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"Our Mission is to reach out and share the Gospel with our Community."

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The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new year in the church. It is a time when we yearn for the gift that God promises the world through the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. As a worshipping assembly, we lean forward to anticipate the fulfillment of the promise of new life and confidently proclaim the present reality of all things new in Jesus Christ. In our Advent worship the readings, prayers, hymns, sermon and Advent traditions reflect hopeful expectation and present the reality of Christ's tangible presence in a world that longs to be healed and renewed. **Advent wreath.** In Advent, the first season of the church year, the light becomes brighter on Advent wreaths in our churches and in our homes as we anticipate and acknowledge the presence of the light that no darkness can overcome, Jesus Christ. The wreaths also symbolize expectant anticipation for the fullness of God's presence in Jesus Christ and the faithfulness of God in the gift of eternal life. - See more at: <http://www.elca.org/en/Living>



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Fellowship 11:00AM
Christmas Eve 5:00PM

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DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

First Sunday Potluck	December 1
Dorcas Circle	December 6
Advent Brunch	December 7
CLCCC Board Meeting	December 10
Port Townsend Outing	December 14
CLC Council Meeting	December 17
Candlelight Worship Service	December 24
Family Night	December 27
First Sunday Potluck	January 5
Book Club	January 8
Dorcas Circle	January 10

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WORDS OF WISDOM



Pastor Julie Kanarr

The first Sunday of Advent (which, this year, falls on Dec 1) marks the beginning of the new church year. Our Sunday scripture readings, which follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a common set of readings used by Lutherans, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, and others, are on a three year cycle. The gospel readings for “Year A” come from the Gospel according to Matthew. Matthew focuses on Jesus as Emmanuel, which means “God with us” (Matthew 1:23). At the end of the gospel, the Risen Christ’s last words to the gathered disciples before he ascends proclaim his authority, sends them out in mission, and proclaims the promise, “I am with you always” (Mt 28:20).

In Matthew, Jesus is portrayed as the new Moses, a deliverer, teacher, and guide for God’s people. In Matthew’s gospel, the infant Jesus is protected from Herod’s murderous rage, just as Moses is protected from Pharaoh’s command to kill all the infant males. (see Matthew 2:13-21;

Exodus 1:15--2:10). Moses assembles the people at the foot of Mt. Sinai and shares God’s law with them (Exodus 19) Jesus gathers a crowd and offers the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5).

At the beginning of every church year, I read through that year’s gospel in one sitting. I encourage you to join me in this practice. Doing so helps me see the flow of the whole gospel, and to approach it with fresh eyes, asking “what do I notice?” What words and themes recur throughout the text? What connections do I see between the beginning and the end?” It can also be helpful to read it through with pencil and paper nearby to jot down questions and observations. Pay close attention to those sections that are already familiar to you (rather than skimming quickly or skipping over them because “you already know what it says.”) It can also be helpful to use a different modern translation than you usually read, to help you “hear” it afresh. Whether you are new to reading the scriptures, an experienced student of the Bible, or somewhere in between, it can be a helpful exercise to temporarily “set aside” everything that you already know and try to read it as though for the first time. Pay attention to the questions that emerge for you in your reading, and let those questions lead you in your further study, conversation, exploration, and prayer.

As we begin this new year, with Matthew’s gospel as our companion, may we be deepened in faith, challenged in our calling to live as Christ’s disciples, encouraged to “let our lights shine,” and strengthened by the promise of Immanuel, that God is with us.

In Christ,

Pastor Julie

Scripture readings for December:

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013 Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2013 Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Mathew 3:1-12

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2013 Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2013 Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Mathew 1:18-25

Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2013 Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2013 Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrew 2:10-18 and Matthew 2:13-23.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion: 5:00 p.m. on December 24.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

by Linda Zeh

In thousands of congregations across the U.S., women of all ages gather in community to grow in faith and live their faith through ministry and action. Women of the ELCA's community of women provide services in their churches, communities, and the world. We are so blessed to have so many women involved in our ministry!

