



## Emmanuel

The church year begins with its most honest season. The lessons, songs, and liturgy of Advent speak to two inescapable truths; the audacious promises of God and the stark suffering of the world. Both are necessary to get us ready for the miracle of Christmas. To have the promises without the acknowledgment of the suffering is to dress our lives in shiny tinsel and polyanna platitudes. To focus on the suffering and ignore the promises is to drift toward despair and cynicism. Advent invites into a bold and expectant waiting. We watch the skies, the news, and the condition of our own souls denying neither the plight of our human community nor the hope of God's intervention.

So we sing, "O come, o come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel." Emmanuel means "God with us". That is a powerful promise in itself. The name reminds us of God's refusal to retreat to the safety of heaven when the going gets rough. God is with us in the ICU, the concentration camp, death row, addiction, unemployment, mental illness, a system caught up in political paralysis and our own grief. God does not "tap out", doesn't fly in to rescue like Superman at the last minute, but stays with us. It is ultimately God's presence that saves.

This will be my last article for the Nativity News. I have heard the call to follow Jesus to a new mission in a place that is very different. I trust that God is with me as I go and with you as you continue the important work we have been doing together. We have discovered that God is not only with us, but with the people who come to us for loving care, a box of food or a truck full of firewood. In fact, we have been privileged to be God's literal hands and feet as we loaded backpacks for hungry students or brought communion to those who are homebound. We fulfill our mission to "...reach out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ" when we let God's love flow to us and then through us.

So my prayer for us, for the loving people of Nativity and for Ivy and I, is that we are always aware of Emmanuel; of God's abiding presence with us. God will walk us through the days and seasons ahead laughing with us in joy and crying with us in sorrow. God has chosen to dwell with us and will never forsake us. Trust this above all else and join in joyful worship during this holy season.

Peace,

Dave

Pastor David C Nagler

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## What's Happening . . .

### **Women's Lunch Bunch**

The Women's Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in the month of December, but will resume again in January.

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### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Altar Guild will once again sponsor "poinsettia" donations. You will not be buying the plants, just the dedication/memorial. The proceeds will go to the Food Pantry. A sign up sheet is posted in the narthex. The persons who are honored by the donations will be printed in the January newsletter.

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### **December Beefest**

Save the date! Thursday, December 15 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Nativity will be hosting a "December Beefest" at the church. Join us for beer, root beer, bratwurst, sauerkraut and more, as we sing Christmas songs.

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### **Volunteer Needed**

Help needed - some one experienced with handling money, deposits, reconciling, and grouping income by account to join our teams that count the offering after late service, once every 4 weeks. Please contact Lee at 541-788-1776 to find out more.

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### **November Council Meeting**

Council members will be having their next meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm.

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### **2012 Altar Flowers and Cookie Bakers**

The 2012 altar flowers and cookie bakers sign up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall, please take a moment to sign up. Thank you.

### **Christmas Eve Worship Opportunities**

If you plan on attending the 8:00 pm or 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, please sign up for a worship opportunity that evening. The sign up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall.

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### **Christmas Decorating the Church**

Reserve the date - Saturday, December 10 at 9:00 am. It's Christmas decorating day at Nativity. Dave Nissen will be bringing in a tree and Kirk & Jan Sandburg will be putting on the lights; but we need you to help decorate the tree and sanctuary. The fellowship committee will be providing lunch, and we hope to be done by noon, and hope to see you there.

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### **Christmas Food Baskets and Tree of Love**

Once again, Nativity will provide a Christmas feast, plus extra food and presents for the Fan Advocate families this year. The Tree of Love is up in the narthex. Please select a name and item(s) and return the "wrapped" gifts (please include on the gift the recipient's name and family number) to the church, by Sunday, December 10. Please continue your generosity of the food pantry, since groceries for the food baskets, & "walk-ins", will be in much demand this winter.

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### **Bethlehem Inn**

Please sign up for dinners to help serve Bethlehem this month (Friday, December 30).

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Giving Envelopes**

We are in the process of ordering "Giving" envelopes for 2012. If you are **not** interested in receiving these envelopes, please contact the church office. Also, another way of giving is via electronic payment, which is very convenient, especially when you are away from home on vacation. For more information, please contact Corry in the church office.

