



UNTO US A
child is born, UNTO US
A son is given.

ISAIAH 9:6

Christmas Greetings December 2022/January 2023

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” – Isaiah 7:14

Throughout the Advent season leading up to Christmas, our Old Testament readings in church all come from the book of Isaiah. No other Old Testament book has more Christmas prophecies than Isaiah, and none of those prophecies are more obvious than the one written above: “the virgin shall conceive and bear a son” and He will be “God with us.”

These words from Isaiah go against all our experience and knowledge as human beings. What God promises, doesn’t work according to science and biology. Yet, Mary conceived and bore a Son and gave Him the name “Jesus,” a name that literally means “God saves.” He was also given the title of “Christ,” a word which means “chosen one” or “anointed one.” So the name Jesus Christ means “by this One, God saves.” Just as Isaiah prophesied, our God actually comes to us, dwells with us, and saves us just as He promised. Even though it seems impossible, even though it goes against all human reason, against all the wisdom of science, “the virgin conceived and bore a Son.” God does what He says.

This is a great comfort to us. There are many things in our lives that seem unsolvable. There are incurable diseases, situations that don’t seem to ever get better, and loved ones that will never come back. All our experience tells us that this is just the way things are. The world around us tells us that there is no God, and if there is, He doesn’t care about you, you can’t trust what religion tells you, the Bible is just some book like all the rest.

But God does what He says. Isaiah is proof of that. Jesus is proof of that. Not just in His birth at Bethlehem to the Virgin Mary, but also in His death and life again on Easter. “Kill me and three days later I will rise again” Jesus said (Luke 18:33), and He did exactly that—against all reason, all science, all human experience, Jesus did exactly what He said.

God’s promises to you are just as sure and certain as the ones contained in the Old Testament and the ones given from our Lord’s own mouth. This time of year is filled with joy and hope and merriment for a lot of people, but it can also be a time of loss, sadness, and strife for many more. God’s promises remain true through all of it. Your God is with you just as He said. He has known human life for He created it, and then He lived it. Our Lord is not ignorant or distracted from what is happening to us and those we love. He is right here through all of it, for He has promised never to leave us or forsake us (Isaiah 41:10, Matt. 28:20). He has promised that He is in control of all things and is working all things together for our good (Isaiah 55:8-12, Rom. 8:28). Our God is with us just as He said.

We pray for you this Christmas. That you may be of good cheer in whatever your circumstance. That you may meet your struggles with Godly confidence. And that you may know the Lord’s presence with you each and every day. If you seek the Lord who comes to be with His people, look first to His own house where Jesus visits us each and every week through the preaching of His Word and the giving of His Divine Supper. Abide with Christ as He abides with you (John 15:4). A blessed Advent preparation and a Merry Christmas to you all.

A Christmas Thank You

All of us in the church office would like to express our gratitude at your understanding and kindness throughout the past year and especially with the continued pandemic issues. We have had to learn a lot of new skills and acquire new abilities in order to continue to serve Redeemer both in-person and on-line. We are still working on those things and we are very thankful for the many people who have volunteered to help in ways that are too numerous to list. We are also thankful for all those who have financially supported Redeemer with time, talents, and treasures. Many congregations across our district and nation are in financial trouble or dealing with a pastoral vacancy. Through your generosity and the Lord's provision Redeemer is not facing those situations. We appreciate your prayers, your understanding, and your help. May God continue to bless our ministry here and our worship together.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Eric Kleinschmidt

Vicar Addison Pope Stacy Broviak (Admin. Asst.)

DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023 HAPPENINGS

HANGING OF THE GREENS. (decorating Redeemer) for Advent/Christmas will take place after late service (12 pm) on Sunday, Nov. 27. A hot dog lunch will be provided for helpers. Many hands=more fun-less time.

MID-WEEK ADVENT MATINS SERVICES will be held **Wednesdays at 9AM – November 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st.** Services will be In-Person only. The service will follow the Order of Matins and will have a hymn but will not have a sermon or incense.