Calendar of Upcoming Events (more information to follow)

March 22, 2014: Olympic Cluster Spring Celebration, Vinland Lutheran, Poulsbo, WA
"Sharing a Cup of God's Blessings"

May 16-17, 2014: Southwestern Washington Synod Assembly at Trinity Lutheran and Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA

May 16-18, 2014: Women's Retreat at Dumas Bay Centre, Federal Way, WA

July 22-24, 2014: Ninth Triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA, Charlotte, NC

July 24-27, 2014: Ninth Triennial Gathering of Women of the ELCA, Charlotte, North Carolina

July 30, 2014: Mt Rainier Cluster Ice Cream Social, Peace Lutheran Church, Puyallup, WA

August 23, 2014: Bible Study Event, Trinity Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA (Parkland) "Being Made New: Stories of Bible Transformation," the **Gather** Bible study to begin in September of 2014, is written by Carol La Hurd.

October 11, 2014: Convention of Women of the ELCA in SW WA Synod, Peace Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA

CLCW 2014 OFFICERS ELECTED

A meeting was held on Sunday, November 3rd to elect CLCW officers for 2014: Linda Zeh, President, Phyllis Newman, Vice President, and Merry Quy, Secretary-Treasurer. Thank you ladies for accepting to serve again!

CHRIST LUTHERAN QUILTERS

by Linda Zeh and Mandy Wendell

This year LWR challenged Lutherans across the U.S. to donate 500,000 quilts to send around the world to people in need. We accepted the challenge with a goal of sewing 25% more quilts than last year and **we met the challenge!!!** Our gifts for 2013 LWR Quilts and Kits were: 106 quilts shipped, 20 quilts sold for shipping costs and supplies, and approximately 15 quilts were given to our community; 18 baby layettes, 44 health care kits, and 62 school kits. **"TIED IN FAITH, SENT IN HOPE, WRAPPED IN LOVE."** We welcome Marge and BJ to our group. We have set a new goal for 2014 to sew 200 quilts by April (now that is a **BOLD** challenge). We already have 30 quilts finished! Come join this fun group of women and share in the joy of helping others around the world!!

See the photos on page 11.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Dorcas Circle

They will be meeting on December 6, 2013. The bible study is found on page 32 of the December issue of *Gather* Magazine. The series is titled *In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women*. Session 4 is *Miriam, A Loving Protector..* Dorcas Circle contact is Barbara Granquist (275-8496).

Altar Guild is a group of people who are doing tasks to help with worship: communion setup, altar preparation for worship, keeping the paraments clean and in good repair, and making new paraments. If you would like more information about Altar Guild, please feel free to call and talk to Jan Jensen at 275-5639.

Quilting is going again and it is being done in the lodge on Wednesday mornings. If you'd like to find out more about how to help with quilting, call Mandy Wendell at 275-9365.

World Relief. If you have something you would like to donate for one of the kits, bring it to the resource room and make sure it is marked. If you need a list of the items needed, **please contact Phyllis Newman (275-3524)**. The contact people for certain kits are as follows:

Baby Layettes: Ann Sprague

Personal Care Kits: Linda Zeh

Bars of Soap: Merry Quy

School Supplies: Phyllis Newman

Quilt Coordinator: Mandy Wendell

This information is updated each month.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Lead Hazards in Some Holiday Toys

Parents should be aware of potential lead hazards associated with some holiday toys and toy jewelry. Review these important facts to keep your loved ones safe this holiday season.

The holiday season is here, and that means many children will be given toys as gifts. While new toys are a holiday tradition, parents should be aware of potential lead hazards associated with toys, including toy jewelry. Review these important facts to keep your children safe this holiday season.

Lead is invisible to the naked eye and has no smell. Children may be exposed to it from consumer products through normal handling of the product. They often place toys and other objects, as well as their fingers that have touched these objects, in their mouth, which exposes them to lead paint or dust.

Lead in Toys

Toys that have been made in other countries and then imported into the United States, or antique toys or collectibles passed down through generations; often contain lead that puts children at risk for such exposure. To reduce these risks, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issues recalls of toys that could potentially expose children to lead. Learn more at <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/>.

Lead may be used in two as-

pects of toy manufacturing.

Paint: Lead may be in the paint on toys. It was banned in house paint, on products marketed to children, and in dishes and cookware in the United States in 1978. However, lead is still widely used in other countries and therefore can be found on imported toys. Lead may also be found on toys made in the United States before the ban.

