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THE LIFE OF CHRIST: ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

"The Life of Christ" is the theme of the first "half" of the Church Year. It begins with the beginning of the Church Year, with the Season of Advent, and concludes with the Season of Easter. All of the Lessons celebrate the Life of Christ, the Head of the Church.

Over my many years of ministry as a pastor, I have relished our liturgical calendar and its related practices. Though a man-made tool, it guides us on a journey that is both purposeful and meaningful. It serves as an outline for the sake of celebration and instruction. For the next few months, I plan to flesh out some of the themes of the various seasons that are a part of the Life of Christ.

In this month, we begin a new Church Year. It begins with the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Now, I understand that for some of you, this may be nothing new. However, that does not nullify the need for review.

The Advent Season. If you have a hymnal at home, please open up to the hymn "The Advent of Our King". (LSB 331 or TLH 68) Read through the verses. This hymn is one of my favorites for the season of Advent as it recalls the season's themes. Year after year, we celebrate the Advent season, but sometimes, we forget the themes of the season and its importance in the liturgical cycle of the church.

Three major themes that encompass the season are related in this hymn. They are as follows:

The Advent of Our King: His Triumphant Return

The Advent of Our King: His Coming to Us in Word and Sacrament

The Advent of Our King: His Coming in the Flesh

These three themes will be evident in our worship during the Advent season.

Just as the End of the Church Year celebrates the anticipation of Christ's Second Coming – Judgement Day, the Season of Advent begins with the same hope and eager anticipation. As John reminds us, the fervent prayer of the Christian and the Christian Church is, "Come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20)

The season continues by celebrating the Word and Sacraments, the Means of Grace, which are the vehicles that the Holy Spirit uses to bring saving faith and sustain that faith in our hearts. The Season culminates with the remembrance of Jesus' coming to us in the flesh. The Advent Season is a season of hope. It celebrates Christ the King – King over the Kingdom of Power, the Kingdom of Grace, and the future Kingdom of Glory.

Now let us consider the Season of Christmas. Again, if you have a hymnal at home, find the hymn "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" (LSB 358 or TLH 85). Read or review the verses of the hymn. This is probably the most instructive hymn when it comes to understanding what we celebrate at Christmas. (My opinion.) It is one of Luther's hymns that he wrote.

Christmas is not the celebration of Jesus' "Birthday". We really don't know the date of His birthday. Rather, important to the Christian Church is the celebrating of the Incarnation of Our Lord. In other words, God coming in human flesh as was promised way back in the Garden of Eden.

The "Incarnation" is a primary doctrine of the Christian Church which is necessary to believe for the sake of salvation. There can be as many as two Sundays following Christmas Day. It is solely determined by the actual calendar of any given year. The additional Sundays help to understand how the "Babe" born in Bethlehem grew up. I hope that these notes are helpful as we move into the Life of Christ and the Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Next month, I will share notes concerning "The Life of Christ: The Epiphany Season" with you.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Schroeder

"Get to Know Your Neighbors"



Last Month, the Focus of the newsletter was Loving Your Neighbor. This Month, I would like to focus on Getting to Know them. Loving our neighbors means asking the question, "To whom can I be a neighbor?" It then means serving them practically, loving them with deeds. If that's what we're hoping to do, there is one rather important first step. The reality is there is no way to be a good neighbor, to love your neighbors indeed, without the first step of getting to know your neighbors better.

Remember, the call to love your neighbors is not optional, and neither is the call to share the Gospel through good deeds. This is our call, and the results could be tremendous! Let us together take the first steps towards rediscovering the power of sharing the Gospel with our deeds by getting to know our neighbors.

Here are some simple ideas for the 'getting to know you' stage:

- † Learn some of your neighbor's names. Awkward? Maybe. Yet you can glide past that by 'naming elephant': "You know, we've lived here for years. I thought it was about time I knew your name..."
- † Ask a neighbor for the next small ingredient you run out of.
- † If you have a Smartphone or Tablet, you can use an existing neighborhood network (a Facebook group, Nextdoor App, etc.
- † take a long, unhurried walk and see how many neighbors you can greet.
- † Invite your neighbors to an event like a block party, an informal dinner, or Bar-B-Que, or to watch a game. (Again, name the elephant if it feels awkward!)
- † Ask a deeper question than you normally would.
- † Organize a homemade cookie contest and invite neighbors to submit a dozen. Then, distribute cookie varieties from those dozens to neighbors to enjoy, and ask that they tell you which were their favorites.
- † Invite neighbors to join you for 20-30 minutes cleaning up trash or debris with you on your street.
- † Ask your neighbor, "How have you seen the neighborhood change since you've lived here?"

