

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSSENGER

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Christmas Treasures



Matthew making
fruitcake with his
Granny

*But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart...
And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. Luke 2:19, 51b*

One of my favorite Christmas memories is from Christmas 2002. This was the year that my Granny visited from Canada. Granny brought with her the British Christmas tradition of baking a fruitcake. This delicious, moist dessert was filled with dried and candied fruits of all kinds. But what I looked forward to the most was the hidden money. That Christmas, I bit into a slice of cake to discover a Canadian quarter that I could claim for my piggybank. Others of my siblings would discover a Loonie (1-dollar Canadian coin) and a Twoonie (2-dollar Canadian coin). It was our Christmas treasure.

What are your Christmas treasures? Do you treasure the moments when you are surrounded by family? Do you treasure the thoughtful presents that you are able to give (and receive)? Or maybe it's the food that you will get to enjoy. It could be that your treasures are wonderful memories of Christmas past. Whatever form your treasures take, they are what makes Christmas special.

On the very first Christmas, Mary found herself a bystander as the miracle unfolded. First, the angel came and announced that she would carry a son named Jesus. Then, Mary traveled to Bethlehem with her fiancé where Jesus would be born in a simple barn. Next, the visitors came. Shepherds came from the fields having seen angels. Wisemen came from the orient having seen a star. Some years later, Simeon and Anna would prophecy concerning Jesus in the temple. Luke records that Mary treasured these memories. Jesus was the very first Christmas treasure.

Little did Mary know the full extent of the treasure in her arms. The Christmas carol puts it this way:

Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?

Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?

This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.

Let's reconsider our Christmas treasures this Christmas. Gifts will wear out. Fruitcake is eaten. Money will lose its value. Memories fade. School and work resume. True Christmas treasure is found in the hearts of believers. Our treasure is the Christ-child – the One born in the manger, dying for our sins, and preparing an eternal place for us that we can call home!

Treasuring our Savior, Pastor Matthew

Christmas Series

Christmas Anthems

December 1	Mary	(Luke 1:46-55)	Pastor Tim
December 8	Zechariah	(Luke 1:67-79)	Intern Seth
December 15	Sunday School Christmas Program & Youth Service		
December 22	The Shepherds	(Luke 2:15-20)	Pastor Tim
December 24	The Angels (Christmas Eve)	(Luke 2:8-14)	Pastors & Intern
December 29	Simeon	(Luke 2:25-35)	Pastor Matthew

Adult Sunday School Series -



November 17, the adult Sunday School series was launched:

Songs for the Season

Over 8 weeks discover the stories behind some of our seasonal favorites: *Now Thank We All Our God*; *Count Your Blessings*; *Angels from the Realms of Glory*; *Hark! the Herald Angles Sing*; *What Child is This?*; and *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (just to name a few).

JANUARY SMALL GROUP STUDY

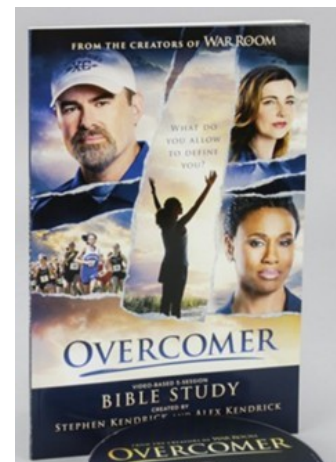
Many people feel they are less than who God says they are. We get our identity from our careers, our political positions, family roles in the family, and other things. This small group study uses clips from the film *Overcomer* to examine how we determine our identity and how we can find our true identity in Christ.

The Bible study is geared for adult groups to use prior to the movie or just after seeing the movie. The study includes clips from the movie.

The *Overcomer Bible Study* has five sessions and includes:

Session Topics:

- * Who Are You?
- * You Are Broken
- * You Are Chosen
- * You Surrender
- * You Declare



Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church

Financial Report

As of October 31, 2019

Revenue
Expenditures

	<u>Oct 31, 19</u>		<u>Oct 19</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	450.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	16,309.88
Building		Outreach Revenue	6,645.53
Altar Guild	324.67	Total Revenue	<u>23,405.41</u>
Building Fund Account	7,874.70	Expenditures	
Total Building	<u>8,199.37</u>	Building & Grounds	2,099.71
General Total		Conferences/Meetings	264.81
General	39,712.62	Discipleship Expenditures	312.75
Truth Help	308.09	Family Events	11.45
Total General Total	<u>40,020.71</u>	Family Support	38.95
Outreach		Misc.	1,224.12
20% Offering	4,067.20	Office	289.77
Children's Mission Offering	208.33	Outreach Disbursement	
Thrivent	1,021.00	20 %Outreach	4,444.00
Total Outreach	<u>5,296.53</u>	Military BibleStick	1,870.00
Share And Care	451.67	Samaritan's Purse	331.73
Special Accounts		Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>6,645.73</u>
Local Outreach Ministry	800.00	Payroll Expenditures	17,332.39
Church Missions	1,493.74	Youth	30.76
Marriage Ministry	500.00	Total Expenditures	<u>28,250.44</u>
Scholarship	322.26	Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>(4,845.03)</u></u>
Youth	2,935.39		
Total Special Accounts	<u>6,051.39</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>60,019.67</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u><u>60,019.67</u></u>		

Present: Denis Parsley, Bill VanderPlaats, Dave Sutherland, Jim Otter, Mike Bloemendaal, Matthew Amdahl
Absent: Brandie Hulstein, Laurie Bruns, Jim Gawerecki

Also Present: Pastor Tim, Collene Landgren, Pastor Matthew, Seth Moan, Wayne Smith

President Denis Parsley called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Jim Otter. He read from Galatians 6:7, we reap what we sow, treat people how you want to be treated. God will not be deceived. Brandie Hulstein will lead devotions in December.

Elders' Consultation: Wayne Smith reported for the Elders. Wayne asked who you think about as leaders. He talked about the 3 Ps, presidents, pastors, parents. All are leaders & all are products of our family of origin. They are reading and studying the book *Overcoming the Dark Side of Leadership*. The small group study in January will be the *Overcomer* Bible Study. They spend time in prayer when they meet.

The Treasurer's report for October was presented. Dave S. moved, to accept treasure's report. Seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

The Payment of bills, Dave S. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Matt A. Motion carried.

Outreach was discussed; Dave S. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Bill V. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 567.20 Food Shelf \$ 100.00 ARC \$ 200.
CRU: -Jeff \$ 500. Paul \$ 500. Tim & Sheila Steele \$ 100
Brazil Student \$ 100. Alpha Center \$ 300. Abels \$ 100
Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Atlas for Life \$ 200.
Children's Life \$ 200. Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100.
Local Outreach Ministry \$ 300. Hope Haven International Ministries, wheelchair restoration \$ 300.

The secretary's report from the October 10, 2019 meeting was presented. Bill V. moved, seconded by Matt A. to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Pastor Matthew reported for Youth ministry. There has been limited involvement by the youth on Wednesday nights. Seth Moan has been leading the studies on Wednesday nights and has been doing a great job. Raking leaves on October 27 went well, Forge met and went bowling Oct 27. A couple youth helped hand out candy etc at the Trunk or Treat.

Family Ministry: Trunk or Treat on Oct 31 went well. Handed out 700 Bibles, glow sticks & lots of candy. Heather DeWilde did a great job decorating the vehicle, thanks.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tim submitted his report. He spoke at Prince of Peace church in Beulah, ND. Nov 2-7 for 6 messages. He attended the abstinence program at PAS, students attended during the day and parents were invited to attend in the evening. Intern Seth

Moan's supervisor will be at CTK Nov 24 and would like to meet with a few from the leadership of CTK during the fellowship time in the multi-purpose room. Denis Parsley and Matt Amdahl agreed to be there.

Pastor Matthew submitted a report. He has been actively trying to connect with the youth by attending games and meeting them for lunch at the school.

Old Business:

Cupboards under slat board: Brandie H. is working with Irene W. on this project.

Replace Doors: Bill V. submitted several bids. Matt A. moved, seconded by Dave S. to replace the south east door in the sanctuary purchased and installed by Pipestone Building Materials for \$3,983.50. Motion carried. Mike B. will order the door.

Reward points: Collene L. reported the points can be used as a credit on the credit card account. The trustees instructed to redeem the points for credit on the credit card.

Distribute hats, scarves & mittens: There will be an announcement in the bulletin and people can give them to those in need.