MID-WEEK ADVENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICES will be held **Wednesdays at 7PM – November 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st.** Services will be In-Person & Live-Streamed. Please plan to attend to prepare for the coming of our Savior. Incense is used in these special services as Psalmody begins, "Let my prayer rise before You as incense."

THE MARY & MARTHA'S CIRCLE CHRISTMAS POT BLESSING WILL BE HELD AT 12 P.M. ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH. Sign-up on the Ladies' bulletin board in the East Hall, please indicate which delicious dish you will bring to share (Fried Chicken will be provided). "Christmas Tree Bunco" will be the featured fun game. Instead of a five dollar gift exchange the attendees are asked to bring a donation of socks preferably men's heavy black socks for homeless shelters. Winter hats and gloves would also be appreciated. **All** Redeemer ladies and friends are invited to join the wonderful Christmas fellowship.

YOUTH COOKIE WALK: The Redeemer Youth Group will host its Annual Cookie Walk on **Saturday, December 10 & Sunday, December 11** after all three services in the North Classroom. Cookies will be available for purchase by the pound. Walk around the tables and pick your favorites.

If you are willing to donate several dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie, please let Vicar Addison Pope know. **Cookies can be dropped off on Saturday, Dec. 10 between 1pm and 3pm** during the time that the Youth will be baking.

THE ANGEL TREE is set up in the foyer & adorned with names of children in need this holiday season. Please take an angel ornament, buy a gift (approx. value \$40), wrap it with the angel tag attached, & place it by the tree in the foyer **by 12PM on Sunday, December 11th.** This year every child has one angel on the tree with sizes and toy wishes on it.

A PARENT/YOUTH MEETING to plan for a trip to Higher Things in July 2023 will take place in the Youth Room on **Sunday, December 11th** during the Education hour.

A YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held after late service on **Sunday, Dec. 11** in the Youth Room.

THE TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY will have their last meeting for 2022 on December 13. **On Tuesday, December 13th,** the group will enjoy going out to lunch as a group to Dante's after class. Class will resume on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 with a new book "Bless These Lips" by Sharla Fritz.

SWADDLING CLOTHES CENTER at Grace Lutheran Church, Dyer, is a ministry of our Hammond Circuit Congregation Churches, to help mothers & babies in need. Swaddling Clothes helps families monthly with diapers, wipes, & clothing on the third Saturday (**Dec. 17, 2022 & Jan. 21, 2023**). Volunteers needed! Work Days are 1st & 2nd Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. Visit www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer.

NEEDS: diapers, wipes (flip-top refills), baby wash, diaper cream, and clothing (newborn to 3T). Items can be placed in the 24/7 donation bin - back parking lot at Grace or at Redeemer under the large bulletin board in foyer. **Thank you for your support!**

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will take place **at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 18th** during the education hour. Due to the program, there will not be Adult Bible Study or Youth Group. Come sing with the children and hear the Christmas story. **All are invited!** Parents, please make sure Sunday School students are in attendance Nov. 27, Dec. 4, & Dec 11 to practice for the program.

THE POINSETTIA CHART is on a table in the foyer. The Poinsettias are **\$15 (Payable to Altar Guild)**. They are used to decorate the sanctuary and may be picked up after the 10AM Christmas Day service.

THE CHURCH SECRETARY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE Dec. 26, 2022-January 7, 2022, returning to the office on *Monday, January 10th*.

As you are planning your December & January activities, please look ahead at your calendars for: any bills that will need paying, copies to be made, reservations for the MPR, as well as bulletin blurbs for the Dec 31/Jan 1 and Jan 8/9 bulletins. Please give the information to the church secretary (Stacy Broviak) **no later than Monday, Dec. 19th**.

Please note that in the secretary's absence, Pastor Eric and Vicar Christian will be available for **Pastoral Care** (prayers, hospital visits, etc.), however **no administrative** care will be available.

Pastor Kleinschmidt and Vicar Pope will also be on vacation Dec. 26 -30, 2022.

