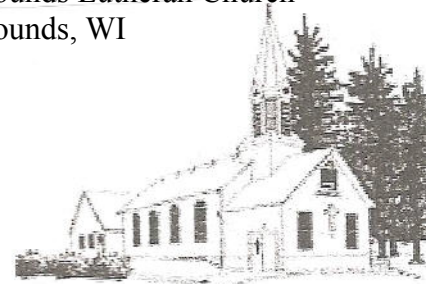


## VIEW FROM THE HILL

Springdale Lutheran Church  
Mt. Horeb, WI

## THE BEACON

West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church  
West Blue Mounds, WI



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### Treasurer's Note

ZOOMMM! !!! December already. What happened to 2010? So, just a few reminders: If you have made pledges for the building fund and have a little to go yet, the 31st is approaching. (and fast). We, Springdale, will be sending a check for \$397.00 to the Habitat for Humanity drive given during Sept. and Oct. The budget for 2011 was discussed at council and it will be presented next month for your review. If you are a holder of a Thrivent insurance policy be sure to relay your choice for Thrivent's dispersal of funds to Springdale or to any other charity you wish to support. You have a choice as to where your portion of Thrivent's support is given. Any questions, contact your agent or speak to me and I will try to be of some help. (no guarantee). Mange takk be given to our Lord for all you do for the financial health of Springdale. B.Bakken. Treasurer

### Advent & Christmas Observances

Take note of special services and times through the coming season, with details inside.

#### Saturday, Dec. 11

10:00 a.m.-noon – Care Team Worship with shut-ins, starting at Ingleside

#### Sunday, Dec. 19 – Sunday School Program

8:45 a.m. – Springdale

10:15 a.m. – West Blue Mounds

#### Friday, Dec. 24

5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight at Springdale

#### Sunday, Dec. 25

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Festival at West Blue Mounds

#### Sunday, Dec. 26 – Carol Sing

8:45 a.m. – Springdale

10:15 a.m. – West Blue Mounds

**No Sunday School**



### Winter Cancellations

If in doubt as to whether worship will be held due to weather, please call the church - 437-3493 - pastor will try to update the phone message before 8 a.m. You may also try listening to Clear Channel stations (WIBA AM1310, WIBA FM101.5, WTSO AM1070, WMAD FM92.1, WZEE FM104.1), Christian station WNWC FM102.5 or NBC TV station 15; fewer facilities run these announcements, however, and most often will refer you to their websites.

# G O D ' S P R A I S E S W E S I N G

## December Worship Theme The Peaceable Kingdom

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares" . . .  
"The wolf shall live with the lamb" . . . "The eyes of the  
blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf un-  
stopped" . . .

These images from the prophet Isaiah echo through this season of anticipation. As God's people of vision and hope, we do not merely wait for this to become reality; Christ's peaceable kingdom is present for us now in Word and Sacrament and breaks into our world as the Spirit works through our actions for reconciliation and renewal.

## Hymn of the Month

There are several ecumenical connections to "Hark, the Glad Sound!" (LBW #35 and ELW #239), our hymn this Advent season.

The author, Philip Doddridge, had one grandfather who was a Nonconformist minister and the other a Lutheran minister. He was born in London, June 26, 1702, to a large family (20 kids!) and in 1719 began study for the Nonconformist ministry. He became pastor at Kibworth in 1723, then Castle Hill, Northampton, in 1727, where he opened his own theological school, teaching Hebrew, Greek, philosophy and most other subjects himself, and drawing numerous students from England and Europe. He also wrote over 400 hymns, though none published in his lifetime; when finally published in *Hymns, Founded on Various Texts in the Holy Scriptures*, 1755, "Hark, the Glad Sound!" was included in the section "Christ's Message", associated with Luke 4:18-19. Struck with tuberculosis, Doddridge went to Lisbon to regain his health, but died there Oct. 26, 1751.

The tune originated with a countryman of Doddridge's, Thomas Haweis, born in Redruth, Cornwall, Jan. 1, 1734. He studied at Oxford and was ordained an Anglican priest in 1757, but having some Methodist leanings as he served different appointments as chaplain, curate and rector. His *Hymns to the Saviour* was published in 1792 and included this tune titled "Chesterfield", likely in honor of statesman and author Lord Chesterfield; it was adapted to its present form by another Englishman, Samuel Webbe, Jr., who was an organist at both Unitarian and Catholic parishes - ! Haweis died Feb. 11, 1820.

