

St. John's U.C.C.'s August 2017 Newsletter



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“The purpose of this congregation is to be a faith community
promoting the kingdom of God through
worship, teaching and action...GET READY!”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2017</h1>		1 6:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education meeting	2 1:30 p.m. Women's Guild annual planning meeting 6:00 p.m. Cookout (on parsonage deck) 6:30 p.m. Worship & Communion (on parsonage deck)	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship	7	8 6:30 p.m. Council meeting	9 6:00 p.m. Cookout (on parsonage deck) 6:30 p.m. Worship (on parsonage deck)	10	11	12
13 9:00 a.m. Worship After worship – Worship Committee meeting	14	15	16 6:00 p.m. Cookout (on parsonage deck) 6:30 p.m. Worship (on parsonage deck)	17	18	19 <i>BCFD Celebration</i>
20 9:00 a.m. Worship	21	22 9:00 a.m. Newsletter info due in church office 	23 6:00 p.m. Cookout (on parsonage deck) 6:30 p.m. Worship (on parsonage deck) R. Miller leading worship	24	25	26
27 9:00 a.m. Worship Christmas in August <i>(Mortgage reduction Sunday)</i>	28	29	30 <i>Final Grillin' & Chillin' with the Lord for the summer</i> 6:00 p.m. Cookout (on parsonage deck) 6:30 p.m. Worship (on parsonage deck) R. Miller leading worship	31 1:00 p.m. Assemble newsletters (<i>PLEASE call around noon to confirm all is going as planned</i>)	<div> <p><i>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit (John 3:6 NRSV).</i></p> </div>	

Pastor's Message

Re-Creation—Jesus' Style

Are you enjoying your summer? Have you had the opportunity to golf, fish, hike, bike, travel, camp, run, walk, swim, or just relax? Summer's weather affords us many possibilities to enjoy our favorite recreational activities. We can get out into nature to enjoy exhilarating pursuits. We can travel to new places or visit old friends. Summer has long been a season of recreation for folks in industrialized societies.

Recreation is simply the word, "re-creation" said quickly. Our summer activities offer us the chance to be "re-created" by engaging in actions that fulfill our dreams or stimulate our bodies and minds in new ways. Even a bad day of fishing can be better than a good day at the office or factory.

As we engage in our favorite summer activities, I want to invite you to consider another form of recreation. I invite you to consider "re-creation—Jesus' style". As we read the scriptures, we often encounter Jesus at a time when the business of living has worn Him down. Like us, He is sometimes tired and seeks rest and renewal. As with our own lives, Jesus sometimes had difficulty getting away for a time of refreshment. There were always persons who needed Him. They wanted healing. They hungered for hope. They sought words of encouragement. Jesus always had compassion for those who sought Him out. Even when He was tired, He found the personal energies to meet another's need, to touch another's hurt, to lift another from despair. As He did so, something miraculous happened. Lives were changed—the life of the one seeking help and the life of the Savior Who offered it. Jesus was renewed by His love and compassion for others. When He set aside self-interest, God's Spirit welled up within Him, and He was fulfilled.

This experience of renewal is not something that God offered only to Jesus. It is offered to each and every one of us. When we put another's needs ahead of our own, God's Spirit

August 2017 Schedule

Sunday, August 6—Communion Sunday

Reader	Jan Rohloff
Greeter / Usher	Jan & Mike Rohloff
Usher	Brandon & Connie Rohloff

Sunday, August 13

Reader	Trudy Koon
Greeter / Usher	Sadie & Portia Fenske
Usher	Grant & Brandy Krull

Sunday, August 20

Reader	Vi Brown-Luebke
Greeter / Usher	Vi Brown-Luebke & Audrey Hooyman-Blake
Usher	Eugene Blake & Bonnie & Morgan Vander Linden

Sunday, August 27 – Christmas in August

Reader	Kent Abel
Greeter / Usher	Kent & Val Abel
Usher	Marian Goodwin & Judy Samson

September 2017 Schedule

Sunday, September 3—Communion Sunday

Reader	Jim Rucci
Greeter / Usher	Jim Rucci & Keith Kruse
Usher	Brenda Holz & Lisa Waterstradt

Sunday, September 10—Fall Schedule Begins (10:15 a.m.)

