

*The Word became flesh  
and lived among us*

JOHN 1:14



+ Nativity Of Our Lord: *December 25* +

## **Christmas Day/First Sunday after Christmas December 25, 2022**

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### **AS WE GATHER**

The long wait is over—the Savior is born! For many people, the days, weeks, and even months have been filled with anticipation for Christmas. For children, it may be an anticipation of gifts; for others, it may be long-awaited family time enjoyed and all the season brings. For all, we pray the Good News of a Savior born this day in the city of David is the overarching reason to celebrate. Others in history had to wait a much longer time for their Christmas joy. Approximately seven centuries before “the Word became flesh” (John 1:14), Isaiah would be inspired by the Spirit to proclaim to the people, “The Lord has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God” (Isaiah 52:10). Though the people of Isaiah’s day would not experience Christmas as we do, they would hold on by faith to the anticipated promise of salvation through our Savior who was to come. For us, we give thanks that salvation has come. In the Son of God wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger, and with the mission for humanity set before Him, “The Lord has bared His holy arm” (Isaiah 52:10). May this promise fulfilled increase our Christmas joy as God still comes to us today in His Means of Grace, that we not only see but often celebrate the salvation of our God.

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### **REGARDING COMMUNION**

Jesus was born in a town called “house of bread” (Bethlehem) and laid in a feeding trough (a manger) where the livestock normally found their grain. Little surprise then that Jesus spoke of himself as “the bread who came down from heaven” (John 6:41) and as “a grain of wheat falling into the earth” (John 12:24)! Christmas is the celebration of the Eternal Son Jesus, God of God and Light of Light, taking on flesh and dwelling among us so that we behold in him the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14). Our word “Christmas” simply means *Christ’s Mass* and reminds us that Jesus is still present among us in body and blood through the sacred gifts of bread and wine. In this vein, Luther once said: “Word and Sacrament are the manger and swaddling clothes into which it has pleased Christ to lay himself.” May we come to Christ’s manger (the Altar) humbled in repentance for all that is wrong in our lives so that we may receive his gracious

meal for forgiveness and renewal. *Since Christian denominations have differing understandings of Holy Communion, if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed here before, we ask that you speak with the pastor or elder prior to communing with us the first time. Those not communing are invited to cross their arms over their chests and approach the pastor for a blessing during the distribution. Also, if certain factors prohibit you from partaking of regular wine, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center circle of the tray. If you would like to begin sharing this sacred meal with us on a regular basis, please ask the pastor for a time of faith instruction and formation.*

*If you are in need of a gluten-free wafer for Communion, please let Pastor or an Elder know.*

**Liturgical Color:**

*White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church such as Christmas Eve*

*Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit or in the Record of Fellowship books found on each pew. A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway, and there’s a wonderful nursery downstairs at the end of the fellowship hall for you to make use of at any time. Do you have any questions about anything here? Don’t hesitate to ask one of the ushers or elders, or talk to the pastor.*

**Prelude** ..... Jerrode Marsh

**Pastoral Welcome**

**About the Carol**

**Invocation Hymn** ..... “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” (v. 1)

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,  
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air.  
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;  
Of Jesus’ birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.

# Divine Service, Setting Four Confession and Absolution

*Please rise*

**Invocation and Confession & Absolution** .....page 203

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.  
**P** Since we are gathered . . . God, be merciful to me, a sinner.  
**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.  
**P** Almighty God, . . . through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### About the Carol

**Hymn** ..... "Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn" #391

Re - joice, re - joice this hap - py morn, A Sav - ior un -  
to us is born, The Christ, the Lord of glo - ry!  
His low - ly birth in Beth - le - hem The an - gels from  
on high pro - claim And sing re - demp - tion's sto - ry!  
My soul, ex - tol God's great fa - vor; Bless Him ev - er



For sal - va - tion; Give Him praise and ad - o - ra - tion!