Plastic: While regulated, the use of lead in plastics has not been banned in the United States. It softens and stabilizes the plastic; however, when the plastic is exposed to substances such as sunlight, air, and detergents, the plastic breaks down and may form a lead dust.

How can I test a toy for lead?

Only a certified laboratory can accurately test a toy for lead. Although do-it-yourself kits are available, they do not indicate how much lead is present, and their reliability at detecting low levels of lead has not been determined.

What should I do if I am concerned about my child's exposure to lead?

If you suspect that your child has been exposed to a toy containing lead, remove the toy immediately. The only way to tell if your child has been exposed to lead is to have the child's blood tested. Your health care provider can advise whether such a test is needed and also can recommend treatment if your child has been exposed to lead.

Lead in Toy Jewelry

If jewelry containing lead is swallowed or put in a child's mouth, the child can be poisoned.

What should I do if I believe my child has put lead jewelry in their mouth?

See your health care provider. He or she can perform a blood test to see whether your child has been exposed to lead and recommend treatment if necessary. Most children with elevated blood-lead levels do not have any symptoms. However, there is no safe level of lead in blood. As blood-lead levels increase, a larger effect on children's learning and behavior will occur. A blood-lead test is the only way to know if your child has an elevated lead level.

What are the effects of wearing toy jewelry?

Just wearing toy jewelry that contains lead will not cause your child to have a high level of lead in their blood. However, small children often put things in their mouth. You should make sure that all children in your household do not have access to jewelry or other items that may contain lead.

Recall Information

The CPSC asks parents to search for possible recalls of toys their children have and take the toys away immediately if they have been recalled. Parents should search their children's toys for metal jewelry and throw it away. Photos and descriptions of recalled toys and toy jewelry are available on the [CPSC](http://www.cpsc.gov) Web site. CPSC can be contacted also by telephone at 1-800-638-2772.

From CDC Website





**A SOCK IT TO ME CHRISTMAS
ANNUAL ADVENT BRUNCH**

December 7, 2013, 10:00am in the Lodge

Each guest bring a new pair of socks sizes infant to adult to hang on the tree. They will be given to the N.W. Children's Outreach to be distributed in the backpacks.

Food, fun and fellowship....sign up on the bulletin board.

**SPECIAL DATES IN
DECEMBER**

- 2 David & Linda Zeh (A)
- 4 Merry Quy
- 5 Helen Caunt
- 8 Jerry Kabelac
- 8 Reed Thompson
- 10 Ken Andersen
- 10 Laura Thompson
- 11 Betty Webber
- 16 Trevor Bloom
- 20 Monna Haugen
- 23 Mary Campbell
- 25 Carroll Raether

*If any of this information is incorrect,
Please let the office know
so it can be corrected.*

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Not meeting in December.

- Wednesday, January 8 Chapter 7 and 8**
- Wednesday, January 22 Chapter 9 and 10**
- Wednesday, February 12 Chapter 11 and 12**
- Wednesday, February 26 Chapter 13 and 14**
- To be announced**

**LODGE, FOOD, FUN,
FRIENDS -- FAMILY NIGHT!!**

If you enjoy great food, laughs, time with friends and meeting new neighbors, don't miss Family Night, which will be held Friday, December 27^d, at 5pm in the lodge. Please mark your calendar – see you then!!

Your Family Night Committee

RAM'S HORN DEADLINE

December 15, 2013

**Send articles to Barb Granquist
rgranquist@wavecable.com**



**MEN'S BIBLE
STUDY & BREAKFAST**
The Men's Saturday Bible Study
will not be meeting in December.

CLCCC NEWS

The child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

How precious is a little baby, and how wonderful is this time of year that we can talk to the children about the holy infant born to Mary. We enjoy going to chapel every day adding to the story day by day to put the Word of God into our hearts for the holidays. Merry Christmas to you and your family as you celebrate the birth of this holy one.

We will have a visit from Saint Nicholas, do some baking, art projects, set up trees, read stories and have just a jolly fun time this month. We invite you to join us in the Christmas story and singing Christmas songs on Wednesday, December 18 at 10:30 am.