Reader	Sue Biese
Greeter / Usher	Duane & Carol Henke
Usher	Karen Arnold & Esther Meyer

Sunday, September 17

Reader	Bob Menning
Greeter / Usher	Bob & Carla Menning
Usher	Kerri & Wyatt Samson

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Sunday, September 24 – Christmas in September

Reader	Robin Schmidt
Greeter / Usher	Carol & Robin Schmidt
Usher	Steve Hanson & Mark Hooyman

The Gift of Embroidery

Do you have embroidery talent? If you do, do you want to share your gift with your church family? We are asking because we are seeking persons who are willing and able to embroider baptism napkins. To the right is a picture of the baptism napkin we currently have (we only have one left at the time of writing this article). If you are interested in donating your time and talent in this way, please contact Kim, in the church office, via telephone (920-984-3845) or via e-mail (stjcreek@gmail.com), soon.



Welcome Anders Steven Waterstradt!

Congratulations Lisa and Dallas, on the birth of your son, Anders! “Children are a heritage of the Lord” (Psalm 127:3a)! Anders was born July 22, and he weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and measured 19.5 inches tall! Congratulations, again, and blessings to you three!

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sustains and renews us, and we tap into inner reserves that we may not have known were there. Caring for others doesn’t only serve them; it serves the caregiver as well.

I want to invite all of our members and friends to experience this amazing “re-creation”.

Find someone who needs help, and offer

it. Sit with someone who is lonely and

share stories. Run an errand or two for

someone who is not as mobile as they would like to be. Be a mentor to a young

person who may need some extra love and

care. Help build a Habitat House. Volunteer at a soup kitchen.

Offer to help an elderly neighbor with outside or inside chores.

Visit with someone who is mournful and receive their tears as you would a Christmas gift—open their grief with compassion and

help them to know God’s tender care. Bring a meal to someone

recovering from illness or injury. Offer a single mom some free

babysitting so that she can have a few hours for herself. Find

someone in your circle of friends who needs something, and do

your best to meet their need.

**Celebrate
God’s Spirit of
“re-creation”**

Activities such as these can be time consuming. They can even tire us out, but there is something holy in such moments.

The energies we spend helping others are returned to us many

times over, and in place of fatigue, we experience renewal. This is

the mystery of God’s love in Jesus Christ. When we spend

ourselves serving the needs of others, God’s Spirit renews and

refreshes us. A kind deed offered out of love is better than a hole

in one, more rewarding than a record book fish, more exhilarating than a hike in the woods.

Celebrate God’s Spirit of “re-creation” by following the example of Christ. You will be pleasantly surprised at how such ventures renew your spirit.

Peace, Pastor Tom

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Menning with Gary Vander Linden, Judy Samson, Connie Wheeler, Lisa Waterstradt, and Pastor Tom Fritz present.



The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Tom Fritz.

A motion was made, by Gary Vander Linden and seconded by Lisa Waterstradt, to accept the minutes from last month. Motion passed.

A motion was made, by Connie Wheeler and seconded by Judy Samson, to accept the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Motion passed.

Pastors Report (May)

- Conducted five worship services and two funeral services
- Attended two church meetings and two administrative meetings
- Made four home visits, one counseling visit, and five other visiting times

Committee Reports

Membership: We had seven new members join us on June 11.

We have approximately three to four more who may join in the fall.

Christian Ed: The Black Creek parade went well with handing out candy and postcards with our upcoming events. There were extra cards that will be handed out during the rummage sale. Curriculum is going well along with the classroom arrangements.

Worship: The next meeting will be announced.