The Church Office will be CLOSED between Christmas and New Year's – December 26, 2022-January 2, 2023.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY will resume at 7PM on Wednesdays in the MPR starting **JANUARY 4th**. Vicar Addison Pope will finish leading the class in the study "LifeLight: Isaiah Part 1" and then begin "LifeLight: Isaiah Part II" before pausing for Lent/Easter.

LIFE SUNDAY – JANUARY 22ND! A door offering to support Lutherans for Life will be received at all three services the weekend of January 21st/22nd.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: The Sunday School will be collecting **non-perishable food donations** to benefit St. James Food Pantry in Highland for the entire month of January until Feb. 13th. Please make sure items are not expired. Place them ON TOP of the wooden bin in the foyer to be counted.

A DOOR OFFERING will be collected after all three services on February 12th & 13th. Checks may be written payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church, memo Share Fund. **Redeemer Share Cupboard Donations** Redeemer maintains a charitable fund called the Share Cupboard Account. The Share Cupboard has helped Redeemer members and others during times of unexpected or extreme need. If you are in need, please talk to Pastor.

THE ANNUAL POLAR BEAR PICNIC: The Youth Group is having their annual Polar Bear Picnic on **Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 12pm**. (Only the grillers have to brave the cold – everyone else enjoys picnic food in the middle of winter!!) Grilled brats and hot dogs, along with chips, salads, desserts, etc. will be served. ***Watch for more info to come about tickets.*** Save the date for a great "Summer" menu!

INFLATE THE VICAR: Inflation and rising costs affect all of us, but unexpected increases really put a strain on our students and family. Help out our vicar by taking an envelope and putting in a donation (\$20 or more suggested) to help with groceries and heat/water/electric bills. Gas cards/gift cards also are a great idea. Please make any checks payable to: "Redeemer Share Cupboard" and put "Vicar" in the memo line. Envelopes can be returned to the office or put in the offering plate. *Thank you for your support of Redeemer's Vicarage program.*

Envelopes are located in the foyer on the South (back) Bulletin Board.

Little Lambs is looking to fill our treasure box.

We are looking for small items that the kids can pick out such as Happy Meal toys, small stuffed animals, bubbles and trinkets. The children get to pick out of the box when the fill their behavior reports and other things. Donations can be put on the U shaped table in the Preschool Room. Thank you!!

THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED and helped with the LWML Hammond Zone hygiene kits in September by donating soap, toothbrushes, etc. **351 hygiene kits** were assembled at Trinity Hammond!

THE MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE OCTOBER BAKE SALE was a huge success (\$336)! Thank you to all who baked, packaged, sold and purchased the delicious goodies. Because of your generosity we were able to purchase 10 blankets and provide a monetary donation to Haven House.

NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE THANKS: We collected a lot! Thank you to the youth & parents that participated and to everyone who donated to the food drive – neighbors and members! Also, a huge THANKS to Strack & VanTil Food Market in Highland which donated the paper grocery bags for distribution. **ALSO, THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the November Pie Sale!

Youth Fundraisers help the youth to be able to attend the annual summer Higher Things Conference where youth are engaged in topical discussions & presentations and worship services each day.

VALPARAISO FESTIVE CHRISTMAS VESPERS:

Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30PM & Saturday, Dec. 3 at 5PM. Purchase tickets online at valpo.edu/center-for-the-arts/tickets. Complimentary for high school musicians by contacting music@valpo.edu.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS on Saturday, Dec. 3, 4:30-7p.m. at Wicker Park in Highland. Live Nativity, games, crafts, food and more. Love, Inc. collection.

SAVE THE DATE: Strike Out Brain Cancer supporting the Joshua James Schutte Foundation on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, 3-7p.m. at Plaza Lanes in Highland.

2023 SPONSORSHIP CHARTS: *Sign up on the South bulletin board in the foyer.*
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MAKE OUT YOUR CHECKS TO THE CORRECT ENTITY.

ALTAR GUILD pays for the flowers and candles.
Redeemer Lutheran Church pays for the bulletins.

Flowers and Candles will not show on your contribution statement; however bulletin sponsorship will appear (if you use envelopes). ***They are separate checking accounts***, please, help staff and volunteers by making separate checks or exact cash for each type of sponsorship. Thank you so much!