Themes for the month:

- Dec. 2- 6 Shapes
- Dec. 9-13 Christmas Around the World
- Dec. 16-20 Happy Birthday, Jesus
- Dec. 23-24 Christmas Traditions

We are closed December 25 – January 1 for Christmas vacation.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
CLCCC Staff

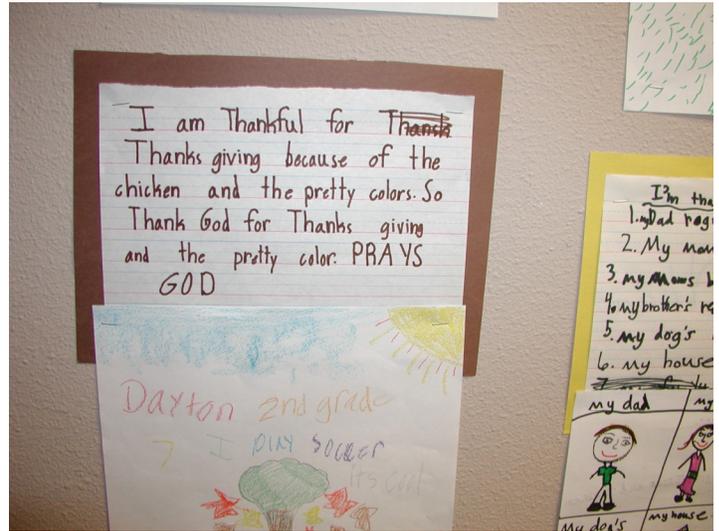
The staff at CLCCC want to extend a big hand of thanks for our 3 boards members who will be leaving the Board after 6 years of faithful service. Thank you Monna, Dick, & Gary. We have all been blessed by your hard work.

CHILD CARE NEWS AND VIEWS**CHILDCARE WEBSITE**

www.clchildcare.com

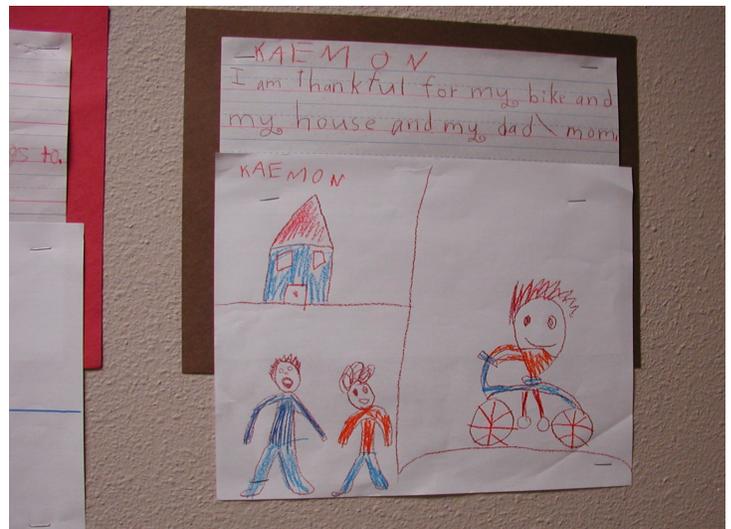
CLCCC is collecting Campbell soup labels to get new equipment. Last year we were able to buy 4 CD players and 4 DVD/VHS players. Keep them coming in. Thanks!





Previous page and above left: These very clever figures decorate the walls in the hall of the child care. **Above right:** This says I am Thankful for Thanksgiving because of the chicken and the pretty colors. Thank God for Thanks giving and the pretty colors. Prays God. **Below left:** I am thankful for my cuby. **Below right:** Thank you for mi cat and mi dog Sat ptet. I blev in God. **Bottom left:** I am thankful for: My home ..it covers me; My dog and cat..they protect me; My friends..they play with me; My knowledge..it helps with Q; My welth..if I wasn't I would be sick; My life..I like meeting trial; God..he helps do these. **Bottom right:** I am thankful for my house and my dad\mom.

Photos: Barb Granquist



ELCA disburses \$1 million for Philippines typhoon relief

11/14/2013 12:00:00 AM

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) provided \$1 million to support immediate relief efforts for survivors of Typhoon Haiyan, which struck the Philippines Nov. 8. The funds were disbursed through Lutheran Disaster Response to Lutheran World Relief. "We are showing up," said the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop. "Lutheran Disaster Response, working through Lutheran World Relief, is meeting the immediate needs of people affected by this storm. This means that our entire church is on the ground in the Philippines, and we will stay there until the work is done. We are a church that does God's work with our hands," she said.

