

THIS WEEK IN THE KINGDOM

Today	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP with Communion Greeters: Johnson Ushers: VonSeggern Accompanist: Joanne Hardtke 4:00 p.m. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Accompanist: Marlene Hedin
Monday	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. WORSHIP with Communion
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Faculty Devotion 9:00 a.m. B.I.C. 3:45 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. B.I.C.
Saturday	Church Cleaning: Holmberg/Syverson 6:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP Ushers: Macioroski Accompanist: Marlene Hedin
Sunday	10:30 a.m. CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP Greeters: Leichner Ushers: Rose Accompanist: Joanne Hardtke

THOSE WHO SERVE OUR CONGREGATION

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Printing: Jerry Oblander	259-9396
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Accompanists:	Sue Benson, Lois Coey, Joanne Hardtke and Marlene Hedin

WELCOME!

WELCOME to all who gather here to learn of our Savior and praise His name! May God's precious Word grant you His peace, comfort, and joy. If you are visiting us for the first time, we ask you to sign our guest register in the entry and please include your full address and telephone number. If there is any way we may serve you, please speak to the usher or let us know by filling out the visitor card inserted in your bulletin. We encourage you to join us again soon!



There are three large print hymnals available in the entry for anyone who might need them. The hymnals include the order of service, the psalm, and the hymns for the day. There is also one large print Bible and two magnifying sheets available in the entry. Please feel free to use them.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENTS

Serving You This Service:

- Accompanist: Joanne Hardtke
- Ushers: Ed VonSeggern, Sid Syverson, Tom Neujahr, and Nate Neujahr
- Greeters: Marland and Jeananne Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God today by Edna Noennig in loving memory of Herb.



WELCOME – Today with our own eyes we have the



opportunity to witness the miracle of baptism. **ROBBIE CONNOLLY** who attends preschool will be welcomed into membership through the sacrament. Also, **AMANDA CONNOLLY** will be welcomed into communicant membership.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – The preschool and children's program will be held **today, December 18, at 4 p.m.** Invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate Christ's birth.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE – Bring a friend to our Christmas Eve service which will begin at 6:00 p.m. The children of the congregation will begin the service with a response and with song. We

will sing several Christmas hymns and listen to the Christmas story. The end of the service will conclude with candlelight.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE – Worship on Christmas Day will be held at 10:30 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS – There will be **NO** Sunday Morning Bible Class or Sunday School on December 25 or January 1.

NEW OUTDOOR PLAY SYSTEM – The blessings of God continue to pour on the ministry that is being done at Apostles. Recently a memorial was given for JERRY VETTER which will be used as “seed” money toward the purchase of new outdoors equipment for the preschool. The system will replace all the current playground equipment that is serving us currently. Please pray of how you could contribute toward this project. More information will be made available shortly as to how to contribute and what system will be purchased.



PREPARE AND SHARE – Prepare yourself for Jesus’ coming, and celebrate what his birth means in your life. The trusted devotional *Be Near Me, Lord Jesus* (BU06N0725, \$11.99) by Richard E. Lauersdorf contains a meditation for each day from December 1 to January 6, so you can ready your heart during Advent and review the joyful events of the Savior’s birth at Christmas. Then share the news! Give your friends and family a gift to remind them of Jesus’ presence in their lives. Another popular devotional by Lauersdorf, *Together with Jesus* (BU06N0733, \$15.99), offers strength, comfort, and encouragement through uplifting gospel messages to help loved ones through every day of the year ahead. To order, call Northwestern Publishing House at **1-800-662-6022** or visit www.nph.net. Order before December 30 to ensure 2005 pricing.

NEW REGISTER – No longer will there be a register card in the bulletin. Instead we are going to use the maroon register that is located at the end of the pew. Before service please sign the register and pass it on to your neighbor as you introduce yourself. This will give us the opportunity to know with whom we are worshiping and praising the Lord. After worship the registers will be collected by the ushers.

OPEN FORUM — In the future newsletters we are asking you, individuals in the congregation to write about your experiences. The short article, paragraph or poem can include successes that God has blessed you with, challenges that you face with the Lord’s help or an experience that you had sharing your faith. Please consider jotting something down so that all of us can be encouraged or inspired by the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Please have the article to Joanne by the 15 th of the month. You can either write it or send it by email to apostleschurch@msn.com.

ATTENDANCE IN THE LORD’S HOUSE

Worship Service (<i>December 11</i>)	132
Sunday School	14
Bible Class	21

GIFTS OF THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD

(December 11, 2005)

Given to the general fund:

General Offerings	\$ 2,961.01
Sunday School/Bible Class	23.88
Preschool Tuition	340.00
Meditations	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,334.89
<i>Needed to meet the budget</i>	<i>\$ 2,891.00</i>

Given to the restricted funds:

Missions	\$ 145.00
School	39.01
Advertising	50.00
Loan	205.00
Advertising – Radio	50.00

LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas Eve Worship	Saturday, December 24 @ 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship	Sunday, December 25 @ 10:30 a.m.
New Year’s Eve Worship	Saturday, December 31 @ 7:00 p.m.