Flowers are \$20 per vase and **Candles** are \$15 per month, **checks payable to ALTAR GUILD.**

Bulletin sponsorship is \$10 per week, **checks payable to REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

Please make sure your check or cash in an envelope with your name & sponsorship date marked on it.

Please Note: Bulletin and Candle sponsorships only list sponsor names, not a reason for sponsorship. A reason for sponsorship of the Altar flowers is noted in the weekend bulletin – please indicate your reason when signing up on the flower chart. **The sponsors may pick-up the flowers after the 10:45 Sunday service or Monday during office hours.**

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND WILL BE DECEMBER 3rd & 4th.

Instructions and a Faith Promise Card will be included in the weekend bulletins and then will be available at the Elders' Desk the following week. Please fill out the anonymous card and drop it in the Faith Promise Box during the Stewardship hymn that weekend or in the box on the Elders' Desk **by December 12th** in order for the Stewardship Committee to count them and plan for income toward the Mission Spending Plan next year.

2023 offering envelopes will be available for pickup in the church foyer beginning December 11th.

Please begin using your 2023 offering envelopes ON/AFTER January 1, 2023, **including the Initial Offering Envelope.** **ALL OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED FOR 2023!** All members who were given envelopes and USED THEM in 2022 will be given envelopes again in 2023. Those previously assigned envelopes but did not use them in 2022 will not automatically receive envelopes. Included in the 2023 envelopes at the beginning of each month are a Building Fund envelope [to designate offerings to the East Wing Building Project] and the Improvement Fund envelope [which helps to purchase new equipment and make building updates].


If you would like to start using envelopes in 2023; would prefer to only give online and not receive physical envelopes (an electronic giving number can be assigned instead for statements); or you no longer wish to receive offering envelopes please contact Stacy at the church office ASAP (by DECEMBER 7TH) *If numbered offering envelopes or electronic giving is not used, Redeemer is not able to produce a contribution statement for your tax purposes.*

Annual contribution statements are printed for those who use offering envelopes or contribute regularly online. 2022 Contribution Statements will be available for pick up in the church foyer by the end of January. Please help the church save postage by picking up your statement. Statements not picked up will be mailed Feb. 1, 2023. Please help Redeemer save postage by picking up your statement by January 31 or by letting the office know if you don't want a statement.

For the Weekend of Dec. 31st/Jan. 1st: Offerings received using 2022 Offering Envelopes or given on or before the Dec. 31st 6:30 p.m. service will be counted as a 2022 offering. Any offerings received using 2023 Envelopes or received in the offering plates at the Jan. 1st Sunday Worship Services will be recorded as 2023 offerings. Offerings received online or in the mail after January 1st will be recorded for 2023.

Let the church office know if you need to have your Faith Promise materials, offering envelopes or statement mailed to you. Speak with Stacy in the church office, leave a message or email.

AN ONLINE GIVING LINK can be found on the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerHighland.org.

Look for the  link on the lower right side of the homepage.

NEW FOR 2023! Additional Gift Frequencies being added to Redeemer's online giving:

twice a month, quarterly, and annually.

- Twice a month donors set up gifts that will process on the 1st and 15th of each month
- Quarterly gifts process every three months after its start date

- Annual gifts process every year to the date after its start date

Optional End Date will be added for recurring online offerings.

A Building Fund Option to direct additional gifts directly to Redeemer's East Wing Building Project.

A REDEEMER BUILDING COMMITTEE has been formed to investigate the option of replacing the East Wing of Redeemer with new construction. The current East Wing was built of concrete block in 1961. The water pipes for the East bathrooms, East Wing Boiler, and to the Kitchen/MPR are located in the cement foundation and inside the concrete block walls. Copper pipes which have a typical life span of 50-70 years have been leaking one after another, which currently has left the North Classroom and East bathrooms without heat. At the Congregational Assembly on Sunday, November 20, 2022 it was voted unanimously to work with PBS a local Design-Build company beginning in January/February to complete Project Pre-Construction Planning and Conceptual Design Planning which will give Redeemer the facility assessment; design plans and a project scope with budget development. When the plans are finalized Redeemer will hold a Special Congregational Assembly to review the project plans and cost estimate to vote as to whether or not to move forward with the project. The cost of the Planning phase of the project will be \$23,470. Elizabeth Hecimovich, the Building Committee Chair, is pursuing a grant from the Center for Congregations to cover half of the Planning phase cost. Redeemer will find out mid-January if we receive the grant. Please keep the Building Committee in your prayers as they work to find Redeemer's best solution to this very large problem.

