

Pastor's Corner

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, it brings with it the grey season. After nature's beautiful festival of color and change, we are now left with empty trees, the stubble of harvested fields, browning

foliage, and the obstruction of the sky's light by stubborn and unyielding clouds. For this Californian sun baby, it can be a difficult time to keep the spirits lifted and the mood in a good place.

To that end, this newsletter is intended to be light; no obsessing about problems in the synod or in the world; no focusing on the things we lack or on the things that are wrong. No lamenting about things past, fearing the things at hand, or worrying about things to come. This month, let us be in the moment, and let us be grateful. While it is true that this life is but a shadow of the life that is to come, there is much in life that should cause our hearts to be glad and full of thanks.

In Luther's Small Catechism, he explains the First Article of the Apostles Creed this way:

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures, that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me."

If you will permit yourself to think about these little things for a moment, it doesn't take long to realize how large they actually are. You can see. You can hear. You can think. You can move. You eat. You have clothing and shelter. You are not starving. You believe in Christ. You may not have all that the world holds dear, but you were never promised that. You were promised that your Father would love you, provide for you, and save you. And He has, hasn't He?

In addition to mere sustenance, He has given you color, and texture, and music. He has given you the laughter of babies, and the genuine touch of friends. He has given you seasons, and opportunities to love and to belong. He has given you art, and literature, and talent, and compassion. He has given you life, and for all the difficulties, hardships and suffering we face, isn't that magnificent?

While we must not overlook the manifold daily blessings we receive here on earth, we must continually remember that these things are not even close to the greatest thing God daily offers us: His lifesaving mercy. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, He has granted us the forgiveness of sins, and where there is the forgiveness of sins, there is eternal life. As a baptized, believing child of God, nothing in this life, not even death itself can take away what God has freely given to you. Not the worst weather, not the darkest season, not a collapsing government, not disease, or warfare, or drought, or famine, or anything else in heaven or on earth can separate you from the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins, and eternal life.

Keep these thoughts about you as you give thanks this November, and indeed, every day. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, and His mercy endures forever!

Pastor Killian

***Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone,
and to God Alone be the Glory!"***

**New: Pastor's office hours: Tuesday & Thursday
9:00-2:00 Pastor's new phone # 269-0336**

Worship Schedule: *Sundays @ 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.*
Holy Communion is served every Sunday except when we have a guest pastor.



THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Worship

Thanksgiving worship will be an evening service on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study Schedule

You are encouraged to join us for Bible study on:

Sundays 9:15 a.m.: A Man Named Martin

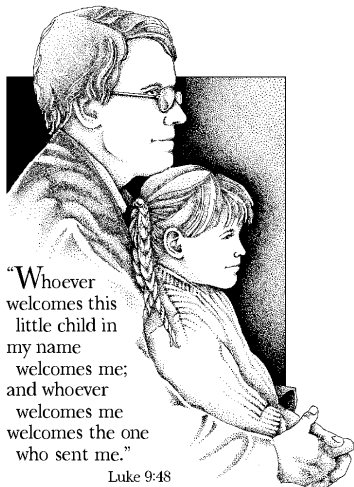
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.: Isaiah

Office hours:

Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

Pastor's hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Web site: www.faithupontherock.com Check it out. If you have ideas of things you would like to see on it, send them to Kie.



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We know children can be a handful in a worship service. We believe God wants your children to be part of the worship time and so do we.

You can begin training them as soon as they can sit by themselves. To help you, here are some suggestions. First - Worship with them, teaching them the pattern of worship. Folding hands during prayers is a good place to begin and standing when the congregation does. As they get older teach them

to follow the service in the hymnal or with a large print bulletin. Teach them the hymns so they can sing with you. During the sermon, let them color or play quietly.

And finally – they are children and will not be perfect. We expect an occasional “melt down” so hang in there. There is a cry room where you can sit and listen to the service till your child calms down. You can take your bulletin with you and follow along and you can even see the service through the large window looking in to the sanctuary.

OFFICIAL ACTS in October

Death: Shirley Clement, October 3

Births: Matthew James and Charlee Rene Crawford, October 15

Profession of Faith: Herman & Christie Hinz

Transfer Out: Elaine Irely to St Paul LC-MS, Minot ND

Allan and Sylvia Nordbrock have both gone to be with their Lord. There will be a Memorial Service for them both on **Saturday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m.**, First Lutheran Church, Papillion NE. Cards may be sent to their son: Keith, 707 Taylor Circle, Papillion NE 68046

HOSPITAL STAY- Pastor Killian does make it a priority to visit the hospitals. However, the hospital will not call us to let us know when one of our members is admitted. If you know ahead of time that you are going to be hospitalized, please indicate that on your record of fellowship or speak with Pastor Killian. If you are admitted suddenly, call or have a friend or relative call the church office for you.

Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Floyd Burroughs, Windsor Care Center, 2305 Crescent Dr., CF
Steve Boyken and Kathy Boyken,

Sunset Nursing, 235 N Mill St., P.O Box 383, Denver, IA
50622, Kathy: 984-5092

Rande Galle, 3261 Ansborough Ave. Waterloo 50701

Leona Jeanne Perkins, 203 Lake St., Cedar Falls 50613

Gleneva Wardius, 707 5th St, PO Box 26, Dike IA 50624

NEW Addresses:

Kevin & Candy Diercks, 122 Upland Dr. 50701

Nate Smith, 818 N 7th Ave. Clear Lake, IA 50428

Herman & Christie Hinz, 1219 Western Ave, Cedar Falls, 50613
phone: 215-8283 & 486-6969

PLEASE ADD THESE TO YOUR PINK SUMMER DIRECTORY

CHURCH LIBRARY and Cry Room

All the magazines that used to be on the table in the hallway are now on the shelves in the library. There are also many pamphlets written by the late Dr. A.L. Barry. These pamphlets cover many topics that you may have questions about. Please stop in and browse. You can take the pamphlets for yourself and also to share with



friends that may have questions.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

for the BLIND

The ministry to the Blind & vision impaired on October 17 was a nice event. We had 6 guests, plus 3 drivers, and 2 cooks from Faith. We enjoyed a devotion from Pastor Killian, delicious food with delightful company.

Next month on the 21st, we will serve again. Please join us from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. for good food along with conversations with old and new friends of Faith.

We will not meet on the third Saturday in December, but instead invite our vision impaired friends to the Children's Christmas service on the 13th. We will need drivers for this service, please contact Kie Maas, 231-5711, Jill Killian, 610-4148, or Noreen Purcell, 230-8786, if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry.



WOMEN OF FAITH

met October 13th with 7 members present. Hostesses were Harriet DeBolt and Gerri Mahnke. Becky Dalluge led us in a Bible study, *Steadfast in the Word*.

We will begin collecting items for the Orphan Grain Train. Information will be in the November Rock and on the bulletin board on what is needed.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 10th at 6:30 at Faith. We will be making Thanksgiving cards for our shut-ins. We urge all women to join us for a great time of socializing.

REFORMATION AND CHILI SUPPER

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating and learning about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Faith, food and fellowship was also shared and enjoyed by all during our chili supper evening.



YOUTH GROUP All youth are welcome to join the fun in playing games, eating treats, laughing in fellowship, helping others, and reading/discuss from the Word of God on issues that matter most to young adults. Youth Group will meet **November 4th**. They will discuss the possibility of helping the Life Team serve at the

Waverly Pizza Ranch on the 11th.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Away in a Manger

The Children's Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, **December 13th at 4:00 p.m.**

November practices will be:

November 11 from 5:15-6:45 p.m.

November 18 from 5:15-6:45 p.m.

December Practices will be:

December 2 from 5:15-6:45 p.m.

December 9 from 5:15-6:45 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal December 12th
from 10:00-12:30

We invite all to join us on the 13th as the children lead us in worship celebrating the birth of our Savior.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

November Sunday School will focus on the final lessons of the 3 in 1: Our Triune God which will be about God, the Holy Spirit. Lessons will teach how the Spirit creates faith, renews us, produces good works and helps the church grow. These lessons will come from New Testament stories:

1. Jesus Teaches Nicodemus, John 3:1-16
2. A Sinful Woman shows Love, John 12:1-8
3. A Widow's offering, Mark 12:41-44
4. Phillip and the Ethiopian, Acts 8:26-39

The opening music is teaching our students the Ten Commandments set to music. Also the seasons of reformation and Thanksgiving are part of the hymns we are learning. Christmas music will soon begin as we prepare for Advent.

Help your student keep focused on these important season changes in the church and what it means to their faith. It becomes a busy time for all and can draw us away from God's purpose to the world's influence. Let us be thankful to God who is full of mercy and love for all seasons of our life.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom. 15:13

CONFIRMATION AND WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Students continue to study and grow in the faith we confess and believe. The focus is on Old and New Testament events, Catechism, the Lord's Prayer and memorization. Encourage one another as we learn and understand; growing closer to God's purpose for us.

Wednesdays will change later in November as we prepare for the Children's Christmas service in December. A light supper will be offered for students and staff beginning in December before Advent Services.

