

The Marin Lutheran Bridge



A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

January 2012

“The earth is full of the steadfast love of God.” (Psalm 33:5b)

“The world is charged with the grandeur of God.”

(Gerard Manley Hopkins)

We are reminded by the psalmist and the poet how our world is infused by God’s grandeur and steadfast love.

As we step into this new year, I pray for you to recognize and be grateful for the divine presence, the grandeur and love of God, in our ministries here at MLC:

- when we feed a homeless man or woman with the REST program
- when we tell the story of Jesus’ love to a child in our Kids of the Kingdom class
- when we sing our praises to God in worship
- when we attend an adult Christian education class
- when we reach our hands up to receive the body and blood of Christ at holy communion.



Indeed, “the earth is full of the steadfast love of God.”

Let us rejoice and be glad!

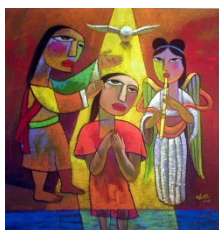
See you in worship,

Pastor Kathryn

Worship in January

January 1st: This month we begin worship on the first day of the year! It's our regular worship schedule of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. At each service we will sing Christmas carols and hear passages and a message related to the new year.

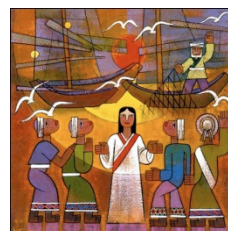
We then move into the new season of Epiphany, celebrating the day on Sunday January 8th. Epiphany means "manifestation," and on this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is to all nations.



January 15th:

On this Sunday we will recall Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan River.

The 22nd continues this season of the Sundays after the Epiphany with the story from Mark of Jesus calling his first disciples.



This month of worship concludes (the 29th) with Jesus in the synagogue healing an unclean spirit. Join us in worship this month!

Helping the REST Program – After January!

Welcome to January! There are lots of things that we put on hold as we become immersed in Christmas and New Year's celebrations. The good news is that MLC's efforts with Marin's rotating emergency winter shelter (REST) program are off to a good start and we have signed up folks thru January either to prepare the dinners or serve them. That will get us to the half way point! But we now need people to help out for the second half. We have a very efficient system developed, with ample instructions developed and voices of experience to call on with questions. We even do the grocery shopping! Sandy Seeger and Judy Rossbach are leading the charge. We now have 30 slots overall to fill beginning in early February, with some already taken. We'd like to spread the responsibilities around as we genuinely see this work as an opportunity for members to contribute. We have found that the work significantly touches the hearts and minds of those who have been involved. We'd like to invite all of you to share these experiences. The sign-up board is in the narthex at church. So why not decide whether you'd prefer preparing or serving food and see if you can't find a date that works for your calendar. We think you'll be glad you did. And there are some hungry folks who will thoroughly appreciate your assist.

Ross Johnson, on behalf of

MLC's Social Action Ministry Team

Thrivent's Care Abounds in Communities Program: For our participation in the REST program, we applied for and received \$688 from *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* to help with our service to the community.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNING: Each church year, (in a three-year cycle called the “Revised Common Lectionary”), we move through one of the first three gospels. The year that began the last Sunday in November, or the first Sunday in Advent, focuses primarily on the Gospel of Mark. To help us understand the gospel, its history, context, themes, style, etc., we are beginning a **six-part Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark** on Sunday January 8th, from 10:15 to 10:50 a.m. This study is for everyone who would like to know about this gospel. (No previous Bible Study is necessary!)

The class will begin January 8th and continue on the 15th, 22nd, and February 5th, 12th and 19th. (We will take a break on Sunday January 29th and not have class.) Please plan on coming!

1ST THURSDAY: (the 2nd Thursday in January) Study in Pr. Thomas’ Office
January 12th from 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

“The Apostle Paul” – All are welcome to join our small group. We spend time first in prayer for the congregation and friends of MLC. Then we will view a Mosaic ELCA video with various scholars explaining who Paul was and how his letters affect our faith today.

CONFIRMATION

The new year begins with two classes in January:

- Sunday, January 8th: Class from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 22nd: Class from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The class schedule through to the summer will be available by the first class date. Attendance is important. Please make every effort to bring your children to these classes.



kids *of the* kingdom

We hope you all enjoyed your break and had a wonderful Christmas! We wish to thank all the children once again for the special pageant you put on, and for your sweet singing for the Christmas Eve service. What a wonderful way to let people know about Jesus' birth.

Classes start again on Sunday, January 8th. If you are attending the early service, the children will come to the Parish Hall after communion. Otherwise meet us at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Parents, we can always use help with class. Please let Michele know if you can help in any way. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

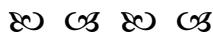
Michele Jacobs & Jim Kamphoefner

Gratitude

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before God your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:2)

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your generous Christmas gift for our family! What a joy it continues to be for us to serve such a wonderful community of faith called Marin Lutheran Church. Your gift is a tangible reminder of your love and support for us. Thank you, Thank you!

