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Worship

Sundays: Church On The Hill
7:45 am HE; 9 am HE & Young Children's Liturgy of the Word; 10:10 Adult & Children's Formation; 11:15 am HE

Wednesdays: 9:30 am HE (Chapel)

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December Events
(look inside for details)

December 3
Christmas Angel/Cathedral
Shelter Seniors Pick Up
9 am

December 4
Stocking Stuffing Party
4-5 & 7-8 pm

December 7
Christmas Angel/Cathedral
Shelter Family Pick Up
9 am

December 9
Sunday Supper & Carol Sing
5-7 pm

December 15
Jeanne Stewart Ordination
St. James Cathedral
65 E. Huron, Chicago
11 am

Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday, December 2 - I Advent
Regular 7:45, 9 & 11:15 am services
5 p.m. - Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 9 - II Advent
Regular 7:45, 9 & 11:15 am services
10 am - Church School honors St. Nicholas of Myra

Sunday, December 16 - III Advent
8 am - Holy Eucharist
10 am - Holy Eucharist & Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 23 - IV Advent
8 am - Holy Eucharist
10 am - Holy Eucharist
(no Church School)

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
4 pm - Family Christmas Eve Service
8 & 11 pm - Choral Holy Eucharist
Caroling begins at 7:30 & 10:30 pm
(Youth & Adult Choirs accompanied by strings)

Sunday, December 30 - Christmas I
8 am - Holy Eucharist
10 am - Holy Eucharist
(no Church School)

Christmas Angels Almost Done

We have had a great response from the parish and all of our families have been adopted. However, we still have to cover six different agencies that we work with down town so we are still gratefully accepting all monetary donations. Please mail your check to the church and mark the envelope "Christmas Angels".

If you would like to view the fruits of your labors, stop by the Great Hall on December 3 or 7 when Cathedral Shelter will be picking up the gifts for the seniors and families. It's truly amazing.

Rummage Updates

1) In this issue of the Parish Paper you will find a new **list of the items that we are unable to accept**. We are sure that you will want to save it and post it prominently on your fridge. We are trying to cut our overhead costs. One of the most efficient ways to accomplish this is to cut down on our trash hauling expenses, hence this new list. Please assist us in this effort.

2) Our **next furniture pick up** date is Monday, December 17. Please call the Rummage office to get on the calendar.

3) We will be **closed for donations** from December 24 until January 2.

4) Did you know that we **sort all year long?** Please join us on Mondays from 12:30 to 3 in the West Building. It really is fun and a great way to become involved. Note that there will be no sorting December 24 & 31.

Give Yourself A Present This Christmas

Not all presents need to be wrapped. In fact, some presents can't be wrapped but this doesn't lessen their import. This is one of them. During this busy holiday season give yourself a gift of time. Give yourself the OK to take a break from your "to do" list and stop by the library at the Parish House on any Monday morning from 10-11 am to experience the newly formed Christ Church Book Discussion Group. It is a given that your brain will be engaged and expanded and that you will leave with food for thought for the busy week that lies ahead. All those "to dos" aren't going anywhere.

Some background. Last summer several parishioners who enjoy reading and expanding their understanding of faith and Christianity decided to form a book discussion group. Wrestling with a name for their group ("It probably shouldn't have the word 'theology' in the name because that sounds too lofty...too scary...too heavy handed.") they decided that "Christ Church Book Discussion Group" allowed for the flexibility they were striving to communicate. The current fascinating book under discussion is Marcus J. Borg's "Reading The Bible Again For The First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously But Not Literally." Obviously a religious book. However, one member noted that, "We could branch out to a book that is not inherently theological such as Hamlet or A Wrinkle In Time and then discuss their religious themes."

Last week this multi-generational group mulled over questions such as "What is the character of God?" and "Is there any actual evidence of an exodus from Egypt or is it a myth and does it matter?" or the thought provoking "What is the true meaning of 'providence' and what role does it play in our lives?" Not your run-of-the-mill Monday morning questions. But great ones to sink your teeth into and prove that, indeed, your gray matter does still work.

