

# BREAD & WINE

News from  
HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 2013

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## NEW BEGINNINGS

***“Behold, I make all things new”.***

-Revelation 21:5

We hear so much about “*end of the world*” prophecies. By the time you read this, the latest one, the Mayan, which was scheduled for December 21, 2012 will have not occurred. I wonder what there is in us human beings that we obsess on predicting the world’s end? The question I always ponder is this, “*So if you know when the end of the world will be, how will it affect what you do right now?*”

When asked how he would respond if he were to learn that the world would end tomorrow, Martin Luther responded, “*I would plant a tree*”. Isn’t that a curious response? If you knew that the world were about to end why do anything?

I suppose our response to the world’s end hinges on what we expect the end of the world to be. The fact is that the Bible presents several different pictures of the “end times”. Some have Jesus returning to earth “on a cloud” as the victorious Son of Man who will rule the whole earth as a King. Most faithful Jewish believers of the 1st Century, contemporaries of Jesus expected this - a Messiah who was a combination liberator and benevolent sovereign not unlike King David or King Solomon of Israel’s Golden Age.

There were other prophecies of the “end times” though embedded in Holy Scripture. For me the most beautiful is in the book of Revelation chapters 21 & 22. Granted, admittedly, St. John writes a “vision” - what else would a “word picture” of a future event that has yet to happen be? But it is a wondrous, beautiful vision, full of surprising elements.

The thing that I resonate most with this is that this new world will be a new Jerusalem - a new city, an enormous

city with walls made of precious stones; sapphire and emerald while the basic building material will be gold. The energy source, the power plant, will be the Lamb, Jesus Christ, himself and there will be no night, only light 24 hours a day. In fact because it will be an eternal city, built on top the old world of decay and death, we will have endless day.

Most spectacularly, the tree of life from the Garden of Eden’s fame makes a second appearance. We were “kicked out of Eden” for violating God’s prohibition of not eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But because of Christ, we are forgiven and paradise is reopened to us.

As I get older and body parts begin to wear out, arthritis restricts my movement and I get stiff with “years”, these images of renewal of being beyond death and decay appeal to me in a new way.

Perhaps more though, as I think about the tragedy of the slaughter of the innocent first graders in Newtown CT and their senseless, horrible deaths, the vision of a place of peace, pure peace, enralls me.

In spite of the violence and madness we experience in this world, God will redeem us and all creation. I am speechless and awestruck in grateful wonder at the promise of this.

May you carry the vision of God’s promised future with you into the year 2013. God has triumphed in Christ and God will triumph in Him.

***In Jesus’ Name***  
***-Pastor John***

## UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH



"UN Deck the halls at H.C.L.C. - Fa la la la la, La la la la!"

Yep, we do that around here and it's just about time! Please plan on joining the Holy Communion family for our annual Christmas **UN-DECORATING PARTY** on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE**. We'll need as many hands as possible. We'll even provide lunch, so come join the fun! Come when you can, leave when you must!

Come join the fun and THANKS in advance for your help.

-Bob Hood



*A special thank you to everyone who helped decorate the sanctuary this year. Adrienne Smith, one of our new members made the live wreaths that adorn our Narthex doors.*

## NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Thanks to these members for sponsoring the newsletter in 2012.

Jan - Larry/Lynne Strausser	Jul - Ellen Priebe
Feb - Bruce/Gail Amrein	Aug - no newsletter
Mar - Bob & Susan Hood	Sep - Art/Diane Romain
Apr - no sponsor	Oct - Myers Family
May - Rich/Becci Hall	Nov - Nancy Campbell
Jun - Jeff/Elaine McClean	Dec - Evelyn Schmidt

If you want to sponsor a newsletter for 2013 there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Months open are January, February, April, May, June, and November.