Which of these suggestions will you try first in order to get to know your neighbors?

††† Listen & Learn. As we make the effort to get to know our neighbors, we approach that task from the posture of a learner. This is so important to grasp if we are to truly love our neighbors as ourselves! Why? Well, you know what they say about assumptions.

"Don't make assumptions. You have to be out in the community and listening to what's really happening. Listening is absolutely essential for there to be any sort of healthy and longstanding engagement. There can be a tendency for us to assume what a neighborhood, a city, or even a family needs. If the good news is the good news, then we have to be a listening people who ask really good questions. What is good news to this family, this city, this person? Start there (as Jesus did in Matthew 20:32, Mark 10:51, and Luke 18:41)." (Greg Russinger, *"The Value of Local Learning and Listening," Better Together, 52-53*)

What commitments will you make to yourself to help set you up to be a great listener?

Remember, You and I have the blessed opportunity to ask the question: "To whom can I be a neighbor?" That in asking and seeking to answer this question, we will ultimately be led to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our Lord was very clear that everyday actions could bring glory and attention to God. *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16)

The goal with these simple ideas for intentionally engaging your neighbors is that through listening, we learn what's happening in their lives and can then seek to share the Good News with them. The message of the Good News of our salvation in Christ is a message we have been given to share, which can influence how others think about God.

We cannot find a single person in all of creation that is not someone for whom Jesus willingly died that they might know Him & His forgiveness. So, let us turn from worldly expectation of 'What can they do for me?,' or 'What can I get out of them...,' to "What good can I do for you? How can I show God's love to you today?" *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* (Colossians 3:17)

Pastor Fitch



DECEMBER SCRIP NEWS:

Are you making your list? Are you checking it twice for SCRIP options?

As you are shopping for holidays and Christmas, remember to take advantage of our SCRIP program. Whether you are shopping for your holiday dinner or for gifts to share, we can help you. Find gifts for everyone on your list while raising funds for our organization. You can buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends or to use them to buy your gifts— either way; our organization earns with every gift card purchased.



***Mark your calendars! **The deadline for ordering this year is December 11, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m. to best guarantee we receive the cards in time for your Christmas gift-giving.

We have some in-stock Scrip cards like Subway, Taco Bell, Papa Murphy's, Big Lots, Fleet Farm, Menard's, and Target. We still have the usual Kwik Trip, Culvers, Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Pick N' Save, Festival Foods, Wal-Mart, and assorted other SCRIP Cards available for purchase. **If we don't have what you want**, we can check into **ordering** it for pick up the following weekend. There are many vendors to choose from listed in our Look Book located at the Welcome Center desk, or you can visit **www.raiseright.com** online to see participating retailers. The retailer's list is amended continually.

Take
Note

Shop Limited-Time \$5 & \$10 Cards

The perfect small gift or stocking stuffer for that special someone. **The list of vendors that offer this special is on a list displayed by the Welcome Center desk** where SCRIP is sold; place your orders early, as the offer applies **only while supplies last**.

THANK YOU! to all who have supported SCRIP regularly and to those who have given it a try! Profits, currently, are divided between our Youth Group and the Lutheran Education Scholarship Fund. If you haven't, please consider using SCRIP for your shopping, dining, and other needs. **Can you imagine how these groups could benefit if more people used and supported this program?** Would you consider helping with the program?

If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Kathy Ehlert or a SCRIP representative at the Welcome Center desk where SCRIP is sold.



A CHRISTMAS BLESSING Lynne and I wish all of you a Christ-centered Christmas and a God--Blessed New Year celebration. May the joy of salvation be celebrated in all the traditions that are a part of your respective families. May we as a worshipping family enjoy the numerous opportunities to avail God's Means of Grace in all the services and fellowship meals offered at this time of Advent and Easter.

From the Fitch Family to Yours – Ashley, Kessidy, Eliana, Benjamin, Japheth, Samuel & I wish all of you, our family at Peace, a Merry Advent & Christmas tide! May the remembrance of our Lord's incarnation bring you the Joy & Hope that only Jesus brings! May your gatherings & travels be safe and full of the warmth & light of our Savior!! As we gather together to receive God's gifts (the origin of giving gifts at Christmas), let us take our Lord's gifts out with us wherever we go and share them with our fellow man in the Spirit of this blessed season. Merry Christmas & Blessed New Year to you!