New Business:

Set budget meeting: December 12 at 6 pm followed by the regular trustee meeting

Request to use fellowship hall: Pipestone County 4-H requested to use the fellowship hall on Dec 1 for their awards banquet. Dave S. moved to approve, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

Set annual meeting date: The annual meeting will be held on January 19 using the same format with the worship service at 9:00 AM followed by the meeting at approx. 10:15

Audit of financial records: President Denis P. will contact Judy Steuck and Tim Paulson to audit the financial records.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve offering: Thanksgiving will go to the Pipestone food shelf and the Christmas Eve will go to the Sioux Falls Prison ministry.

Preschool license: Collene L. reported the preschool license needs to be renewed for \$200 or cancelled. It will not be renewed at this time.

Other:

Matt A. reported a group will be going to the Stampede game Saturday, November 16.

Pastor Matthew reported he and Kevin Carlson would like to move the projection computer to the sound area in the back of the church. The estimate would be approximately \$1,000.

Matt A. closed in prayer. The staff was dismissed & the Trustees continued to meet & discuss performance evaluations.

Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}



SERVING
COFFEE
&
ROLLS
7:00 A.M.
TO
11:00 A.M.

**Wednesday
December 4, 2019**

BAKED
GOODS FOR
SALE:
LEFSE, BARS,
BREADS,
PIES,
KRUMKAKE,
TEA RINGS,
ROLLS,
COOKIES,
AND
CANDY

Church Cookbooks Available

CHRISTMAS CARDS
CRAFTS
QUILTS

7:00 AM. TO 12:00 PM.

CHRIST THE KING FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NORTH HIGHWAY 75

PIPESTONE, MN

20% of Funds raised will be given to
Seminarian Seth Moan



A big thank you to all of you that helped with our lefse making. We did 33 bowls the first week & 35 the second week. Presales were 63 packages the first week & 86 the second. We still have some for the bake sale.

Thanks to all the faithful workers that always help. We had a few new helpers: Ross L., Donna B., Marlys V., Pastor Matthew & Julia. Brooke M., & Logan W. were home from college & helped. Thanks also to Hailey. We appreciate all of you.

Thanks to all those that help furnish the ingredients & to Dan & Lynn Gorder for helping with Thrivent funds.

We couldn't do this without all your help. See you at the bake sale on December 4.

The Ladies Fundraising Committee, Rose, Delilah, Sonja, Joanne

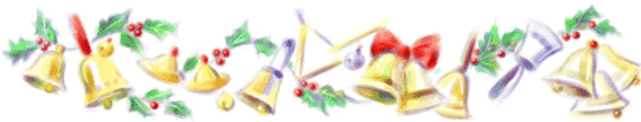
Christ the King Church
Thank you for the gift you sent in July. We greatly appreciate your support as we minister to children in need of love & a family.
Please continue to pray for our ministry.
With sincere appreciation.
Katelyn's Fund - Orphan Ministry Board



Christ the King Members,
Again we thank you for your donation to our Lake Benton Food Shelf. We appreciate it very much.
God Bless, LB Food Shelf Committee

Dear Friends,
Consistency to build a solid foundation; consistency makes all the difference. Each month we can count on your gift to the Alpha Center. It is that simple. January, February, March... every 30 days or so, there you are, faithful as always. We want you to know your consistency & faithfulness matters.
Because of you, we are better stewards of our resources & are better able to plan for a bright future. It makes a difference knowing you are there for this ministry. Your promise to help is why we can continue to guide the clients we serve towards positive, life affirming decisions.
Many blessing to you & your family this Thanksgiving season.
Our sincerest gratitude - Alpha Center

Dear Janice & Christ the King,
We want to thank you for all who were praying for us at Christ the King church. Thank you for your kind note of encouragement. We no longer are actively engaged on the mission field, as I am now 90 and my husband 94 years old. But we are thankful for the 50 plus years we spent in Brazil. Now we pray for the work going on there with our sons, Jonathan & Tamba, Paul & Becky, the Brazilian pastors & their wives & others who are serving the Lord there.
I'm sorry I'm so late in writing to you. My memory isn't quite what it used to be. The Lord bless you and for your interest & love for missions & the Lord.
With love & prayers, Pastor John & Ruby Abel



Dear Christ the King Members & board
Thank you for your recent flooring purchase. We appreciate your business & your satisfaction is our top priority.
It's a pleasure working with you. Let us know if there is anything else we can do for you.
Again, Thanks, Tony Cindy
Rustads Design Center

