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December 2024

A Word from The Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

ADVENT

Advent begins December 1. We will have midweek advent services on December 4, 11 and 18 at 7 PM. Our worship theme is "He Shall Be Called," based on Isaiah 9. The prophet gives us these names from the Messiah: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. We will have suppers at 6 PM. If you would be interested in helping with the meal on December 18, contact the church office. 6th grade confirmation serves December 4 and ACT serves December 11.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

We will have our children's service on Sunday, December 22 at 4 PM. This service will also focus on Isaiah 9 and the names for Jesus. We will have candlelight services at 3 and 5 PM on Christmas Eve. We will have a 9 AM service of Carols and Communion on Christmas Day. New Years Eve Communion Worship is at 7 PM.

ANGEL TREE

Immanuel is again the host site for the Parkers Prairie Angel Tree Program. We have received gift needs from 26 families in our school district. Angel Tree tags have been distributed to area churches and businesses. Each child has multiple Angel tags, one for each item needed. If your tag is for socks or underwear, please be assured that each child will receive at least one fun item in addition to needed clothing. Tags are available in the narthex. Gifts need to be returned by December 5. We also welcome cash donations and will use them to fill unclaimed tags.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A Bible Study for women meets Mondays at 6 PM in the education building. Join them December 2, 9 & 16, before they take a winter break. Each week is a different topic. Peggy Winter is the leader.

LWML CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our ladies (with the help of some friends) are planning a special Candlelight Christmas Program on Thursday, December 5 at 2 PM. Plan to come for this special event and enjoy Christmas treats afterwards.

ACT CHRISTMAS BRUNCH & SILENT AUCTION

Our ACT Youth will have their annual Christmas Brunch with Swedish pancakes, egg bake and fresh fruit on December 8 from 10-11 AM. They will also have a silent auction. If you would like to donate an item to the silent auction, please bring it by December 6 at 9 AM.

CHRISTMAS PARADES

Our ACT Youth along with Todd Powers from Trinity, Carlos, are planning a special Christmas message for the lighted Christmas parades in Alexandria on Friday, November 29, at 5:30 PM and in Osakis on Friday, December 6 at 5:30 PM. Our float units will have the shepherds, wisemen and holy family with lighted displays and costumes and the sharing of the Christmas message. The Alexandria parade goes north on Hwy 29 from Ace Hardware to Bremer Bank. Come and see our youth and enjoy the parade.

CAROLING AND LIVE NATIVITY

Our 7th and 8th grade confirmation classes will go caroling at St William's Living Center and Assisted Living on Wednesday, December 18 at 5 PM. They will come back to church at 6 PM to carol at the ACT live nativity. The ACT live nativity will begin at 5:45 that evening. Plan to come and see the nativity, join in the carols and then come inside for supper and our final advent mid-week worship service.

SKIING AT ANDES

Our youth are going skiing at Andes on Saturday, December 21. Cost is \$20. If you would like to join them, contact Pastor Lee by December 17. Skiing is from 10 AM to 5 PM that day and you are welcome to come and to leave anytime that day.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Needed each month in 2024	\$21,848.00
October Offerings	\$17,077.14
Nov. Offerings through Nov. 17	\$8,625.00
Offerings under budget through Oct. 31	\$32,634.31

Advent & Christmas Blessings, Pastor Kirk Lee

From the Vicar Joe's Desk (Dec. 2024 Update)

The Previous Month:

- Teaching has been an ongoing adventure. I also find myself learning more about what I am teaching on than I had learned previously.
- The Hunters Worship Service went well, and it was a fun time seeing a congregation dressed in blaze orange and camo for a church service.
- Started doing all of the paperwork side of being able to receive a call from Concordia Seminary in the spring of 2025. Also started doing some of the interviews with the administration side of things.

The Current Month:

- I am excited to be in the Season of Advent and Christmas. Even though there is not much daylight; I know that not only will the days start getting longer soon but that we will celebrate within the Church the Birth of Jesus.
- I am both anxious and excited for the Month of December. It will be a very busy time for me, but it is also a great opportunity to be reminded of what the season is truly about.

Looking Forward:

- The National Youth Gathering is something that I continue to look forward to. The church is still in the planning stages, and it has been fun to be involved.
- I have been invited to preach at several of the other local churches over the next few weeks. It will be interesting to experience the different area churches and see how they all do worship.

Bible Verse of the Month:

Psalm 95:1-2 - "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"

December Anniversaries

Randy & Deb Buker	12-1-2001
Bruce & Patty Wiitanen	12-1-2014
Noah & Hailey Jensen	12-9-2023
Dennis & Donna Karger	12-9-1961
Allen & Sherryl Suchy	12-9-1990
Brad & Sheena Smith	12-13-1997
Mike & Beth Wilde	12-15-1989
Gary & Connie Diekow	12-20-1969
John & Judy Moeller	12-26-1982
Wayne & Lori Johnson	12-30-2006

December Birthdays

Morgan Bowman	12-1
Jake Dodds	12-1
Mitch Ahlers	12-3
Alan Peppersack	12-3
Cody Springer	12-3
Heidi DeBoer	12-4
Deb Eastmead	12-4
Austin Moen	12-4
Joanne Thun	12-4
Tonya Woodworth	12-4
Carelen Penrose	12-5
Jeffrey Meissner	12-6
Madison Rud	12-6
Braedyn Tvrdik	12-6
Vergene Uhde	12-6
Tom Duberowski	12-7
Megan Barrows	12-8
Don Henneman	12-8
Nathan Westad	12-8
Matthew Wark	12-10
Adler Wendt	12-10
Arlo Wendt	12-10
Ward Jerome	12-11
Ken Riedel	12-11
Joanne Kalpin	12-12
Isaiah Grattan	12-13
Steve Ost	12-13

Adrian Arellano	12-14
JoAnn Stende	12-14
Kaia Laudenschach	12-15
Byron Herdman	12-17
Rosalee Moske	12-18
Luke Schilling	12-18
John Zimmerman	12-18
Alayna Fahlin	12-19
Michael Neitzert	12-19
Reagan Pexsa	12-19
Hannah Downing	12-20
AJ Olson	12-20
CJ Hanson	12-21
Charles Jahnke	12-21
Nicole Meissner	12-21
Evon Hanson	12-22
David Moske	12-22
Hayden Samuelson	12-22
Brenda Henneman	12-23
Dakota Moske	12-23
Aria Froemming	12-24
Robb Gylsen	12-24
Gavin Krueger	12-24
Michael Kalpin	12-25
Delbert Moske	12-25
Heather Allord	12-26
Sabrina Davidson	12-26
Amber Schulke	12-26
Ines Ashbaugh	12-27
Trent Potratz	12-28
Nichole Hanson	12-29
Clancy Prechel	12-29
Brian Wittrock	12-29
Ivy Diedrich	12-30
Sandra Froemming	12-31
Carol Klimek	12-31

If your December birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform the church office.