Let us harken to "the glad sound" throughout this season of expectant hope.

(information from *Hymnal Companion to the Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1981)

## Parish Choir

We are continuing to build an ongoing parish choir, and those who wish to join us preparing a Christmas selection are invited to rehearsal **Thursday, Dec. 9, 6:45-7:30 p.m., at West Blue Mounds**. We'll also look ahead at an Epiphany piece and possibly Lenten as we aim to meet the *second Thursday* of each month. Speak with Pastor Jacobs, Cate Gimse-Owens or Sharon Moschkau for details.

## A Time of Devotion . . .

Advent and the new year are especially appropriate times to begin or enhance your devotional reading. Besides Advent resources for all ages in the sanctuary, there are a variety of booklets in the narthex racks.

"Christ in Our Home" is a daily devotional based on each Sunday's readings. "The Lutheran Digest" includes stories, humor and poetry reflecting the joys and challenges of faith. "The Lutheran Prayerbook" is a collection of old and new devotions to support your walk.



- 12** - Jessica & Joshua Doble celebrate 1 year
- 14** - Sarah & Jeff Jacobson celebrate 8 years
- 20** - Dennis & Kay Oimoen celebrate 41 years



- 3**- Rodney Hildreth, Marion Ringgenberg
- 4**- Ron Stenseth
- 5** - Sarah Greenlaw, Otto Kerl, Chase Neumaier
- 6** - Jack Braun, Noah Braun, Paulette Olson
- 8** - Jeff Peterson
- 9** - Jennifer Dahlgren
- 12** - Dalaney Scrivner
- 13** - Jessica Docken
- 14** - Dennis Oimoen
- 16** - Arbutus Capel, Margot Ninneman
- 17** - Bev Brager, Chris Haonson
- 18** - Bob Mueller
- 19** - Jessy Jacobson
- 21** - Tom Magnusson
- 24** - Bill Kollath
- 28** - Sharon Moschkau
- 29** - Erik Bakken, Sheila Helland, Matt Mani

# G R O W I N G I N G R A C E

## **Bread Bakers, Arise!**

If you're willing to be in a small rotation preparing the "blessed bread" given children not yet taking Communion, please speak with Pastor Jacobs. Also, there's always room for more bakers helping make our Communion bread, so speak with Priscilla Laufenberg for info.

## **Catechism Calendar**

At **Perry** Dec. 1 ("Butterfly" bus)

Chap. 20 *Jesus Teaches Nicodemus* and Chap. 20 *Jesus Teaches in Parables*

Read "Great Gifts", pp. 71-72

Answer questions, p. 72

Read "We Are Baptized", p. 74

Read "The Fifth Petition" and "Favorite Stories", p. 75

Answer question, p. 75

Read "Parables", p. 76, and Luke 15:11-32

Answer questions on the left side of p. 76

At **Ingleside** Dec. 15

We are arranging pick up from Mt. Horeb Middle School after classes end and going to Ingleside to carol for church members and others there. About 4:50 we will leave for supper at Pizza Extreme, Viking Plaza, and students may be picked up from there at 5:30.

## **Women of the ELCA study**

### **The People of God:**

### **Unity in the Midst of Diversity**

The WELCA study on understanding the Bible as Lutheran Christians continues with "The Gifts of the Spirit". While some may think 'spiritual gifts' are given only to select groups of people, this session explores how Christ's spiritual gifts are granted in various ways to *all* God's people.

## **"Are Any Among You Sick?"**

If you are hospitalized or know a member who is, please contact church office. With privacy regulations, it's challenging to find out who is in the hospital without such a call, and I'd rather hear the same message five times than not hear once!

Visiting the sick with a ministry of prayer and presence is a significant part of my calling. I can't guarantee to be *right there*, but I strive to be particularly available in those times of need – Pastor Jacobs.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Our Sunday School Christmas program, "The Angel's Message", will be have two performances on Sunday December 19th at the 8:45 service at Springdale as well as the 10:15 service at West Blue Mounds. Our students will all have a speaking part in the program and are required to perform at both shows.



In preparation for our performances, our practices will begin during the Education hour starting on November 28th at 9:45. Attendance at our three Sunday practices is vital in order to put together a show that the children will feel proud to present. Parts will be assigned and scripts will be sent home with the students on November 28th.