Qualified charitable distributions from your IRA fulfill required minimum distributions

Once you reach age 72, your income could increase as you begin withdrawing money from your IRAs and 401(k). They're called **required minimum distributions**, or RMDs, and they will be **taxable as ordinary income**.

One way to help reduce or eliminate the taxes you might pay on those dollars is called a **qualified charitable distribution, or QCD**. Rather than taking the money as an RMD, you designate a charitable organization to receive the money directly from your IRA.

You must be 70½ to complete a QCD, and only money from a **traditional IRA** can be used, versus your 401(k) or another employer-sponsored plan.

Qualified charitable distributions could be more beneficial than ever since the tax laws changed a few years ago and increased the standard deduction. You may not exceed that standard deduction with your usual annual gifts to charity. So, to get the tax advantage, a QCD might be a good option for you.

Gifts of stock and mutual funds can provide tax-efficiency

Gifts of stock and mutual funds are a potentially **tax-efficient** way to support causes you care about. If you own highly appreciated stock or mutual funds, you may face significant capital gains taxes when you sell those securities. You may avoid those tax consequences by giving the securities to a charitable foundation,

The above box contains an excerpt from the online article "Charitable giving: The options & benefits explained" dated December 1, 2021 from Thrivent.com. To read the entire article, go to: <https://www.thrivent.com/insights/generosity-giving/charitable-giving-the-options-and-benefits-explained>.

Please consult your personal financial advisor to see what options would be most beneficial in your financial situation. Redeemer has worked with members in the past who have sent direct distributions from their IRA; donated stocks directly to Redeemer for immediate sale; donated stocks to be owned by Redeemer in order to be supported by direct dividends; and those who have included Redeemer in their estate planning to inherit their home and/or a part of their monetary estate. Some of those gifts have been specifically directed, but many have been left undirected to be used for the needs of the church.

HELP WITH THRIVENT CHOICESM If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, remember that your benefits may include Thrivent ChoiceSM, a charitable grant program. Help support your congregation by choosing REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, HIGHLAND, IN when directing your Thrivent ChoiceSM dollars. Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

A WAY TO HELP ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL & RECEIVE A TAX BENEFIT. Consider making a contribution to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana (<https://lutheransgo.org>) Indiana law

provides you with a 50% Indiana tax credit for every dollar donated to an SGO. Ascension uses the SGO scholarship money to provide support to families in need for help with tuition.

THE BETA SIGMA PSI NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION offers scholarships for members of the Lutheran community. Scholarship information and applications for incoming freshmen Fall 2023 are available at <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>.

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Services:

Saturday:.....6:30 p.m.

Sunday:.....8:00 a.m.

.....10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study:

Sunday:.....9:15 a.m.

Special Services:

Advent Matins Service (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21).....9:00 a.m.

Advent Evening Prayer Services (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21).....7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Carols, Candles & Communion (Sat., Dec. 24)...6:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Divine Service (Sun., Dec. 25).....10:00 a.m.

Regular Worship Schedule for New Year's Eve (Sat., Dec. 31) and New Year's Day (Sun., Jan. 1)

Staff:

Pastor: Eric Allan Kleinschmidt

Vicar: Addison Pope

Admin. Asst.: Stacy Broviak

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday from 10am-2pm; Fridays CLOSED.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2022 – MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023.

FEBRUARY-MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be MONDAY, JANUARY 24TH!