IMMANUEL QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING MINUTES

November 3rd, 2024

33 MEMBERS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by Ray Caauwe at 10:38 AM with an opening devotion by Pastor Lee.

The **SECRETARY'S REPORT** was reviewed and motion carried

The **BOARD OF FINANCE/TREASURER'S REPORT**: The 3rd Quarter Financial Report and Dedicated Funds Report were read and a motion was made and seconded to approve the reports. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2025 Budget. Motion carried.

The **BOARD OF ELDERS** reported the following 3rd Quarter Official Acts: **Baptisms**: Greyson Randall, Maverick Gappa, Hudson Fiedler, Henry Harrison, & Emma Peppersack **Funerals**: Marlys Schultz, Pearl Nelson, Ardine Zimmer, Joyce Jahnke **Wedding**: Emily & Adam Lund. Motion carried to approve the following membership changes: **Transfer In**: Noah Jensen **Transfer Out**: Jeff and Rhonda Fassett to Good Shepherd, Alexandria, Larry & Amy Jo Hunter & Mary to Bethlehem Lutheran Raymore Missouri **Adult Confirmation**: Lilly Riedel, Brenda Henneman, & Hailey Jensen **Profession of Faith**: Don Henneman. The Board reports Special Needs Offering will be November 23-24th, options are being explored to do a picture directory for our 120th anniversary, non-poinsettia plant/arrangements will be used for Christmas this year, and advent services will be Dec. 4, 11, and 18 at with Confirmation @ 5, supper @ 6, and worship @7 PM. Christmas Eve services will be Dec 24 at 3 & 5PM. Christmas Day service will be @ 9AM.

The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** Reports there are 60 children are enrolled in Sunday School and the Christmas Program will be Sunday Dec. 22nd @ 4 PM. There are 29 students in Confirmation. The Tuesday & Wednesday Bible Class are studying 1-3 John and the Women's Bible Study has resumed. ACT reports 18 youth and 5 adults are registered for the youth gathering.

The **BOARD OF EVANGELISM** reports the Immanuel sign at Dodds' has been replaced and is now solar lit. There are more adult confirmation and new member prospects. There will be advertising for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** reports that Parsonage interior door/trim project is complete. A new Chimney cover has been installed and there have been no bats since. They are looking at new railing on the west side of the church and having key areas painted yellow. Motion carried to accept bid for painting of the old exterior siding and Ed building for \$13,623.

The **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE** read the Endowment report

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Broadcast Committee – working on repairing/replacing Mic pack that is cutting out during services. Nominating committee is looking for volunteers to complete the ballot for the next voters meeting. Audit Committee – seeking volunteers

NEW BUSINESS: –Motions carried for these nominations Gene Ward as our District Convention Delegate with Alternate being Ray Caauwe, District President – Brady Finnern, Vice President - Jeff Ross, Lay Board members – Jeff Fassett & Jacque Breman. Motion carried for the Zimmer Estate gift to be placed into the Trustee Fund.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn with prayer at 11:25 AM

Holly Downing

Acting Secretary

From the Fassett's

Greetings to you all, my dear friends at Immanuel! I hope this letter finds you well and blessed. I have a few minutes in between classes and wanted to send you a quick life update.

This may come as a surprise to you all, but I am passing all my classes! Some weeks the coursework is manageable and others it comes at me like a freight train. As an example, this week I am simultaneously working on three different 15 page papers... Oofta.. But I am glad to say that I am enjoying my time here, as our Savior says "If it were not so, I would not have told you", haha.

The family is doing great. Our oldest boy Otto fell off his bike and broke his arm (his radius bone specifically) in half... yikes, but he handled it like a champ, and got his cast off about a month ago and is back to playing as wildly as ever. Otto and Ole are at Mt. Olive Lutheran School, and have both grown to really love their time there, and Ole, to our surprise, has already garnered two different marriage proposals from special ladies in his kindergarten class! Nels (3) has become *obsessed* with planets. He is relentless in his singing of the 'Planet song' and carries a planet puzzle, book, and poster *everywhere* he goes. Irvin just celebrated his 1st birthday, and is a very happy little boy- and his favorite food is beans. Black beans haha...

Katy's continuing to work from home, and it's her income that has made it possible for me to retire from my Thrivent job to pursue becoming a pastor. However, about a month ago, her employer informed her that they are entirely eliminating her position starting January 1st...Great... So she has pivoted into starting a new venture and so far it is promising, but we could use your prayers that God will prosper us during this difficult time. In the meantime, I picked up a landscaping job to make the transition a little smoother.

Many people have asked us how they might be able to help us while we're at seminary, and the answer is the same as always- *Prayers!* God provides for us all generously, and we have been amazed how he works to prosper us in ways that we never anticipated. However, I've been encouraged by some generous folks to share some more concrete ways someone can support us as well. Should you feel so compelled, there are a small handful of textbooks(3 or 4) that I need to purchase for the upcoming semester from Concordia Publishing House, and I've shared those with Pastor if you desire more information.

On a side note, our college, Bethany Lutheran College, held our annual reformation lectures a few weeks ago, and President Matthew Harrison was the primary speaker. I got to spend a great deal of time with him and was able to share some beverages and conversation with him. As if you needed to be reminded, he is *exactly* the right person to be leading the LCMS right now, and is highly respected among the confessional Lutheran world. He was very gracious with his time and had us all laughing throughout the evening.

Thank you all for your support, and may God bless you and yours this thanksgiving, and the coming advent season.

Scott, Katy, Otto 7, Ole 6, Nels 3, and Irvin 1



President Harrison hanging out with seminary students.



Otto getting his cast taken off.