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**Kyrie**.....page 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Gloria In Excelsis**.....page 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**Salutation**.....page 205

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day** ..... (*spoken in unison*)

**Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Old Testament Reading**..... **Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;  
together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the Lord has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.


**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**About the Carol**

**Hymn**..... "*Go Tell It on the Mountain*", #388

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si-lent flocks by night,  
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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## Epistle Reading ..... Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,  
 today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
 and he shall be to me a son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,  
 and his ministers a flame of fire.”

But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
 the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
 therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
 with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,  
 and the heavens are the work of your hands;  
 they will perish, but you remain;  
 they will all wear out like a garment,  
 like a robe you will roll them up,  
 like a garment they will be changed.  
 But you are the same,  
 and your years will have no end.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise*

## About the Carol

Hymn..... *“Let Our Gladness Have No End”, #381*



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!  
 From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!  
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain*



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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Holy Gospel ..... **John 1:1-18**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed**..... page 206

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## About the Carol

Hymn..... *"Of the Father's Love Begotten" #384*



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -  
 have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
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*Please be seated*

**Sermon**..... “God’s Perfect Word to Us”

*Please rise*

**Prayer of the Church**

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

**Offering**

*Offering plates are not being passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the west entrance.*

*“Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good & to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)*

**About the Carols**

# Service of the Sacrament

## Communion Liturgy .....pages 208-210

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial . . . evermore praising You and saying:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Agnus Dei.....page 210



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated, until motioned to rise & proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing.*

## Instrumental

### Communion Hymn ..... "Angels from the Realms of Glory", #367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

#### *Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

**Communion Hymns** ..... *"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child", #374*



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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*Please rise*

**Post Communion Canticle** ..... *"Nunc Dimittis" page 211*



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Post-Communion Collect**..... page 212

**Benedicamus and Benediction**..... page 212

**About the Carol**

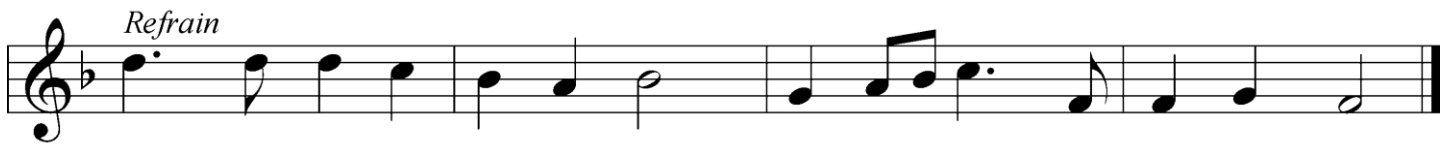
**Sending Hymn**..... *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #380*

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

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**Dismissal** ..... (Bethlehem's Mission)

- P** Grow in Christ,
- C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

**Postlude** ..... Jerrode Marsh

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**Next Week's Readings**

**OT: Number 6:22-27; Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; Gospel: Luke 2:21**

**Attendance Last Saturday: 37**

**Total Offering: \$4,282.70**

**Home Use: \$3,797.70**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 72**

**Missions: \$0.00**

**Benevolences: \$485.00**

**Serving us today:**

- Elders.....Willie Crespo
- Musician.....Jerrode Marsh
- Altar Committee.....Teresa Hillsman (Chair), Mary Creswell,  
Lisa Gulick, Beryl Lindley, Susie Mills
- Flower Committee ..... Eunice Cobb (Chair), Penny Humphrey

**This Week's Schedule**

- Monday *Office Closed-Christmas Day Holiday*
- Tuesday *Cindy's Vacation Day*  
*Pastor's Vacation Day*
- 7:15 p.m. Education Board Meeting
- Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- Friday *Cindy's Vacation Day*
- Saturday 5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service/Communion
- Sunday 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
- 9:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at [www.blchurch.com](http://www.blchurch.com), under the Sermons tab)
- 10:30 a.m. New Year's Day/Holy Communion
- Monday *Office Closed-New Year's Holiday*



## Office Hours

**The Church Office will be closed on December 26 for the Christmas Holiday and January 2 for the New Year's Holiday.**

**Pastor Joel will be on vacation on January 2 and 3. Cindy Smith will be on vacation December 30.**

## Thank You

**Wilma Gertz** would like to wish Pastor Joel and her church family a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Thank you for all the cards, calls and visits. God bless you.

