

# Thanksgiving **Worship**

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship (with six neighboring churches) will be held on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in New Market, MN.



We're thankful for you!

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## The Beginning of Advent

November is the month of Thanksgiving, but it often also includes the beginning of a new church year. This year, November 29<sup>th</sup>, is the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is about Jesus, the Word, "coming." It's about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival.

God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes and speaks to us when we are listening. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face.

Pastor Edmund Steimle put it this way: "The Christian story is a story of God coming into the middle of life, of our lives, opening the dialogue with us."

That's what Advent is really about: God visiting the earth in person to speak with anyone and everyone who is ready to do so.

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November 2009

## Halloween Food Drive a Success!!

Several adults and youth went door to door on Halloween in Webster and the surrounding communities asking for items to donate to our local food shelf. People were also invited to attend Solor and given a Solor magnet as a thank you for their donation.

Demand for our local food shelf has increased by about 20% due to the bleak economy. Thank you to those who participated!!



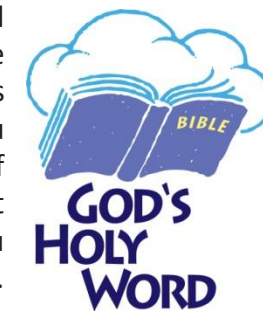
## Congregation Begins Bible Study on the Book of Acts

Beginning Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Solor will begin studying the Book of Acts.

- How does this passage apply to your life?

Our time together will be an inductive approach to God's Word. It will help you discover for yourself what the Bible says. It will not give you prepackaged answers. People remember most what they discover for themselves and what they express in their own words. The Bible Study asks three kinds of questions:

- What does the passage say? What are the facts?
- What is the meaning of these facts?



The purpose of this Bible Study is not just to know more about the Bible truths but to apply them. Allow these truths to make a difference in how you think and act, in your attitudes and relationships, in the

quality and direction of your life.

The Bible Study will take approximately one hour and will begin at approximately 11am each Sunday after worship.

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# Your Calling In Life

By Marilyn Meberg

Some of you may be wondering about your personal calling in life. Being married or not being married can indeed be a calling. So can having children or having no children, working outside the home or being a full-time mom, traveling on a job or staying in an office, working out of your home or being president of something, sewing drapes, cooking at the school cafeteria, finding a cure for cancer, or creating a better meat thermometer. Dare I say, your calling in life lies not in *what* you do but in *who* you are?



Remember this. Scripture says God created us for the express purpose of giving himself the joy of loving us. In being loved, we return that love. That is who we are: persons loved by God. When we return his love, we do it in a spirit of response that produces service to him. That is what our relationship with him is all about. If we do things for God because we are trying to pay him back, we miss the point of the relationship. We are not asked to earn the relationship; we are asked to receive the relationship.



So what is the call for each of our lives? To receive God's love and return God's love. We can experience that in everything we do.



Christmas Drama >>>

## "In Bethlehem Inn" will be held in December at Solor

The Christmas Dinner Theatre "In Bethlehem Inn" has been scheduled for Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with two showings at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. This is Solor's second year in performing this Christmas Nativity dinner theatre. Don't miss it! We invite you to bring family and friends! Pass the word!!

Those present at "In Bethlehem Inn" are first-hand observers of the events that occurred on the night Christ was born. The Innkeeper and his family are presiding over a dinner at this crowded inn. We are the guests. Our dinner is interrupted by Joseph and Mary asking for a room. It is interrupted again by the announcement of a fiery star above the stable and then by a band of shepherds looking for the baby.



THE CHRISTMAS Story

### November 2009

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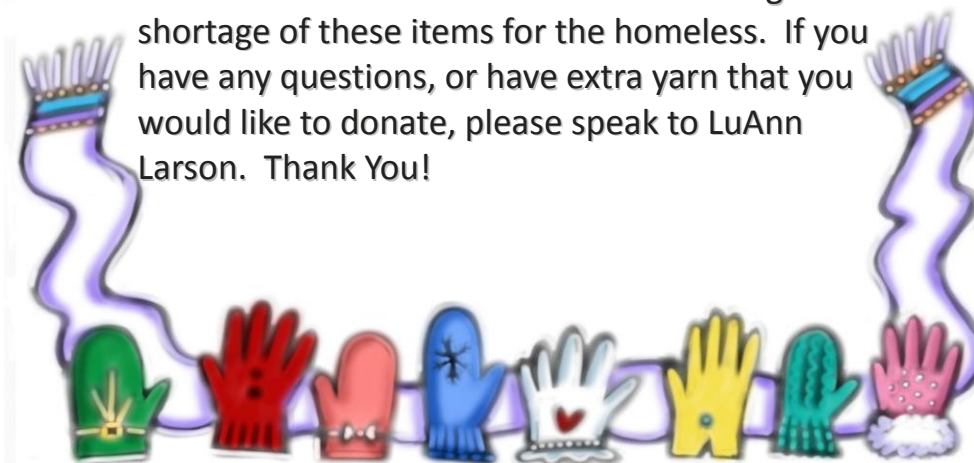
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## WARM HUGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Solor is now collecting hats & scarves (and other warm outdoor clothing) for the homeless! If you knit and would like to make hats or scarves and donate them to the homeless, there will be a collection box here at Solor. There is a large shortage of these items for the homeless. If you have any questions, or have extra yarn that you would like to donate, please speak to LuAnn Larson. Thank You!



### Breathe In, Breathe Out

Do you know how to breathe? That seems like a silly question, since you're (hopefully) breathing right now. But do you know how to take in a deep, cleansing breath that will help relieve tension and supply your blood with life-giving oxygen? It's not difficult – you can do it right now!

1. Sit (or stand) up straight – your lungs need room to expand.
2. Slowly inhale through your nose, counting to five in your head.
3. Don't raise your shoulders; let your tummy expand as you breathe in. Exhale through your mouth for a count of eight.
4. Repeat as needed.

Now didn't that feel good?

### Dates to Remember & Upcoming Events

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
 December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Bible Study Starts  
 Veterans Day  
 Hanging of the Greens after worship  
 Lefse Making 10:00 a.m.  
 Knitting 10:00 a.m.  
 "In Bethlehem Inn" 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.  
 Christmas Day Worship 10:00 a.m.