This parishioner-led group of men and women looks at one chapter a week. Very manageable homework. You are invited to join in at any time. Even if you haven't done the reading for the week it will still be time well spent. So give yourself a Christmas present. You deserve it. Check out the Christ Church Book Discussion Group from 10-11 am in the parish house library on Monday morning. And if you simply can't squeeze it in before the 25th put it on your calendar for January. A great New Year's resolution. It will still be a rich and rewarding experience for you. Guaranteed.

A Cyber Way To Celebrate Advent

If you go to our web site (www.christchurchwinnetka.org) and click on the ornament link, you will discover our interactive Advent calendar once again created by our computer wizard, Molly Ethridge. Each day the ornament will change and delight you with various advent games, interactive images, Flash movies, music, etc. Most images are primarily for the younger set, but all will delight the child in all of us. Check it out and make it a part of your daily routine leading up to Christmas Eve.

Regular Meetings & Events:
Families Anonymous: Weds., 7:30 pm
Soup Kitchen: 2nd Tues. (5:30 pm) and 4th Sat. (5 pm)
Meals-at-Home: every Tues. first and last Fridays
Boy Scout Troop 18: Tues. pm

Christ Church December 2007

All church services are at the Church on the Hill, 784 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, unless otherwise noted

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 7:45 am - HE 9 am - HE 10:15 - Church School & Parish Forum 11:15 am - HE 5 pm - Lessons & Carols	3 9-9:45 Prayer Group Guild Room 10-11 am Book Discussion (Lib)	4 Stocking Stuffing Party 4-5 & 7-8:30 Guild Room 7:30 - Vestry Mtg. (Library)	5 9:30 am - HE (Chapel)	6 9:30 am - Rector's Study Group on the Koran & Islam (Library)	7	8
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16 8 am - HE 10 - Pageant & Reception	17 9-9:45 Prayer Group Guild Room 10-11 am Book Discussion (Lib) Rummage Furniture Pick Ups	18	19 9:30 am - HE (Chapel)	20	21	22 5 pm - Soup Kitchen
23 8 am - HE 10 - HE No Church School	24 Christmas Eve 4 pm - Family Service 8 pm - Choral HE 11 pm - Choral HE	25 Parish Office Closed	26 Parish Office Closed	27	28	29
30 8 am - HE 10 am - HE No Church School	31					

Date	Acolytes	Lectors & Intercessors	Chalice Bearers	Ushers	Vestry Ushers	Flower Guild
Monday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve						
8:00 PM	W. Sido L. Peterson P. Lind Calvin Montgomery S. Peregrine	M. Lien A. Sido J. Farmer	W. Sido Caroline Healy A. McKinney L. Whitesides S. Canfield K. Dougherty	T. Gorman Family	D. Knoer	Flower Guild
11:00 PM	Jeannie Neaylon CJ Anderson A. Stoddart John Neaylon E. Russell	E. Parkinson S. Sprowl E. Berry	Jeannie Neaylon J. Clevenger N. Challenger	B. Hickey Family	G. Harmon	Flower Guild
Sunday, Dec. 30						
8:00 AM	H. Missner	M. Pyle G. Packer		J. R. Eustis	S. Sprowl	Edwards Florist
10:00 AM	A. Stoddart K. Corrigan M. Wainwright C. Koepfgen John Neaylon	B. Brantley	A. Stoddart B. Prevost C. Harris B. Koepfgen K. Koepfgen T. Kuhns	C. Hinshaw	G. Martin	Edwards Florist

If you are not able to meet your commitment, please switch with someone on the schedule. Please call the Parish Office (847-446-2850) to advise of the change.