Irvin



Harrison presenting in our Chapel

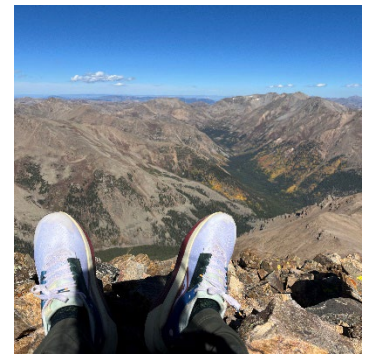
JACY ROSTE NEWS

November Update



Fall Opportunities

Hello friends and family! Although I spent most of my summer in Colorado, this fall has brought something different. Every few weeks, I have transitioned somewhere, knowing that another one is coming. There is beauty and challenge that comes with this. I learned that if it is in the will of God, his grace is always there to carry you through.



PAST

In September, I went to the Philippines for a National YWAM gathering. This was the first global gathering since the death of YWAM's founder. It was a time of prayer, worship, and hearing the voice of God. There were 4,500 people gathering from 110 different nations. One of my favorite parts was seeing the nations represented. It was the closest thing to heaven I have witnessed. "From every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the lamb" Revelations 7:9



When I returned from the Philippines, our campus wrapped up our summer quarter and prepared for our fall schools. We are running four different schools with nearly 100 students in total. It is fun to welcome new students and see familiar faces return for a secondary school. I also have a new crew working with me in the admissions office.

Soon after the new quarter started, I road-tripped to Minnesota to intentionally build relationships with supporters. It was great to meet some of you and express my gratitude for your partnership with me. While I was home, I also got to do a CrossFit competition with my sister. I love doing CrossFit, but it is especially fun with Jazmin, as she got me started with it all!



PRESENT

Currently, I am in Indonesia doing pastoral care for our outreach teams. Our campus is very passionate about not just sending but sustaining missionaries. For our students, this looks like sending two people to join their teams halfway through outreach. We meet with each student to help them process what has happened, give perspective, listen, encourage, challenge, and love them. Then, we facilitate a team debrief, praying about what the team needs and how we can help them get there. This opportunity is a blessing! After saying yes to leading our admissions department, the hardest part was not working directly with the students

and not having as much opportunity to go to the nations. Doing a midway debrief lets me do both!



FUTURE

Heading back to America next week, I am expectant for the rest of the year. The first week of December is the deadline for different work transitions and the due date for my Bible school homework. Both are exciting things, but my prayer is not to get stuck in a project/task-orientated mindset. I want to involve God and never forget who it is all for.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- My role. Finishing projects well and keeping vision.
- Finances. Grace and patience in bringing my support back up.
- SBS. Intentionality in prioritizing time to study the Bible.
- Long Term. Trust in God's plan and timing.

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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The first full week of August every year is booked with the annual Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC) Region Missionary Conference. This is a week I have come to cherish as all the missionaries serving in the LAC region meet for a time together in God's word and a time for fellowship, and fun. This year we studied the psalms together and the theme of the conference was *His Steadfast Love. Su Eterna Misericordia* from psalm 100:5 "For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."



5 YEAR IN MISSIONARY SERVICE WITH THE LCMS

At the conference, along with Missionary Tirzah Krey, we were recognized for five years of service as a missionary for The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. What a privilege and blessing it has been to live and serve in Latin America and the Caribbean region for the last five years. GOD IS GOOD. I look forward to as many more years as God allows.



NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO TEACH BIBLE STUDY



As part of my deaconess studies, under the guidance of Deaconess Christel Neuendorf, this coming school year, I am leading the LAC missionary girl's Bible study. This group of girls ranges in age from 10 to 16, is spread between 6 different countries and has Spanish and English speakers. We meet once a month on Saturday via Zoom to study the Psalm for the following Sunday. Along with teaching a few of classes, I coordinate different teachers. Along with me, Missionary Heidi Paul (Cayman Islands) leads the art portions. I am excited for this opportunity to grow in faith and teaching.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

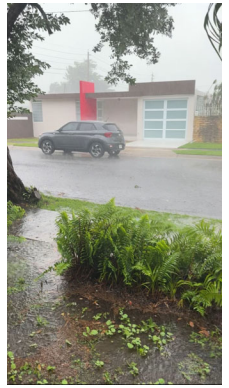
- *The 39 missionaries and their families serving in LAC.*
- *The start of the missionary girl's Bible Study in September.*
- *My reconnect in the United States and for safe travels visiting many of my faithful partners.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *5 years of service as an LCMS Missionary in LAC.*
- *Minimal damage after Hurricane Ernesto past over Puerto Rico.*

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *The many congregations and individuals who pray, encourage, and support us in the work we are for the Lord in Puerto Rico.*



MORE AUGUST UPDATES

On August 14th, Hurricane Ernesto passed over Puerto Rico as a tropical storm and along with it brought heavy rain, flooding, a few landslides and strong winds. We were without power in Mayaguez for 24 hours. Praise the Lord that no damage was done to any of our church properties. Power was restored to the island quickly, as well as the flooding subsided within a few days.

BEGINNING RECONNECT- HOME-SERVICE



Leaving Puerto Rico (PR) to begin my reconnect in the states, I crossed a fun little adventure off my bucket list. There is a short commercial flight from Mayaguez to San Juan, that is about 40 minutes. The ride is in a small Cesena Plane. I have always wanted to take this flight, and in August, I finally took the opportunity to do it after 4 years of living in PR.

On August 28th, I left Puerto Rico and arrived in St. Louis to begin my reconnect visiting congregations and partners across the Midwest. My first stop was at the International Center to visit and connect with colleagues that serve all the LCMS Missionaries. My time in St. Louis included some fun at a St. Louis Cardinals game and dinner with friends at a past short term volunteer's restaurant. August ended with a wonderful time at God's Mission Central in Iowa. Stay tuned for more home-service adventures in my September newsletter.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at [lcms.org/service](https://www.lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."

You can continue to support my work by giving online to <https://www.lcms.org/lehr> or

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A Little Federwitz Family

From North Carolina to Maine!

Nathan and Sarah Federwitz

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On the Road Again!

We will be traveling again! Throughout October and November our family will be in the Midwest to share our story at various churches. We will be spending our time primarily in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Our Sundays are all completely filled, but we are still looking to add midweek speaking opportunities as well! **If you have a Bible study, LWML, or other midweek gathering you would like us to visit in October or November, please let us know. We would love to see you!**

Below is a rough idea of where we will be during each of these dates. If you are in that state or an adjacent state, we would love to come visit your church! Please don't hesitate to contact us about visiting. If we are unable to fit you in on this trip, we would love to come back later to share about how God is working around the world!