Our dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday December 18th at West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church from 9:00 am to approximately 11:00 am. We will have practices during our Sunday rehearsals in the Springdale sanctuary. Our dress rehearsal will be our only time to run through the performance at the West Blue Mounds venue.

## **Sunday School Christmas Break**

There will be no Sunday School on either December 26 or January 2. Sunday School will resume on Jan. 9 with the Story of Moses. Remember to check the calendar for snack schedules.

## **From the Superintendent**

Dear Sunday School Families,

As part of our Story of Jacob rotation, our Sunday school children prepared stew to represent the selling of Esau's birthright for a bowl of stew and rolls in the shapes of rocks and ladders from Jacob's dream. The children did a great job and had a fun time preparing the meal. We have been asked to serve that meal at the Interfaith Hospitality Network meal on Monday December 6, 2010 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at 7337 Hubbard Ave. in Middleton. IHN buddy churches like Springdale serve a meal to area homeless families. It is a great experience for the children to meet and help children in need. Set up begins at 5:00 pm and the meal will be served at 6:00. Clean up follows and we are usually finished up by 7:00. Please plan to attend and show our kids that they can make a difference to help other children around us.

God's blessings to you all, Kip

## Year End Giving

We encourage everyone to bring pledges up to date, especially for the Building Fund – and *thank you* for your continued commitments. Keep in mind that things mailed after the 29<sup>th</sup> may not get to the treasurer in time, so the last day to be assured of getting 2010 offerings in before books close is **Thursday, Dec. 30**.

## Springdale Nominations Underway

Nominating Committee – Paul Elver, Dean Hefty, Kay Midthun, Grant Nesheim and Sue Wittwer – has begun seeking leaders for 2011. Leaders for Council, Education, Social Concerns, Worship and similar planning groups are ideally vision-oriented people who enjoy looking at the ‘big picture’ and promoting long-term goals and missions. Leaders for Maintenance, Cemetery and similar hands-on functions are ideally task-focused people who enjoy organizing and carrying specific projects to completion.

Thank you to all leaders currently serving in this congregation, and thank you to everyone for thinking about their gifts and the ways they may be called to serve.

## Springdale Annual Meeting

Springdale’s Annual Meeting is **Sunday, Jan. 30**, 2011. Reports from all committees, groups and others are due in church office **Monday, Jan. 3**. If you are unable to get your reports in at that time, you are responsible for making copies to distribute at the meeting.

Copies of the Annual Report should be available for review Sunday, Jan. 9. Budget review and question time is tentatively following service on Sunday, **Jan. 23**.

## West Blue Mounds Annual Meeting

West Blue Mounds’ Annual Meeting is Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011. Reports from all committees, groups and others are due in church office Sunday, Jan. 9. Thank you!

## Springdale Lutheran Church Council Minutes November 18, 2010 – Sherri Hefty, Council Secretary

Those present: Pastor Jacobs, Tim Heindl, Scott Ringgenberg, Betty Bakken, Terry Mickelson and Sherri Hefty. Those absent: John Arnold

**Devotion** - The joint Springdale/West Blue Mounds Council Meeting was held prior to this meeting. In the interest of time, no devotions were held.

**Agenda** - A request from the Seminarian Assistance Fund was added to the Treasurer’s Report and snow removal was added to Old Business. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Terry to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Secretary’s Report** - A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Terry to approve the Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report** - As of October 31, 2010, the General Account balance is behind \$15,358.91.

There are no outstanding payments. Betty is trying to resolve a bill received for elevator maintenance, which was pre-paid earlier in the year.

A request from the Clothes Closet was received asking us to pledge \$400 for next year. As donations received this year exceeded that amount, this was approved.

The Seminarian Assistance Fund is something we have supported in the past but is no longer part of our budget. As with other benevolences, any funds received for this will be forwarded but no pledge will be made.

The first draft of the proposed 2011 budget was reviewed. A few adjustments were made and the final draft will be available for approval in December.

**Old Business** - Pastor and Sherri offered their personal observations of the Missional Discovery Journey so far. The next large group meeting will be hosted by Springdale in January.

The Nominating Committee is meeting shortly to put together the ballot for the Annual Meeting.

Terry spoke with Burns’ about snow removal again this winter. They will continue to provide snow removal for us for \$5 more per trip this winter. A contract will be sent soon.