In Christ's Love,
Pr. Thomas & Pr. Kathryn



Dear Marin Lutheran Congregation,
What a generous and thoughtful family you are to me! I truly appreciate your kindness and support; thank you so much for your wonderful gift.

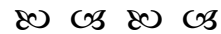
Love, David

Greetings from the Kim Family
Chung-Woo, Eun-Sil, Emily & Hayley



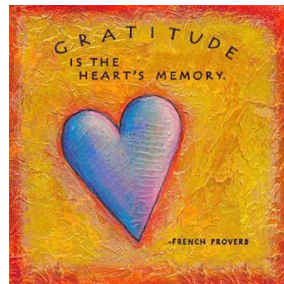
Dear friends,
Thank you so much for the generous gift given me at Christmas. I feel so blessed to be a part of worship at Marin Lutheran. It is my joy and pleasure.

Marilyn Davis



Warm, heartfelt thanks to my friends at MLC for the care and concern you showed during 2011 as I went through breast cancer treatment. You gave me so many gifts: cards and special surprises in my mailbox, emails and guestbook posts on my Caring Bridge site, food at my door. You asked my parents about me and showed them extra

love. You prayed for us. Indeed, God is alive in your compassion, and I am humbled. You have my gratitude.



Erika (Johnson) Arnold

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 1 Daniel Houts
- 2 Bob Dunn
- 3 Eun-Sil Kim
Eric Bergman
- 5 Maggie Harrington
- 6 Keiren Hutt
- 8 Marie Conrad
- 20 Nancy Hansen
Lorraine Loo
Michael Clark
- 26 Marilyn Davis
- 27 Cathie Schinski
- 31 Jean Wallman

Anniversaries

- 11 Rich & Carolyn Myhre

WELCA Marin Lutheran Church Women

Thursday, January 5th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. join us for our annual **Bible Study, Soup** (Board will provide the soup) **Dessert & Salad Pot Luck, Annual Meeting and putting away wreaths & tree ornaments.** Hope you can join us as we start a new year together. The Bible study is Session 5 in our *Gather* magazine: CONFESSING CHRIST. Mark 9:24, "I believe, help my unbelief," is the theme verse. Pastor Kathryn will be leading this study. Please let us know that you will be coming to the meeting and whether you can provide a salad or dessert for the lunch.

A free video introduction to each study session can be found at www.gathermagazine.org. All anyone needs to enjoy the Bible study is a subscription to *Gather*, which is \$12 per year. Order through Augsburg Fortress at 800-328-4648.

Thursday, Jan. 19th from 10:00 a.m. until 12noon join us for **Serve & Share** in the Church conference room. Projects for the year will be planned.

Women's Retreat Date: Saturday, March 17, 2012: Signup sheets will be available the first part of January 2012. Find them posted in the narthex after our general meeting on January 5th. We have reserved The Bishop's Ranch near Healdsburg from 8:00am to 5:00pm. All information regarding the retreat and cost will be available at the general meeting in January and on the signup sheet. Plans are to carpool from church. The ranch is located at 5297 Westside Road Healdsburg, CA. For information about their beautiful site visit: www.bishopsranch.org.

Jane McKenzie

National Youth Gathering News

Planning Meeting on January 6th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Parents & youth are invited to the Kamphoefners' home to spend some time together.

We are going to:

- Have a brief Devotion & Create our Covenant
- Discuss upcoming Fundraisers
- Talk about a potential payment plan for each family

Please keep our youth who are planning and preparing for our National Youth Gathering to New Orleans in July in your prayers:

Chloe Jacobs, Shellan Saling, Morgan Saling, Caitlin Jacobs,
Robert Allen, Kristian Gable, Easton English & Tony Martino.

Adult Advisors: Seth Kamphoefner & Pastor Kathryn



Many thanks for supporting our Granola Jars for Christmas Fundraiser! We raised \$870.

We appreciate it so much!



UPCOMING FUNDRAISER: **Parents Night Out**

- Saturday, January 28th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Please let Bev know in the church office if you are planning on bringing your child
- Donations gladly accepted by our youth!