Oct 6-17	Iowa
Oct 20-27	Central Illinois
Nov 2-9	Wisconsin
Nov 10-17	Iowa
Nov 18-27	Eastern Wisconsin



A Mission to Maine

Nathan had the incredible opportunity to fly all the way from North Carolina to Maine for a Mission at the Airport event. The following is his take on this experience:

“One of the most outstanding experiences I have had so far in my training was flying to Maine for a Mission at the Airport (MATA) event in Pittsfield and Bangor, Maine. This was a flying experience unlike any I have had before. Most of my flying has consisted of training flights that don't get more than 25 miles away from the airport where I started—and these usually focus on honing precision skills for handling the aircraft. Flying to Maine from JAARS was completely the opposite! This journey was a 925 mile, 7-hour long Cessna 206 airplane ride one way.

“This takes a completely different mindset to devise a flight plan and execute it so that the flight can be brought successfully to the place it needs to go. But this is all part of why I am here at JAARS—to get more experience in different aspects of flying so that I will be best equipped to serve Bible translation once we go overseas.



Cruising at 9,000ft on our way up to Maine

“Part of my training in flying up to Maine was to learn to operate the aircraft during the different phases of flying: climbing higher in altitude, cruising with longer stretches between waypoints, and planning descents from further distances. Also, part of the learning was communicating with Air Traffic Control on our plan and following their instructions for aircraft flow. On the way back from Maine, I was able to see how much I had learned from the flight north. I had grown in efficiency and was able to do better flight planning on our trip back down to North Carolina.

“A key part of the flight north was picking up passengers in Pennsylvania and transporting them up to Maine with their luggage so that they could also assist us in making the MATA go smoothly. Now that I have a solid base of aircraft control, a vital part of my upcoming training will be transporting passengers. This is crucial because that is what my work will primarily be overseas—transporting passengers and cargo so that they can further the work of Bible Translation.

A Mission to Maine... Cont.



Picking up the passengers in Pennsylvania

“Transporting passengers is exactly what I did while we were in Pittsfield, Maine. A big part of our role at MATAs is to fly passengers from the public to give them the experience of flying in a small plane, but we also tell them about how we use these airplanes to deliver God’s Word around the world. I was approved by JAARS to be able to fly passengers by myself for the first time! I completed 13 flights, each carrying between 4 and 5 passengers. I took them on a short 10 minute flight over the town. Many of my “co-pilots,” passengers sitting next to me in the front right seat, were teenagers and young adults who were interested in flying and enjoyed having a real-life missionary pilot (even though I do not have overseas flying experience yet) fly them around their hometown. It was a huge milestone for me to be authorized to do these passenger rides! It was also very fun to successfully complete these flights and see the joy on people’s faces as they experienced flying!

“One unexpected experience that I had while in Maine was a maintenance project. While we were there, the left main tire on the Cessna 206 got a hole and went completely flat. My dad and I worked on repairing the tire on Friday afternoon so that we could be ready to give rides again on Saturday. We were very grateful to the maintenance shop in Pittsfield which allowed us to use their tools to replace the tire. It was also a great experience for me—not only to replace a tire, but also see how maintenance problems can happen, and how my training can help get us flying again. God truly orchestrated our team to have a successful trip to Maine!”



Replacing a tire that blew out while we were in Maine

Other Snippets of Training

- Sarah has started her linguistics class called “Intro to Language Learning” which runs through the fall.
- Our family was able to attend the LBT Gathering in Missouri. This was a great time of fellowship with our fellow missionaries, and learning about how God is leading LBT into the future.
- Another flight experience for Nathan was flying north to the Appalachian Mountains to set up a runway called Strawberry Ridge. Afterwards he did some take-offs and landings from the runway!



Taking off on the 17% sloped runway on Strawberry Ridge

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.
Hebrews 12:1-2

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for good travels and good connections to be made during our trip in October and November, as we seek to increase our support.
- Praise that Nathan was able to fly to Maine and gain a great amount of experience in many aspects of flying.
- Pray for Sarah as she begins to learn about language basics in her class.

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Orphan Grain Train Minnesota North Collection Center for 2023-2024

- 8/23,2023 Our Savior Lutheran, Crookston, 26 boxes of quilts, baby quilts, and clothing.
- 8/23 Zion Lutheran, Detroit Lakes, 98 boxes of clothing
- 8/27 Trinity Lutheran, Fergus Falls, Presentation given. Knitted scarfs, 14 quilts, 14 baby quilts, 46 school kits, supplies to pack 76 backpacks & 23 empty backpacks. \$660.
- 8/30 176 school kits sewed and filled by Edna Schaefer, Zion, Morris,
- 9/5 58 school kits from Zion, Sebeka and 12 school backpacks from Redeemer, Menahga. . Grace Lutheran, Hibbing, 17 school kits,16 quilts, clothing, shoes, baby clothes and blankets.
- 9/5 4 blankets and 48 quilts from Trinity Lutheran in Carlos.
- 9/9 Gloria Dei, Pequot Lakes had quilts, knitted caps, 88 school backpacks, school supplies.
- 9/29 Joyce Wold, Verndale, had 350 sewn tent dresses.
- 10/3 Super 8 motel, Morris donated used towels, washcloths, & hand towels.
- 10/8 Zion, Mora had 200 tent dresses and quilts.
- 11/8 Redeemer Lutheran, Willmer, gave 8 quilts.
- 11/8 Living Word, New London, school backpacks and school supplies.
- 11/10 Helen Robinson, Jean Odgard, Asby had 64 baby blankets, 31 youth quilts, baby clothes, receiving blankets and 38 pillowcase dresses.
- 11/14 Apostolic Church Harvest Call donated 39,390 lbs. of pinto, kidney, and black beans. This container was shipped to Liberia for Pastor Kollie and another mission.
- 11/17 Curtis Manning, St Joseph, had blankets, infant and children clothing and shoes.
- 11/21 Packed up infant, children, men's clothing and shoes. Also household and bedding. from the Hancock Thrift Store which closes for the winter.
- 11/25 Menahga, Lots of infant and children clothing, shoes, quilts, toys and household items.
- 12/1 Anne Hansen and Kay Jacobson, Zion Lutheran, Morris made 200 health kits.
- 01/23,2024 Community Consignment, Thief River Falls, 24 boxes of clothes. On 1/25-25 boxes of clothing. On 3/14-42 boxes. On 7/13-15 boxes and 7/23-9 boxes of clothing.
- 1/28 Zion Lutheran, Detroit Lakes, had 59 quilts, 44 health kits, items for Ukraine.
- 1/29 Trinity Lutheran, Fergus Falls, 41 quilts, children, men's clothing and shoes, pillow case dresses, blankets and jackets.
- 2/02 St Paul Lutheran, at Loon Lake, had medical supplies.
- 3/03 AC Harvest Call, Hancock donated a load of 43,000 lbs. of pinto, kidney, black ,and navy beans to Wisconsin Branch to use for domestic use..
- 3/29 423 pillowcase dresses sewn by Lois Coleman.
- 4/09 Federated Church, Morris, winter coats, lots of sewing material & supplies, & blankets.
- 4/11 Zion Lutheran, Sauk Centre, 29 pillowcase dresses, 7 plastic sleeping mats, 10 quilts, towels and health kit supplies.
- 4/12 Grace Lutheran, Sebeka, 20+ adult and children quilts,
- 4/14 Good Sheperd Lutheran, Babbit, quilts, new socks and undies.
- 4/24 First English Church, Dorset, 24 choir gowns and 19 pew cushions.
- 4/29 St John Lutheran, Wheaton, 78+ quilts, 2 boxes of bedding, 44 school kits, 35 layettes, 20 health kits.
- 5/15 Redeemer Lutheran, Willmar and St. Marks Lutheran, Benson, 15+ quilts.
- 5/15 Trinity Lutheran, Staples, 12 boxes of quilts and winter coats.
- 5/15 St. Paul Lutheran, Perham, 7 health kits, a knee scooter and school kits.

