

*He will baptize
you with the
Holy Spirit
and with
fire.*



Luke 3:16

Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 8, 2012
10:30 Worship Service

MACEDONIA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Mission: A community of believers responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, worship and action.

Vision: That Christ might have first place in everything. (Col. 1:18)

The “Why’s” of how passing on the faith is important!

- *Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationship - often in our homes, youth groups, and congregation.*
- *The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and the ministry of home.*
- *Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church too.*
- *Faith is caught more than it is taught.*
- *If we want Christian Children and youth, we need Christian adults and parents.*

Four Keys for Daily (& Faithful) Living

- *Caring Conversations*
- *Devotions*
- *Service*
- *Rituals & Traditions*

Three Qualities of a Disciple

- *Available*
- *Authentic*
- *Affirming*

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Holy Communion

Setting Two – 10:30 (ELW)

The Marks of Discipleship: I will strive to . . .

- + Pray daily
- + Worship weekly
- + Read the Bible daily
- + Serve at and beyond Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church
- + Be in Relationship with others to encourage spiritual growth
- + Give of my time, talents and resources in a generous manner and to the glory of God

Commemorations

Monday, January 9, 2012

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

Sunday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

INTRODUCTION

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

A = Assistant

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

setting by David Lantz

(Please prepare yourself for worship during the Prelude)

Stand

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673 *(Red Hymnal)*

GREETING

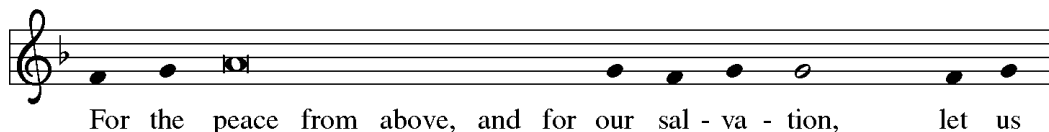
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



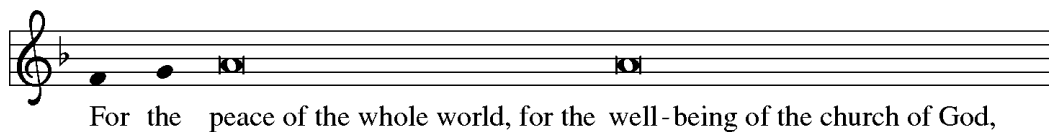
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



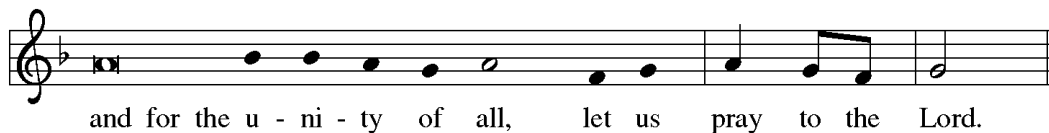
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



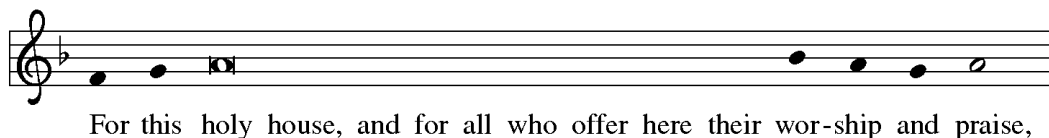
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

INSTALLATION OF 2012 CHURCH COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM *Come to the Water* John Foley, setting by J. Schrader

FIRST READING *Genesis 1:1-5* *(John 1:1-5; Colossians 3:16)*

A A reading from Genesis, chapter one.

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 29 *(we read together)* **ELW 29** *(Red Hymnal)*

SECOND READING *Acts 19:1-7*

A A reading from Acts, chapter nineteen.

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(John 6:68)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL *Mark 1:4-11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* **ELW 800** (*Red Hymnal*)

SERMON **NOW WHAT**
Text: Mark 1:4-11

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Matthew 5:23-24)

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY *Baptized in Water* setting by Hal Hopson

OFFERTORY HYMN *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (stz. 1&4) **ELW 310** *(Red Hymnal)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(1 Timothy 2:1,2)

A As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation.