The relief funds will provide for the distribution of cooking utensils, shelter repair kits and debris removal.

"Lutheran World Relief is a tried and true partner," said Carl Stecker, ELCA director for global diakonia. "Their long presence in the Philippines and their experience in disaster response, recovery and development provide strong reason to have confidence that our \$1 million commitment will be used to meet the immediate and longer term recovery needs in some of the hardest-hit areas. We know that they are results-oriented and will provide systematic and timely reports of

their activities. We are proud to partner with them," he said.

According to the United Nations, at least 9 million people are affected and more than 600,000 are displaced from their homes as a result of the storm. Widespread destruction has complicated relief efforts, leaving thousands stranded in at least eight regions of the country.

Lutheran Disaster Response International will also provide assistance through the Lutheran Church in the Philippines, an ELCA companion. The response will be coordinated with The Lutheran World Federation.

Financial gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response will be used 100 percent to support relief efforts for all survivors impacted by the typhoon. Information about Lutheran Disaster Response is available at www.ELCA.org/typhoon. Lutheran World Relief is an independent Lutheran agency that works with community-based partners.

See more at:

<http://www.elca.org/News-and-events/7627#sthash.ISnzHyTF.dpuf>

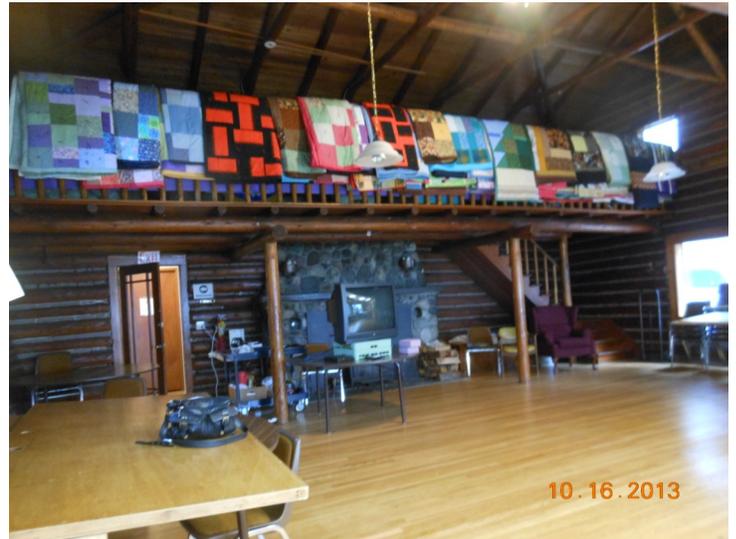
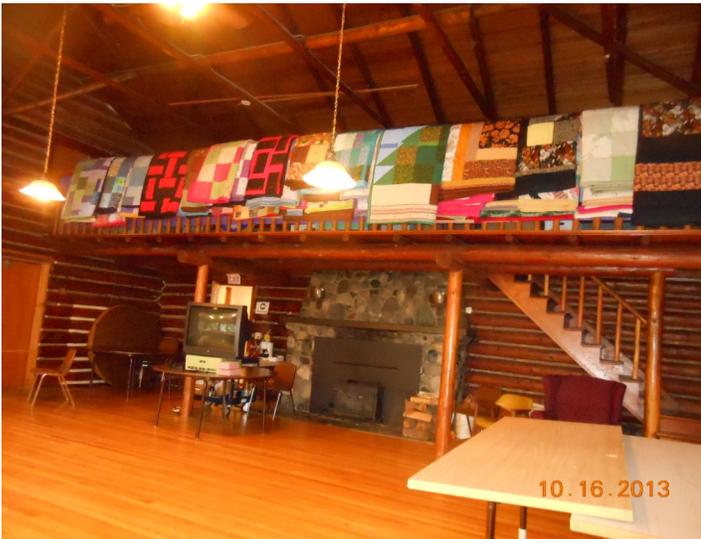
From ELCA website.