The Joy of Christmas

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?” Micah 6:6a

What do you want for Christmas? Health, peace on earth, a job that will pay the bills? Each of us might answer the question with an item that weighs heavily on the heart. It's a

common question asked during the holidays, but rarely is the question addressed to God.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the prophet Micah spoke of the gifts God wants from His beloved people. gifts of the heart, given to Him when we do what is right: showing kindness in word and action; living lives of humility and service. Young and old alike have been equipped with such gifts. He wants our worship and prayers, our time and abilities, our compassion for others. Those are the gifts He receives with a warm smile – and not just at Christmas, but all year long.

“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” Micah 6: 8b.

Membership Statistics

Death:

October 27, 2023
Marise Bailey

Funeral:

November 3, 2023
Marise Bailey

Transferring to Peace:

Ashely Weissahhn, Haylee & Finley
From St. Peter Lutheran Fremont

Total Baptized members: 402
Total Confirmed members: 347
Households: 244
Men: 186
Women: 218



All women of Peace and friends are invited to find out what 10 Gifts Jesus Gives Us at the Christmas Breakfast on Saturday morning, December 9, from 9:00-11:00 am. Don't forget to bring your red stocking donation to support our deaconesses in training, Rachel and Melissa. Look for the invitation in your mailbox. **Sign-up is encouraged by Sunday, December 3.** If you have any questions, contact Lynne Schroeder at 262-224-4849 or lynne.schroeder@hotmail.com.

Have you considered attending the **LWML-SWD Winter Retreat**? It is being held on Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3, at the Marriott West, Waukesha. You can find more information at lwml-swd.org under events.

LWML mission moment –

Disaster Response Team — Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, TX (TLC DRT) - \$50,000. TLC DRT volunteers answer the call to serve our neighbors in need by ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of people affected by severe storms such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. TLC DRT's equipment and trailers are also used by volunteers from other teams, causing additional wear and tear on equipment. This grant will allow repair and replacement of necessary equipment.

Birthdays for December

Lori Kleinschmidt	12/3
Monica Jeske	12/4
Carol Brandt	12/30



Office Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, December 25th
Tuesday, December 26-Thursday, December 28th the office
will be open from 8:30-noon.

Monday, January 1, 2024 the office will be closed.



YEAH OWLS

YEAH! The **OWLS** have landed, and we're having a **HOOT!!!**

YEAH OWLS

Y(young) **E**(especially) **A**(at) **H**(heart) **O**(older) **W**(wiser) **L**(livelier) **S**(saints).



Our December YEAH OWLS get-together will be Thursday, December 21, 2023, and will include a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift, something practical, useless, or silly. Search your closets, drawers, cupboards, basements, or garages for something no longer of use to you. One man's trash is said to be another man's treasure or perhaps just plain funny. We begin at 11:00 AM, with lunch served promptly at 11:30 AM. For this month, we will be having a salad bar. We're asking everyone, if able, to bring a salad. It can be pasta, vegetable, lettuce, fruit, jello, or any kind of salad you'd like, a dish to pass. There will be a sign up for three desserts if you'd rather bring a dessert. We will have a "holiday potluck surprise." At noon, we will have our gift exchange. Signup sheets will be in the Fellowship Hallway 2 weeks prior to the December 21st meeting. Make sure to sign up. We'd love to see you there, and you can even bring a friend.



Odds 'n' Ends



UPDATE: BIBLE STUDY TOPICS, ETC.

Please note the following updates:

Saturday Morning Bible Class: This class will no longer be offered. Thank you, Lord, for the number of topics that have been explored over the last several years since its inception.

Thursday Morning Bible Class: We will begin the study of Philippians.

Beginning in January 2024 - Re: Vitality

Bible Study This study will be offered beginning in January. Following the model that was used a couple of years ago when the WOKE study was offered, this will be the topic for the Sunday morning, Thursday morning, and Thursday evening Bible studies to be completed by the end of February. This will allow the members the flexibility to attend any of the three offerings that best fit their schedules. This study will help us understand the Biblical basis of strategic planning. The Task Force felt that this was a good foundation to build off of as they entered their work early on.