A brief silence.

A Give strength to your people, that all the baptized show forth your loving presence in the world. We pray for our bishops (*names*), the congregations of our companion synods, and all our partners in ministry. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Send your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Restore damaged habitats, poisoned soil, and polluted waters. Enlighten us in the ways of holy stewardship, that all creation may flourish and praise you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Bless the nations with the power of your peace, that all who are wounded in body and mind by the trauma of war may see your light shining in the darkness. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Console those who are sick, grieving, anxious, in pain, or in any need (*especially*). We remember before you those who are cold and hungry this day. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Send your renewing Spirit upon those gathered here and those who are absent, that in our common life we may seek to please you. Grant all that we need to work together in mission. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for the those who have died and now live in the light of your presence. May we also find assurance in your promises. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* **ELW 304** (Red Hymnal)

DISMISSAL *(Matthew 28:19)*

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Break Forth Into Joy* setting by J. S. Bach

Welcome to worship and fellowship with the family of God. Greet one another in Christ's name.

Visitors! We are delighted you are with us. Please give us your name, address and phone number on a Welcome Card in the pew pocket or in the Friendship Register.

Today is **World Hunger Sunday!** Please place your contribution in the World Hunger envelope, make your check payable to Macedonia Lutheran Church, mark it for World Hunger and place it in the offering plate.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Please remember in your prayers: Shari Vassello, Ruby Winn, *Betty Lentz, *Bill Myers, Jeff McCarthy, the family of the Rev.. Dr. Hoyle Whiteside, the family of Delbert Tickle. *(Requests are to be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.)*

Loaves and Fishes – For the month of January 2012 they are asking for pasta and sauce, crackers and soup.

Tonight is Macedonia's turn for the **Night Shelter**. The meal will be provided by Linda Peterson.

The Installation of **Macedonia's Church Council** at the 10:30 service today is as follows: Council President: Brant Adkins, Vice President: Joan Murphy, Secretary: Frank Rhue, Treasurer, General Fund: Paul Cobb, Treasurer, Capital Fund: Bruce Moore. Additional members include: John Gee, Dr. Elizabeth Murray, Bryan Pennington, Dan Voelkert, Dr. John Walker, Randi Dunn, Melinda Menz, Stephanie Braxton, Clif Rippenhagen, Dave Robinson.

February Newsletter Information Needed!!! Please note that all February Newsletter information is due into the church office by Friday, January 15, in order to meet the deadline. Thank you for your cooperation!

Circle #4 will meet Monday, January 9, 2:30, at the home of Pat Jones.

Please note . . . 2012 offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please use them each Sunday and mark them clearly for General and/or Capital fund.

Can you help! We need a family or group to provide a home cooked L.E.A.F. meal on Sunday, January 22. Please contact Yvonne White or Joy Rust ASAP! Thank you!

MUSICAL MOMENTS AT MACEDONIA - Mark your calendar! Invite your friends! Sunday, January 29 at 4:00 p.m. the Queen City Ringers (adult handbell choir from Charlotte) will share a Christmas concert to celebrate Epiphany. A reception will follow the concert.

PIANO CDs recorded by Joy Rust are still available for \$20 each. All proceeds benefit the youth's trip to the National Youth Gathering. You may purchase them from Joy, or from one of the youth signed up to attend, or from the church office. There are 3 different CDs available.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
JANUARY 8, 2012
Baptism of our Lord

Monday Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36
Genesis 17:1-13
Romans 4:1-12

Tuesday Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36
Exodus 30:22-38
Acts 22:2-16

Wednesday Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36
Isaiah 41:14-20
John 1:29-34

Thursday Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Judges 2:6-15
2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Friday Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Judges 2:16-23
Acts 13:16-25

Saturday Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Samuel 2:21-25
Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday *Second Sunday
after Epiphany*
1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

YOUTH UPDATE

**Youth Groups back to normal Schedule
Today!**

LLL- 3:30-4:30

HOF- 5-6:15

LL- 6-7:30

Baptism of Our Lord

**As God addressed Jesus at his baptism, he also
calls us his beloved.
What a blessing to live in God's love**

Tear Open for a Surprise

Back on the first Sunday of Advent, the first reading began with an urgent cry to God: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down" (Isa. 64:1). The world is a wreck. Do something—something fiery and drastic, to make mountains quake and nations tremble—as in ages past, when "you did awesome deeds that we did not expect" (64:3).

