



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 29, 2009

Alleluia! He Who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia!"

GREETINGS and WELCOME to
Brooklyn Lutheran Church.

VISITORS please sign the guest book.
Come and worship with us again soon!
Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **Large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

Prayer Before Worship: Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMNS: 1 2 9 6

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by Your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Page 1232)

Jeremiah prophesies that the promised Savior would come from David's family line.

Psalms of the Day: Psalm 25 (Page 25)

We look to the Lord and trust in Him. He forgives all of our sins and guides us in holy living.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 (Page 1636)

Jesus explains that the end of the world will be preceded by many gloomy signs which already began appearing at His



Using the Word of God to prepare youth as Disciples of Christ

West Lutheran students collected food for the local food shelf. This project was sponsored by the student council. Student council members also picked up food from the grade schools and hosted an ice cream social while there.

Veterans' Day November 12th was a day to thank God for the men and women who have served and are currently serving our country. West hosted a continental breakfast for the vets and those currently serving and concluded the morning with a special chapel service.

Forensics 6 schools participated in the forensics meet hosted by our English department. Grade school students sharpen their forensic skills and meet students of other schools. The **fine arts** festival was also hosted at your high school. This is an all day event in which students display their god-given talents in the fine arts. The afternoon concluded with a concert.

The **West players** presented *King Arthur's calamity to over 800* grade school children and conducted Friday and Saturday night performances. Well done!

Blood Drive The **Teens for Life** group organized a blood drive on the 16th. Students 16 and older were given the opportunity to save a life by donating blood. West has a very nice turnout-Thanks to all and Ms. Schroeder of organizing the blood drive.

The **fall sports uniforms** have all been put away and the **winter sports uniforms** brought out. Basketball and cheerleading are well under way as well as **Mock trial**. The mock trial team conducts and tries a case competing against other schools.

The band and Choirs are preparing for the **Christmas concert December 15th 7PM (pre-concert)**. The theme of this year's concert is **What Child is this?**

We mailed over 80 Christmas cards to our troops who are or will soon be deployed. Please remember our service men and women and their families in your prayers.

We would like to take a moment to be thankful for all of the volunteers who donate their time in many different ways to make our ministry to teens God-pleasing.

O give thanks to the Lord for his mercy endures forever.

time. These serve as reminders that the coming of the Lord is near. We need to watch and pray that we do not fall away but stand firm in the faith.

SERMON: *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (Page 1839)*
We Are "In The Waiting Room"

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week:

"Thankful Living Until Jesus Returns."

Today's Offering Counters: L. Heubl & B. Larson

Today's Sunday School Lesson:

"Jacob Brings His Family to Egypt"

Today **10:00 Worship—**

Ushers: V. Lorenzen, R. Wyman

Mon. 7:00 Choir

8:15 Elders

Tues. No Ladies Guild

Thurs 3:00 & 3:30 Prairie Lodge Services

7:00 Christian Education

Fri. 9:30 Bible Class

Sat/ 1:30-3:30 Shepherd Saturdaze

Next Sun.-6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9

8:45 Sunday School*

8:55 Adult Sunday School*

***Lesson: "Moses Leaves Egypt."**

8:55 Adult Class: Hosea, Joel

10:00 Worship—Ushers: M. Hilliard, S. Melchert
Lunch and Church Decorating
following the Service

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 76

Sunday School Attendance: 9; Adult Bible Class: 18

Adult Sunday School: 5; Offering: \$1767.10

Evelyn Halvarson Memorial: \$50.00;

Needed for Budget Week: **\$2,565**

Offerings YTD: \$111,566;

Budget: \$117,990) short: -\$6,425

Tradition Retirement Community, off 85th Avenue on Tessman Farm Road is offering the following: (register 763-416-7740)

12/1 (Tu) noon-4pm **55+ Driver Improvement Program** (refresher) Save 10% on car insurance! (register 1-888- 234-1294)

8 hour course required before "refresher!"

BLC will offer the 8-hour course to our members and community on Tuesdays, February 2 & 9, 6-10pm. And the also, 3 year r e f r e s h e r course Thursday, February 25, 6-10pm.

"Take a Bullet for Jesus!" Are you ready and willing?! Great! And to think you don't even have to be a martyr to do it – like millions around the globe these very days. All you have to do is choose from among the 53 bullet visions in Worship(11), Adult Spiritual Growth(7), Outreach and Evangelism(10), Family and Youth Ministry (17), Fellowship(6),and Assimilation(8).

Rather than die, Jesus would rather you *offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship(Romans 12:1)*. Christ offered Himself as sacrifice for you, that you might be His now and forever. In thankful gratitude, please make a sacrifice for Him through the Vision Task Force's proposals to carry out what you the people of the congregation expressed as important to the health of God's church at this corner.

Submit your choice of concentrated effort by means of the response sheets by the response receptacle in the back of the chapel. Thank you!

With the focus on our Vision Task Force's presentation this autumn, we have not conducted the usual **fall stewardship emphasis**. Your consideration of monetary support for the Lord's work among us in 2010 is important! For 2009 here is a summary through October: Our treasurer reports that all "bills" have been paid. We do owe one month on pastor's retirement fund (\$596) and six months each on our West goal(\$150x6=

\$900) and Synod(\$200x6=\$1,200). Note the very modest goals of \$1,800(West) and \$2,400 (synod) for the entire year. These represent considerably lower numbers than we gave in years past. Offerings the rest of this year and on into next will determine whether even such modest goals are realistic. The **2010 Budget Committee's** scouring of local expenses has revealed few places to make minor cuts without adversely affecting our programs.

Adult Bible Class numbers are up about double this school year so far! Attendees, keep it up! Our Lord promises to bless us through His Word! (Luke 11:28) Those still to join our happy numbers: choose from between an adult version of the week's Sunday School lesson with Duke Carstensen in the basement and a look into the Minor Prophets(Hosea through Malachi) with pastor in the commons.

Brooklyn Bridge Bucks is the name for the Scrip program by which people can buy debit cards at church for purchase of all kinds of merchandise, entertainment, dining, gas, etc – even groceries and VISA prepaid card!and the school gets credit for a percentage of the value.

37 Prepaid (Gift) Cards for a total of \$1,236 face value were sold last Sunday! If our pre-school benefits 5% on these sales, it would generate about \$60 for us—at no additional cost to our member purchasers!

Check it out with Cindy Boyd and Dawn Heebl. this morning! Save yourself hassle and get people something you know they will use by going **gift cards for Christmas! New playground equipment** is the designated project for funds raised through Brooklyn Bridge Bucks!

Next Sunday is our **Church Christmas Decorating Party** following our 10:00 Service. Lunch will be provided before the decorating. Join us for fun and fellowship.



*Brooklyn Evangelical
Lutheran Church*

Our Mission:

*We exist to use the
Gospel of Christ to
win the lost and to
nurture
believers, all to the
glory of God.*



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