## PRAYER LIST



Randy & Louise Anderson, Robert Cardarelli, Bill Collins, Jenna Davis, Matt Day, George Dutton, Linda Eddinger, Susie Ferguson, Ferris Family, Daniel Gonce, John Hallman, John Hawkins, Bob Hoffman, James, Carl Kintop, Maddie, Gladys Merrifield, Edwin Michel, Elsie Miller, JoAnne Morgan, Carol Myers, Brian North, Wayne Parris, Christine Picard, Maria Robinson, Wendy Roe, William Sadler, Carole Salamone, Matt Sokolis, Nicholas Sturgill, Tamee Taylor, Terry Thompson, Glenn Visbeen, Anne Weiss, Cameron Wharton, Dave Winfield, Cathy Zamba. Family of Keith Holler

## HEATH NEWS



**Happy New Year** and may Good Health and Happiness be with each and every member of our Church Family.

-Barb Huber, Parish Nurse



## BIRTHDAYS in JANUARY



01-01 - Lilli Rode	01-16 - Denise Merrifield
01-01 - David Warren	01-16 - Tricia Nace
01-01 - Amanda Dorsey	01-17 - Barbara Moore
01-02 - Ron Weber	01-18 - Judy Jones
01-07 - Robert Reed	01-10 - Odell Gobah
01-07 - Jessica Swank	01-20 - Matt Ebsworth
01-09 - Laurie Adams	01-23 - Charlie Plott
01-09 - Debbie Haack	01-24 - Tony Giordano
01-10 - Ruth McKenny	01-25 - Debbie Burk
01-12 - Gary Gray	01-26 - Kitty Raub
01-12 - Mason Pennington	01-28 - Penny Sadler-Vocke
01-12 - Lee Lefkowitz	01-29 - Nathan Reed
01-13 - Debbie Kisner	01-29 - Matthew Glock
01-13 - Marquita Mangold	01-30 - Tom Sullens
01-13 - Carmen Thanner	01-31 - Holly Dix
01-13 - Lillian Gregory	01-31 - Laurence Brant
01-15 - Daisy Shook	01-31 - Shawn Pennington



## HOW DO YOU GIVE / EXCHANGE?

**"The Only Gift is Giving to the Poor; All Else is Exchange"**

Internet resources point to various origins for this statement. But the origin isn't important. It's the *intent* of the statement that's important. Christ calls us to be servants to others. If someone needs something from you – a coat, a shoulder, money, food, prayer, your time, a hand – perhaps they are in a 'poorer' state than you ... *at that moment*. Just lending a hand or recognizing the need of another can be 'giving to the poor'.

Profoundly simple – yet needed profoundly by others.

-Lynne Strausser

## HELPING THE ANIMALS

Thank you to the congregation for your support of the Fallston Animal Rescue Movement. We will be collecting again on **Sunday, March 3**.



Please save your old sheets, towels, small blankets, and rugs. They always need money for vet bills and can use cat food (wet and dry), no dog food.



Every three months, on the first Sunday of the month in **March, June, September and December** there will be a collection for the shelter. So start putting your old sheets, blankets and towels in a bag or box and bring them to church on the **first Sunday of March, June, September & December**



**2013 - March 3, 2013, June 2, September 1, December 1, 2013**

Thank you in advance for all the help you give to our sheltered animals friends.

Fallston Animal Rescue Shelter

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



It has been a wonderful first half of the Sunday School year. The kids are having fun learning all the bible stories. Through hard work and a lot of practicing they did a great job performing the Christmas play on Sunday, December 16. There have been some interruptions to the Sunday School program due to the play, but we should be back on track now. Mrs. Beth's group (5th & 6th grades) will start the opening again and we will start practicing our song for the 4th Sunday of the month. We will keep you posted on the song since I know some of you like to practice at home.

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in Sunday School. If you have missed some, no worries - could be a great New Year's resolution - "Come Catch the Excitement".

-Theresa Perkins, SS Coordinator

## HAND-MADE CHRISTMAS QUILT



The hand made quilt was won by Adrienne Smith and she donated the quilt to Hope. What generosity and wonderful Christmas Spirit.

Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle.

## VISUAL ARTS GROUP



Do you like to work with your hands? Do you enjoy colors and texture? Interested in helping enrich our worship experience in the sanctuary? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions or even if you answered no but this sounds interesting, please get in touch with Bob Hood. We would really like to form a group to explore some new and different ideas for

our sanctuary-different banners for special occasions, seasonal wreaths, any kind of visual art that will give glory to God, focus our worship, and brighten our Sanctuary! The Christmas Season just might be a wonderful time to start, but we would really like to explore some ideas for use throughout the year! Call or email Bob Hood.