- 5/15 St. Paul Lutheran, Henning, quilts, New Socks and Undies, plastic mats.
- 5/15 Collected 50 boxes of New Socks & Undies at pastor's conference, Maddens Resort.
- 5/18 St. John Lutheran, Green Meadows, 58 quilts and youth chairs.
- 5/23 St. Paul Lutheran, Hickley, 13 quilts
- 5/27 Immanuel Lutheran, Walker, baby & men's clothing, blankets, winter coats and jackets.
- 6/03 Trinity Lutheran, Bemidji, clothing and quilts.
- 6/03 Gethsemane Lutheran, health kits, 32 quilts, \$70 cash.
- 6/03 Zion Lutheran, Detroit Lakes, St. John Lutheran, Vergas, Bethlehem Lutheran, Frazee, and St. Paul Lutheran, Loon Lake, clothing and quilts.
- 6/08 Joyce Wold, Verndale, 500+ pillowcase dresses.
- 6/08 St. John Lutheran, Wadena, New socks and Undies and quilts.
- 6/14 Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Calloway, clothing.
- 6/15 St. Mathews Lutheran, Esko, 2 large boxes of shoes.
- 6/25 St. John Lutheran, Thief River falls, 48 quilts.
- 7/03 Immanuel Lutheran, Holloway, 20 quilts.
- 7/24 1st Lutheran, East Grand Forks, baby caps, blankets, 255 school kits, 10 teachers kits, 25 tent dresses
- 8/06 Trinity Lutheran, Benson 83 quilts.
- 8/18 Trinity Lutheran, Fergus Falls, 80 quilts, 116 school kits, 30 health kits, 10 knitted sweaters, one box of knitted caps, and \$705 Presentation given.
- 8/19 Helen Robertson, 36 onsies, baby clothes, youth and baby quilts, beanie babies, \$300.
- 8/22 AC Harvest Call, Hancock, donated 39,850 lbs. of navy beans shipped to Pastor Kollie.in Liberia.
- 8/27 Edna Schaefer, Morris sewed and filled 155 school bags.
- 9/04 St Marks Lutheran, Benson, 20 beautiful quilts.
- 9/10 Curtis Manninga, Many baby clothes, shoes, blankets, quilts, & empty school backpack
- 9/18 Zion Lutheran, Mora, Many quilts, blankets, .men's clothing, tent dresses.
- 9/18 Anne Hanson and Kay Jacobson, Morris, 45 health kits.
- 9/21 St Matthew Lutheran, Clarissa & Immanuel Lutheran, Eagle Bend, 8 quilts.
- 9/21 Joyce Wold, Verndale, 500 + tent dresses.
- 9/21 Trinity Lutheran, Staples, 51 school kits, 12 quilts, New socks and undies.
- 10/1 Trinity Lutheran, Carlos, 62 quilts.
- 10/1 St John Lutheran, Park Rapids, 35 red choir gowns & 50 blue choir gowns.
- 10/1 Redeemer Lutheran, Menahga, 4 health kits, 48 school backpacks.
- 10/1 Grace Lutheran, Sebeka, 24 school backpacks, 15 quilts, 20 health kits.
- 10/1 Zion Lutheran, Sebeka, 74 school backpacks.
- 10/1 Nimrod Lutheran, Sebeka, 24 school backpacks.
- 10/1 Grace Lutheran Quilters, Hibbing, 32 quilts.
- 10/3 40,000 lbs of potatoes shipped to Ysleta, El Paso, Texas. From Wisconsin.

Currently working with Wisconsin Branch to send a container of edible beans to Sudan. We are currently transferring the leadership to Gary Geske, 12814 130th St. NE, Thief River Falls, MN. 56701. Gary will continue do his pickups in northern part and Gene Pasche will continue picking up donations in the southern part of MN North as he has in the past.

MN North wishes to thank Wisconsin Branch for working together and shipping these donations. Serving Christ, Eugene Pasche past coordinator, MN North Collection Center

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION



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NEWS FROM THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD'S MISSIONARY NETWORK CARE TEAM

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NEW MISSIONARIES

Meet the Synod's newest missionaries! These families began their service in 2024 with missionary orientation at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis.



The Rev. Jason and Emily Groth will serve as missionaries in Belize. They will help plant Lutheran churches and coordinate the operations of Camp Concordia in Belmopan, Belize. In addition, they will support short-term mission teams and facilitate acts of mercy. Jason is from Lawrence, Mich. and earned his Master of Divinity at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Emily is from Paw Paw, Mich. and has a bachelor's degree in food service administration.