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### **Nativity CookBooks For Sale**

Please consider these cookbooks for stocking stuffers, hostess gifts or any other gift. The entire purchase price (\$10.50) goes towards the Food Pantry. The cookbooks will be available after each service.

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### **Looking for Additional Support**

Public Relations Ministry Team is looking for additional support from members? If you are interested in finding out what that entails, please call Don Senecal at 541-633-0854 or email at: [dons@bendbroadband.com](mailto:dons@bendbroadband.com).

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### **Adult Education Classes**

Pastor Dave will be teaching the second half of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Adult Education class on December 8 at 7:00 pm.

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### **Pastor Dave and Ivy Farewell Gathering**

On Wednesday, December 28 at 7:00 pm, everyone is invited to attend the farewell gathering for Pastor Dave and Ivy in the fellowship hall. Dessert and coffee will be served. If you would like to help in providing a dessert, please call the office.

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## Charley & Marilou Bade

### Getting to Know Charley & Marilou Bade

Charley and Marilou Bade arrived in Bend in June of 2011, purchasing a home in the Larkspur district. We retired in January 2011 and traveled looking for a home. When we arrived in Bend, we decided Bend was the place!

Charley grew up in Milton-Freewater Oregon. He joined the Navy in 1965. He was an Aviation Electrician assigned to Barbers Point, Hawaii [tough duty station, but anything for our country]. Charley is the oldest of four brothers and one sister. Most of his family lives in or near Spokane, WA.

Marilou grew up in Berwyn, IL, a suburb of Chicago. She has one sister. Marilou has her undergraduate degree from Wheaton College. Marilou lived briefly in Phoenix, AZ before moving to Hawaii. At Prince of Peace Lutheran in Honolulu we met and were married. Prince of Peace was a dynamic community where we saw many people's lives dramatically changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We treasure the Hawaii years as an important part of our spiritual formation.

Both of us attended the University of Hawaii, Charley receiving an undergraduate degree, Marilou a Masters in Social Work.

Our first child, Jennifer was born in 1974. A few months after Jennifer's birth we headed to Luther Theological Seminary. Our daughter Susan was born the afternoon after Charley finished his final paper at Luther Seminary in 1978. That summer Charley was called to First Lutheran in Opheim, MT. Later we served churches in WY, WA, and MN.

Marilou has worked as a social worker in many settings, the longest position was as a Psychiatric Social Worker. She has also worked in adoptions, with children in school settings, and in adult alcohol rehabilitation. After retiring from Social Work she served as a chaplain of a nursing home in Twin Valley Minnesota.

Our daughter Jennifer is married to Christopher Montague of Spokane, Washington, they have our one grandson, Ethan. Our daughter Susan was recently ordained into the Christian ministry at Adams Mountain Lutheran Church in Adams, North Dakota. She is married to Mike Haukaas.

We are delighted to be involved with the people of Nativity. We see your spirit of compassion and joy. We love to be among people reaching out to others with the love of Jesus Christ.



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## Altar Guild

The mission of our Altar Guild is to reverently ensure the communion elements, baptismal font, banners and paraments, prayer station, and altar are prepared for services. This includes baking communion bread, preparing and setting up for communion and changing the paraments on the altar and podium as the liturgical seasons change.

The Altar Guild meets as a committee as needed to plan for the liturgical season and to provide updates to the team. The committee is made of individuals who attend both services; two committee members serve at each service every Sunday. The early service team sets up communion for both services, ensures that the altar is prepared for service and lights the candle at the prayer station. The late service team removes the communion elements and ensures that the altar and prayer station are cleared after service.

Altar Guild is always looking for new members who attend both services. If you are interested in learning more about this mission or joining the Altar Guild please contact Jennifer Iverson ([gigi@cbbmail.com](mailto:gigi@cbbmail.com) or 541-598-5705) or another member of the committee for more information.

## 2011 Tax Favored Charitable Giving Ideas

Nativity is able to accept your "in kind" gifts directly from your investment accounts. You receive a deduction for 2011 and pay no capital gains tax. There is also an IRS provision expiring in 2011 that applies to those that are age 70-1/2 or older. They are able to transfer a portion or 100% of their IRA Minimum Required Distribution directly to any not-for-profit tax free. Contact your tax consultant or the Church Office for more information.