Donations can be made to CLC and designated to "Pacific Typhoon Response" or "Where Needed Most" on your check's memo line or on the envelope. Karen will write checks to the ELCA for the disaster response. Because of the devastation donations will be needed for a long period of time.

THE DEDICATED QUILT MAKERS AT CLC

Our quilters made 106 quilts shipped, 20 quilts sold for shipping costs and supplies, and approximately 15 quilts were given to our community this year.





Photos on the page to the left and those above were taken in the lodge. The quilters had lunch together after a morning of sewing. Quilts that have been finished decorate the railing in the lodge until they are shipped. The photos below were taken at the blessing of the quilts before they were shipped off in October. There are men who also assist with the quilts.

Photos: Mandy Wendell





Above: Women in the yoga class in the lodge. **Below left:** Merry and Monna at Trunk or Treat. **Below right:** two unidentified participants at Trunk or Treat. **Bottom left:** A little green critter comes to Dave’s trunk to get a treat. **Bottom right:** A close-up of the little critter.

Photos above courtesy of Mandy Wendell. Photos below and pages 13 and 14 courtesy of Pastor Kanarr





Above: Some more incognito people at Trunk or Treat. **Right:** Clydene ready to join Pastor and Bev on a kayaking day. **Below left:** Clydene on the water. **Below right:** Bev on the water, **Bottom left:** Pastor and Bev on Hood Canal. **Bottom right:** A group from CLC went on a biking outing on Saturday, November 16 on the Orting Puyallup Trail. **Left to right:** Bob, Becky, Dana, Jerry, Pastor, Ron, Lori and Bev.





Top left: Pastor's sister, Jerry, Ron and Bev pictured on the trail. **Top right:** Jerry, Ron and Bev look like they are enjoying the ride.. **Above left:** Bev on his bike. **Above right:** Becky and Bob ride side by side. The trail is paved for non motorized vehicles. **Below left:** The group sits in this covered area to rest and get hydrated. **Below right:** Enjoying the moment are Jerry, Ron, Dana, Lori, Becky, and Bob. This is a beautiful well tended trail that gets lots of use by bikers, runners, skateboarders, hikers and is wheel chair friendly.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11:00 First Sunday Potluck	2 10:00a-12:00p Monday Morning Men 5:30p Yoga in the Lodge	3	4 10:00a Quilting	5 5:30p Yoga in the Lodge	6 9:30p Dorcas Circle Mtg	7 Advent Brunch
8 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11:00 Coffee Fellowship	9 10:00a-12:00p Monday Morning Men 5:30p Yoga in the Lodge	10 4:00p CLCCC Board Mtg.	11 10:00a Quilting	12 5:30p Yoga in the Lodge	13	14 9:00a Outing in Port Townsend
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December 1, 2013
 Reader: Bob Newbill
 Ushers: Dick Quy & Phyllis Newman
 Greeters: Adrian Lartz & Sammy Warren
 Communion Assist.: The Zimbecks
 Counters: K. Belford & B. Newbill
 Refreshments: First Sunday Potluck
 Flowers:

December 8, 2013
 Reader: Barb Granquist
 Ushers: Linda & David Zeh
 Greeters: Betty Webber & Adrian Lartz
 Communion Assist.: K. Cossette & M. Wendell
 Counters: Ann Sprague & Dave Haugen
 Refreshments: **
 Flowers:

December 15, 2013
 Reader: Linda Zeh
 Ushers: Allen & Bea Sande
 Greeters: A. Nesper & D. Thompson
 Comm. Assist.: P. Newman & L. Zimbeck
 Counters: G. Zimbeck & P. Newman
 Refreshments:
 Flowers: *

December 22, 2013
 Reader: Linda Zimbeck
 Ushers: Byron & Lois Ruck
 Greeters: Bob & Becky Newbill
 Comm. Assist.: Bev & Mandy Wendell
 Counters: Karen Belford & Linda Zeh
 Refreshments: **
 Flowers: *

December 29, 2013
 Reader: Lois Ruck
 Ushers: Glenn & Linda Zimbeck
 Greeters: B. Webber & S. Warren
 Comm. Assist.: Loren & Tina Chilson
 Counters: M. Wendell & A.. Sprague
 Refreshments: **
 Flowers: *

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