



# \*Twinkling of an Eye\*

See what's happening at Reformation Lutheran Church!

December 25 - 31, 2011



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## Weekly Calendar

**Sat. Dec 24 Christmas Eve**  
Candlelight Worship 4, 6, 9 pm

**Sun. Dec 25 Christmas Day**  
1 Service 10 am Lessons & Carols

**Pastor Brad is on vacation this week!**

**Mon. Dec 26** 9 am Grief Ministry  
10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7 pm AA Closed Meeting

**Tue. Dec 27** 8:30 G.E.D. Program  
2:30 Intercessory Prayer

**Wed. Dec 28** No Bible Study today

**Thu. Dec 29** 8:30 No G.E.D. Program  
No Mid-Week Worship

**Fri. Dec 30** Senior Adult Activities  
will resume in January

**Sat. Dec 31** 7 am AA Meeting  
**New Year's Eve** 5 pm Pot Luck Dinner  
6 pm Praise Worship

**Sun. Jan 1 Happy New Year!**  
8 am Worship  
11am Worship  
Coffee Hour follows Worship  
No Sunday School today

**Wed. Jan 4** New Bible Study Starts!  
9 am at Chik-Fil-A Wednesdays

## New 2012 Church Photo Directory

Sign up for the new church directory photos!  
Appointment dates are January 26 thru 28.  
See the back table for more info.

### Photo Dates - Sign up Now!

Thursday, January 26 2 - 9:20 pm  
Friday, January 27 2 - 9:20 pm  
Saturday, January 28 9:30 am-5:10 pm

Pastor Brad is on vacation with his family after Christmas. Thank you, Pastor, for your love and care for us all year! Emergencies, call Dewey McDonnell 540 272-4393

## Thoughts from Weekend Worship

**It's Still GOOD NEWS!** Can old news still be GOOD news? Over 2000 years ago, the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke (2:1-20) reports the story of shivering shepherds on a Bethlehem hillside who had the shock of their lives when "an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them - and they were terrified! But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I bring you GOOD NEWS of great joy for all people: unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, Christ the Lord." Now, that's really **GOOD NEWS!**

The shepherds rushed to see if the **GOOD NEWS** was true, and found the Baby Jesus in the manger exactly as the angel told them. So then what? They spread the **GOOD NEWS!** "When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them ... The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." The shepherds kept telling the **GOOD NEWS**, over and over again to everyone they met.

Did people believe the shepherds' story? Certainly some did, and welcomed the Good News of Jesus' birth. Some people laughed or jeered at them. **But, it's still GOOD NEWS!**

Today the great Good News of Jesus' birth is still vital and important. It's the best news ever! Tell it to everyone, everywhere! Some will receive it with joy, and be grateful. But be prepared for backlash, too. Some people may turn on you for speaking the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pastor Brad told of a mean man at Burger King who yelled at a little boy who joyfully bubbled about a Nativity school project. Faced with this stranger's anger, the boy said: **But it's still GOOD NEWS!**

So when you encounter naysayers and skeptics who don't want to hear about Jesus Christ, be bold and share your faith! **It's Still the GOOD NEWS!**

