

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you!

I apologize for not preparing a formal newsletter for December. With all the busyness of moving home from Canada after language school, Christmas, packing for Guinea and leaving in a few days for my last training, I just haven't had the time I need to put together a regular monthly newsletter. This month is going to be an abbreviated version: prayer requests and commissioning announcement.

Please join me in thanking God for:

- a productive and enjoyable semester in Canada during French studies
- many new friendships with classmates at French training
- my great host family and roommates in Canada—they were a huge blessing
- the opportunity to worship again with my church family at Family of Christ LC
- good times with family during Christmas and extra time with my niece and nephew
- my dear friends from home and the opportunities to get together to talk, sing, pray together and say good-bye
- new Together In Mission partner churches and a partner circuit
- your prayers and support
- good health

Please join me in asking God for:

- His blessings for travel and presentations in Kansas & training in Texas (Jan 6-Jan 12)
- continued health & time to sleep
- the wisdom to keep my focus on Jesus despite all the details and "To Do" lists that tempt me to worry about how I will ever get it all done
- trust that He is able to work out the details in His perfect timing
- Him to provide a female language helper in Guinea with whom I can also have a friendship
- a smooth transition into life and work in Guinea (I fly out January 22)
- good team building time with my new teammates once I arrive in Conakry & for God's blessing on our new team and new relationships—that we would be 1 in mind and in spirit

You are invited to my Commissioning!

For those of you who are in or near the Twin Cities metro area, I would like to invite you to my commissioning service which will be taking place at Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Ham Lake, Minnesota. I will be commissioned at all 3 worship services the weekend of January 13th & 14th, which also coincides with our church's annual mission festival. Come and join the celebration!

Services are:

- Saturday, January 13th at 5:00pm (Contemporary worship)
- Sunday, January 14th at 8:45am (Blended worship)
- Sunday, January 14th at 10:30am (Blended worship)

There is also going to be a potluck (with an international theme) from 11:30am-1:00pm following the 10:30 service, so if you would like to have some food and fellowship please join us for the 10:30am worship service and stay for the potluck! J

Details & Directions, etc.

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<http://www.foclutheran.org/> You can get directions to Family of Christ from their website under “Quicklinks”

Family of Christ Lutheran Church is 1/4 mile west of Highway 65 on Constance Blvd/County Road 60/20 or 161st Ave, north of Blaine. [Click here](#) for map.

May God’s peace and blessings surround and encourage you as we begin another year with thankfulness for God’s faithfulness in the past and His promises to come,

Andrea Herman

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.’” Jeremiah 29:11-

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