Men's Bible Study & Winter Fellowship - We recently finished a Bible Study on "Embracing Godly Character." For December, we have agreed to adjust the regular schedule to be as follows:

December 7th @ 6:30 pm - 1-Session Bible Study on *"Being Angry and Not Sinning,"* An easy opportunity to come see what we as men are learning together as we come around God's Word.

December 21st @ 6 pm - Annual Men's Winter Fellowship will take place at Holidays Bar & Grille (1395 W American Dr, Neenah, WI 54956). **Please come join us and invite others as well.** Please let the Church office or Pr. Fitch know if you plan to attend so that we can reserve a seat in the reservation for you!



A WORD OF THANKS... Thank you to the members of Peace Mission Guild and the members of the congregation for the generous monetary gifts received in October on

account of Pastor's Appreciation Month. Your respective gifts were humbly received with thanksgiving to God. Pastor Schroeder

Thank You! - The Fitch Family wants to thank you for the monetary gifts, cards, encouragements, and well-wishes you shared with us during October (Pastor's Appreciation). We are truly thankful for each of you here at Peace and the ways our Lord has graciously continued to bless us through your hands!

Fall Voters' Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 6:30pm



Our most important Voters' Body Meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28th. The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 pm. Please plan on attending and exercise your right to review/ approve the 2024 Budget and nominate board members.



Re: VITALITY TASK FORCE: AN UPDATE Our last meeting was composed of two sessions. Each building upon the other. In "Session 3: God's Provision and God's Mission", we explored the assets of the congregation. Assets that were evaluated: People, Physical Assets, Programs/Ministries, Economic resources and Community Connections. It was discovered that we had more than what we imagined. In "Session 4: Core Values," we examined 15 common core values that are present in the average Lutheran congregation of the LCMS. Some of the Values were readily identifiable with others that were desired. I'm not going to list them all out but suffice it enough to say the exercise was rewarding. The Task Force decided to revisit/continue this exercise when they meet in their next meeting. These layers will help discern a Purpose Statement, A Mission Statement, and a Core Statement to help guide the strategies to be considered. Those Statements will be the essence of Sessions 5 & 6.

The Task Force also requested that the pastors offer the Bible study that they underwent in order to be prepared for the receiving and consideration of the Proposed Strategic Plan. The pastors will do just that. In January and February, the Bible study will be offered. (You can read more about this under the topic: Update: Bible Study Topics, etc., found in this newsletter.)

The process will continue as additional layers of study will provide all that is needed to complete the task of establishing a Proposed Strategic Plan for 2024-2026 to be brought to the Voters for its consideration and adoption. As has been invited in previous updates, please continue to pray for the Task Force as it moves forward and completes its task. Pray that the Lord will guide and give discernment for the advancement of His kingdom and the future ministry of our congregation.

Pastor



Live Nativity 2023 – December 8th @ 6 pm (5:00 *pm* if you plan to assist with set-up). This is a wonderful opportunity to come out to hear the Nativity Story as it comes to life before us, with live characters & animals (thank you to the Bd of Evangelism & the Cavannaughs!). We will sing beloved Advent & Christmas Hymns and greet (and invite!) people from our community to come hear & see it as well. If you are interested in helping out, we could use your assistance (yes, you!): You can pray for this excellent outreach endeavor, give assistance with putting the stable together & putting out the statuettes (*Sunday, Nov. 26th @ ~11:30 am*), or simply lending your voice in singing beloved hymns. If you are able, please come and join us as we seek to share the message of salvation as we continue Reaching Out, Serving Jesus, & Celebrating His Love!



Reaching Out, Serving Jesus and Celebrating His Love.

Sunday School continues to be very busy. Our classes meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am for an activity/music, bible study in classrooms at 11:00 am and pick up at 11:30 am.

In November, we continued our bible stories in the Preschool area, the study of the Lord's Prayer in the younger classrooms and Apologetics in the Jr. High Class. During November, we collected food to fill our shopping cart to benefit the Trinity Food Pantry. We finished up the month with our Sundae Sunday fellowship of a movie and a treat.



In December, we look forward to more learning and fun fellowship activities.
December 10th - Happy Birthday Jesus Party.

To prepare for the Children's Christmas Eve Service, which will be held on December 24th at 9:00 am, practice will be held for those participating. Below is a list of specific dates, times and age groupings. Please plan to attend.