In today's gospel the heavens are indeed torn open, and God's Spirit descends like . . . a hawk? An eagle? What we do *not* expect is that the heaven-tearing Spirit floats down upon Jesus like a gentle dove.

Mark's gospel unfolds rapidly, from John's voice crying in the wilderness to God's voice over the baptismal waters of the new creation. Mark tears through his story with urgency and speed. But this tearing does not portend violence toward us. Birth pangs consume a mother; what they deliver is a baby. When God rips the barrier between the holy and humankind, it is divine gentleness that strikes us with awe.

Today heaven's curtain is torn open, and God's voice is heard. Passion Sunday will bring another voice, another tearing, as "my Son, the Beloved" screams out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34; Ps. 22:1). When Jesus gives a loud cry and breathes his last, the curtain of the temple—decorated with heaven's sun and moon and stars—is ripped in two.

No more barriers. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, who joins us in the very experiences we do not expect. Sharing our baptism, Jesus goes under the chill waters of our powerlessness, forsakenness, and death. Our share is resurrection and new life. We may not recognize it at first. We may go silent. But in that silence, gentle wings flutter and the Spirit's breath exhales.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Macedonia Pictorial Directory

Do you have photos of the church? Maybe a shot of a Sunday school class, or youth function? New? Old? Inside? Outside? We would like to get as many pictures as possible and would love to have them include members of the congregation. The picture would need to be a color print, and can be returned to you. Please try to get all pictures to us by January 22nd, or as soon as possible. You can drop off pictures to Cindi in the church office or call Dave Robinson (684-1114).

BIBLE QUIZ



During Jesus' time in the wilderness after his baptism, Satan tempted him to do three things. Which of the following was not one of the temptations?

- A. To change water into wine so wedding guests would know he was God's Son
- B. To throw himself down from the top of the temple, expecting angels to save him
- C. To turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger
- D. To worship Satan in order to gain all the world's kingdoms

Answer: A (See Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13.)

2012 Flower Calendar: Please call the church office (227-5554) if you would like to be put on the flower calendar or if there is an error on the list below. The (P) signifies the family would like the same date (or as close to the date as possible) every year.

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
<u>Date</u> 1/1 <u>Poinsettias</u> 1/8 (P) <u>Janet Meisenbach</u> 1/15 _____ 1/22 _____ 1/29 _____	<u>Date</u> 2/5 _____ 2/12 _____ 2/19 _____ 2/26 (P) <u>Bob & Laureen Hentze</u>	<u>Date</u> 3/4 _____ 3/11 _____ 3/18 (P) <u>Debbie Riggs</u> 3/25 _____
<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
<u>Date</u> 4/1 (P) <u>Betsy Black</u> 4/8 <u>Brant & Chrissy Adkins</u> 4/15 (P) <u>Shawn Easter</u> 4/22 _____ 4/29 _____	<u>Date</u> 5/6 (P) <u>Rusty O’Kelley</u> 5/13 (P) <u>Men of Macedonia</u> 5/20 (P) <u>Debbie Riggs</u> 5/27 _____	<u>Date</u> 6/3 _____ 6/10 _____ 6/17 (P) <u>Ladies Bible Class</u> 6/24 _____
<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<u>Date</u> 7/1 _____ 7/8 (P) <u>Paul & Gail Cobb</u> 7/1 (P) <u>John & Xylida Gee</u> 7/22 _____ 7/29 (P) <u>Rhune & Nancy Simeonsson</u>	<u>Date</u> 8/5 _____ 8/12 _____ 8/19 _____ 8/26 (P) <u>Vera Barker</u>	<u>Date</u> 9/2 (P) <u>Bill & Connie Poovey</u> 9/9 (P) <u>John & Sharon Walker</u> 9/16 <u>Ron & Debbie Reeger</u> 9/23 _____ 9/30 _____
<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<u>Date</u> 10/7 (P) <u>Danny & Beth Van Fleet</u> 10/14 (P) <u>Ingeborg Warschkow</u> 10/21 <u>John & Cathy Kimmel</u> 10/28 _____	<u>Date</u> 11/4 (P) <u>John & Sharon Walker</u> 11/11 <u>Brant & Chrissy Adkins</u> 11/18 (P) <u>Betsy Black</u> 11/25 <u>Joel & Lori Helgeson</u>	<u>Date</u> 12/2 (P) <u>Alyse Tickle</u> 12/9 (P) <u>Grace Roth</u> 12/16 (P) <u>Paul & Gail Cobb</u> 12/23 <u>Poinsettias</u> 12/25 (P) <u>Bill & Michelle Claypool</u>