Vicar Jesse Liebmann will serve as a missionary in Brasov, Romania. Jesse will assist in ongoing evangelism and outreach activities; help provide pastoral care; and be active in many aspects of congregational life, such as visitation, catechesis, preaching, liturgy, music and the mentorship of lay leadership. Jesse also will focus on reaching out to the Ukrainian refugee community. Jesse is from Eureka, Mo. and has a bachelor's degree in Russian and Political Science. He is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.



Vicar Paul and Courtney Mroczenski will serve as missionaries in Puerto Rico, where he will spend his vicarage before returning to Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Paul will teach and preach at various churches and sites in both Spanish and English. Paul will also assist with church planting and other evangelism and mercy work efforts. Paul is from Athens, Wis. Courtney is from Torrance, Calif. but calls Aurora, Co. home.

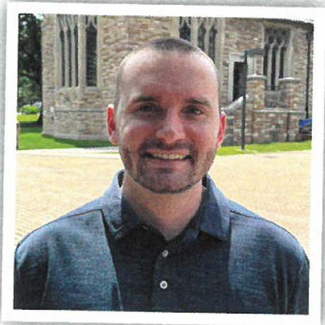
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Deaconess Melissa Pflug will serve as a missionary in the Eurasia region, based in Romania. As regional care coordinator, she will work with the Eurasia regional leadership team to ensure that all the Synod's missionaries and their family members are supported during their service. This care includes warmly welcoming new missionary families to the field; providing logistical

support for families in finding housing, schools and trusted health care providers; and assisting them with the visa process. Melissa is from Belleville, Ill. and has a bachelor's degree in English and Germanic Studies.



Vicar Joshua Wareham will serve as a missionary in Sri Lanka, where he will spend his vicarage before returning to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to complete his fourth year of seminary. His responsibilities as vicar will include preaching and helping lead worship services, teaching catechism classes and Bible studies, and assisting in ongoing evangelism and outreach activities. He will also encourage

other local pastoral candidates with a clear example of the training process for pastoral ministry. Joshua is from Acworth, Ga.

Supporting Missionaries as Individuals!

Mission Senders is a network of families and individuals committed to funding the Synod's career and GEO missionaries.

As a Mission Sender, your prayers will encourage an LCMS missionary to share Jesus with the world. With a financial partnership, you help send a missionary to the field and sustain them in their work.

By partnering with a missionary through the Mission Senders program, you get to go "with them." What can you do? Get a piece of our assorted "missionary pies," with each piece representing a different region of the world.

PRAY

Prayerfully consider your response in helping support missionaries.

INVITE

Invite congregation members, family, friends and co-workers to join your missionary support.

ENCOURAGE

Encourage your congregation and community to become involved in supporting missionaries.

SHARE

Share your excitement and joy with friends and family.

TO PARTNER WITH A MISSIONARY

Please contact Michelle Beckmann, Mission Senders coordinator, at 888-930-4438 or via email at michelle.beckmann@lcms.org to get started or find out more about Mission Senders.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Your congregation can partner to:

DEVELOP a personal relationship with your missionary through letters, email and Zoom.

ENCOURAGE your missionary in the work to which God has called them.

OFFER HOSPITALITY to your missionary when on home service, showing them that they are an integral part of your congregation's life.

PRAY regularly for your missionary and your joint efforts in ministry.

"Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you" (2 THESS. 3:1).

INVEST financially in a specific missionary as they proclaim the Gospel globally.

Example: If 25 families in the congregation each give an extra \$5 per week, your congregation will generate an additional \$6,500 per year.

COMMIT

BECOMING A PARTNER

To begin partnering with a missionary through Together In Mission, call the TIM office at **888-930-4438** or visit lcms.org/TogetherInMission.

Please be prepared to provide your congregation's name and mailing address, as well as a contact person's name, phone number and email.

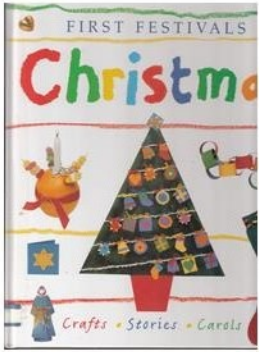
You can also visit lcms.org/prayercards to find a missionary that matches your area(s) of interest.





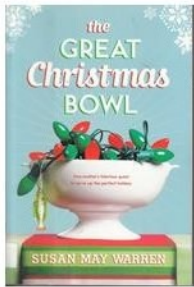
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Book & Movies for you to enjoy with your family during December!!

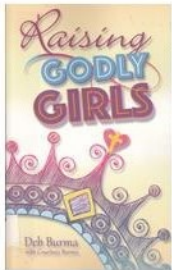


First Festivals CHRISTMAS by Lois Rock. Celebrate by decorating with Christian festival crafts. From Advent preparations to Christmas Day itself with gifts, cards and decorations. May these things help you and your family focus your celebrations

around Jesus, the Savior, who lies at the heart of Christmas. Code; Blue 263.91 Roc



The Great Christmas Bowl by Susan May Warren. Heartwarming & hilarious story about family traditions and rediscovering the real magic of Christmas. Code: War



Raising Godly Girls by Deb Buma. Your daughter is a princess, beloved child of the King of Kings, God's workmanship. And so are you. This book will help you lean into God's strong arms of grace as you teach your daughter how to navigate thru the ways of

this world. Code; Blu 248.8 Bur



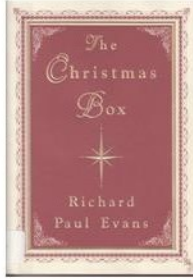
The man who saved Christmas—94 minutes. Based on a true story. It is about the life of innovative inventor & toy maker A.C. Gilbert who believed that playing helps children learn, imagine and dream. When WWI breaks out he is under pressure to let

U.S. gov't turn the factory into a weapons plant. Now what? Code: CHRI 67

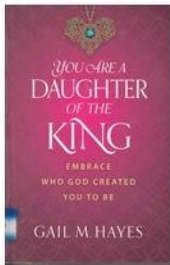


The Christmas Secret runs for 87 min. A family friendly holiday movie in which Christine, a single Mom of 2 who struggles to keep her family afloat. She finds her struggles are replaced by surprise as a

long time family secret is brought to light. DVD Code: CHRI 69

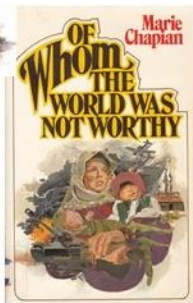


The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evens. A touching story of a widow and the young family who moves in with her. Together they discover the first gift of Christmas and learn what Christmas is really all about. Code: white Eva

