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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The year of our Lord, 2012! We begin a milestone year as a congregation. 150 years of dwelling in God's grace! 150 years of welcoming newcomers to the community, and new children of God in Baptism! 150 years of worshipping the Lord with gladness and being nourished at the Lord's Supper! 150 years of teaching the faith (is that about 7 generations' worth?) 150 years being connected with the wider church and doing our part in mission support! 150 years of serving faithfully in changing times! This year we'll see where we've been and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Join in, please! It's like a Christmas pageant where everybody has a part. And, of course this year we'll aim to keep the focus on Christ, the Savior of the world; and those who have yet to experience God's amazing presence and grace. -Pastor Paul

THE ANNUAL MEETING IS JAN. 29, WITH REPORTS ON THE 22nd!

Between services, join us starting at 8:50 for a review of the past year, a look at the new year, and elections of key leaders. Your participation is valued and needed! We'll share reports and the 2012 budget with you on the 22nd. *We have four retiring council members this year, so pray and consider whether you could serve! The Nominating Committee is searching for good candidates!*

Annual Meeting

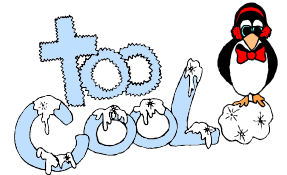


AN EVENING OF DINNER & FELLOWSHIP FOR ADULTS

On Friday, January 27, our youth are hosting an Italian Dinner - Cheese platters, Lasagna, wine, dessert and cappuccinos - to help raise funds for a mission trip next summer. Tickets will go on sale on January 8.

BLESSING MONTH RETURNS!

For the month of February, we will turn our Sunday School focus toward serving others by offering Blessing Month activities. Students will work on service projects with mixed age classes and guest leaders. Who are those guest leaders you may ask? **IT'S YOU!!** We already have several folks interested in sharing their talents with our kids but we need a few more. Any talent you could see yourself sharing with our kids so that they can then share with others would be welcome. Some groups in the past have included sewing, baking, senior breakfast, secret service, woodworking, and music. Speak to Jenny Micksch or Laura Bartelt to volunteer.



WHO DO YOU KNOW IS GETTING MARRIED? HAVING A BABY? MOVING IN?

Those are the perfect people to invite to worship! Or, you can invite them to explore baptism, or getting married at St. John's. There are more and more folks without a church-connection, and many would be open to coming if you would invite them! Let Pastor know if there's someone you'd like him to contact.

NEED SOMETHING TO HELP YOU WARM UP?

Think summer, think **Vacation Bible School!** Now is the time to begin planning for VBS which will be held August 5-9! Staci Bohling will be our VBS Coordinator again this year. Please mark your calendar now and consider spending a few days with our great kids this summer. We've always got a great staff of young people to help but we need more adults to help with teaching, crafts, snacks and supervision. It's really easy to do and great way to make a lasting impact on the life of a child. Any questions please see Staci Bohling or Laura Bartelt.



CROSSWAYS CAMPS MIGHT SOUND EVEN BETTER IN 2012!

For close-by and affordable getaways, Crossways has much to offer! (Even hotel-quality, adult lodging!) There's quilting, scrapbooking, & crafting retreats! There's a men's retreat & a mother-daughter retreat! There are camp weekends for high schoolers & middle schoolers! This summer, Family Camp weekends are great faith and family builders. We're going July 20-22 to Village! Confirmation students are encouraged to sign up for camp the week of July 8. *College-age young adults interested in working at camp should apply on-line asap. Go to crosswayscamps.org to get all the information you need!*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWING IN FAITH & FELLOWSHIP IN 2012...

- +**Something new that we haven't offered yet!** That might be one place to start! What would you like to do? What could you help lead or organize?
- +**Monday Morning Bible Study** at 9:00 a.m. meets with Pastor. We're reading through *Deuteronomy*.
- +**Women** meet for fellowship/study/service on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm (Ruth Circle) and the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:00pm (Naomi Circle).
- +**Adult Choir** sings out joy on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. +**Bell Choir** meets on Thursdays at 7:00pm
- +**Prayer Team** meets on January 5 at 9:00am.
- +**Dominos** meet Saturday, Jan. 21 at 3:30pm-just for the fun and fellowship! Come and learn the game!

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YOUR GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2011 will be ready with the February newsletter on January 29.
Call Wendy at the church office if you need yours sooner!