WORSHIP SERVICES AND ONLINE BIBLE STUDY CAN BE FOUND AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/C/REDEEMERLUTHERANCHURCHHIGHLAND](https://www.youtube.com/c/RedeemerLutheranChurchHighland)

THE SUNDAY 8 AM SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED EVERY WEEKEND, which is then available for later viewing as well. The Live Stream link and Order of Service attachment is emailed every week as part of the Redeemer Reminders. Links are also available on the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerHighland.org.

Please remember to call to alert the Pastor & Vicar if you are in the hospital and would like a visit. (219-838-4898). Hospitals often do not alert the church office. Pastor & Vicar are willing to visit members in the hospital or at home, but they need to be alerted to the need by the individual or a family member/caretaker. They would also like to include you or your family member in the prayers, if you would like to be included. (Note: Prayers are live-streamed as part of the Sunday service.)

MEMBERSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION AT REDEEMER: If you, a family member, or a friend would like to know more about being Lutheran or becoming a member at Redeemer and receiving Holy Communion, please talk to Pastor Kleinschmidt. Adult Instruction classes can be planned around your schedule. In the Lutheran tradition, all members are instructed before receiving the Sacrament of the Altar, and a total of six classes at Redeemer give an overview of the Christian faith and Lutheran teaching.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

December:

Trustees Meeting – No Meeting

Elders – Dec. 5

Youth Committee – Dec. 8

Planning & Stewardship – Dec. 12

Church Council – Dec. 12

Christian Ed. Meeting – No meeting

January:

Trustees – No Meeting

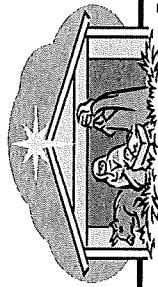
Elders – No Meeting

Planning & Stewardship – Jan. 9

Church Council – Jan. 9

Youth Committee – Jan. 12

Christian Ed. Meeting – Jan. 31



December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 27 First Sunday in Advent 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion 12:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens	Nov. 28 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting	Nov. 29 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Dartball (H)	Nov. 30 9:00 a.m. Advent Matins Service 7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer Service	1 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace) 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel	2 Pastor's/Vicar's <i>Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	3 Stewardship Weekend 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
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11 ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE Youth Cookie Walk after Services 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study (MPR) Sunday School Dress Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Youth-Parent Higher Things Meeting (Youth Room) 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party (Youth Room) 1:00 p.m. MPR Reserved	12 6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Church Council	13 9:00 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Conf. at Grace, Dyer 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study (MPR) & Lunch at Dante's after 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. Dartball (at St. Paul #1)	14 9:00 a.m. Advent Matins Service 7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer Service	15 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel	16 Pastor's/Vicar's <i>Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	17 <i>Angel Tree Gift Pickup</i> 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Day (at Grace) 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
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25 Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Christmas Divine Service	26	27 *** LITTLE LAMBS ON CHRISTMAS BREAK ***	28 *** LITTLE LAMBS ON CHRISTMAS BREAK ***	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion

PASTOR, VICAR & SECRETARY ON VACATION
 *** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ***



January 2023



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1 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	3 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. Dartball (at Resurrection) *** LITTLE LAMBS ON CHRISTMAS BREAK ***	4 7:00 p.m. LifeLight	5 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace)	6 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	7 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
*** CHURCH SECRETARY ON VACATION ***						
8 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion 12 p.m. Un-hanging of the Greens with Pizza	9 6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Church Council	10 9:00 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Conf. at Good Shepherd/St. John, Gary 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)	11 7:00 p.m. LifeLight	12 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace) 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel 5:30 p.m. Youth Comm. Mtg.	13 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	14 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
15 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	16 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	17 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)	18 7:00 p.m. LifeLight	19 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel	20 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	21 Life Sunday Door Offering 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Day (at Grace) 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
22 Life Sunday Door Offering 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	23 2:00 p.m. February/March Newsletter Deadline	24 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Chesterston)	25 7:00 p.m. LifeLight	26 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel	27 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	28 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
29 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	30	31 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)			SAVE THE DATE: Polar Bear Picnic Sunday, Feb. 5 at 12pm	