**Joy to the world - the Lord has come!**

## PRAYER LIST

Carrie Waltz and the Priehs family, the Wortman family, Wayne Baker, Karen Bendeson, Arlene & Bo Bogert, Judy Brennan, Briceño family, Wanda Beard & Boys, Beverly M. Burton, Ella Burton, Vicar Dennis, Jared, Jim & Marcia Evans, Denny- Gretchen Franti's Dad, Shirley & Jimmy Gorman, Harwell family, Harriett Hickman, Doris Luniewski, Jessica McCauley, Robbie Mayer, Rose McCollough, Jane McKnight, Jessica & Edward McKight, Leona Moore, Donna & Harold Pettie, Plath family, Mary Ann Rinker, Wayne Rinker, Michaela Saunders, Cole Shaffer, Fran & Ed Simms, Becky & Slam Stewart, Ashley Stewart, Jean Stith, Roger Walcker, Tara Walker, Alda Ward, Jan Watson.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Pastor Brad** and family will be on vacation from December 26 to December 30. Please call Council President Dewey McDonnell for Pastoral care, 272-4393.
2. Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by the following families: The Aitkens, The Andersons, The Brobsts, The Fosters, The Frantis, The Hales, The Lamberts, The Meadows, The Mitchell', Mary Ann Rinker, and The Sigmons.
3. If you would like to give flowers, sign up on the bulletin board near the social hall, or contact Nancy Aitken, 825-1057, email nancyandal@vabb.com.
4. **The Culpeper Adult Ministry**, Mid-Week Worship, Senior Adult University and Senior Movie will resume in January.
5. **Lutheran Confessions Class**- 3rd & 4th Tuesdays each month at 7 pm, Pastor Brad leads a class on the Augsburg Confession. We meet again on Tuesday, January 17th. This is the main confession of faith for the Lutheran Church. It clearly states what we believe as Lutherans, and how to practice our faith and worship. If you're interested in learning more about our Lutheran faith, please join us for this interesting study.
6. **G.E.D. Classes** are held at Reformation on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am -12 noon in the Youth Room. For more information contact Margaret A. Buraker, Program Manager, Piedmont Regional Adult Education: 829-9914; email mburaker@yahoo.com or talk to Pastor Brad.
7. **Wonderful Wednesdays** start again in the New Year.
8. **Prayer Shawl Ministry**: Do you love to knit or crochet, or would like to learn? Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry at RLC. Have fun and be part of this wonderful outreach! Contact Barbara Tomayko (703) 618-6023, btomayko @rappahannockunitedway.org or Dianne Vanderhoof (540) 972-1422, jdhoof@comcast.net.
9. **Bible Study at Chick-Fil-A**: Starting 9 am Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 Pastor Brad will lead a Breakfast Bible Study at Chick-Fil-A. We call it "Word Wednesday", and it will meet every week. We'll start with the New Testament Book of James. See you there!  
The Wednesday 11 am Bible Study group is beginning to study the Book of Romans. Please join us!
10. **More Interest-Based Groups starting in January!** Reading and Food/Cooking are coming. Look for announcements . What do you love to do? Let us know - sign up on the table.
11. **Ministry Reports Due**: Noon Friday, January 20, 2012: All Ministry/Committee annual reports are due!!! Please email to Donna Byers ministryasst@culpeperlutherans.org Please use 12 pt. Times New Roman as the font for your report.
12. **Leadership Retreat!** Sunday, February 12, 2012: Council, Committee Chairs and all Committee Members are invited to the Retreat at the Culpeper Holiday Inn. Time 1:00 - 6:30, includes supper. Contact your Committee Chair for info!

### Welcome the New Year with Fellowship & Praise Worship!

*Pot Luck Dinner this month is New Year's Eve,  
5 pm Saturday, December 31, 2011.*

*Bring a dish to share if you can.*

**Join us for joyful Praise Worship at 6 pm**

### Thank You to our **W & M Assistants** for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Your faithful service helped us celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you would like to serve as Lector, Communion Assistant, Acolyte, Altar Guild, or with the Worship & Music Ministry in the New Year, please contact Ada Foster 547-2870; Email drammie@comcast.net. Thank you!

### New Photo Church Directory

We have contracted with Olan Mills to produce a new pictorial directory of all our families.

Photography is at church from January 26-28:

Weekday hours are 2 pm - 9:30 pm;

Saturday hours are 9:30 am - 5:10 pm.

Please make an appointment that suits your family's schedule. If you are available during the afternoon, please consider one of those times. You will be photographed and see your proofs immediately.

Appointment sheets are on the back table - please sign up soon! Everyone who has not made an appointment will receive a phone call to arrange a convenient day & time.

We hope everyone will participate so our directory will be complete and useful for existing families and especially new members. Each family will receive a copy of the new directory and a \$25 Olan Mills gift certificate, to be used for a portrait of their choice. There is no obligation to purchase additional portraits.

#### Church Council 2012

President	Brent Keith	727-0187
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#### Appointed Offices

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