Save The Date

January 10
Christ Church
Downtown Lunch
Details to Follow
Next Month

Save Another Date

January 27

Annual Meeting

Children To Learn About A "New" Saint

One **Sunday December 9** the Church School will be learning about and celebrating the life of **St. Nicholas of Myra** - the patron saint of Advent and Charities. Here is some scoop so that you may engage your child in conversation. He or she will be oh, so impressed.

St. Nicholas of Myra was born in the village of Patara in present-day Turkey sometime between the years 260 and 280. Though he was quite young when his parents died, they already had instilled in him a deep faith in Christ. Taking his substantial inheritance, Nicholas decided to follow the admonition of Jesus, who had told a wealthy man in the Gospel of St. Mark to "sell what you have and give to the poor." That's just what Nicholas did, dedicating his life to helping the poor and suffering.

In the year 300, he became Bishop of Myra, and his reputation for caring for children, the needy and sailors became widely known. In the centuries that followed, stories were told about the kindly bishop. According to one, a man had three daughters and no dowry for them. Without it, they could not marry. On three different nights, Nicholas tossed bags of gold through the father's open window that landed in the stockings or shoes left by the fire to dry. This is only one example of his deference to the poor and love of others.

On the 9th each church school class will be working on an outreach project. Be sure to ask them what they did in class. You might also want to ask them if they found anything special in their shoes.

Your family can learn more about St. Nicholas of Myra at www.stnicholascenter.org. AND as a special treat on December 6 (the official date of St. Nicholas Day) go to the Christ Church web site to view a slide show celebrating St. Nicholas of Myra. Here is the link: <http://www.christchurchwinnetka.org/AdventCal-2006-06.html>.

Spruce Up Your Fir

The 2007 Winnetka Holiday Ornament is the first in a series of Winnetka churches. It is our own Christ Church! Both the Church on the Hill and the Parish House Chapel are featured on opposite sides of the ornament. Be sure to pick one up at either Multiple Choices or Phototronics. The cost is \$40 (a bargain when you see the detail) and over half the cost is a tax deductible donation to the Winnetka Holiday Lighting Fund.

Advent Service of Lessons & Carols

Please join us on **Sunday, Dec. 2, at 5 pm** for a beautiful, traditional liturgy featuring our Youth and Adult Choirs accompanied by organ and handbells. Music will consist of congregational hymns for Advent and choral anthems by Palestrina, Poston, Ord, Marshall, Byrd, and Brewer.

Annual Stocking Stuffing Party

On the **4th of December 4-5 pm AND 7-8:30 pm** please join us in the Guild Room for this great Christ Church tradition. Due to popular request we have scheduled TWO sessions this year. We will be wrapping fifty individual stockings (actually bags) for 50 homeless people in Chicago. This effort benefits both the Cathedral Shelter and the city of Chicago. The gifts will include: food, clothing and personal hygiene items with a gift card from Christ Church. Parishioners of all age ranges (last year's span was 3 to 91) will gather together and enjoy a warm fire, hot cider, homemade goodies and Christmas carols while completing this wonderful effort. Please join us (and bring your favorite pair of scissors.)

What's In Your "In Box"?

It started with an innocuous question. On a Monday morning the e-mail read: From: Louis Carpenter. To: Parishpaper. Subject: Rummage. The body contained one question. "What was the final figure for this year's Rummage sale?" The chain of e-mail that followed is yet another heart-warming, "this-will-make-you-smile" example of Christ Church roots running wide and deep.

A former parishioner, 80 year old Lou Carpenter, who now lives in Colorado went on to explain why he still has an interest in Rummage: "My mother, Myrt Hansen, counted and stored ALL the money (for Rummage) for many years. She was a fixture at The Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank and as a long time employee (43 years) she was allowed the day off to be with her church and be responsible for the money. She used to talk of the collection night when she had one of Winnetka's finest at her side to help guard the cash. We wouldn't see her back home until midnight of the sale. Ask some of the old guard in the parish office about Myrt. I'm sure there could be many tales She volunteered many years on the Parish office phone.