Saturday, December 2nd

PreK - K 9:00 am - 10:00 am
1st - 4th 10:00 am - 11:00 am
5th - 8th 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday, December 9th

1st - 8th 9:00 am - 11:45 am

Saturday, December 16th

1st - 8th 9:00 am - 11:45 am

Saturday, December 23th

PreK - 8th 9:00 am - 11:45 am

All children participating in the Christmas Eve Service are to be at church by 8:15 a.m. with the pre-service instrumentalists beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Keep an eye out for updates for Sunday School in the weekly Bulletin News.

Any questions? Please contact Caitlin Vanden Bloomer or Betsy Ehlert.



December Memory Work - In Sunday School, the students have Memory verses they work on together over 2-week rotations. One goal we have for this year is to begin integrating those Memory verses not just in Sunday School but for our congregation together. What better way for we, as Adult members, to show that what the students are learning than to show that we ourselves are dedicated to learning as well.

Memory verse for 1st & 2nd Week of Dec.: **John 14:6** - "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.'" (PS - 2nd ... "I am the way the truth and the life.")

Memory Verse for 3rd & 4th Week of Dec.: **Proverbs 17:22a** - "A joyful heart is good medicine."



Thanksgiving Day Meal: The Social Ministry Board is actively planning and preparing for this upcoming meal. We are hoping for a great turnout for all those within our congregation and community who will come and share in the blessings that we have received



Social Ministry


in generous donations of money, local grocery (Pick n Save, Jacobs Meat Market, and Festival Foods) gift cards, and the volunteers that are willing to help prepare and serve this meal. Meals will be delivered to congregation members who have difficulty attending; if you need a meal delivered, please call the church office, and speak with Grace. Last year, we had individuals who requested a meal pick up to deliver to a friend, neighbor, etc., and we were blessed to have sufficient amounts to prepare a meal. If you have any questions, please contact Todd or Linda Lueke at (920) 740-7542 or (920) 740-9302.

The cornucopia is another wonderful example of how we at Peace are truly grateful, thankful, and blessed to provide donations of food that will go to the Trinity Food Pantry. A heartfelt thank you to all who are willing to show their compassion and share their blessings with those in need.



The Christmas Giving Tree: This year, the Social Ministry Board has opted for

Harbor House for the Christmas Giving Tree. Donated Items can be placed around the tree bottom and in red/green tote. Please do not wrap any of the gifts. If a gift card is donated, please place it in an envelope to put in the tote. The following is a list provided by Harbor House of items they are requesting:



2023 Holiday Program Gift List

This year we are trying to focus on teen gifts and gift cards. All adults will be given \$75 worth of gift cards, while children and teens will open gifts. Thank you so much!

Gift cards in \$25 increments (Target, Walmart, Amazon, VISA, grocery stores, etc.)	Colored hair chalk
Lego sets- especially for older kids/teens	Jewelry stand/box
Duplo Lego sets	Mini backpacks/purses (teen)
Headphones/earbuds	Squishmallows (teens and kids)
Bath and Body gift sets (teen girls & boys sets)	Squishables stuffed toys
Journals with fun pens	Baby Yoda items
Adult coloring books and gel pens	Scooters
Manga/comics items	Gift Cards for Teens
Drawing how-to books	GameStop, Movie theatre, Fast Food restaurants, Kwik Trip)
Basketballs, soccer balls, footballs	Barbie and baby dolls- especially multi-cultural
Watches	Family board games (please no Trouble or Sorry)
Gym bag/tote bag	LOL Surprise dolls
Wallets	Superhero things
Drones	Dinosaur things
Skateboards	Karaoke microphone
Neon lights to decorate rooms (teen)	Baby toys (light up or make sounds)
Bluetooth speakers	Baby toys in general
Portable charging banks	Toddler toys in general
Morse code bracelets	Sensory toys for kids of all ages
Walkie-talkies	Pokemon and Magic collector cards
Nail care sets/nail polish	Science/craft kits (especially rock painting & window art kits)
Makeup sets	Holiday gift bags, tags, and tissue paper
Ring lights	
Inexpensive cameras	

We request all Christmas items be donated anytime between Dec. 11-13, though if you have an exception, please let me know at lara.reddin@harborhousewi.org

2024 Mission Ballot

We are blessed as a congregation, therefore we tithe on the blessings received. In addition to support of Amy Formella (LBT) and the Joint Seminary Fund, please vote for only 9 of the following LC-MS Recognized Service Organizations (RSO) missions or community outreach programs.