Music: All is going well. Summer services will have special music from anyone who wants to share his or her talent.

House: Front step at the parsonage needs to be repaired. The patio door is almost finished.

Parish Relations: Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, at

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7:00 p.m., following the Wednesday service.

Endowment: We have two campers going to Pilgrim Center Camp in Green Lake, WI, in July.

Stewardship and Mission: Meeting in August. Pastor Tom will be serving a meal on Tuesday for the choir members and their families for appreciation to them.

Capital Campaign/Mission Projects: For the month of May, we brought in \$230.00, making the YTD total \$860.00.

Old Business:

- Storage shed contents are being worked on. The snow blower and riding lawn mower will be put out this week, during the rummage sale, for \$200 each.
- Shed plans are available and look great. The construction of the new shed will start soon. It will be 16' x 12' with a loft, roll up door, and side entrance door. We are able to use the existing concrete slab. The building permit will cost \$25. Gary will take care of getting this. This new shed is being paid for through the Schmidt Family Memorial Fund. The remaining portion of the memorial fund will be allocated to the building fund. The existing shed is for sale and will be advertised during the rummage sale.

New Business:

- There was a crack in a maple tree, on the side of church, that was cut down.
- Bob and Gary attended a conference meeting in Green Lake, Wisconsin; they met with a few pastors and discussed shared ministry that are sharing with two UCC and one Presbyterian Church, but they are within miles from each other.
- We need to look at our mission statement.
- The front door of the church broke last week and will be fixed this week Thursday, June 15.
- We are collecting *Best Choice* Brand labels through a

program that exchanges labels for money. This brand is sold by Sal's Grocery and Don's Quality Market, and other retailers. We plan to collect and have boxes available at the entrances.

Prayers and Thanks: The Rohloff family, Darvin Zuleger, Kelcie Hooyman

A motion was made, by Lisa Waterstradt and seconded by Judy Samson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Keeping Up-to-date

Help us keep things correct in the office, please. If you have a change in your contact information (phone, cell, mailing address, physical address, email address, even your name...) please notify us. We get notifications from our envelope service after the envelopes that are mailed out are returned due to a move or change in address. Help us stay ahead of the mailings, by keeping us informed, please. Thank you.



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Women's Guild Minutes

The Women's Guild met on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., with eight members present.



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Ruth Hanson, our devotional leader, shared a movie entitled *Climb Every Mountain of the*

WOMENS GUILD

World. It displayed the most beautiful sceneries of flowers, streams, wind clouds, animals, waterfalls, churches, church bells, rocks, balloons, trees, boats, fish and eagles! They were shown to music entitled *Somebody Bigger Than You and I*. It is a beautiful movie. We shared a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi and another titled "What God is Like". The offering was collected and a closing prayer prayed.

The business portion of our meeting was called to order by Guild President Roberta Lorenz.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were each read and approved. Balance in memorial fund is \$472.98; balance in general fund is \$4,719.99.

The June Rummage Sale held was a great success. Thank you all who brought treasurers and all the helpers and shoppers.

We discussed our Ice Cream Social—set for July 20, 2017, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Advertisement notices are out in the surrounding areas. Asked families to bring desserts and pickles.

We discussed our Fall Rummage Sale, which will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to set out the winter clothing left from our June sale.

We discussed our Fall Feast. Instead of printing tickets, a mark record is planned, as it worked well for the Ice Cream Social.

We will continue ordering 25 copies, as previously done, of "Our Daily Bread" devotional books.

We enjoyed pistachio tort served by Audrey; we adjourned the meeting and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 2, 2017**, at 1:30 p.m.; this is our annual planning meeting. Come, and join us with your ideas for another year together.

Audrey Hooyman Blake, Guild secretary

Pastor Tom's Contact Information



Do you want to chat with Pastor about something? Please feel free to call him. He is typically in the church office Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The office telephone number is 920-984-3845. His cell phone number is 920-268-5757, and his email address is styward@sbcglobal.net (be sure to put in subject line "St. John's").