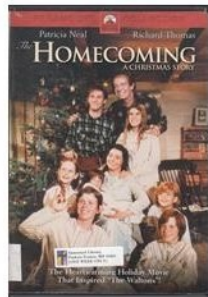


You are a Daughter of the King—Embrace who God created you to be by Gail M. Hayes. Because we have difficulty accepting how precious we are, we all suffer. But push back from the table

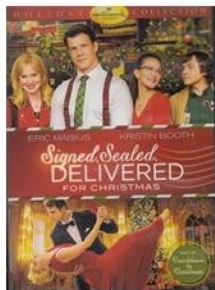
of self-degradation, enter the banquet hall and taste of a new feast. You truly are a daughter of the King! Code; Blue 248.8 Hay



Of Whom the World was not worthy by Marie Chapiro. We must believe with all our hearts & souls that He is with us. He is a God of Love! Evangelist, Jakob, shouted as the German tanks roared across the Yugoslavian soil. Their cry was Better Grave than slave! (Marie Chapiro went to Yugoslavia & interviewed the people their to know how the Christian faith was sustained those terrible years of war.) True Story. Code: Blue 248.4 Cha

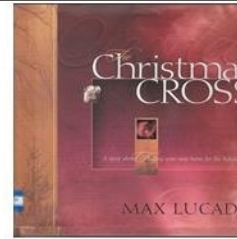


The Homecoming (A Christmas Story) The heartwarming holiday movie that inspired "The Waltons". Set on a Depression Christmas Eve in 1933. An inspiring tale of love, hope and spirit. DVD Code: Wal 2



Signed, Sealed, Delivered for Christmas.—85 minutes as they work together to get all the notes to Santa. The team comes together like never before to help a child whose Mom is hospitalized & they discover

er they have reignited their own faith. DVD Code Hal #34

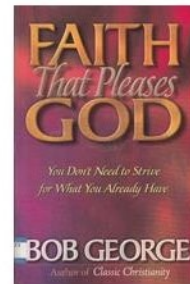


Christmas Cross by Max Lucado. A story about finding your way home for the holidays. (a story dedicated to all single parents.) May God give you strength. (Pages have small envelopes to encourage your reading) great idea.) Code: Blue 813.'54

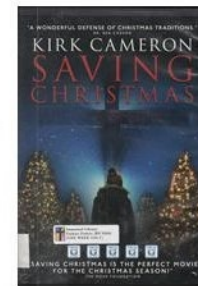


Christmas Jars by Jason Wright. A heart warming story that will restore your faith in mankind. Hope wants to write a front-page feature, but she would be

breaking a trust. What she decides to do will change her life forever. Code: white Wri.



Faith that pleases God by Bob George. You don't need to strive for what you already have. It is not the size of our faith that matters, but who we place our faith in. God wants us to experience the abundant life, even during the storms of life. Code: Blue 234'.23 Geo.



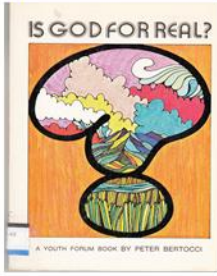
Saving Christmas—80 min. Join Kirk and dive head first into all the joy, and celebration plus traditions that glorify Jesus as the "true reason for the season." DVD Code: CHRI 49



Christmas Oranges—100 min. Baby Rose was left on the porch of Greenwood Orphanage where Mrs. Hartley & the kids became her family. But when tragedy strikes, Rose is shipped to Irongates, a place cold & cruel. But Christmas is a time of miracles and God has not forgotten Rose. DVD CHRI 66

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Book, Movies for all ages preschool thru 3rd grade.
Check out our Christian Items, learn and enjoy!



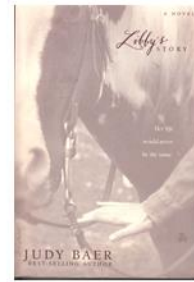
Is God for REAL?
By Peter Bertocci.
Questions like: can we experience Him? How does this happen in our modern world? Where do we find Him?

The author squarely faces the question whether or not all religion is an illusion. Code: Bl/blue 242.62 Ber



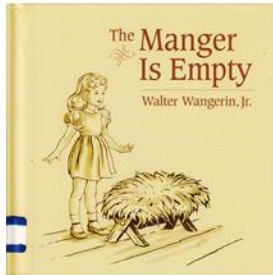
I wish I felt good all the time. By Mildred Tengbom. Devotions about feelings & attitudes for kids to read to their families. We all tend to hide our true feelings from each other. Here is help

using everyday situations to help all family members to verbalize attitudes & emotions. Code: blue 248.8'2 Tem



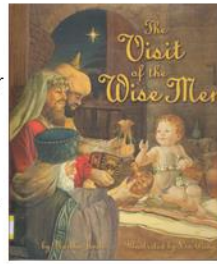
Libby's story by Judy Baer. Judy was born in Minnesota. Libby is caring for her aging parents. Reese is immersed in self-pity from a gunshot that has left him paralyzed. (They were two hurting people nothing more) Libby;s childhood friends

help her learn that true love overcomes



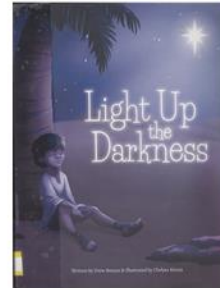
The Manger is empty by Walter Wangerin, Jr. A conversation of a father & daughter— very interesting concerning Christmas & a

funeral. Code: blue 248 Wan.



The Visit of the Wise Men by Martha Jander, illustrated by Lin Wang. God guided the Wise Men to Baby Jesus. Herod wanted to destroy Him because he was afraid of losing his wealth. Help your child

fine the baby King, God's great gift of love. Code: yellow Jan



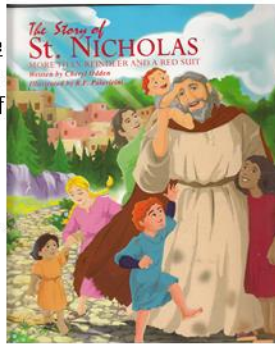
Light up the Darkness by Drew Breaux. Christmas. Retelling of the night of Jesus' coming. Be inspired as you encounter the true light of the

World. Code: yellow Bre

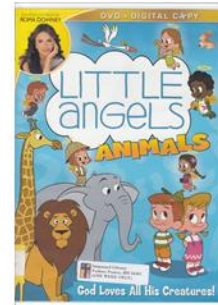


Legend of the Candy Cane (The) 60 minutes. This is an animated adaptation of Legend of Candy Cane. Story of hope & hidden meaning of the candy cane. (the night a mysterious stranger rode into town, no one realized their lives would never be

the same). DVD Code: red Chr.