**New Business - No new business.**

**Committee Reports** - Committee reports were received from Worship and Music and Education.

Bob Jahn (WBM) and Sherri Hefty attended the recent Habitat for Humanity meeting regarding the Mt. Horeb build next year. They hope to close on the land before the end of the year and expect to start putting in the foundation next April/May.

**Pastor’s Report – October** – 13 Worship Services, 5 Education, 24 Visitations, 0 Counseling, 6 Congregational Mtgs., 3 Misc. Items, 10 Community/Church-wide Mtgs, 737.1 Mileage

**Adjournment and Lord’s Prayer** - A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Terry to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Joint Council Minutes  
West Blue Mounds and  
Springdale Lutheran Churches  
November 18, 2010  
Sherri Hefty, Council Secretary**

Those present: Pastor Jacobs, Kim Bigler, Kay Oimoen, Jeff Peters, Tim Heindl, Scott Ringgenberg, Betty Bakken, Terry Mickelson and Sherri Hefty.

Pastor opened our first Joint Council Meeting with prayer.

General discussion was held on how we all felt the partnership was going to far. In general, everyone thought it was going very well and had heard only positive comments. No one expressed any concerns or problems.

We talked briefly about when each church held their Annual Meeting and when and how the packets would be put together. West Blue Mounds holds theirs the third Sunday of January. Their year-end reports will need to be received by Sunday, January 9, to allow time to put the packets together. Springdale holds their meeting the last Sunday of January.

Discussion was held regarding a salary increase for the parish secretary, which is a joint expense. Karen took on the additional work and has been doing a great job. A motion was made by Kim and seconded by Pastor to increase her salary to \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried.

The next semi-annual Joint Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16, at West Blue Mounds prior to their Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Kim to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

### **Snow Shoveling Season**

Springdale volunteers are needed to shovel and salt all **four** entrances for safety: west side sanctuary entry, south side office entry, north side entry *and especially* east side Sunday school stairwell – this is crucial because snow can pile up there and make exiting impossible in an emergency. See entryway sign-up and *Thank You*.



### **Pictures Needed**

We are looking for any pictures of the church, before the remodel, that depict the holidays (the sanctuary decorated for the holidays, etc) or winter inside and out of the church. If you have any photos that we could borrow to make copies of to be put in the new display cabinet between the sanctuary and the fellowship area, you can drop them off at the office.

## **Update from Missional Discovery Journey Team**

The MDJ team has begun its journey and is looking forward to sharing what they are learning with everyone. As a reminder, the MDJ team includes: Pastor Jacobs, Kim Bigler, Scott Bigler, Dennis Oimoen, Fay Dahlgren, Paul Elver, Melba Rick and Sherri Hefty. We will do our best to keep you updated, but feel free to ask us questions at any time.

**What does “missional” mean?** Being missional means continually asking the question “Where is God leading us?” God has a purpose for us, individually as well as together, and we are on a journey to discover what that purpose is. Being “missional” also means to be focused outward, rather than inward. Instead of asking yourself “What has God done for me lately?” ask yourself “What have I done for God lately?” God’s mission is to bless and heal the world. Are we doing that now? Could we be doing more? How has God blessed you, and are you sharing that good news with others?

The title of the first chapter in one of the books we are reading is “Does the Church Have a Future?” Harsh, but thought provoking. Today, many congregations find themselves in a very different position than in years past and with hard realities to face. Change is constant. Will we be brave enough to ask the right questions and follow where God leads us? How might we change in order to be more responsive to the community we seek to serve?

Give all these questions some prayerful consideration and share your thoughts with us.

### **Blue Mounds Countryside Community Center Nov-Dec Benevolence**

Our special benevolence through December is for the Countryside Community Center, Blue Mounds, and we hope to collect at least \$500 for rent, with additional going to other pantry expenses. Please place offerings in the plate on the PowerPoint stand, making checks to Springdale with “Countryside Community” in the memo. Thank you.

The Countryside Board meets the second Thursday each month, 6:15 p.m., at West Blue Mounds, and Norm Rick and Lana Olmstead are currently representing our parish as congregational liaisons. Speak with Pastor Jacobs for more info.

