

### My decision today

- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior
- I want to be baptized
- I want to grow as Christ's disciple
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### I'm interested in

- Knowing how to receive Christ as Savior
- Knowing how to grow as Christ's disciple
- Joining a small group
- Helping with the Music Ministry
- Helping with the Children & Youth Ministries
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## A Voice in the Wilderness

Isaiah 40:1-11 (Christmas {Im}Possibilities, #2)

◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Double \_\_\_\_\_  
 Double \_\_\_\_\_

◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Find Your \_\_\_\_\_  
 Discover Your \_\_\_\_\_

*This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" He came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah." John 1:19-20 (NLT) Also read Mark 1:1-8*

◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Promise to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_  
 Promise to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_

*And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf. Isaiah 12:5 (NLT)*

*"The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever." O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops! Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, "Your God is coming!" Isaiah 40:8-9 (NLT)*

### Digging Deeper:

- What area of your life is in need of Comforting?
- How can we discover our "Calling"?
- Is your life "Crying Out" the Gospel in the Desert Places?
- What does the "Promise" of a Messiah mean for all mankind?
- How can we help proclaim the Gospel in the desert of the culture in which we live?



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## December 8, 2013

### A Voice in the Wilderness

Dr. Randall Jaspers, Sr. Pastor  
 Rev. Randy Brown, Associate Pastor of Youth/Families

To **worship** God, help people **know** Jesus Christ personally, **grow** to be like Him, **show** His love and **go** where He leads... **together**.

# today at *tbc*

## Worship

Worship through Singing

Lighting of Second Advent Candle - John 1:5-8

Worship through Prayer

(Children, ages 3-K, dismissed for Jr. Church)

Message: **A Voice in the Wilderness**—Pastor Randy Brown

Worship through Giving

Music Ministry: Diane Nygaard

Closing Prayer

Please fill out the Response Form and place it in the offering plate.  
Supervised nursery provided during Small Groups and Worship.

## Nursery Workers

TODAY: Jana L. (S.S.); Jana L., Michelle W., Cassie V. (Worship)

NEXT SUNDAY: Vicki C. (S.S.); Candace B., Dan T., Sarah B. (Worship)

# this week

- Today **4:00 pm** **Family Caroling/Adult Party**  
**Please bring a salad or dessert to share;** meat will be provided. The party will follow (college age and older). Childcare available.
- Tuesday 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting
- Wednesday 6:30 pm *AWANA (Caroling, Ave Maria Village)*  
(Parents are welcome - please pick up children at 7:30 pm)  
6:30 pm *PHYM (Gr. 7-12)*
- Next Sun. 9:20 am S.S./Small Groups  
10:30 am Worship

# coming up

- Dec. 18 2:30 pm Chapel, *Ave Maria Village*  
6:30 pm *PHYM Christmas Party*
- Dec. 21 10 am Community Prayer, *Concordia Lutheran*
- Dec. 22 10 am Christmas Program  
2:30 pm Chapel, *Ave Maria Village*

# praise & prayer

## Around TBC

- ◆ Special health concerns: Anne Friesen, Doris Giedt, Pat Hamilton, Candace Brown, Randy Brown, Richard Kale
- ◆ David Craig, being deployed to Afghanistan this month
- ◆ TBC college student Jenae Dabill, NDSU
- ◆ Elders-(Worship; Children & Youth)

## Around the World

**MINDANAO (Philippines)** - 30% Muslim; 70% Other

Muslim groups control four provinces on the island under the name of ARMM. Most attacks against Christians occur in or near the ARMM. However, Muslim terrorists in the region are expanding control. They believe killing a Christian will gain them entrance into heaven. They are responsible for bombings, burning the homes of Christians and have killed dozens of Christians

**SYRIA & EGYPT:** PRAY for God's peace and for protection for Christians.

**PHILIPPINES:** PRAY for those suffering the devastation from Typhoon Haiyan.

## Membership

Interested in baptism and/or church membership? Please contact the church office or one of our pastors.

## Congratulations!

Gary & Sherri Milbrath welcomed granddaughter Zsa Eve Zita (daughter of Tamee & Brian Franck), born November 16, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz.!

## Kid Flicks

U of J students are collecting kids' DVDs and donating them to children's hospitals across the US. Look for a drop box in coming weeks.

## Christmas Eve Service

Special musical numbers and readers are needed for our Candlelight Service. Please contact the church office if interested.

## Around the NAB Conference

### Carol Potratz - Japan



Carol arrived in Japan on June 17, 2010, and is working with youth and adults at the Tsu English Center, Tsu, Japan, creatively using English in practical ways to evangelize and disciple. The Center is right across the street from Mie University and strategically located to use in a variety of ways. **Pray** that Carol would have many opportunities to communicate the gospel to students she works with and community friends she has made in Japan.

### Crystal Springs Baptist Camp

GIVING REPORT	
Benevolent	\$405.63
BibleSticks	\$75.00
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$377,898.91</b>
YTD Building Fund	\$14,714.00
YTD General Fund	\$324,494.88
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>\$339,208.88</b>

# response form

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Your age group 18-23 24-29 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80+ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT (If A Student) Your Current School Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are You:  Single  Married

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Names of children living at home & birth dates: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your...  1st time?  2nd time?  3rd time?

I am:  Attendee  Member  Visitor

I came as a guest of: \_\_\_\_\_