

LOOK UPON LOVE

Let us then meditate upon the Nativity just as we see it happening in our own babies. I would not have you contemplate the deity of Christ, the majesty of Christ,

but rather his flesh. Look upon the baby Jesus.

Divinity may terrify people. Inexpressible majesty will crush them. That is why God took on our human flesh and blood, that God should not terrify us but rather that with love and favor God would console and comfort us.

—Martin Luther

BIBLE QUIZ

Who was governor of Syria when Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem for a mandated registration, or census?

- A. Theophilus
- B. Herod Antipas
- C. Pontius Pilate
- D. Quirinius

Answer: D (See Luke 2:1-7.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER

First Sunday of Advent, December 1: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

December 2-7: Psalm 25:1-10, 90; Numbers 17:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-18; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Revelation 22:12-16; Isaiah 1:24-31; Luke 1:68-79, 9:1-6, 11:29-32; Malachi 3:5-18, 4:1-6; Philippians 1:12-26

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8: Baruch 5:1-9; Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

December 9-14: Psalm 126; Isaiah 19:18-25, 35:3-7, 40:1-11; Romans 8:22-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15; Luke 1:57-66, 7:18-30; Amos 6:1-8, 8:4-12, 9:8-15; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, 9:1-15

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15: Isaiah 12:2-6; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

December 16-21: Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 11:1-9, 42:10-18, 66:7-11; Numbers 16:1-35; Hebrews 10:10-39, 13:7-17; Acts 28:23-31; Micah 4:8-13; Luke 7:31-35, 13:31-35; Jeremiah 31:31-34

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22: Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55

December 23-28: Psalm 113; Genesis 25:19-28; Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 148; 2 Chronicles 24:17-24; Acts 6:1-7, 7:51-60; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7;

Christmas, December 24-25: Psalm 96, 97, 98; Isaiah 9:2-7, 52:7-10, 62:6-12; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

First Sunday After Christmas, December 29: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

December 30-31: Psalm 147:12-20; 2 Chronicles 1:7-13; Mark 13:32-37; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 12/1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
4:00pm Christmas Play Practice in FLC
- 12/2** 5:30pm Yount Group Meeting in Assembly Room
- 12/3** 6:30pm McCombs Circle Meeting
- 12/8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
3:00pm Confirmation Class
4:00pm Christmas Play Practice in FLC
- 12/13** 5:30pm-7:30pm Youth Movie / Game Night
- 12/14** 8:00am-3:30pm FLC Reserved (Holly Moody)
3:30pm-8:30pm FLC Reserved (FACS)
- 12/15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:30am-9:30am Christmas Breakfast
10:30am Christmas Cantata
3:00pm Confirmation Class
4:00pm Christmas Play Practice in FLC
- 12/16** 4:00pm-8:30pm Assembly Room Reserved (Barbara Moose)
- 12/20** 11:00am-9:00pm Assembly Room Reserved (Stephanie Petrea)
- 12/20-12/21** FLC Reserved (Christmas Play Setup)
- 12/21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER**
10:00am Christmas Play Final Rehearsal
- 12/22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
6:00pm Children's Christmas Play
- 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE**
9:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY**
- 12/29** 9:00am Church Chat in FLC
- 12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE**

SUNDAYS – 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29
9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship
9:30am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship

WEDNESDAYS – 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25
10:00am – Bible Study / Chapel
6:30pm – Handbells
7:30pm – Choir Practice

DECEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Lisa Overcash
2 – Aaron Bradshaw
Neely Vinson
3 – Abby Cobb
8 – Bradley Cobb
9 – Wayne Canup
Ashtyn Elizabeth Peeler Gardner
Beverly Petrea
13 – Trent Bradshaw
21 – Natalie Spinella
23 – Gavin Peeler
Charles Walker
27 – Cory Barger
29 – Jake Moose

ANNIVERSARIES

- 29 – Tony & Sallie Herrin

CUB SCOUTS

Dates: Thursdays – 12/5, 12/12

Times: 7:00pm-8:00pm

WiFFLe

Dates: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC

Times: 10:00am-11:00am

FACS BASKETBALL

12/2, 12/4, 12/6, 12/9, 12/11, 12/16, 12/18

3:30pm – 7:00pm

12/3, 12/5, 12/12, 12/17, 12/19

3:00pm – 5:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to our new Council members: Dwight Bradshaw, Chandra Fink, and Jake Moose.

Thank you to Vicki Fink, Jeff Mills, and CJ Moody for their time served on Council.

Out-of-season flower arrangements need to be removed from cemetery plots by Friday, December 6th for Cemetery Clean-up from the Property Committee.

Angel Tree gifts are due by December 8th and **Christmas Poinsettia orders** are due by December 10th.

**Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*

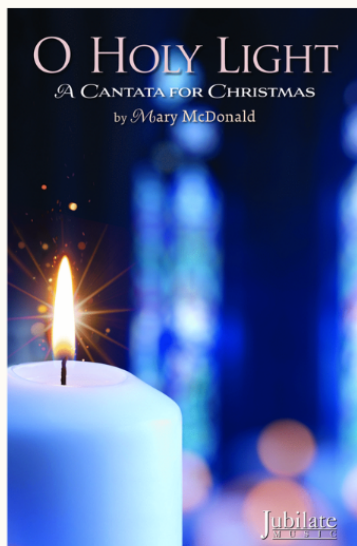
DECEMBER EVENTS

DECEMBER 15

8:30AM - 9:30AM

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Our Annual Christmas Breakfast is sponsored by Social Ministry as a thank you to everyone who has generously donated or given their time to help with various efforts throughout 2024.



10:30AM

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

On this year's Third Sunday of Advent, join us during Worship for our "O Holy Night" Christmas Cantata!



Please return your wrapped gifts by **Sunday, December 8th** and place around the tree in the Gathering Room.



Please turn in your Poinsettia orders by **Tuesday, December 10th** to decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent Season.

DECEMBER 22

6:00PM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY



This year's play is entitled:
Signs of Christmas

Everyone is invited to attend the Sweet and Salty Reception following the conclusion of the Children's Program.



DECEMBER 24

9:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



One service for
Christmas Eve Worship.

DECEMBER 29

9:00AM

5TH SUNDAY CHURCH CHAT

Council will provide breakfast and the Social Ministry team will be sharing information about their vision statement, purpose, policies, procedures, and yearly sponsored missions.

MERRY
AND
BRIGHT

WiFFLe

Walk in
Faith
Family Life

CELEBRATES 1ST BIRTHDAY

Tuesday, November 26th will mark the conclusion of the first year of **WiFFLe** (**W**alk **i**n **F**aith **F**amily **L**ife). Members and guests of Faith Lutheran have gathered regularly in the Family Life Center on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00am-11:00am. They have enjoyed devotions, fellowship, and, of course, walking together. In all, 49 people have participated (30 members of Faith Lutheran and 19 guests). Four folks have walked more than 100 days each, three of them at or above a total of 150. Two more are right at 100 days total, and three more have totaled well above 50. That represents a LOT of commitment!

Something else - or somebodies else - who represent a lot of commitment are our faithful **WiFFLe** Hosts. Hosts open up doors, welcome walkers, lead devotions, keep an eye out for safety, and secure the building at the conclusion of each **WiFFLe** session. We have 12 members who have served as **WiFFLe** Hosts during our first year. Thank you to each: Daisy Bost, Chris Earnhardt, Chandra Fink, Ken Fink, Vicki Fink, Lu Gamewell, Robin McKnight, Linda Modlin, Lisa Painter, Gennene Parker, Carolyn Rogers, and Ellen Wells. An additional huge thank you to Betty Hunt, who helped get the first year off to a great start. As our **WiFFLe** Ambassador, she contacted Hosts to remind them of their upcoming scheduled Host dates. Thank you, Betty!

If you or your friends are not one of the 49 who have already participated in **WiFFLe**, it's not too late. Our second year of **WiFFLe** kicks off the day after Thanksgiving. We gather at 10:00am for brief devotions, and then we walk for as long or as short as we like. We stop and rest when we feel like it. Sometimes some of us talk at least as much as we walk - and that's just fine. We have fun. Come join us!

Our second year of
WiFFLe starts on
November 26!

PUT YOUR WALKING SHOES ON...



AND JOIN US FOR WiFFLe!

JOYserve

25 Days of Kindness to Serve Others and Spread Joy

1

Put a candy cane in all of the mailboxes on your street.

2

Make a poster that says "Jesus is the Reason for the Season" and hang it in your front window.

3

Go to church - Pray for the person next to you.

4

Take treats to the fire station.

5

Call someone and tell them a Christmas joke.

6

Place an ornament on someone's tree while you are visiting their house.

7

Take a hot chocolate to the crossing guard.

8

Replace a neighbor's doormat with a Christmas one.

9

Give water bottles to the garbage collectors.

10

Go to church - Bring a treat for the Sunday School teachers.

11

Take a meal to your pastor.

12

Hold the door for someone.

13

Bring coffee and donuts for teachers.

14

Make Happy Birthday cards for Jesus.

15

Tie red and green balloons to someone's door knob.

16

Put a treat in the mailbox for the mail carrier.

17

Go to church - Compliment someone on the worship team.

18

Hold the door for someone.

19

Draw a nativity and hang it in a public restroom.

20

Let a stranger go ahead of you in line.

21

Mail a Christmas card to someone who lives alone.

22

Invite someone to your church's Christmas Eve service.

23

Drive around and give candy canes to all of the houses with nativities in their yard.

24

Go to Christmas Eve service - Sing extra loud!