-Bob Hood - hoodrm@comcast.net

## LOVIN' LIFE SENIORS

Our goal is to "Reach out and share Christ's love" through service projects in the community while offering friendship and support to each other through social events. **Please join us! Invite your friends!** Our 2013 schedule and sign up sheets for upcoming events are posted on the senior's bulletin board in the hallway.

**Please read** the **Sunday bulletins** and **Bread and Wine** for any changes to the schedule below.



### SCHEDULE FOR 2013

#### January 8 - Tuesday 12 noon

Lunch at Madonna Seafood Restaurant--Norrisville Rd & Jarrettsville Pike

#### February 5 - Tuesday 12 noon

Lunch at Mamies-- Beard's Hill Shopping Center-Aberdeen

### WATCH FOR DETAILS CONCERNING FOLLOWING EVENTS

#### March 12 - Tuesday

McCormicks--Inner Harbor

#### April Saturday

Serve Fest--Mountain Christian Church

#### May 14 - Tuesday

Annapolis

#### June 11 - Tuesday

Baltimore Museum of Industry

#### July

#### August 13 - Tuesday

Friendly Farm

#### September 10 - Tuesday

Crab Feast

#### October

Hart-Miller Island Tour

#### November

#### December

Christmas Program

We are always looking for new ideas and new members. If interested contact: Nancy Campbell-410-836-7688; Frances Gosnell-410-893-4622; Jeanette Hastings-410-893-7590; Pat Kellermann-410-679-4624; Ellen Priebe-410-679-8655

## DONATE TO THESE CAUSES



**OLD EYEGLASSES** - Place your old eyeglasses in the box on top of the coat rack. They will be refurbished and sent overseas to be distributed to the needy by the Lions Clubs International. Thank you for your support.



### FLAGS and CELL PHONES

We are collecting cell phones and flags that you no longer need or want. Please drop them in the box located on top of the coat rack. The flags and phones are taken to the Veterans of BelAir. The cell phones are refurbished and given to our soldiers and the flags are disposed of properly. Thank you for your support.



**PASTOR JOHN'S NEW ADDRESS and NEW PHONE NUMBER (IT IS A LAND LINE)**

**2427 Barrison Point Road  
Essex, Maryland 21221  
410-574-4758**

Pastor's cell does not work at his new house. If you call at night for an emergency, **PLEASE** bear this in mind. Pastor is keeping his cell phone and will receive calls on it also, 443-653-2462

**NEW CLEANER CO-ORDINATOR SOUGHT**

**NEED A VOLUNTEER**

After many years of timeless service, Bill O'Connor wants to retire as church cleaning coordinator. It is not a terribly demanding ministry - most of the work is done once a year organizing 52 weeks of cleaning teams and assigning them a week. New teams need to be recruited, but we always have new members who are willing to help out. Please see Bill or Pastor John if you are interested.

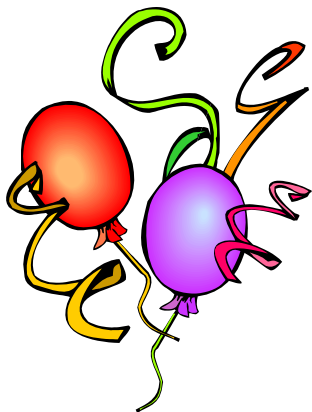
**30 HOUR FAMINE**

*Calling all youth, 12 years and up.*

The **30 Hour Famine** is scheduled for February 22-23, **Mark your calendars now!** More information is forthcoming, but if you have always wanted to participate in fasting for 30 hours in order to get a deeper understanding of world hunger, all while having a lot of fun, please talk to Vicar Chas!

**MISSION TRIP - ANYONE??**

On **Sunday, December 16**, Pastor John Kulczycki and some parishioners from St. Matthew's in Bowley's Quarters showed slides and shared their joy about participating in a mission trip to Ecuador. The trip is a ministry of service that involves helping a church about 10 miles from Quito, Ecuador, build an addition to their already existing school. This year, they will be going for July 20 to August 3 and the trip will cost you, if you want to go, about \$2000. See Pastor John for more details.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## ABITIBI PAPER RETRIEVER

# Remember to bring in recycling



Total tons saved so far this year 18.09 and 74,205.18 KWH Energy saved. Lower than last year, BUT good job!

Keep those old papers, catalogs, books and magazines coming!

If you bring boxes please break them down.

Remember no cardboard and no plastic.

What was recycled in **2012** and how much we were paid for recycling paper.

Month	Tons	Total
January	2.79	\$13.95
February	2.56	12.80
March	1.61	8.05
April	2.20	11.00
May	1.97	9.85
June	2.84	14.20
July	2.17	10.85
August	1.95	9.75
September	2.40	11.99
October	2.28	11.39
November	2.64	13.20
December		
Total	25.41	127.03

# DEADLINES



**SUNDAY BULLETIN** announcements should be in the office

By Tuesday mornings 9:30am

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** should be in the office by the

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

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## REGULAR SUNDAY BULLETINS FOR 2013



**WEEKLY SIGN UP SHEETS FOR SUNDAY BULLETIN SPONSORS for 2013** are on the bulletin board. If you signed up, the cost is \$10. You can put your donation in the offering plate any Sunday. Put *on* your check or envelope that your donation is for a Sunday Bulletin and the week you sponsored.



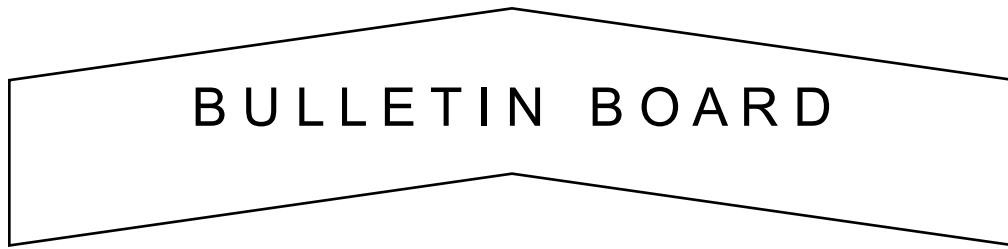
## BREAD & WINE NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2013

**NEWSLETTER SIGN UP SHEET FOR SPONSORS for 2013** is on the bulletin board. If you signed up, the cost is \$45. You can put your donation in the offering plate any Sunday. Put *on* your check or envelope that your donation is for the newsletter and what month you sponsored.

## CHILDREN'S BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR 2013



**CHILDREN'S BULLETIN SIGN UP SHEET FOR SPONSORS for 2013** is on the bulletin board. If you signed up, the cost is \$10. You can put your donation in the offering plate any Sunday. Put *on* your check or envelope that your donation is for Children's Bulletins and what month you sponsored.



**Always check  
the bulletin board  
in the hall for various  
events that are being held  
at other churches  
and surrounding businesses.  
And for Thank You notes  
and committee information,  
bulletin sponsor and newsletter  
sign up sheets  
and general information  
about HCLC.**

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# Newsletter from Holy Communion Lutheran Church



## JANUARY 2013

**“REACHING OUT TO SHARE CHRIST’S LOVE!”**

Holy Communion Lutheran Church  
is a growing community  
of faith that exists to provide  
the Fallston Community with  
a variety of opportunities  
for spiritual development in:

**WORSHIP**

**REACHING OUT**

**LEARNING**

**WITNESS**

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### ***Upcoming monthly newsletter deadlines are due on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month***

<b>Sun, Jan 13</b>	<b>Sun, Jun 9</b>
<b>Sun, Feb 10</b>	<b>Sun, Jul 14</b>
<b>Sun, Mar 10</b>	<b>Sun, Aug 11</b>
<b>Sun, Apr 14</b>	<b>Sun, Sep 8</b>
<b>Sun, May 12</b>	<b>Sun, Oct 13</b>

*Come and be part of our Christian worship*

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Please notify the church by  
phone or email, if you have a  
name change, address change,  
telephone number change or an  
email address change.

### **Worship Services**

**8:30am** – Traditional Service      **10:15am** - Contemporary Service

**10:15am** – Sunday School

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