Dear Pastor Johnson Please accept our gratitude & deep appreciation for your support of our troops through the Military BibleStick. Your church is a testament to sacrificial giving. Providing our brave men & women in uniform with the gift of God's Word in audio is a blessing that will bring them peace, comfort, and spiritual protection as they put themselves in harm's way while serving our country.
It's clear that you are making a difference in the lives of our troops. And thanks to your generosity, many more will now be blessed with their very own BibleStick!
Again, thank you for standing with us in partnership to bring the comfort of God's Word to our military heroes.
Your Servant in Christ,
Morgan Jackson Senior Vice President



Christmas Events



December! Christmas Caroling & Pizza Supper:

Meet at Christ the King
to car pool or
go directly to Good Sam
Finish at Pizza Ranch
Watch announcements, email &
Facebook for more details.



Children's Program & Youth Sunday

Sunday,
December 15
10:30 AM

During worship service

Christmas Eve Service



Please join us as we
celebrate Christ's birth
during our Christmas Eve
Worship service, Tuesday
December 24 at 5:00 PM

Pastor Tim & family will be on
Vacation after Christmas

If there are any needs during this time,
please contact Pastor Matthew or
one of the Elders.



The GREAT COMMISSION:

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

At some point, your family member or neighbor is going to ask you, "So... what is it about you?" Don't just give some flippant, joking, vague, evasion. Rather answer according to your own experience. Answer their question. This is your testimony.

1 Peter 3:15 But ^[a]sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a ^[b]defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and ^[c]reverence.

So ask them if they are serious, because you would love to let them know what gives your life purpose and peace.

FAMILY:

CO-WORKER:

FRIEND/NEIGHBOR:



December BIRTHDAYS



Notice: Check Facebook, KLOH or KNWC for cancellations or changes due to the weather

- 1 Luke Landgren
- 3 Bailey De Wilde
- 6 Doug DeRuyter
- 7 Morgan McNickle
- 9 Corrie Thomson
- 11 Tad Woelber
- 11 Trevin De Wilde
- 11 Kristie Lindquist
- 13 Laurie Westerbur
- 13 Karen Halbersma
- 16 Sandy Swanson
- 16 Isaac Berg
- 18 Kathleen Keller
- 18 Julie Manzey
- 19 Carter Holt
- 22 Gary Prins
- 23 Philip Berg
- 23 Janice Swanson
- 23 Sheila Westfield
- 24 Steve Blaue
- 26 Pat Haag
- 28 Ezra Carlson
- 29 Mavis Remund



Tuesday,
December 12
6:00 PM



TRUSTEE
MEETING
Tuesday,
December 12 @ 7 PM



December 8

Families with names beginning S-Z are asked to help setup, serve and clean up.



Youth Ministry
Meeting
Sunday, Dec 8
11:45 PM

Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
NOT will
meet in
December



Elders & Wives
Meet @
December 19
7:00 PM



Family Ministry
Meets Tuesday
December 17 @ 7 PM

News Letter
DEADLINES
December 22



Matthew 13:1-23 is the Parable of the Sower where seed was sown on rocky and thorny soil. We are going to concern ourselves with the last scenario where the seed, the Word of God, was sown on good soil.

And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

We who have heard and understand and are blessed with an abundance of seed, what are we doing with that abundant yielding seed? Are we sowing it? Or are we eating it?

(January 2020)

PRAY:

Daily
Specifically
Stand on a Promise

SPEND TIME:

Build the relationship

LISTEN:

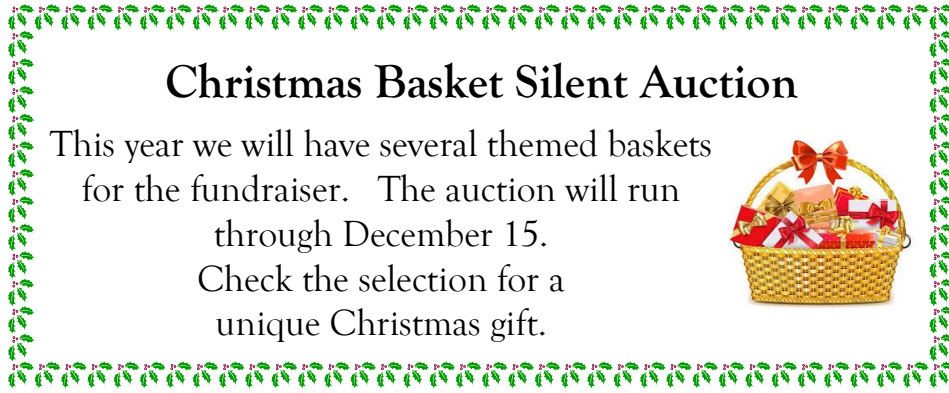
Learn what is important to him.
Discover what is troubling him,
or what he struggles with.