## Welcome Our New Members

**Charley & Marilou Bade;  
Patt Trobaugh; Cindy Blair; Alyssa Benett &  
Nicholas, Graham & Nate LeLack;  
Kyle, Anna & Josephine Johnson; Kitri Falxa;  
Erv & Vera Wesenberg;  
Guy, Shanna & Nathan Evans;  
and Jana, Alia & Lainie Girvan.**

## Seeking a Room to Rent

Recently an ELCA Pastor, Paul Hansen, from the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, contacted Pastor Dave Nagler requesting a room to rent to his son in Bend, Oregon. His son, Luke Hansen, is a 23 year-old graduate student (chemistry) at the U of Oregon in Eugene. He graduated from PLU in Tacoma, Washington in May. Anyway, he's nearly completed the academic part of his master's program (summer and fall courses) and will be starting a 9-month internship with Bend Research in early January. He was hoping that some of his classmates might also intern with Bend Research and that he could relocate with them. However, that is not the case. So he is looking for a place to live and would prefer to share something or rent a room, etc. to save on expenses. He's exploring several options toward finding something, but we didn't think it would hurt to just ask if you knew of anyone in your congregation (or otherwise, I guess) who may want to receive some rent or be in communication with Luke about any possibilities, even if it just for a month or two while he gets his bearings there. His preference for longer-term would be another young person. Luke is pretty quiet and will be intent on his work (he'd love to be offered a long-term position with Bend Research after his internship), but he is friendly and interested in fun, as well. He's not a "partier" and has made good impressions on the faculty and staff at PLU and with his chemistry professors in Eugene, as well. His finals are over on December 9 and he'd like to relocate shortly after that so he can be ready to start his work on January 2. I realize that this is a bit of a long-shot but God has provided in stranger ways, right? Even if you or someone else in your congregation just has suggestions on places to avoid or some landlords with better reputations, that might prove to be very helpful. His mother and I also hope, of course, that he might connect with an ELCA congregation while he's in Bend. Anyway, if anyone or anything comes to mind, please let me know. Luke's email address is [lhansenc@gmail.com](mailto:lhansenc@gmail.com) if someone may want to contact him directly. If you would care to call Pastor Paul Hansen his cell phone number is (702) 335-3735. Thanks for your consideration.

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## Treasurer's Report October 2011

	October	Fiscal Year-to-Date
<b>Income:</b>	\$26,610.05	\$97,581.77
<b>Expenses:</b>	(\$26,715.67)	(\$99,355.41)
<b>Net Income (Loss):</b>		
	(\$ 105.62)	(\$ 1,773.64)

### Balances as of 10/31/11

Chase Checking, New:	\$ 1,880.74
Chase Checking, Old:	\$ 754.26
Petty Cash:	\$ 200.00
Less to be transferred to DF MM:	
	(\$ 6,591.93)
Total Available Funds:	(\$ 3,756.93)

Balance of DF MM bank account:	\$13,998.52
Amount to be transferred in, above:	\$ 6,591.93
Total of all Restricted/DF's:	\$20,590.45

### NOTES:

We are 33% of the way through fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Income stands at 31% collected and expenditures stand at 32%.

Bev Peterson

## Special Services in December A "Cantata"

*Sunday, December 18th*

*9:00 am and 11:00 am Service*

### Children's Christmas Musical

*6:00 p.m. followed with a cookie exchange*

### Christmas Eve Worship Service

*Saturday, December 24*

*5:30 pm Children's Christmas Service*

*8:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service*

*11:00 pm Midnight Eucharist Service*

### Christmas Day Worship Service

*Sunday, December 25*

*10:00 am Nativity at Nativity (LaPosada)*

### Sunday After Christmas

*Sunday, January 1*

*10:00 am Worship Service*

**To keep informed as to what is happening during the Advent season, please make sure to read your emails and/or pick up the "This Week" after service on Sundays, for we will not be posting announcements on the power point, during service in the Advent season.**