I grew up in Christ Church and was in the choir for many years. I started at the age of 9, and because I was so little, I actually led the choir down the aisle for many weeks until another "smaller than me" joined the choir and I began working my way back through the procession, changing parts as my voice changed. Just before entering the service in World War II, my height then required that I was LAST in the line. Ashley Gerhard, Rector at that time, remarked one Sunday as we were lining up in the Tower room, "You know, Louis, I believe you are actually a living Alpha and Omega". I have always enjoyed telling that story.

I'm married to a Winnetka girl (Barbara Jacobson, NT Class of 54) and for awhile lived at 755 Lincoln Avenue. I'm 80 years old, retired, living in Colorado and having a problem finding enough hours in the day for all the things we want to do. We have 5 children between 55 and 46 scattered from Edinburgh, Scotland to New York City and Denver. We have 6 grand-children made up of 5 boys and a very lucky Jewish princess.

We are now Congregationalists (ooooo, sorry) but my heart is Episcopalian and trying to straighten out our present church. Yes, of course I'm in the Choir. Horace Whitehouse, our Choirmaster and Organist saw to it that I would never stop singing. I've been doing just that for 71 years. I got my start at Christ Church and my heart is still there. My heart stopping favorite Sunday is just now coming up, All Saints Day. Wow, did I love that service. I still get tears in my eyes when I try to sing "For All The Saints Who From Their Labors Rest".

Are you smiling yet?

Teenagers Cooking? You Bet!

It's the High School's turn to cook for the Good News Community Kitchen. Please come on Sunday, December 9 at 3 p.m. to the Parish House kitchen (470 Maple) to help out. Bring a friend and a \$10 donation. Questions? E-mail or call The Rev. Josh Walters at 847-446-2850 or josh@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Celebrate Epiphany

On **Sunday, January 6** follow the Three Kings from the 10 am service into the McClain Room at the Church On The Hill for a special Epiphany Celebration. We'll have King Cakes (who will get the bean?), punch and crafts for parishioners age 3 to 99. If you want to see who is crowned king, you'll have to join us. See you there.

The entire parish is invited and encouraged to attend the Ordination of Jeanne Stewart on Saturday, December 15 at eleven o'clock in the morning at Saint James Cathedral Sixty-five East Huron Street Chicago, Illinois Reception following in the Nave

Annual Sunday Caroling Supper

December 9, 5 - 7 pm
Great Hall - Parish House

Bring your family, bring your friends to this wonderful seasonal event. Feast on Italian (catered) food, drinks and Christmas cookies.

Then enjoy singing all your favorite carols, led by Richard Clemmitt.

\$8 per child/\$10 per adult (family max. of \$40)

RSVP to Erika Kreisa (847-446-7773/dwkreisa@comcast.net) or Jenny Keller (847-242-9404/kellerjj@sbc-global.net) or the church office (847-446-2850).

Adult Forum Update

What Exactly Are The Millennium Development Goals?

All year our excellent Adult Forum committee is basing its programs on a theme which comes out of work from the United Nations. "The eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – which range from halving extreme poverty to halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and providing universal primary education, all by the target date of 2015 – form a blueprint agreed to by all the world's countries and all the world's leading development institutions. They have galvanized unprecedented efforts to meet the needs of the world's poorest." To learn more about this effort go to <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>. and attend all our Adult Forums!

December 2 - "Cathedral Shelter 101"

Continuing with our current Forum theme, "Empowering Us to Do God's Work", learn more about **Cathedral Shelter**—its programs and the impact of our Christmas Angels—when Executive Director, **The Rev. Glenn Chalmers**, speaks in the McClain Room, after the 9 am service.

December 9 - "How to have a green Christmas - so your children may have white Christmases"

Parishioner Dr. Sarah Warren will talk about fun, "green" gifts for friends and family. You will learn not just about eco-friendly material gifts, but also ways to give non-materially in the spirit of the season.

