

**“WELCOME BACK ... WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR BRING?”**

**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, JANUARY 8, 2012**

**Worship in this humble place is a time of joy, celebration,  
and a bit of reflection and prayer.**

*We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and restless ... **we ask you please to respect the quiet and dignity --- both of our worship experience and your neighbor.** We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our highly paid, moderately festive, and award-winning staff is anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Our famous new-year's blend coffee awaits you in Charter Hall. Welcome ... and joy to all!!*

**good to have you here ... maybe an announcement or two**

**opening prayer**

A new year, Lord ... and like with the passing of time ---- I don't know what to expect. No resolutions. No false promises. I'm tired of that.

I'm tired of making resolutions I can't keep ... tired of promises I continue to break.

Lord ... I just want to be more “real.”

True to myself ... true to my humanity.

More genuine in my relationships to others ... humbler in the way I walk ... more attentive to the winds of your spirit.

I often feel like “the world” is passing me by. Too fast.

Too impersonal. Too many e-mails and face-books and voice-mails. What I need and long for ----- it's the human touch ... a person's

voice ... the hand-shake and hug ... affirmation in the midst of loneliness. Your son is born. The angels speak. May I never lose the magic of the message ---- amen.

**opening song**

*“The bells of Christmas” 62 (vv. 1,2,3,4)*

**the liturgy ... page 78**

**readings for the day**

**“will my younger friends come forward?”**

*kids' time*

**song**

*“We three kings” 646*

**meditation**

**song**

*“We are marching in the light of God” 650 (blue)*

**the creed ... page 85**

**offering and offertory**

*choir anthem, 11:00 ---- “God's sign of peace”*

**prayers and Lord's prayer**

**closing song**

*“Joy to the world” 39*

**benediction and 3-fold”amen”**

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

*in loving memory of RASUL "ROCKY" CLARK ... the former Eisenhower High School football player ... who died on Thursday ... and in honor of his incredible mom – Annette – who stood by him every step of the way. May God bless his spirit and his mom's faith.*

**A FEW REMINDERS**

*\*Sunday School & breakfast club resume today.*

*\*De-decorating the church tomorrow at 9:00.*

*\*Offering envelopes are on the table in Charter Hall.*

*(There is a form to fill-out if you don't have any ...)*

*SPAGHETTI DINNER ... "it's in the aire" ...*

*Saturday, Feb. 25, 6:00 ----- \$20. We are looking for auction items ...*

*let us know soon what you may have.*

*PLEDGE FORMS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.*

*YOUTH GROUP BOWLING ... NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 15 ...*

*at the ever-festive Frankfort Bowl. \$12 covers bowling and food.*

*You can meet us there at 1:30 ... or hang-out at the church ... and we'll leave at 12:45. Please sign-up today.*

*CONFIRMATION IN JANUARY ... 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> ... 7:15 – 8:30.*

*MEN'S CLUB....Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 ... at the ice arena ... to watch a Hawks' game ... rsvp in the narthex.*

*BINGO COMING UP ... FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 6:30 ... 1<sup>ST</sup> call at 7:00.*

*Please sign-up ... all proceeds for our men's club outreach.*

*OUR ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, Jan. 29, noon.*

***Lots of opportunities to share altar flowers, the eternal light, and helping serve Communion ... see narthex table.***

***Our humble and festive staff***

*Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators*

*Mark Nussle, choir director Craig Nelson, pastoral support*

*Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Linda McAley, custodian*

*Mike Hefter, organist Kathy Klang, comptroller*

*Kathy Ruiter, Sunday School Superintendent*