"It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up, until we all reach unity in the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Eph. 4:11-13

Dear members of Faith Lutheran Church

It's been some time since I've written, as the last months flew by with finishing vicarage, moving, and getting settled in our new home. I pray this letter finds you all well, that God has continued to bless you with the knowledge of His unfailing love in Christ Jesus our Savior.

We are finally getting settled here in Fort Wayne. After a wonderful year on vicarage in Lincoln, NE, we are gearing up for one last year here at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. I have already begun my job teaching Latin at IPFW (the local university), and Lisa is starting the two oldest kids' schooling. So things are busy already, and (at this writing) seminary hasn't even started yet!

All the children are getting used to their new home. No one wanted to leave Lincoln, but kids (at least at this age) are very adaptable. David (7) will be starting 1st grade. He's excited to continue learning to read. Christine (5) is very happy to be starting kindergarten. She's already "reading" books by memorizing them when Mom reads them to her, and she is chomping at the bit to actually read them. Abraham (4) continues to play all day and is enjoying our new back yard because it has a swing set. Martha (2) adores her younger sister and is starting to want to help out around the house. Anything that keeps her busy is great with us! And Mary (3 months) continues to light up the house with her bright smile and happy eyes.

One last year of learning and one last move! That's the story of the coming year. It will be a joy to learn more of God's Word and how to teach and preach it to God's people. And it will be an even greater joy, God willing, to receive a call to teach God's Word in one of His

many faithful congregations. Lisa and I want to thank you for your past and future support, for your prayers, and for your encouragement to us. May God bless and keep you as you trust in the Word of forgiveness and everlasting life in Christ our Savior.

Our new address here in Fort Wayne is 3902 Willshire Ct., Ft. Wayne IN 46825

Yours in Christ, Christian Preus and Family



We continue to uplift three missionary families spreading God's love and forgiveness to the world. Please pray and consider financially supporting the Rev. David Preus and family in the Dominican Republic, Rev. Micah Wildauer and family in Togo, and David Federwitz and family in Ghana.

Also check out their Websites: lcms.org/Wildauer, lcms.org/Preus, and LBT.org (Federwitz)

Mission Friends has children and family missionary activities to learn more about the different regions of the world being served by our many missionaries. lcms.org/missionfriends. Learn about how many families are living in many new areas around the globe to bring God's Word to those who do not know Him. May the Lord bless and keep them as they do this life saving work.

- Watch for a way you can be a part of a fundraiser to support these three missionary families during November; a month to give thanks for God's blessings.

"Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Me"
John 12:26

Do you have information that you would like to share with the congregation? Please bring it or e-mail it **Faithluth@aol.com** to the office by **November 20** to be included in the December Newsletter.

So many people do so much

around our church that may go unnoticed. Here are some things that have been noticed:

- Setting up the Witness of the Crosses Kenny Maas, Mike Smith, Gordon & Jeff Elbert, John Dalluge, and Pastor. And for taking them down: Kenny, Mike and Jill Killian. They were done before the scheduled start time!
- Everyone from Faith that has signed up to pray at the 40 Days prayer vigil. Only eight people from Faith have gone out to pray this year, but Steve Woolery is doing 7 hours a week and Jill Killian is doing 5 hours a week. That is very much appreciated.
- Many Thanks to Mike and Vickey Smith for making the plans for the Anniversary celebration, Jim Dalluge for cooking the pork, and everyone for bringing side dishes.
- Many Thanks to Mike and Vickey Smith for helping with cleaning the carpet in the Sunday school rooms.



ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Thank You to everyone who helped in each and every way, big and small to make the first year milestone in our new sanctuary such a special celebration! We, as the body of Christ at Faith Lutheran, joined together to give thanks to God for the many blessings this past year in our new sanctuary. We shared wonderful fellowship and delicious food. Let us always remember to give thanks for our loving, merciful God.

If you have noticed something or someone that should be recognized, please notify Kie in the office, faithluth@aol.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

Giving back as we've been blessed!

Total undesignated income	\$13,996.77
Required to meet budget	\$13,875.68
Status (offerings compared to budget)	+\$ 121.09
Year To Date	+\$ 8,634.64

Empowering Ministries

As we reflect on the gifts God has provided us this year, please know that you are a blessing to Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)!

Through your partnership with LCEF, you are empowering ministries of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod to share the Gospel. Thank you for investing in your faith community through LCEF!

Visit **lcef.org** and click on our social media icons to learn more about LCEF and share your story.

