



NEWS FROM LURA DECEMBER 2011

As we head into December I wish each of a peace and joy through this holiday season. At our Thanksgiving dinner we asked each of the core members to offer a prayer of thanks. Family, friends and jobs were 99% of the prayers, so true for all of us. I pray you find time and space to soak up the love of those around you this season. We at L'Arche are so grateful for each of you!!!

We said goodbye to **Joel** in November. He has arrived in Chicago and is trying to put together the next part of his life. He was looking for a lot of time to sleep and rest. We have welcomed **Bill Snyder** to the community for 4 weeks. Bill will live at Trinity House and split his time between the houses and visiting with Jesuit priests in the area as he discerns entering the Jesuits.

[Christmas Tree Lot](#) Sign up now for helping with shifts at the Tree Lot. Our goal for this year is to sell every tree for the cost we are asking. This is a major fundraiser for us, are there places you are involved in that we can post a flyer or you can promote the lot??

[Community on Retreat](#). As you may remember Immaculate Heart Retreat Center has offered us a chance to spend 2 days there free of charge. We couldn't pass that up!! The houses are making arrangements with core members work and we are going to "get away" for a couple days. This is not regular Community Retreat that we hope to have in April. This is a fun extra!

[Christmas Tea](#)

The Tea will be at Harvest House on Sunday afternoon, December 18th from 2-5pm. Please come and have some Christmas goodies, sing some carols and celebrate the Season. The Tea is set up for people to come and go throughout the time. Invite someone who has never been here!

[No Open Community Night in December](#)

[A closing thought for Christmas](#)

Jesus came to the world to show that He comes to us right where we are. He came to the barn, not the palace; to the cave, not the mansion. This message of simplicity and love comes to our core members so profoundly. They are in our lives to remind us that Jesus comes to our vulnerable, suffering and soft places; not so much to the confident, competent places.

Let's let the core members lead us to those suffering places and we will find Love there. Merry Christmas

