

THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRISTMAS PLANTS

ORDER A CHRISTMAS PLANT IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR TO THE GLORY OF GOD TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

\$20 EACH

FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 6-7:30 PM

PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Prizes for children, families and older individuals
- Prizes do not need to be extravagant or expensive
- Donations can be dropped off in the church office until *Thursday, December 12th*

Along with playing Christmas Bingo we will have children's crafts and snacks available. The Family Christmas Bingo is for **all ages**, because we all belong to the LCOOR family!

Advent Tour of Nativities

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

November 29 - December 2 | 1-5PM

Featuring Nativities from LCOOR Members

THE WORD MADE FLESH

4 WEEK ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Dan beginning **December 1. Sign up at the Welcome Center.**

- Week 1: Bread of Life
- Week 2: Salt of the Earth
- Week 3: Rock of Ages
- Week 4: Light of the World

Seeking Special Music for Christmas Eve Worship

We are seeking individuals, groups or families to provide special music during our three Christmas Eve services (1:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm.) This could be singing, instrumental or any other kind of special music. Please contact Kristy Tostenson, Praise & Rejoice Choir Director at (605) 949-1372 by **December 1** if you are interested.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, December 4 at 5:15 p.m.

If you are interested in attending please contact Twila in the church office at (605) 886-2696.

New Members will be recognized during worship services on December 7, 8 & 11.

COOKIES NEEDED

Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office. You can also bake your own & drop them off at the church. Thank you!

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Sessions
Sundays at 5:00 PM
December 1 thru Epiphany

This Bible study is hosted by Pasque Learning Community and takes place via Zoom.

Visit: www.sdsynodlearns.org/collections for more information and to enroll.

LCOOR PRESCHOOL Advent Calendar Fundraiser

\$10

Available at the Welcome Center

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

LCOOR Care Fund

Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month.

Calendar: December 1-11

Sunday December 1

10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities

Monday December 2

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
1:00-5:00 p.m. Advent Tour of Nativities
5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday December 3

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday December 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal (Chicken Alfredo)
5:15 p.m. New Member Orientation
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
6:30 p.m. 1st Grade Christmas Story Milestone Recognition
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday December 5

9:00 a.m. Quilting
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Friday December 6

Church Office Closes at Noon
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

Saturday December 7

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
(New Members Received)
6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday December 8

8:30 a.m. Church School
8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop
8:30 a.m. The Word Made Flesh Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Worship (New Members Received)
9:30 a.m. 1st Grade Christmas Story Milestone Recognition
10:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting
10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday December 9

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday December 10

11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday December 11

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Combined Circle Christmas Gathering
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal (Goulash)
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
6:30 p.m. Worship (New Members Received)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Attendance & Offering

November 10 Live Stream- 104
Saturday, November 16- 61
Sunday, November 17- 301
Wednesday, November 13- 142

Offering (11/18-11/24):

General Fund: \$8,398.09;
Church School: \$12.26;
Mission of the Month: \$136.63;
Debt Reduction: \$35;
Other: \$135;

Simply Giving Offering (11/18-11/22):

General Fund: \$4,857.53;
Debt Reduction: \$200;
Mission of the Month: \$155;
Other: \$20;

Staff

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DECEMBER 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The coming of Jesus gives us hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man
Monday	Jeremiah 33:14-16	The Lord's wonderful promise
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Paul's words of thanks
Wednesday	Luke 17:20-21	The coming of the kingdom
Thursday	Matthew 6:25-34	Do not worry
Friday	Colossians 1:9-14	The person and work of Christ
Saturday	Psalm 25:1-10	A prayer for guidance and help
Sunday	Luke 3:1-6	Prepare the way of the Lord

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near." **Luke 21:31 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I place my trust, O God, and wait for you all day long with hope in Christ. Amen. (Psalm 25:1-2, 5)

Mealttime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, bless us with hope as we prepare for your coming. We give thanks for this gift of food that strengthens us as we wait. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with hope.



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DECEMBER 1, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you hope for during the Advent season?
- When you are afraid, where do you turn for guidance and hope?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 21:25-36.

Whether it is a friend who betrays us or we see violence in the news, we can worry and feel fearful about the future. When life is going well and we seem not to have a care in the world, we can forget our need and desire for God's saving work in our lives and in the world. When bad things happen and we want to hide, that is the time to be alert, look up, and see the one we have been waiting for. We will not be disappointed for the kingdom of God is near and nothing can stop God's heroic work from taking place. That is the message of Jesus for people living in unsettling times, whether thousands of years ago or today. This message is important to hear anytime, especially at the beginning of Advent, the time of hope and waiting for Christ's coming into our world as Savior.

Discuss: Bad things do happen. How is God with you during those difficult times?

Pray: **Dear God, in times of fear and discomfort, help us to remember your saving work in our lives and wait with hope knowing that your kingdom is near through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone look to the future with hope?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The Advent Wreath is a Christian tradition. Make one for your home. Purchase a round wreath or Advent Wreath frame. Decorate it with greens, ribbons, or other materials. Place four candles on it. The circle represents God's infinite love. Light the first candle that symbolizes the theme of hope.

Say: **The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Jeremiah 33:14)**

Pray: **Lord, thank you for your promise to us which is filled with expectation and hope. Amen.**

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