Dr. Sarah is a practicing psychologist and the author of a book-in-progress entitled *Fierce Love: How Cool Parents Can Combat Global Warming and Thrive* which features inspirational stories about how parents are greening their lifestyles, careers and businesses because they love their children.

December 2007 - Lay Ministry Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Lectors & Intercessors	Chalice Bearers	Ushers	Vestry Ushers	Flower Guild
Sunday, Dec. 2						
7:45 AM	H. Missner	J. Carton P. Mohling		M. Powell	S. Sprowl	M. Farrar P. Pendry
9:00 AM	A. Stoddart K. Corrigan M. Wainwright C. Koepfgen John Neaylon	J. Canfield Sr. J. McGee G. Stephans	A. Stoddart J. Clevenger N. Challenger B. Koepfgen K. Koepfgen T. Kuhns	G. Scully Family	G. Martin	M. Farrar P. Pendry
11:15 AM	L. Sprowl	B. Prevost B. Spencer		E. Forsberg Sr.	C. Voges	M. Farrar P. Pendry
5:00 PM Lessons & Carols	W. Sido			W. Dooley	B. Ervin	M. Farrar P. Pendry
Sunday, Dec. 9						
7:45 AM	M. Peregrine	M. Lien G. Packer		P. Mohling	J. MacRitchie	M. Heald E. Howell
9:00 AM	P. Martin B. Hickey Jr. C. Hickey Alice Ryan C. Myefski	G. Chalmers M. Millar N. Challenger	P. Martin J. Whitesides C. Harris G. Martin P. Pendry Ann Ryan	R. Rasmus Family	L. Gorman	M. Heald E. Howell
11:15 AM	L. Sprowl	J. McClure S. Sprowl		G. Connell	J. Farmer	M. Heald E. Howell
Sunday, Dec. 16 - Pageant						
8:00 AM	J. Henderson	H. Missner M. Peregrine		Bob Spencer	S. Hudson	S. McCool N. Challenger
10:00 AM	L. McGuiggan S. Peregrine W. Rosenbloom M. Findlay S. Findlay	D. Clevenger	L. McGuiggan Caroline Healy A. McKinney L. Whitesides S. Canfield J. Challenger	S. Smith Family	B. Anaclerio	S. McCool N. Challenger
Sunday, Dec. 23						
8:00 AM	L. Sprowl	J. Carton P. Mohling		J. McClure	D. Russell	M. Munson
10:00 AM	M. Gorman	E. Clemmitt Caroline Healy MJ LaViolette	M. Gorman J. Clevenger N. Challenger	S. Ryan	G. Walther	M. Munson
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ITEMS WE DO NOT WANT

Help us save thousands of dollars in refuse collection bills!

Please do NOT donate any of the following items:

Exercise Machines (treadmills, NordicTracs, stationary bikes, etc.)
Skis, Boots and Poles (downhill and x-country)
Old Golf Bags and Clubs
Computer Monitors smaller than 17"
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Console TVs or Stereos
Slide Projectors and Screens
Typewriters (unless antique)
Fax Machines and Copiers
TVs that are not Cable-Ready
File Cabinets
Laminate Furniture (bookshelves, desks, etc.)
Fireplace Glass Doors
Humidifiers
Mattresses
Sleeper Sofas
Large Appliances
Paints or Solvents
Car Seats that are out-of-date, worn or missing pieces
Curtains, Valances, or Blinds of any type
Large Plastic Outdoor Toys/Equipment (playhouses, sandboxes, etc.)
Plain, Clear Glass Vases from the Florist
Plain Wire Hangars (we only take ones with a cardboard tube or ones that are paper-covered)

ANYTHING BROKEN—we do not do repairs!
(Non-working electronics should be recycled. Find info at swancc.org)

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ANYTHING STAINED, RIPPED, WORN-OUT, SMELLY, RUSTY or
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