Brunswick Stew & Bake Sale

Come join the fun and fellowship!!!

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a ***Brunswick Stew and Bake Sale*** on Saturday, January 14. Proceeds from the sale will go directly to local charity organizations. We are looking for lots of volunteers to help cook the stew on Friday night, January 13. We are also asking for donations of home-baked goodies, as well as monetary donations to help with the cost of the stew ingredients. If you would like to cook, bake, or make a donation, please call Ned Thigpen (229-4862) or Leah Bass, (584-0266). Sign up on the posters in the narthex or fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. Pre-orders for the Brunswick Stew will be collected through January 5. These will be available for pick up from 8-11 am on January 14. After pre-orders are filled, any remaining stew will be available in the Educational Building. ***Order early so you won't miss out!***

I can help: Friday, January 13

- 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. _____
- 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. _____
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. _____
- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight _____

I can help: Saturday, January 14

- Midnight - 6:00 a.m. _____
- 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. _____
- 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. _____

_____ I can provide baked goods for sale.

_____ I can donate money to help purchase ingredients: \$ _____

Signed: _____

Brunswick Stew Sale

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Number of Quarts: _____

Return this portion to church office

Brunswick Stew & Bake Sale

Saturday, January 14, 2012
 Pick-up 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
 Macedonia Lutheran Church
 421 West Front Street, Burlington

Number of quarts ordered: _____ \$7.00 / quart
Keep this portion for your records

Brunswick Stew Sale

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Number of Quarts: _____

Return this portion to church office

Brunswick Stew & Bake Sale

Saturday, January 14, 2012
 Pick-up 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
 Macedonia Lutheran Church
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Number of quarts ordered: _____ \$7.00 / quart



Yes

I will be there Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Supper
Subs - prepared by our youth!

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
BINGO PARTY

\$5.00 per person/\$15.00 max per family.

Adults Attending _____ #Children Attending _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please complete this form weekly and place in the offering plate or call
(336) 227-9233 by **Sunday evening**
of each week and leave a message on the Tuesdays Together answering machine.

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Director of Youth and Family Ministry (639-9790).....	Mr. Brian Grimes
Director of Church Music.....	Mrs. Joy H. Rust
Director, Chancel Choir and Reformation Ringers.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Organist (8:15).....	Mary Anne Dettman
Organist (10:30).....	Joy H. Rust
Organist Emeritus.....	Terry G. Woodings
Director, Cherub Choir.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Macedonia Ringers and Melody Choir.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Ruth W. Matkins
Crucifer.....	Emily Adkins
Acolytes.....	Jacob Adkins, Sarah Bass
Lay Reader.....	(8:15) Karen Dosier..... (10:30) Ruth Matkins
Children's Message.....	Richard Johnson
Communion Assistant.....	(8:15) Karen Dosier
Greeters.....	Millie & Bob Miller; Patty & Vern Misenheimer
Nursery Attendants.....	Julie Russell, Emily Adkins
Ushers.....	<i>Chief</i> , Dale Greeson - <i>Assistant</i> , Brett Bass, Harold Fogleman, Charlie Harris, Frank Rhue, Danny Van Fleet, Brant Adkins, Randy Hunley, Ray Turner
Sound System.....	Randi Dunn
Dust Covers.....	Dave & Diane Robinson

Lutheran Retirement Ministries/Twin Lakes Community

Executive Director, TLC..... Charles R. Harris