## To the Ecclesia at West Blue Mounds & Springdale, Greetings!

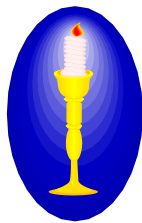
"Christmas is for children". We say that while thinking of children's wonder in this season, their simple faith, their exuberant joy, their cheerful delight in toys and games and trees and Santa.

But think of the Child born that first Christmas...born to an unwed mother, young, inexperienced and afraid...born into a poor working family...born under an oppressive regime which forced them far from home in the latter days of pregnancy...born homeless, sheltering in a barn...born to be a refugee, fleeing the murderous rage of a petty dictator...

This year when we think "Christmas is for children", may we continue to think of children born today to unwed mothers, into poor working families, under oppressive regimes, homeless and refugee. May we hope and envision and pray and work to make it truly Christmas for them as well.

A Blessed Advent & Christmas to You!

*Pastor Jeff Jacobs*



### Eternal Candle Donors

Eternal Candle donor for December is Susan Docken.

### Baptismal Anniversaries in December

**2** - Donovan McClellan **6** - Renee Mickelson  
**7** -Wyeth Greenlaw-Rollins, Wyndham Greenlaw-Rollins  
**8** - Adam Kahler **10** - Cora Bilse, Verna Fargo **12** - Jennifer Dahlgren, Jeanine Taylor **15** - Sherri Hefty **16** - Andy Murray **18** - Alec Collins, Shane Collins **19** - Gabriel Curtis **22** - Nicole Kelly **27** - Jeff Jacobs

### Remember Our Shut-Ins

With Advent and Christmas here, be mindful of our Springdale and West Blue Mounds sisters and brothers who aren't as able to join our worship. Keep them in your prayers, send a card or visit if you can.

at Ingleside: Cora Bilse, Verna Fargo, Evie Monum, Pearl Magnuson, Charlotte Scheel, Alma Skindrud, Ruth Wittwer, Frieda Zweifel (at press time)

at Girlie's Manor: Russ Paske

at Four Winds Manor, Verona: Lorna Lehman, Thelma Erickson

at Lincoln Ct. Apts: Lavon Dolan, Helen Moyer

at The Jefferson: Evelyn Basthemer

in Madison group homes: Charles Frye, Philip Stenseth

at home: Clara Anderson, Helen Dietrich, Bob Emerson, Ruth Monum, Carol Peterson

## In Our Prayers

### W. Blue Mounds Members:

Scott Anderson, Dorothy Evenson, Pat Messinger, Doris Rikli

**Nursing Home Residents and those with limited mobility:** Helen Dietrich, Bob Emerson, Ethel Erickson, Oscar Erickson, Thelma Erickson, Verna Fargo, Helen Moyer, Lavonne Paige, Carol Peterson, Charlotte Scheel

### Family & Friends

Bonnie Johnson (friend of Kim Bigler), Michael Mahoney, Betty Miller, George MacLean, Muriel Perkins, Ron Schneider, Marj Gerber (Brad Leverton's Mom)

**All those serving in the military and their families.**

### Springdale Members:

Elmer Baker, Jennifer Dahlgren, Jim Dahlgren, Lavon Dolan, Sophie Jacobson, Marion Murray, Lana Olmstead

**Nursing Home Residents and those with limited mobility:** Clara Anderson, Evelyn Basthemer, Cora Bilse, Chuck Frye, Lorna Lehman, Pearl Magnuson, Evie Monum, Ruth Monum, Russell Paske, Alma Skindrud, Philip Stenseth, Ruth Wittwer, Frieda Zweifel

### Family & Friends:

Karl Ahrens, friend of Art & Beth Elver  
Lexy Vrostos Austin, friend of Kim Zahler  
Sara Barnett

Arlin Bieri, Lavon Dolan's brother  
Duane Bieri, Lavon Dolan's brother  
Guy Bieri, Lavon Dolan's nephew

Irene Bonkowski, Fay Dahlgren's mother  
Cami, Fay Dahlgren's co-worker's daughter

Francis Collins, Renee Mickelson's father  
Lorraine Dahlgren, Jim Dahlgren's mother  
Jeanne Darrow, Kim Zahler's friend

Roger Field - Eunice Bakken's brother  
Hans Floan

Betty Fosshage, Norma Baker's sister-in-law  
Neal Fosshage, Norma Baker's brother

Alice Garlock, Jeanne Hefty's brother Russell's mother-in-law

Melissa Hanson, Lexi Hellenbrand's classmate  
RoxAnn Heindl, Tim & Nancy Heindl's sister-in-law  
Robert Klaas