**Cindy Smith** would like to thank everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts, goodies. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family and hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Pastor Joel** expresses his deep gratitude for all who have shared words, cards, and gifts with him. He is humbly appreciative for all of the kindnesses in Christ!

**Shawn and Beryl Lindley** would like to say "thank you" to everyone for their generous gifts and cards for Christmas. Blessings for the New Year.

## Prayers

**Rejoicing with Colin and Paige Hart** at the arrival of their son, Henry Lawrence Hart, born on December 18, 2022. May Christ, born to Mary and Joseph, bless their growing family in Him!

**For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision**—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Holli Burge, Mel Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Bob & Barbara Compton, Marion Droege, Wilma Gertz, Karen Haase, Don Hillsman, Don Hillsman, Jr., Mary Johnson, Wanda Kreisel, Judy Pierce, Maryanna Savery, Denny Spanton, Rose Steitz, & Joe Zeman.

**For Military Members**—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter and Chance Hillsman.

**Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care**—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain, feel free to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

## Worship Services

**Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m.** Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at [blchurch.com](http://blchurch.com).

**Christmas Eve/New Year's Eve**—By using the seasonal envelopes (and those not designated elsewhere), the special offerings will go to the local Food Center.

## Sunday School and Christian Education

**There will be no Sunday School or Bible Study on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.**

**Wednesday Bible Study**—We are just starting to read and discuss our way through the writings of the prophet Zechariah. **Join us in the conference room from 10:30 a.m. to noon** for this biblical journey together! **We will keep meeting through the end of the year and unless the weather is bad or no one shows up.**

## Fellowship

**Exercise Class** happens at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith. **Exercise will not meet until Jan 4.**

**The Games and Card Group** meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs. Anyone, men and women, are welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff. **Cards will not meet until January 5.**

**The Quilting Group** meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills are needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker. **Quilting will not be meeting again until January 10, 2023.**

## This & That

**Offering Envelopes**—The company we order our contribution envelopes from has said that due to supply chain shortages & staffing issues our 2023 envelopes are not done as of December 15, 2022. The sales staff is asking the production crew to expedite our order but the soonest it will be here is the end of December. It is very likely we will not receive the envelopes until sometime in January. I will get them out to everyone as soon as I get them—Teresa Hillsman.

**Ongoing thanks** to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support!

## 2022 Elders

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#### **Cody Droege**

Andy Droege-her husband

#### **Galen and Eunice Cobb**

Gerald and Velma Cobb-Galen's parents

Hubert and Ruby Brunkhorst (Hemme)-Eunice's parents

#### **Duane and Rebecca Limback**

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#### **Melvin Theroff**

Pris Callison-his wife

#### **Richard and Peggy Hoyer**

James Petersen-Peggy's dad

#### **Alan and Lorraine Miller**

Robert and Joanne Miller-Alan's parents

Darrell and Alice Carlson-Lorraine's parents, Curtiss Carlson-Lorraine's brother

#### **Sue Cottrill**

John-her husband, Laurence and Marie McMullin-her parents

Pete and Virginia Cottrill-her in-laws, Irvin Lee Cottrill-brother-in-law

#### **Schumaker Family**

Our family and friends that have passed away

#### **Larry and Karen Haase**

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#### **Darlene Laubenstein**

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#### **Bill and Pat Brasel**

Clay Epperson-their grandson

#### **Anonymous**

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Thank you for your service

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### **Our Mission**

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

### **Our Vision**

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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