

# December Late Breaking News

## Highlights of December 15 Church Council Meeting

- Received proposal from Youth Team for full-time Director of Youth Ministries. After extensive discussion, referred proposal to Personnel and Executive Committees for recommendation.
- Finance Team reported Audit of 2010 records has been completed. Findings were reviewed and recommendations are being implemented.
- Social Concerns Team reports 52 Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards were presented to local families in need.
- Stewardship presented updated report on 2012 general fund pledge drive. (See separate report)
- Thrivent Choice Dollars were awarded to Worship Team to purchase baptism medallions for presentation to children and adults at their baptism.
- Approved 11/30 General Fund Financial report. (See separate report.)
- Pr. Darrell reported that he is working with local ELCA pastors to assist Rejoice Lutheran during their pastoral transition.
- Next Council meeting will be Thursday, January 19 at 7:00pm.

## Sharing God's Blessings

The Stewardship Time extends a grateful "thank you" to those who have shown their willingness to share God's blessings by returning an "Estimate of Giving Card." As of December 27, 191 giving units have indicated their intention to give almost \$350,000 to the Lord of Life General Fund in 2012. This total exceeds 2011 commitments by more than \$19,000. We are overwhelmed by your generous response, which will enable Lord of Life to continue, and possibly expand, our ministries to our members and our community in the coming year.

If you have not had a chance to complete your Estimate of Giving, please do so as soon as possible. Additional cards are available at the ushers' stand in the rear of the Sanctuary.



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## GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

November 30, 2011 YTD

	November Budget *	November Actual	Difference		2011 YTD Budget*	2011 Actual	Difference
<b>Income</b>	39,644.00	36,217.05	(3,426.95)		397,836.00	394,394.42	(3,441.58)
<b>Expenses</b>	34,385.11	35,444.27	1,059.16		401,165.67	394,474.69	(6,690.98)
<b>Cash Flow</b>	5,258.89	772.78	(4,486.11)		(3,329.67)	(80.27)	3,249.40

\*Approved Budget of \$452,000 prorated using three-year average income & expense rates

# NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

## What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

## What you do:














1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.



## A caring disciple

In **Acts 9**, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

**Instructions:** Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

___ adcltne			
___ rohmtae			
___ srgbape			
___ rbieda			
___ pehtshred			
___ rdhaenlca			
___ fadoo			
Her name in Greek			
___ pdeesh			
___ dchilnero			
___ drove			
___ acehtr			
___ sarcos			
___ nusoatim			

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas