

The Lord's Day † December 4, 2011

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

Prelude
Welcome
Choir Anthem
Lighting of the Advent Candles
*Hymn # 207 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
*Congregational Greeting

GOD ENCOUNTERS US IN THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer
Worship Songs
 O Come Emmanuel
 You Are Holy
Scripture: Luke 1:5-25; 57-80
Message: "Startling News"
Prayer

GOD EMPOWERS OUR RESPONSE

Offering
*Offering Hymn *Doxology*
*Offering Prayer
*Hymn # 188 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
*Benediction
*Closing Song *He is Lord*
*Postlude

**Stand if you are able.*

Welcome to Spring Valley. We are glad you have joined us for worship today! Visitors, please take time to sign the "Connection Card" located in the pew in front of you and share some coffee and cookies with us after the worship service. We want to meet you and we hope that we can be a blessing to you.

Today's Schedule:

Greeters: Al & Betty Vos
Nursery: Heidi Middendorp, Leland Houzenga
Cookies: Gerry & Shari Akker

Next Week's Schedule:

Greeters: Penny, Olivia and Julia VanKampen
Nursery: Krista & Karynna Bonestroo
Cookies: Glenn & Rhea Bechtel

PRAYER FOCUS

- Helen Buikema's husband, Louis, passed away this week.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 4	Community Christmas Service	6 p.m.
Thursday, December 8	Ladies Aid	2 p.m.
Devotions/Closing: Betty Vos	Roll Call: Favorite Carol	
Hostess: Everyone Contributes	Program: TBA	

NEWS & EVENTS

Sermon CD's are available at the Welcome Center. Stop by and pick one up. **Sermons and Bulletins** are also online. They can be downloaded from the church's website at www.springvalleychurch.net.

At our **Annual Congregational Meeting**, the following people were elected to serve on Consistory. **Elders** – Scott Bechtel, Kendall Boonstra, and Dick Houzenga. **Deacons** – Shawn Anton, Arnie Damhoff, and Corey Dykstra. They will be installed to these offices in January. If anyone knows of any reason why any of these individuals should not serve, they should contact Pastor Scott or one of the elders.

The **Fulton Community Christmas Sing** will be held TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Reformed Church. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to kick off the Christmas season.

The children will present their **Christmas Program** during morning worship on Sunday, December 18. This year's program is entitled: **What Did I Miss?**

Women of all ages are needed to serve the church through **Ladies of Faith** for the upcoming year. Talk with Carol Barsema or Pat Hamstra and prayerfully consider how the Lord might use you.

Ladies of Faith would like to invite you to join us in sponsoring some **people in our community who are in need this Christmas season**. We will help a family with 4 children, as well as a young single man. We have put some gift suggestions on the trees out in the entryway. If you would like to help, please take a tag off the tree, purchase the gift suggested, wrap the gift, and place the tag on the outside of the gift so that we know who it is for and what it is. Return the gift to the tree by Sunday, December 18th. If you do not want to buy a gift but would still like to help with a monetary gift, we will also be helping them with food and some other things. Please give your monetary gift to Deb VanKampen, Shari Akker, Joyce Barsema, or Sandi Bechtel. Thank you for helping to share the spirit of love and giving as we celebrate the greatest gift of all...Jesus!"

Everyone is invited to attend Emmanuel Reformed's **Voices of Praise Concert**. The 85 voice choir will present **The Name...Jesus: A Christmas Celebration** in song Friday and Sunday evening and Saturday afternoon. A love offering will be received.

The 3rd & 4th grade class at Unity Christian Elementary is collecting canned fruit, soup, toiletries and household supplies to donate to the **Fulton Food Pantry**. They will deliver the items and volunteer at the food pantry on the morning of December 23rd as a part of their class Christmas party. Examples of items needed are: canned fruit, soups, toilet paper, toothpaste, hand soap, dish soap, shampoo, Kleenex, paper towels, deodorant, soap, laundry detergent, hand lotion, cleaning products, etc. If you would like to donate

any items, please put them in the box in the entryway by Sunday, December 18th. If you have any questions, talk with Josiah Bonestroo.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards Unity Elementary's project to buy **Moringa Trees**. They raised \$260, which will buy 130 trees for Hondurans!