JANUARY 2012 WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

	JANUARY 1 ST	JANUARY 8 TH	JANUARY 15 TH	JANUARY 22 ND	JANUARY 29 TH
GREETERS					
9:00 AM	Sandy Seeger	Marie & Caitlin J.	Ray & Margot Gergus	The Bastins	T. Morgenlaender
11:00AM	Barbara Bischoff	Stu/Jeanne Burt	Erna Randig	Jim LeDane & Monika Krueger	Dawn Bastin
USHER					
9:00 AM	Corneille Church	Ron Jacobs	Rich Myhre	Carol Cunliffe	Tom S / Kris G
11:00AM	Rick West	Dave Richard	Roy Davis	Lorri Reinders	Clint Bastin
ACOLYTE					
9:00 AM		Amelia S/Mara D	Luke Z/ Hayden S	Cooper J/Elliot S	Nikolas Gable
11:00AM		Braxton/Tristan M.			Braxton/Tristan M.
LECTOR					
9:00 AM	Karen Clinton	Michele Jacobs	Tamara Stocker	Dan Watrous	Karen Anderson
11:00AM	Joe O'Neill, Jr.	Monika Krueger	Annemarie Hofling	Marie Conrad	Dawn Bastin
ALM					
9:00 AM	Susan Morrow	Yvonne Weidmann	Sharon Guy	Susan Morrow	Sharon Guy
11:00AM		Paul Davis	Betsy McCormick	Paul Davis	Yvonne Weidmann
COMM ASSIST					
9:00 AM	Sandy S / Jane M				Carol Zlatunich
11:00AM	Janet/Jane/Barb		Erna Randig & Annemarie H.	Jeff R / Marie C	
SOUND TECH					
8:30AM	Bart Saling	Dan Watrous	Jeff Reinders	John Bischoff	Bart Saling
11:00AM	John Bischoff	Kerry Hansen	Kerry Hansen	Jeff Reinders	Dan Watrous
COUNTERS					
9:00 AM	Corneille Church	Dawn B/Mette W	Roy Davis	Dawn B/Mette W	Corneille Church
11:00AM	Janet Foster	Kamphoefner	Kamphoefner	Janet Foster	Clint Bastin
COFFEE HOUR					
9:00 AM	Jane McKenzie	Anke Pahlmeyer	The Abbotts	Carol Zlatunich	T. Morgenlaender
11:00AM	Maggie Harrington	Sandy Seeger	The Bastins	Karen Clinton	Annual Mtg Lunch
ALTAR GUILD	Jane McKenzie	Jane McKenzie	Dawn Bastin	Dawn Bastin	Dawn Bastin

WINTER WORD SEARCH

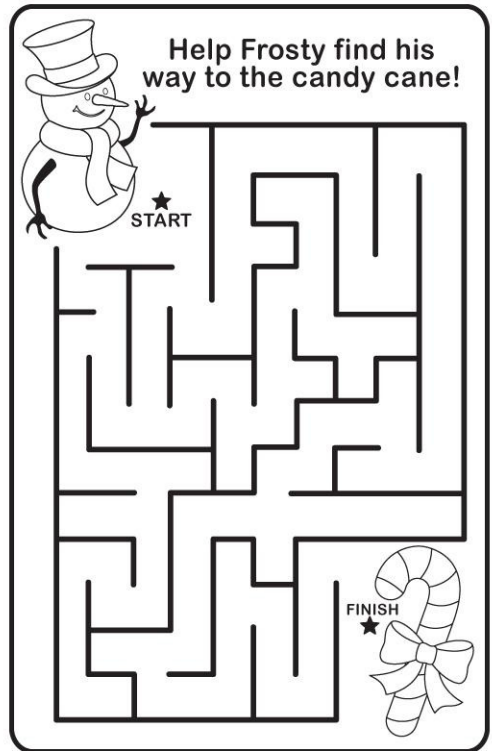


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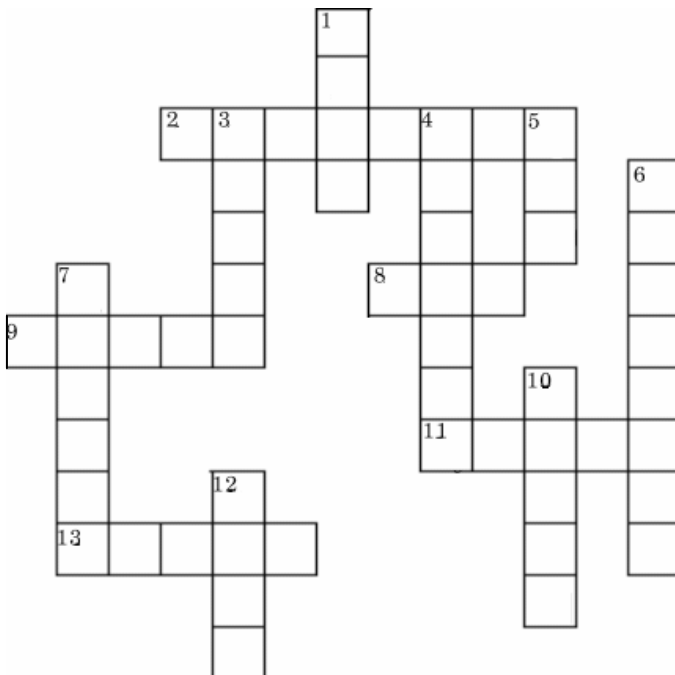
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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |



Kids' Page



MLK Crossword

ACROSS

- 2) In harmony: _____ Kingdom
- 8) Human beings
- 9) Type of citizens' rights
- 11) Walk together in protest
- 13) Another form of protest - occupying a space

DOWN

- 1) Grouping of people
- 3) In balance
- 4) Right to make choice
- 5) Governing rule
- 6) Minister
- 7) Entitlements
- 10) "I have a _____."
- 12) Martin's last name

ANSWERS: Across: 2) Peaceful 8) Men 9) Civil 11) March 13) Sitin
Down: 1) Race 3) Equal 4) Freedom 5) Law 6) Preacher 7) Rights
10) Dream 12) King