Best Choice Save-A-Label Program



Do you buy Best Choice brand products? Sal's and Don's grocery stores in Black Creek and Seymour, respectively, sell this brand! If you do, **please cut**

around the UPC symbol, on each Best Choice product you have. It's not necessary to send in the whole label. Place your labels in the box between the office doors, and Kim will collect and redeem them for cash, through the program, for St. John's! One label is worth \$0.03! They will add up if we all cut and turn in labels.

Questions? Please feel free to ask Kim, or go online to

<https://bestchoicebrand.com/save-a-label/>.

We Offer Two Worship Times

Did you hear the great news? We are offering you two opportunities for you to join us in worshipping our loving Lord: Sunday mornings, at 9:00, and Wednesday evenings, in August, at 6:30! Join us for

either or both! See our *Grillin' and Chillin' With the Lord* article (on page 10), for details about our Wednesday opportunities.



Flowers for the Altar



Summer time is a great time to bring a bouquet of flowers and place it, up front, by the altar. If you would like to place flowers on a given Sunday in honor or in memory of someone (*and would like his/her name and yours in the bulletin*), please let Kim know the preceding Tuesday (or Thursday, no later than 9:00 a.m.). Thank you for helping to beautify the sanctuary.

Grillin' and Chillin' With the Lord



We have been enjoying our mid-week Grillin' and Chillin' with the Lord! With all the activities and events individuals and families enjoy during the month of August, maybe you will find it a bit challenging to attend worship Sunday mornings. We have the solution! This August, we are continuing to make worship easier to attend, while still allowing our members and friends to get away for the weekend.

Wednesday evenings in August, we will continue to hold "Grillin' and Chillin' with the Lord". **When weather permits**, we will gather in the back yard of the parsonage for a cookout and informal worship. (**When the weather does not cooperate**, we will meet at the church.) We will eat, and folks will be on the way home by about 7:00 p.m.

Join us for Grillin' and Chillin' on the Wednesday nights in August.

Peace and joy, Pastor Tom

Special Music

If you would like to provide special music, at a church service, during August, please sign up on the appropriate sheet on the gathering room bulletin board, and let Pastor know (*so the selection is included in our bulletin and the worship schedule*).



Looking Ahead



Our autumn schedule begins Sunday, September 10. We will have our Christian Education kick-off then! You won't want to miss it! **Stay tuned for more information.**

Fall holds a bunch of good things. To what are you most looking forward?

- ! Seeing if you won the scavenger hunt?
- ! Getting back to Sunday School?
- ! Getting back to Bible Study classes?
- ! Football season?
- ! Christmas in August? Christmas in September? Christmas in October? Christmas in November?
- ! Our Annual Fall Feast?
- ! Thanksgiving?
- ! One Great Hour of Sharing campaign?
- ! Going back to school?
- ! Something not listed here?

There are so many activities in fall! Be sure to join us for worship and Christian education.

The Financial Secretary's Report

The report, containing July 2017 data, will be in our next newsletter.

Join our Scavenger Hunt

There is still time for you to join us for this unique and fun way to get better acquainted with St. John's UCC building—in the form of a summer scavenger hunt!



We will continue to put pictures, which have been randomly taken from various locations inside St. John's United Church of Christ building, in our weekly bulletins. **Here is what you can expect:**

- ☐ **Each week**, we will feature pictures in the bulletin.
- ☐ **Building** will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from about 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., for those who would like to come *hunt*. (Call ahead, if you want to make sure Pastor or Kim is in.)
- ☐ **To participate**, each **participant** needs a scavenger-hunt-picture booklet, in which each participant will put **his/her** answers. Booklets are available in the sanctuary.
- ☐ **This is a friendly competition**, so please no *sharing* your answers. 😊 Besides that, you will likely like the prize(s)!
 - In the booklets are the pictures, but they are not necessarily in the order that they are presented weekly.
 - **Two answers** per picture include:
 1. **Which** worship service date was the picture in the bulletin?
 2. What **exactly** is the picture of, and **specifically where** is the subject of the picture located?

