

**“IS IT WINTER YET??”**

**All Saints Lutheran Church “Oasis of Joy” USA**

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**Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30**

**Sunday School & Breakfast Club 9:45 Adult Choir 9:30**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008**

**Worship in our humble temple is a time of quiet, joy, & celebration.**

*We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and disruptive ... we ask you PLEASE TO RESPECT the quiet and dignity --- both of your neighbor and our worship experience. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our highly paid and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Welcome to All Saints ... enjoy the tree ... and some of the finest coffee in the “Lutheran kingdom.”*

*welcome ... maybe an announcement or two*

**opening prayer**

*This morning ... I just feel like being quiet.*

*Storms and ice ... our state in shambles ... my “state of mind” often in question ... so, today I “hunker down.”*

*I see the star.*

*I hear an angel ----- quietly calling me ... to kneel & worship ... what is sacred, what is good, what is inspiring.*

*I see shepherds & wise-men coming together.*

*Can we all come together?*

*Can we put what divides us aside? ... and maybe help usher in a kingdom that is different, and fun, and nourishing & forgiving?*

*It’s Christmas.*

*It’s cold.*

*But ---- this star ... an angel ... humble shepherds and surprised wise-men ..... they call me and all of us ---- to discover and re-discover what’s important in this humble world.*

*Love. Friendship. Family. Goodness and JOY. Amen.*

opening song

“The first Noel” 56

the liturgy ... page 78

our humble readings for the day

“will my younger friends come forward?” ... kids’ time

song

“The bells of Christmas” 62

meditation

song

“Go, tell it on the mountain” 79

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

*choir anthem, 8:30 ----- “I saw three ships”*

prayers and sharing the Lord’s supper

*music during Communion: 65 (green) ... interlude ... 67  
“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”*

closing song

“O, come, all ye faithful” 45

benediction and 3-fold “amen”

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**The eternal light shines brightly today ...**

*\*from the Kuehn family ... in honor of Ron’s #14 birthday. A blessed and happy birthday to you!!*

*\*from Ed and Bonnie O’Malley ... in loving memory of Carol Michalik. May God bless her memory and spirit.  
THANKS FOR SHARING THE GIFT OF LIGHT.*

**TODAY ... BETWEEN SERVICES ... ENJOY A BIT OF  
CHRISTMAS CHEER AND TRADITION ...**  
*around the tree in Charter Hall.*

***CHRISTMAS EVE AT ALL SAINTS***

*\*a service of chaos, spirit and love --- 4:00 ... with lots of help from  
our Sunday School friends.*

*\*open house at the Borlings ... 5:00 – 9:30 ... what could be more fun  
than a bit of time “with the pastor and his lovely family”!! --- at least  
Jude and Q are fun!! Come by anytime: 15323 Sunset Ridge Drive.*

*\*Candlelight worship --- 9:30 & 11 (informal Communion following  
the 11:00 service).*

***THERE IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 28 AND  
JANUARY 4 ... WORSHIP still at 8:30 & 11. Also, no Thursday  
evening worship on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.***

***YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO ORDER A POINSETTIA.***

*Forms and payment envelopes are on the table.*

***CLOTHING EXCHANGE ... “in the bridge” for kids. Take what you  
need ...bring nice kids’ clothes to share.***

***UPCOMING EVENTS***

***\*\*Bingo on Friday, January 9 (please sign-up for this asap).***

***\*\*Adult bowling ... Sunday, January 25 (details to follow)***

***OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the hallway, just outside the gym.  
If there are none for you and you would like envelopes, fill out the  
form, and they will be there next Sunday. Also ---- “commitment  
forms” for 2009 are in the narthex.***

***Our humble yet festive staff***

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Mark Nussle, choir director Mike Hefter, organist

Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Kathy Klang, comptroller

Craig Nelson, pastoral support Linda McAley, custodian