Sue Kole, Michelle Kole's mother  
Linda, Fay Dahlgren's co-worker

Dona Nyhus, Jeanine Taylor's mother  
John O'Brien, Priscilla Laufenberg's brother

John Percy

Mary Ann Reimer, Beth Elver's son's mother-in-law  
Mike Stoller, friend of Jim & Priscilla Laufenberg

Kris Swalheim, Jodi Elver's aunt

Greg Taylor, Jeanine Taylor's brother-in-law

Vence & Marianne Vesley, Danielle Vesley-Bark's parents

Bob Vogel, Dean Vogel's father

Lois Brechler Wendt, friend of Beth Elver

Vicky Webber, friend of Kim Zahler

### Those in military service:

Bill Elver, Chris Hanson, Bryan McVeigh, Ryan Nyhus, Leif Skindrud, Marny Skindrud

# SHALL WE GATHER? WOMEN'S NEWS

## Operation Christmas Child 2010, A Huge Success!!

### Ruth Circle

Ruth circle will meet Saturday, December 18 at 11:45 at Culvers for lunch and then go to church to pack treat sacks for Sunday School.



**Bedding collection** for the clothes closet will go thru December 12.

### Clothes Closet Volunteers

Remember Springdale has the clothes closet the first two weeks in December. Help would be appreciated and we are open on December 11, from 10:00 to noon.

### Soup & Sandwich Supper & Bazaar A Tasty Success!

The Nov. 10, Soup & Sandwich Supper featured Potato & chicken vegetable soups, as well as, assorted sandwiches, deviled eggs, pickles, cheese, assorted bars, milk, lemonade, & coffee. A total of 102 people were served with nearly \$1,200 raised. \$1,100 was designated to the Building Fund Principal & the remainder to the General Fund.



Sarah Circle & Sunday School also had bazaar tables with quilts, craft items, baked goods and even fresh eggs for sale.

The Soup Supper Planning Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated food, money, time or bazaar items. You are responsible for the success of this event! If you did not contribute and now wish to do so, send monetary donations to Priscilla Laufenberg, payable to Springdale Lutheran Church with Soup Supper in the memo line.

If you missed the tasty meal this year, watch for it next year and enjoy the wonderful food and fellowship!

### Care Team Worship

Care Team Communion worship is **Saturday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-noon**, a special Christmas-themed service with seasonal readings and carols. *Anyone* who'd like to join in this visit to Springdale and West Blue Mound's shut-ins, starting at Ingleside, may sign up on the PowerPoint stand.

**Thank You** to everyone who donated gifts or money to this years shoebox gift drive! We were again, overwhelmed by your generosity!



On Nov. 15, the members of Esther Circle and two women from W. Blue Mounds gathered at Springdale to pack the shoeboxes. Our goal was 60, but we were able to fill **76** with a variety of fun and useful gifts. Your monetary donations alone, allowed us to send 34 boxes. The remainder of the \$7 per box cost came from the Esther Circle treasury. However, the most important item we packed in these boxes was prayer. We hope you will remember to pray for the children who will receive these gifts.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks and know in your hearts that you were responsible for putting smiles on the faces of 76 children this Christmas season. You have been a part of the largest Christmas gift project in the world. Your generous support of this ministry will reveal God's love in a special way, and perhaps draw these children to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Your Sisters in Faith, Esther Circle Women

### January Travelog - ??

Norway? Israel? Guatemala? Japan? Fellow members have traveled to many exciting locales around the world, and a suggestion was raised to gather and share slides, experiences and fellowship. January could be a great escape from winter doldrums, so if you're interested, speak with Pastor Jacobs *soon*.

### Habitat for Humanity Build

An ELC family is approved for a Habitat home next spring, and the next planning meeting is *tentatively Thursday, Dec. 9*, at ELC. Dale Johnson, 437-3764, is one key coordinator as fund raising, volunteer organization, etc. begins, and Sherri Hefty and Bob Jahn are our parish liaisons. Additional volunteers are *encouraged to be in touch* with them as the project unfolds.

### Poinsettia Orders

Don't forget to order your poinsettia plants by Dec. 12th. Order forms are in the narthex, or you can call the office at 437-3493. If you will be purchasing one on your own, it needs to be at church by Dec. 19th.