At the **conclusion** of our scavenger hunt, we will tally up the correct answers, per person, **from entries received by Tuesday, September 5, 2017**, and then we will award prize(s) to the one(s) with the most correct answers. In the case of a tie, we will put the names of the compendium of participants' with the highest scores in a basket and draw the winner(s) from those.

- ☐ **Questions?** Call Kim in the office Tuesday or Thursday mornings, 920-984-3845.

Join us for your chance to win! Come; let's gather for worship and have some fun.

Outagamie County Nutrition for Elders



"Poor nutrition is the biggest threat to an older person's independence," according to the Outagamie County

Nutrition Program. The County Nutrition Program offers congregate and home delivered meal services to persons 60 years and older, or disabled, on a donation basis."

To make your reservation for lunch at the Seymour meal site, please call 920-213-3490. **For more information** regarding home delivered meals, please call the Aging and Disability Resource Center (at the county), 920-832-5178.

If you would like to volunteer to deliver meals to homebound citizens, please contact Kari Fischer, at 920-968-2414. Substitute drivers are also needed. Lunches are served in the Seymour Municipal Building (328 North Main Street, Seymour), Monday through Friday, 11:00 to noon.

100-Years of Dedicated Service!



The Black Creek Fire Department (BCFD) is celebrating 100 years as an organized department, on **Saturday, August 19, 2017!** Congratulations and many many thanks to all who have served and who currently serve and protect us in times of need.

BCFD will have an afternoon and evening filled with events and entertainment starting at 1:00 p.m., with a fire apparatus parade concluding at the fire station. At the station, they will have food and refreshments available, along with children's activities, followed by live entertainment from the Blues Brothers Relived and the Vic Ferrari Band.

If you are steering an effort to celebrate with a float, please contact Ryan Schomisch, the Black Creek Fire/Rescue Assistant Chief, at 920-540-3608, or rschomisch@blackcreekwi.net.

Again, **thank you and congratulations** to our firefighters and rescuers! You are real heroes!

Music Fest



Voices of Peace 13th Annual Gospel Music Fest is Friday, August 18, from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., this year. Go, and enjoy live music—country, southern gospel, and bluegrass bands and fun. Hilbert Civic Park is on Hwy 57, in Hilbert, Wisconsin (304 North 8th Street, Hilbert, WI 54129).

Admission is free. Free will offerings will be taken (*100% of offerings are given to the performers*).

Food is available.

Friday Night Fish Fry.

Bring lawn chairs and your family, friends, and co-workers.

Featured Musicians include: *Voices of Peace*, from Potter, WI; *Don Shire*, from White Lake, WI; *Keepers of the Faith*, from Puyallup, WA; *Larry Delawder*, from Branson, MO; *Fortress*, from Sevierville, TN; *Ambassadors of Grace*, from Thompson, MO; *Loynachans*, from Winterseet, IA; *Blake and Jenna Bolerjack*, from Oklahoma City, OK; *4 One Quartet*, from Reed City, MI; *Mark Dubbeld Family*, from Noneta, VA; *Jimmy Smith*, from Ankeny, IA; *Il Edition Band*, from Wittenberg, WI; *Musical Hammers*, from Muscatine, IA; *Calvarymen Quartet*, from Burton, MI; *Peguero Sister*, from Green Bay, WI; *Paul Family Bluegrass Band*, from Trout Creek, MI; and *Garms Family*, from Braham, MN.

Last year, I (Kim) went with my husband and another couple. We had a great time listening to live comedy and uplifting music. Children were playing on park playground equipment, folks were meeting old and new friends, and food and beverages were available at reasonable prices. When was the last time you went a live concert? When was the last time you received free admission? Don't miss out; this was great last year. I anticipate it being great again!