LCEF is a nonprofit religious organization, therefore, LCEF investments are not FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This is not an offer to sell investments, nor a solicitation to buy. LCEF will offer and sell its securities only in states where authorized. The offer is made solely by LCEF's Offering Circular. Investors should carefully read the Offering Circular, which more fully describes associated risks. StewardAccount access features are offered through UMB Bank, n.a.

"I always thank God for you because of His grace given to you in Christ Jesus." — 1 Corinthians 1:4

Greetings!

Projected loan demand is UP - exciting! So the need for additional investments is up as well!

LCEF is offering a new special investment to be available November 1 and I wanted to tell you about it NOW.

Terms of the special offer: 3.50% for 35 months

Minimum Investment: \$500

New money only (no transfers from existing LCEF accounts)

Eligible investors: individuals 18 and over, trusts, IRA investors, businesses and organizations, congregations and schools, districts and synod entities

(At maturity, note will renew as a 3-year fixed-rate note unless you choose to do something else.)

A flier with application for individuals on the back available from the office and can be used on Nov 1 and following.

Why Now? LCEF continually monitors the anticipated need of ministry loans and the dollars invested with LCEF. As being good stewards of the dollars entrusted to us, LCEF only seeks investment dollars needed to meet loan demand. We anticipate \$40 million is needed for the next 6-12 months.

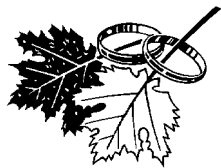
Spread the word! And as always, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peace and Joy in Jesus,

Carole L. White, LCEF Vice President, Iowa Districts East and West
877-439-5233, carole.white@lcef.org

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rick & Peggy King (46)
- 10 Skip & Deb Smith (26)
- 11 Lyle & Nanette Gaines (46)
- 15 Keith & Lynn Galloway (29)
- 18 Gordon & Mary Jo Elbert (54)
- 24 Paul & Teri Mason (36)
- 24 Paul & Erin Simmer (14)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Andrea Dunnwald, Melissa Galloway, Christian Preus, Marian Wolff
- 3 Paul Simmer
- 5 Rich Calvert
- 9 Billie Heth
- 10 Doug Aswegan, Lynn Galloway, Truman Meeks
- 12 Josh Miller
- 13 Caroline Buhr
- 14 Ron Hacker
- 17 Rich Carlson, Isabella Lowe
- 19 Shane Elbert, Lisa Preus
- 20 John Dalluge
- 21 Caleb Klingenberg
- 23 Debra See, Brinkley Simmer
- 24 Vickey Smith
- 25 Dana Walker
- 26 Stephen Hilmer, Joyce Wolf
- 28 Ashley Negus

The Lutheran Hour-

The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday morning on the following stations:

- 6:30 a.m. on WMT 600 AM
- 7:30 a.m. on KCHA 1580 AM
- 8:00 a.m. on KWAY 1470 AM
- 9:30 a.m. on KXEL 1540 AM

The Lutheran Hour also podcast their broadcast. For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts>

November 1, "Who Do You Think You Are?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Don't just look up, down, or around-look to Jesus Christ for life and salvation. (Isaiah 51:4-6)

November 8, "Do You Know THIS Jesus?"

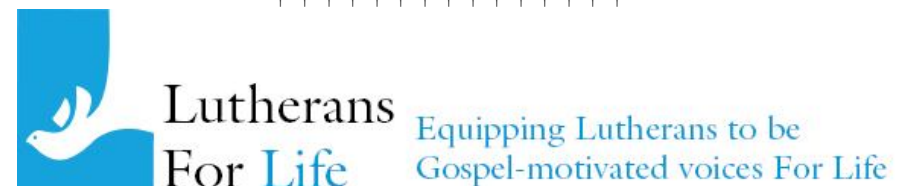
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
If you think Jesus is just one of those very good and capable people who show us a better way to treat others, you haven't really captured who Jesus is. (Hebrews 9:24-28)

November 15, "Readied for That Time"

Our most advanced technology soon becomes worthless and obsolete, but God has a life for you in Jesus that lasts forever. (Mark 13:1-13)

November 22, "Our Heart-Song of Thanks"

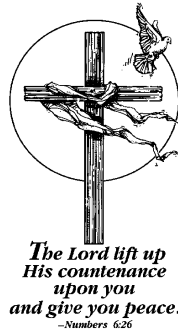
Heart-songs of praise are sung by those who realize the Lord loves the unlovable and saves those who thought they were beyond saving. (Ephesians 5:18b-21)



The FAITH LIFE TEAM will be serving dinner to the pastors of the Waterloo and Westgate circuits on November 10 for the Joint Winkel. We appreciate our LCMS pastors for their support for LIFE. We will also purchase the Life Sunday inserts for the churches.