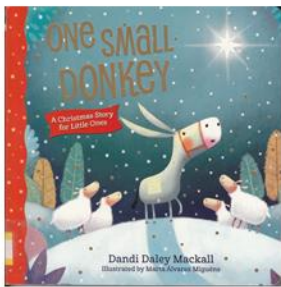


Story of St. Nicholas by Cheryl Odden. Buried beneath the legends and tales of Santa Claus lies a story of a steadfast, Godly man who refused to deny Christ. Code: yellow Odd



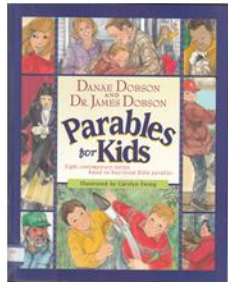
Little angels - animals — 33 minutes. Alex and Zoe learn that all creatures on Earth are a gift from God and that we have plenty to learn from them. Includes sing along

music. Code: DVD yellow Misc 1



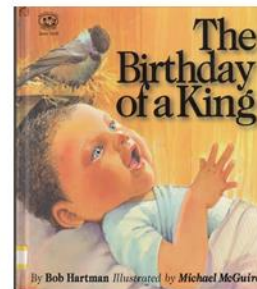
One small Donkey by Dandi Daley Mackall. Tell the Christmas story from the donkey carrying Mary to Bethlehem. Shows us how God has big

plans for little ones. Code: yellow Mac

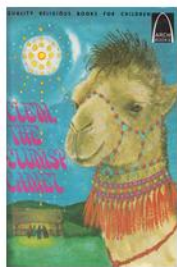


Parables for Kids by Danae Dobson & Dr. James Dobson. Wight contemporary stories based on Bible parables. At the end of each story he explains the relationship to the biblical parable to help your child

discover how to apply to truth of today. Code: Blue 242'62 Dob

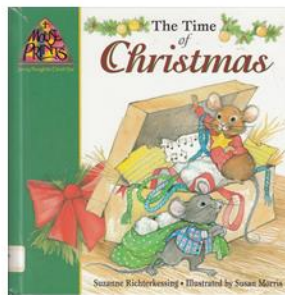


The Birthday of a King by Bob Hartman—a story of Jesus' Birth. What do you do for the birthday of a king? What was it Like? Visit the place of long ago. Code: Yellow Har

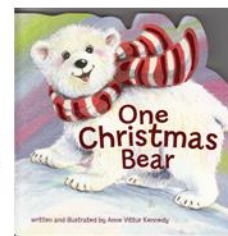


Clem, The clumsy Camel by Virginia Mueller (ARCH BOOK). A story of Christmas thru the travel of a camel. Interesting for parent and child.

Code: yellow ARCH BOOK Mue.



The Time of Christmas by Suzanne Richterkesing. Season of Christmas includes: Advent Season, Christmas Season, and Epiphany Season. Find out about these exciting days of Christmas and what they mean. Code: yellow Ric



One Christmas Bear by Anne Kennedy. Adventures of a polar bear & artic animals as they enjoy winter fun while little ones enjoy counting God's wonderful gifts.

Code: yellow Ken

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 Worship w/Communion, also Livestreamed 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Sunday School 2:00 St William's (Pastor Lee) 7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14	6 Women's Bible Study	9:00 Bible Breakfast	10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom 3:30 6 th Grade Confirmation 5:00 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Supper 7 PM Advent Service	9:00 Footcare 1:00 LWML 2:00 LWML Christmas Program	9 LIC Board 5:30 Osakis Parade	8:00 ACT Setup 7:00 Worship w/Communion
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29	30	31				
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The Lutheran Hour

WCCO Mpls 830 6:05 AM KWAD Wadena 920/1430 8:30 AM KXRA Alex 1490/100.3 6:30 AM KFGO Fargo 790/94.1 7:30 AM
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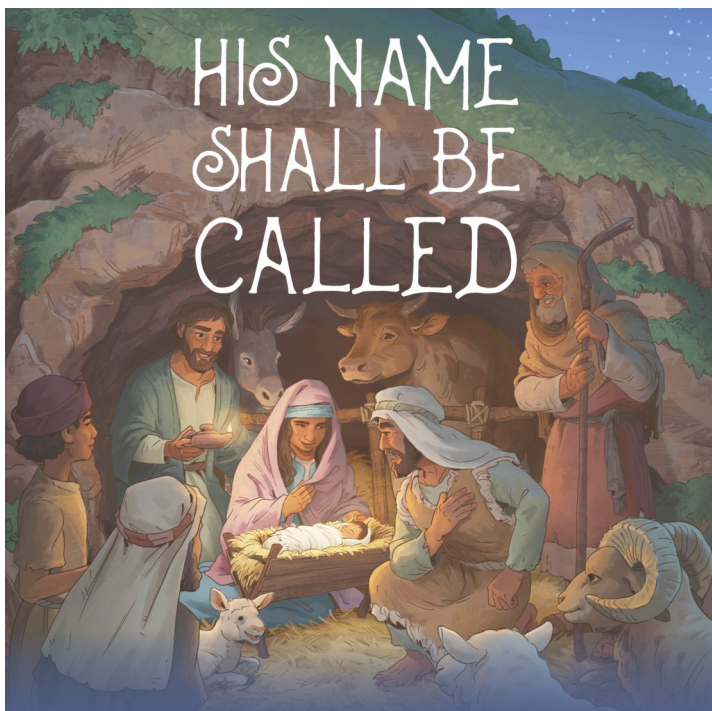


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**Join us this Advent Season as we explore
Who Jesus Is and
What He did for our Salvation**

Dec 4 - 7:00 PM Wonderful Counselor

Dec 11 - 7:00 PM Mighty God

Dec 18 - 7:00 PM Everlasting Father

***Dec 22 - 4:00 PM Children's Christmas
Program***

***Dec 24 - 3:00 & 5:00 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***

***Dec 25 - 9:00 AM
Carols & Communion Service***

***Dec 31 - 9:00 AM
New Year's Eve Communion***