January 1, 2012
at Lutheran Church of the Foothills
in the Lobby.

Cultivating Fruitfulness, the devotional books we will read together as a congregation during our focus on the *Five Practices*, are now in. The members of every household are encouraged to read these devotions, Scriptures, prayers and challenges together during the five weeks. Each day, we will read together about the practice that we will focus on in the upcoming Sunday worship.

January 8 – 14 (Day 1 – 7) *Radical Hospitality*

January 15 – 21 (Day 8 – 14) *Passionate Worship*

January 22 – 28 (Day 15 – 21) *Intentional Faith Development*

January 29 – February 4 (Day 22 – 28) *Risk-Taking Mission & Service*

February 5 – 11 (Day 29 – 35) *Extravagant Generosity*

Praying and reflecting on each practice, how it affects our life, and what it means for the life of our church, will prepare us for a transforming time of worship together.

These are the Five Practices of vital, fruitful congregations. These ideas are not secret or new, but they are the practices that can lead to excellence and growth in the life of our church. They are the practices we will be focusing on for five consecutive weeks, beginning January 8, 2012 and ending February 19, 2012.



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If you have questions please contact, Monica Coté, Pr. John Lillie, or Pr. Bonnie Pene for more information.

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"Reconciling in Christ" congregation, welcoming all, in
partnership with [Lutherans Concerned, North America](#)

Annual Congregational Meeting
9:45a-10:45a
Sunday, January 29, 2012

Our Vision: We are a community rooted in Christ striving to grow in faith, in love for all, in service to our community and world.

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