## Happy Birthday to You ...

December 1	Collin McCullough	December 18	Everett Sheldon
December 2	Ruth Thoren, Ton Jacobson, Jeff Marcus	December 19	Ashley Aasland, Sharon Robertson
December 3	Jake Bailey, Stan Kunzman	December 20	Jemma Norris
December 4	Jessica Bailey	December 22	Dana Munson, Bjorn Peterson
December 6	Marcia Gard	December 23	Scott Lease
December 7	Ryan Jacobson, Audie Nechville, Nancy Canfield	December 24	Elaine Salmonson
December 9	Elaine Mikkellborg	December 27	Kathy Hunt, Dori Girard
December 15	Selina Berg, Alyce Van Til	December 28	Cash Kennedy
December 17	Jim Widsteen	December 30	Karen Kunzman
		December 31	Anders Hatlestad

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## What's Happening for Youth

### NYC & element

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. After a beautiful fall, it seems that the snow and cold have arrived right on their post-Halloween cue. As 2011 winds down, I wanted to take a moment and give you all a few quick updates:

Calling all high school students! Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> will be our last BYC for the season. Wear an ugly Christmas sweater and come to Common Table at 6pm for a progressive dinner, white elephant exchange (bring a gift that costs \$5 or less), and candlelight communion. Hope to see you there!

Looking for a gift that makes a difference this Christmas season? Enclosed you will find an "alternative giving guide" made by our students. It includes creative ways to support various global and local mission efforts connected to Nativity and the Bend Youth Collective. Please have all orders into the front office by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> in order to receive everything by Christmas!

It has been a blast to hang with our middle school students each Wednesday at Nativity. We eat, we play, we learn, we pack backpacks...and as a reminder, for the next three months starting this December, we will be doing all of that from First Presbyterian Church (230 NE 9<sup>th</sup> St- across from Bend High). Thank you to the wonderful Nativity family for hosting the Bend Youth Collective middle school students these past three months!

On a final note, I want to take a moment to thank Pastor Dave Nagler for all of his support, vision, and friendship. The support of a senior pastor is often the mark of a successful youth ministry. Thank you for loving our students these past 7 ½ years. We wish you many blessings as you embark on this new journey.

And blessings to you ALL this Christmas season!

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### Children's Youth Ministries

Circle the date December 7 on your family calendar and bring your whole family to our "Happy Birthday Jesus Party" Family Fun Night from 5:30-7:00 pm. Everyone including your very youngest will enjoy this evening of pizza, fun, a party for Jesus, and a visit from Santa. It will be a family photo opportunity complete with candles & cake.

The pizza dinner is free, but children are asked to bring a gift for infants through one year olds which will be given to Grandma's House for the children this Christmas. This is a good way to teach your children the spirit of giving & the real meaning of Christmas. Come and meet other families.

Please call the church office by Monday, December 5 to tell us how many are coming so we know how to plan. If you have further questions, Call Dee at 541-389-9202.

We are also preparing for our Christmas play "Cloudy With a Chance of Angels", which will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 pm, followed by cookies and cocoa. All children are invited to participate. We will be rehearsing during Jr. Church each Sunday morning as well as at Kid's Night Out.

If you have a hobby or skill you would like to share with our kids some Wed., please talk to or call Bonnie Norris at the church or Dee Engel (541-389-9202.) We would love to have you share with us.

Wed	Time	Program & Theme	Family Night Menu	What Families Should Bring
Dec 7	5:30 – 7:00pm	Family Night: <b>Happy Birthday Jesus Party</b>	Pizza Dinner.	Each family should bring a gift for infants age birth to one yrs.
Dec 14	4:00 – 5:30pm	KNO: <b>Christmas for Shut-ins</b>		
Dec 21	4:00 – 5:30pm	KNO: <b>Possible Movie Night</b>		
Dec 28	<b>No KNO</b>	<b>Christmas Break</b>		

## The People of Nativity Staff

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**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Fridays until noon**

**Pastor Dave:** Monday - Thursday

**Ron:** Monday - Thursday

**Corry:** Mon, Wed & Thurs

**Bonnie:** Tuesday & Friday

## Worship and Educational Opportunities

### Sundays:

9:00 am - Informal Worship Service

9:15 am - Junior Church

11:00 am - Formal Worship Service

### Mondays:

6:00 pm - NYC (high school)

### Wednesdays:

10:00 am - Morning Bible Study

4:00 pm - Kid's Night Out  
(elementary)

5:30 pm - element (middle school)

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