All confirmed members, who have reached the age of majority (18) ¹, have opportunity to vote on where a portion of our tithe for missions will be distributed. Ballots will be available the weekend of November 4/5, one ballot per member please. Those missions receiving the majority of the votes by the end of the Voters' meeting in November will receive our support in 2024.

¹Peace Lutheran Church, Constitution and Bylaws, approved July 23, 2017

Camp LuWiSoMo (RSO) - Christian outdoor ministry program in Wisconsin in a suitable atmosphere in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be taught and a program of Christian education, fellowship, and recreation can be implemented.

Lutherans for Life (RSO) - Equipping every Lutheran, both individually and in community, to uphold the God-given value of human life and influence society to do the same.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation (RSO) –Thousands of people have come to faith in Christ because they've been able to read the Good News in more than 80 countries and 100 languages. LHF has published and distributed over 1,000 titles and 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches – all at no cost to the recipients.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) (RSO) - Where the government, the culture, and faith conflict, Lutherans can and must speak up in support of religious liberty, LCRL educates future generations about serving God through vocations in government, law, and public policy. An LC-MS presence is created in the U.S. capital, building coalitions with like-minded Lutherans and partners, accomplishing more together than alone.

LC-MS Disaster Relief (RSO) - Reaching out to LC-MS congregations and their communities with services that include on-site assessment, emergency relief and development grants, pastoral care for LC-MS church workers and members, and other resources.

Orphan Grain Train (RSO) – Sending truckloads of food, clothing, medical supplies, and religious materials to 69 countries and several disaster areas in the U.S.

Wisconsin Family Council – Wisconsin Family Action -- Advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin by strengthening, preserving, and promoting marriage, family, life and liberty.

Trinity (Menasha) Food Pantry - The Food Pantry is available to families and individuals of the community, no questions asked, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9-9:30 a.m., to those who need assistance with food.

Harbor House (Fox Valley) - Empowering communities to be free from domestic abuse through safety, knowledge, and engagement.

VIDA - (formerly Mothers of Unborn Children-Fox Valley) - Walking with women through the trials and tribulations of unplanned pregnancies by offering hope and compassion.

Pillars (Fox Valley Homeless Assistance - Warming Shelter) Leading our community in finding effective solutions to homelessness, providing shelter, support, and solutions to address the housing needs in our community.

MIDWEEK ADVENT – CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR’S EVE SCHEDULE 2023

Our Regular Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturdays at 5:00 P.M. & Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

Midweek Advent / Christmas Day Services - Overall Theme: “Peace Came to Earth”

Wednesday, December 6 (7:00 P.M.) Theme: “Look, There is a Star”

Wednesday, December 13 (7:00 P.M.) Theme: “Peace to All, Near and Far”

Wednesday, December 20 (7:00 P.M.) Theme: “Our Peace Rests on Him Alone”

Christmas Eve

Children’s Service

Sunday, December 24 (9:00 A.M.) Theme: “Peace Came to Earth”

Candlelight: A Service of Song and Lessons

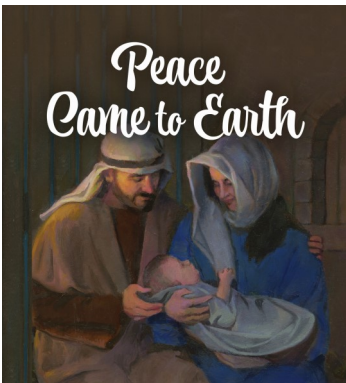
Sunday, December 24 (7:00 P.M.) Theme: “His Name-Immanuel”

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25 (9:00 A.M.) Theme: “The Diamond Found in the Manger”

New Year’s Eve

Saturday, December 30 (5:00 P.M.) & Sunday, December 31 (9:00 A.M.) Theme: “A Time for Everything”



Advent & Christmas Theme "Peace Came to Earth" – Peace is our common Christian pursuit. As Advent leads us to the manger-side at Christmas, we are especially seeking peace, a quiet place to rest during a restless time. We crave the assurance that God knows all our needs and will provide for them, not just in these short weeks but for every season of life, a peace that endures. Despite knowing God's promises to provide for us, we often seek peace on our own, defined even by the very ways we seek peace. In the end, we find lasting our treasure of lasting peace, not on impossible search or as a needle buried in a haystack, but laid in a manger. The priceless Son of God, born in the stable and laid in plain view for us all. As the Prince of Peace, he is the peace we seek.

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Worship Services

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sundays