On November 11 we will be serving at the Pizza Ranch in Waverly to raise money for our activities.

Hurting from
Abortion?
WORD of HOPE can
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40 Days for Life Celebration Rally Come to share your experiences at the prayer vigil and hear the stories of others at the 40 Days for Life Celebration Rally. The rally is Monday, November 3 at 5:30 pm at Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Catholic Middle School at 3225 W. 9th St in Waterloo. It is a potluck supper so bring a dish to share.

40 Days for Life: Pray to end abortion

Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world, ending more lives than cardiovascular disease, cancer, AIDS, war, hunger. . . or any other cause. We are finishing our 5th 40 Days for Life Campaign, praying to end abortion.

We prayed for:

- Women who are at risk of having an abortion
- Innocent children who are at risk of perishing
- Men and women who carry the pain of a past abortion experience
- Workers at Planned Parenthood facilities and abortion centers
- Local, regional, and national leaders
- Revival and renewal in our churches
- Repentance and healing throughout our nation

THANK YOU to everyone that signed up and prayed at the Planned Parenthood. It was a blessing in many ways.

Alternatives Pregnancy Center

1006 Decathlon Dr. Waterloo, 50701

Offering Christian Compassion, Counsel and Care

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A SPECIAL INVITATION TO VISIT WITH REV. MICHAEL REDEKER ADMISSIONS OFFICER CONCORDIA SEMINARY ST. LOUIS

Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Michael Redeker from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Valley Lutheran School on **Thursday, November 12** between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Rev. Redeker is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages – elementary school through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Redeker at 314-505-7225 or redekerm@csli.edu.



Valley Lutheran School

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MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Valley Lutheran School will provide a Christ-centered learning environment in which the full potential of each student will be reached in academics and Christian service.!

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Where faith and knowledge grow as one.

8th Annual Craft Sale ***November 14, 9:00 – 2:00***

We need your help! Bake Sale Donations, Advertise with Yard Signs, Rummage Sale Donations (No Clothes)
Baked goods may be brought to the kitchen on Friday afternoon or by 8:30 Saturday morning. Rummage items may be brought the week of November 2 – 12th. (We need time to price items)
Yard signs are available now to be picked up at school. If you can help on the day of the sale, please contact Jan Miller, 233-4224 or snjmillier@mchsi.com.

IOWA LUTHERAN SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION: If you haven't heard about this organization, now is the time to take a closer look. This is the program whereby you can contribute and your dollars will benefit families wanting to send their children to Lutheran elementary & secondary schools. The benefits you receive are two-fold: 1) You get to see more children experiencing the love of God every day, and 2) You will receive a 65% tax credit on your Iowa state income taxes and possibly a charitable deduction on your Federal return. You may get as much as 90% of your money back in credits or deductions. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. You might also check the websites: www.iowalutheranlsto.org and www.iowasto.org

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION at Valley Lutheran School
Past and present military men and women are cordially invited to attend a celebration of veterans at Valley Lutheran School at 4520

Rownd Street in Cedar Falls on November 11. The event will begin with a chapel service at 9:00 AM. Following chapel, there will be a brief reception before the Veterans Day program begins at 10:30 a.m. If you would like a military photo included in our slide presentation for the event, please clearly write the name, military branch, and rank of service on the back of the photo and place it in the box in the Narthex of the church by November 2nd with your name clearly printed on the back so we may return it to you. Photos will be returned the day of the event at Valley. Please contact Kie in the church office at 236-1771 to **RSVP for the event by November 2nd**.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING: Celebrate the best things: faith, family, and life in Christ!

As you gather with friends and family this season, give gifts that share the message of Jesus Christ. Our **2015 Christmas Catalog** offers the very best selection of Christ-focused gifts, books, and products that provide a lasting, fulfilling message in this season rich with hope, anticipation, and best of all, Christ's love.

Enjoy free standard shipping in the U.S. and Canada on all qualifying Christmas Catalog orders of \$79 USD or more. Only items in the Christmas Catalog and marked with the words free shipping on the products webpage qualify for the free shipping offer. Shipping charges will apply on all other items. Imprints do not qualify toward the \$79 USD free shipping minimum. Offer ends December 31, 2015.

Enter promo code GK at checkout to receive the Free Shipping offer.

You can browse the catalog at www.cph.org or look at the catalog in the office. If you would like to order something, but don't have a big enough order for free shipping, let Kie know and we will put orders together.



Is November 29!