



# The Messenger

Trinity Lutheran Church

## Happy New Year

This year, instead of a traditional Christmas Program, Karen Miller encouraged the Sunday School children and their families to give a special gift of sharing with others. We sang “The Gift Goes On” at the Christmas Eve Service and presented wrapped gift boxes with a note telling what the family chose to do. It was like a pebble thrown into the water, the ripple spreads out away from us. A small act of kindness can change someone’s day. There is a series of ads from an insurance company that shows how one person’s act of kindness spreads, not just for the recipient but for those who see it. How many ripple were made this Christmas and how far will they spread? Only God knows the answer.

As we look to the new year, let us continue to give the gift of love, that Jesus has given us. If you didn’t have children in Sunday School, it is not too late to plan a special gift of love for someone. You never know where the ripple might reach, but God does.



From [Persia](#), whence the Magi are supposed to have come, to Jerusalem was a journey of between 1000 and 1200 miles. Such a distance may have taken any time between three and twelve months by camel. Besides the time of travel, there were probably many weeks of preparation, the gathering of the gifts, consulting astrologers about the meaning of the star in the east. How far are we prepared to go?

This new year let everything you do be done for the glory of God. Maybe you are tired of always being the one who picks up the dishes at home, or getting the late shift at work. God calls us to serve others, maybe we are looking for special ways to serve and overlook the everyday ways. This year see each day as an opportunity to share God’s love with those around you even in the little things you do. Keep the Gift going on....

—The Editor.

### LCMS Mission Opportunities:

**Cambodia** Evangelist 3, 2 years

**Cambodia** Short-term Mission Team 3, 10-14 days

**Cambodia** Service Coordinator 1, 1 year

**China - CWF** EFL Teacher—University 3, 10 months

**China - CWF** Service Coordinator 1, 18 months

**Czech Republic** Relationship Builder through EFL 1, 1 year

**Eurasian country** Short-term Service Team 2, 10-14 days

**Eurasian country** EFL Teacher 3, 2 years

**Guinea** Relationship Builder through EFL 2, 1 year

**Haiti** Mercy Medical Team 1, 7-10 days

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### Send Me by Mercy Me

On the other side of the world  
She stands on the ocean shore  
Gazing at the heavens  
She wonders, is there something more  
Never been told the name of Jesus  
She turns and walks away  
What a shame [oh yeahh]

Just across the street in your hometown  
Leaving from his nine-to-five  
Gazing down the road  
He wonders, is this all there is to life  
Never been told the name of Jesus  
He continues on his way  
What a shame [oh yeahh]

Whom shall I send?  
Who will go for me?  
To the ends of the earth  
Who will rise up for their King  
Here am I, send me  
Here am I, send me

Whether foreign land or neighbors  
Everyone's the same  
Searching for the answers  
That lie within your name  
I wanna proclaim the love of Jesus  
In all I do and say, Unashamed.



**Hong Kong** Relationship Builder through EFL 4, 1 year

**Hong Kong** Service Coordinator 1, 2 years

**Hong Kong - CWF** Website Designer 1, 1-4 weeks

**Hong Kong - CWF** Database Developer 1, 1-4 weeks

**Hong Kong** Short-term Mission Team 20, 10-12 days

**Hungary** EFL Teacher 1, 1 year

**Hungary** Service Coordinator 1, 1 year

**Hungary** Short-term Mission Team 7, 10-12 days

**India** Mercy Medical Team 1, 7-10 days

**Kenya** Mercy Medical Team 1, 7-10 days

**Kyrgyzstan** Home School Teacher 1, 1 year

**Kyrgyzstan** Medical Van Volunteer 4 2-3 weeks

**Kyrgyzstan** Short-term Service Team 5, 10-14 days

**Macau** Service Coordinator 1, 2 years

**Macau** Relationship Builder through EFL 8 1 year

**Macau** Relationship Builder through EFL 10, 5 weeks

**Macau** Short-term Mission Team 12, 10-14 days

**Madagascar** Mercy Medical Team 1, 7-10 days

**Poland** Short-term Mission Team 10, 12 days

**Slovakia** EFL Teacher—Elementary 1, 1 year

**Slovakia** EFL Teacher—

High School 2, 1 year

**Slovakia** Short-term Mission Team 5, 10-14 days

**South Korea** Relationship Builder through EFL 2, 1 year

**South Korea** Short-term EFL Teacher 2, 3 weeks

**Taiwan** EFL Teacher—Elementary 6, 10 months

**Taiwan** EFL Teacher—High School 8, 10 months

**Taiwan** Short-term EFL Teacher 5, 1-4 weeks

**Vietnam** Relationship Builder through EFL 6, 10 months

**Vietnam** Short-term Service Team 5, 7-10 days

\* EFL is English as a Foreign Language

More opportunities for service can be found online at:

<http://servantevents.lcms.org/>

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod sends missionaries to the ends of the earth. They come from all walks of life. They are school teachers, office workers, doctors, and truck drivers. They are fresh out of college and newly retired; students and stay at home moms; pastors and people who work with their hands for a living. They serve for a week or two with a team or they spend years immersed in a culture. They touch lives with the Good News of God's great love for all people. They share this in

words, in actions and in the relationships they build. God calls each of us to join Him in the work He is doing at home and all over the world. Is He calling you to step out in faith? Take a moment to look at the different possibilities of service. Browse through the opportunity database. Where is God leading you?

Please pray for the missionaries as they serve Jesus, by serving others.

### Council Minutes Dec. 21. 2011

Attending: George Meyers, Karen Miller, Lynn Florreich, Bob Hermetz, Pastor Boudreau, Mike McWhirter, and Linda Abel. Guests from the Classical School, Heather and Susan.

George opened the meeting. The City has requested the use of our church for voting since the JC building is for sale.

Susan Clay of the classical school expressed the schools concerns about the security of the students during voting days. The traffic was also a concern.

The council discussed the pro and cons. The pro is being a service to the community. The con is the school's concerns, having members volunteer to be at the church for the voting and monitor the visitors, our

narthex may not be big enough to handle the lines of voters.

George moved that we recommend to the congregation that we decline the city's request to use the church for voting. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved. A voter's meeting will be called for Jan. 8.

George presented the treasurer's report. It matched the financial secretary's.

Lynn presented the financial secretary's report. 26 pledges were made. 21 for loan repayment. 1 for missions.

Bob moved to accept the reports. Carolyn seconded.

The Jan. 8 meeting will be to vote on the polling place request and to approve the budget and officers.

George moved to adjourn. Karen seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Abel  
Recording Secretary