Answers to “Just for Kids”

Page 17 is a fun page for children of most ages, and here is the answer key. No peaking before you work on it yourself. A little Bible fun is just what we need.

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

Treasurer's Report - June 2017

Building Fund	Deposits	\$ 1,175.00	
	Interest	\$.10	
	Disbursements	\$ (1,135.00)	
Memorial Fund	Deposits	\$ -	
	Disbursements	\$ (310.00)	building fund payment
Organ Fund	Deposits	\$ -	-
	Disbursements	\$ -	-
General	Deposits	\$ 8,753.85	
	Disbursements	\$ (6,997.28)	
<i>Capital Campaign</i>	Deposits	\$ 1,834.85	
	Total YTD	\$ 2,694.85	
	<i>Goal for 2017</i>	\$ 3,500.00	
OCWM	Deposits	\$ 810.50	
	Disbursements	\$ (585.50)	
	Total YTD		\$4,059.50
	<i>Goal for 2017</i>		\$7,000.00



Total	Beginning Balance	\$ 26,980.63
	Deposits	\$ 10,739.35
	Interest	\$ 0.10
	Disbursements	\$ (8,058.28)
	Ending Balance	\$ 29,661.80

General Fund	\$ 10,002.17	
Building Fund	\$ 2,175.63	
Memorial Fund	\$ 12,492.00	
Organ Fund	<u>\$ 4,992.00</u>	<u>\$29,661.80</u>
Building Fund Balance	\$ 25,509.62	
Interest YTD	\$ 1,134.14	
Payments Made YTD	\$ 28,087.00	
YTD Giving	\$ 73,491.27	
YTD Expenses	<u>\$(43,066.90)</u>	excluding building payments
Net Amount	<u>\$ 30,424.38</u>	



Just for KIDS

Bugs in the Bible



Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!

Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.



*Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.
Circle them in the puzzle below.*

Proverbs 6:6 _____

Exodus 16:20 _____

Psalms 78:45 _____

1 Sam. 24:14 _____

Matt. 23:24 _____

Isaiah 50:9 _____

Judges 14:8 _____

Isaiah 59:5 _____

Acts 12:23 _____

Leviticus 11:22 _____

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Deuteronomy 7:20 _____



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Answers are on page 15. Source:

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/432556739190728102>.

Christmas in July...

(and **August, September, October** and **November**, as well)

On Sunday, July 23, we marked "Christmas in July". We sang carols, reflected on the meaning of Christmas, and celebrated our Lord's birth. This special Sunday was held to remind us that Christ can be born in any moment of any season and to kick-off a special campaign to help eliminate our mortgage balance, so that we can begin 2018 debt free!

About fifteen years ago, we embarked on a mission to expand and improve our facilities. Ideas were considered, plans were made, and costs were estimated for an addition on the west side of the church. The addition we made to the building provided a much-needed elevator and classrooms for Sunday School and other gatherings. We also gained office space and a carport for entry during rainy weather. To accomplish these things, we took out a loan, and we have been paying back that loan for about fourteen years. Now, the end is in sight!

Now, we owe only about \$25,000.00 on that original mortgage of \$375,600. We would like to retire the mortgage before the beginning of the New Year. Moving into our next chapter of Settled Ministry without any debt will give us more options, as we consider the shape and size of that ministry. Hence, "Christmas in July".

Through this program, we plan to celebrate Christmas each month—on the Sunday closest to the 25th. (August 27th, September 24th, October 22nd, and November 26th). Each of these Sundays will feature something related to Christmas—like sharing Christmas Cookie recipes, or caroling at the homes of our shut-ins. On each of these Sundays, we invite our members and friends to bring a special monetary Christmas gift to the church that will help pay down the mortgage. If we can raise an additional \$5,000.00 each month, the mortgage will be paid off by Christmas!

Join us as we keep a little Christmas each month for the remainder of 2017. Help us celebrate our Lord's birth, and pay off the mortgage at the same time. An amazing Christmas awaits us!