



The Weekly Parish Paper

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church



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Our Worship

- Today – Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
- December 24th (Christmas Eve) – Luke 2:1-14
- December 25th (Christmas Day) – Luke 2:8-20

A Prayer for the Day: Stir up your power O Lord, and come. Cleanse and prepare us, so that we might reflect your coming in all we say and do. Amen.

We will be accepting members at our next **New Member Service** on February 4, 2007. Please see any member of Council if you are interesting in joining.



In the works – we are planning our **Growing God's Mission** event for January 14th. This exciting Sunday afternoon event will give us all a chance to help build our new mission for Springs of Grace in the Boiling Springs community. A catered dinner is included so please plan to attend!

Our **Altar Flowers** today are given to the Glory of God by Doris Giese.

Our Mission - Inviting all to gather and grow in service to Christ

HELPERS NEXT WEEK:

- Usher – Gere Ablett / Diane Ablett
- Greeter – Mary Schaeffer
- Acolyte – Hunter Crawley
- Altar Guild – Diane Ablett
- Counters – Gail Hackett / Mary Schaeffer
- Lector – Wendi Dunlavy

“How many observe Christ’s birthday! How few, his precepts! O! ‘tis easier to keep Holi-days than Commandments.” – *Benjamin Franklin*

December 17th 2006

Budget Fund	\$ 1,230.00
Local Church	3.00
Flowers/Advent	141.00 / 106.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,453.00
Attendance – 39	

Is anyone reading this? Or more precisely, do you consider a weekly newsletter to be an effective means of communications? We are looking for your ideas. For example, is a weekly edition still a good idea, should we move to bi-weekly or monthly, should it be mailed, discontinued entirely, or what? What else would you like to see in the Parish Paper? Please share your ideas with our editor, Ron Crawley.

December Birthdays!

- 8th Buddy Kelley
- 10th Evelyn Swain
- 29th Amy Quinton

SWADDLING CLOTHES - Until the end of the 19th century, many cultures had a custom of baby swaddling. The infant would be tightly wrapped in narrow strips of cloth most of time. The arms and legs would be bound, preventing movement. Parents did this in the belief that it protected the baby not only from injury but also disease. Some infants might be left in these wrappings for days. Usually, though, the wrappings were removed and changed regularly.