25

Bring a plate of Christmas treats or food to someone working on Christmas Day.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

YOUTH UPDATES

CONFIRMATION: December 8th and 15th



YOUTH MOVIE or GAME NIGHT: December 13th



CHRISTMAS PLAY FINAL REHEARSAL: December 21st at 10:00am

CHRISTMAS PLAY: Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00pm

"Signs of Christmas"

(Sweet and Salty Reception afterward)

PUZZLE



CLUES ABOUT CHRISTMAS

The Old Testament contains many details about Jesus' birth.
Can you uncover what Isaiah prophesied?

Directions: Use the code to write the letters and complete Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV.

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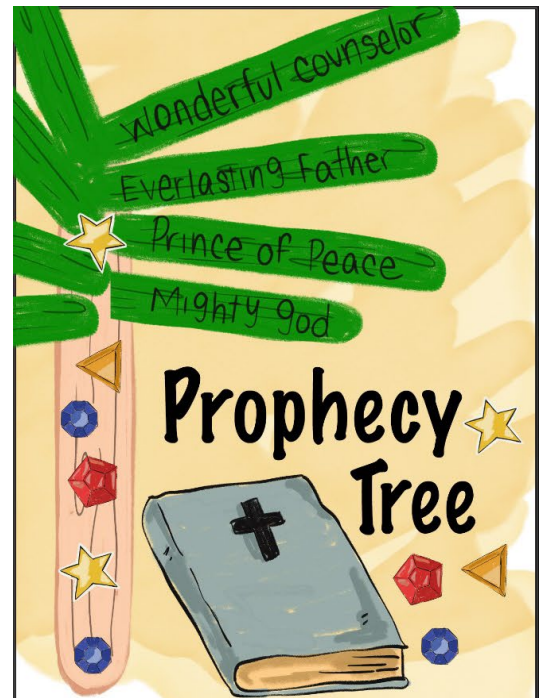
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Answers: child; born, son, given, Counselor, Mighty, peace, end, throne, kingdom, justice, forever

A CHRIST-CENTERED CHRISTMAS



Make this Christmas
craft to display special
names for Jesus.

What you need:

- Large wooden craft stick
- Small green wooden craft sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Bible
- Permanent marker
- Craft glue
- Optional: star stickers or craft jewels

What you do:

1. Place the large stick on a table vertically, like a tree trunk.
2. Cut the green sticks into pieces that measure 4", 3½", 3" and 2½".
3. On each green stick, write a name for Jesus from Isaiah 9:6 — Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Write small or ask an adult for help.)
4. Use a dot of glue to attach each green stick to the large stick, like tree branches.
5. Decorate your Christmas tree with stickers or jewels.



DATE	TOTAL OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
OCTOBER 27	\$4,042.70	55 Sunday School, 114 Worship
NOVEMBER 3	\$4,818.00	42 Sunday School, 107 Worship
NOVEMBER 10	\$14,207.25	52 Sunday School, 103 Worship
NOVEMBER 17	\$6,976.27	56 Sunday School, 107 Worship
NOVEMBER 24	\$3,201.00	46 Sunday School, 126 Worship

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

	DEC. 1	DEC. 8	DEC. 15	DEC. 22	DEC. 29
Acolytes	Griffin Alderman, Leila Roberts	Cole Humphreys, Reagan Bradshaw	Mia Spinella, Caylee Sheets	Brooks Moody, Jack Crawford	Evan Misenheimer, Griffin Alderman
Broadcast Team	David Alderman, Jeff Mills, Jeff Overcash, Caitlin Rimmer				
Children's Message	Pastor Rob	Lu Gamewell	Doug Lingle	<i>Faith Kids Sing</i>	Vicki Fink
Children's Church	<i>Communion</i>	Wendi Bradshaw	<i>Communion</i>	Wendi Bradshaw	Holly Moody
Church Sign	Barbara Moose				
Fellowship Refreshments	Jake & Barbara Moose	Kenny & Meredyth Fisher	<i>Social Ministry Christmas Breakfast</i>	Tony & Sallie Herrin	<i>Church Chat</i>
Lector	J. Alderman Family	CJ Moody Family	R. Crawford Family	Lee Roberts Family	Gail Gurley
Nursery	Meredyth Fisher, Lela Brooks	Amanda Meacham, Holly Moody	Carolyn Rogers, Crystal Bradshaw	Stephanie Barkley, Marissa Asbury	Jamie Sheets, Chris Earnhardt
Offering Tellers	Becky Cobb, Barbara Moose				
Ushers	Kenny Fisher, Gwynn Harrison, Ted Peeler, Perry & Robin McKnight				
2025 Council Members	Jeremy Alderman, Jeff Barger, Dwight Bradshaw, Randy Buckwell, Dallas Cobb, Chandra Fink, Donnie Gandy, Jake Moose, Laura Peeler				

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