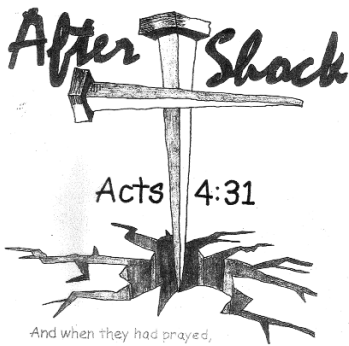


Christmas Basket Silent Auction

This year we will have several themed baskets for the fundraiser. The auction will run through December 15. Check the selection for a unique Christmas gift.



Christmas



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Sunday,
December 15
10:30 AM

During the worship service



- December 8 Youth Ministry Meets
- December 15 Youth Sunday
- December 15 SS Christmas Program
- December 15 Silent Auction Concludes
- December 25 NO Activities
- January 1 NO activities
- January 11 SNA @ Abiding Savior
- February 15 Valentine's Banquet ?
- February 16 Nerf Wars Lock in Aftershock & Forge
- March 21 Saturday Nights Alive @ CTK



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Paul & Beck Abel; Campo Largo, Brazil

Pastor Paul and Becky Abel serve AFLC World Missions near Campo

Largo, Brazil. Since 1985, the Abels have established four churches. In 1992 they established the ARCA, renovating an old farm facility to host camps and retreats. Paul and Becky still call the ARCA home today.

The efforts of Paul and Becky's ministry have been focused on church planting and the ARCA. They have worked tirelessly, serving the people and churches, mentoring many. The family is known for their welcoming hearts and for lovingly opening their home to various guests over the years. The Abels focus on training and building leaders in the local churches.

Their four children, Joanna, Christina, Andrew, & Matthew, are each married & have children of their own.

We had the privilege of hosting Paul and Becky Abel at CTK on November 13 to share about their ministry with us. The following is an excerpt from their newsletter:

Fall Travels October has passed us by and we are heading into a new month! In October we slept in 26 different beds and did 24 presentations about our mission work in Brazil. We also had a fun day and a half with our daughter Joanna and her family to celebrate Paul's 65th birthday taking a fall outing to Itasca State Park. Thanks to those of you who have received us warmly into your churches and homes! Our November-December Schedule is now in place and is included below.

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ For the Free Lutheran Church in Brazil as they have their Annual Conference.
- ◆ For camps and retreats at the ARCA
- ◆ For faithful commitment of church members and for their emotional and spiritual stability
- ◆ For their children and their families; Joanna (Silvio); Christina (Daniel); Andrew (Alexi) and Matthew (Ednay)
- ◆ For Paul as he supervises the missionary work in Curitiba and reaches out to other Free Lutheran Congregations through special weekend courses
- ◆ God's continued provision for the work in Brazil
- ◆ For safety and health

God's Timing and Provision We are doubly blessed this year by having our daughter Joanna and her husband Silvio and four children living in Fergus Falls, MN. They own and direct a bilingual Christian school in Brazil called Lighthouse. Through this ministry they impact children and their families with the message of the Gospel. They are taking a sabbatical year in MN. Joanna is teaching at Morning Son Christian School and Silvio is the Dean of Men at Hillcrest Lutheran boarding school. The children are all enjoying having an experience in the USA. We look forward to spending Thanksgiving and Christmas with them and with our son Andrew and his family.

Think about Missions We have been so privileged to know Jesus & walk in His ways. May we be reminded of our great privilege to share this blessing with others near & far. Paul always says, "Any four blocks in the world constitute a mission field." Let's get out of our comfort zone & reach out to someone near us with prayer and intentional interaction with the purpose of proclaiming Jesus.



Children's Offering

BLANKETS & BEDDING

Disasters force families to flee their homes and leave behind all of their possessions, including blankets to protect them from the bitter cold. For just \$6, you can give a cozy blanket or other snug bedding to a suffering family, keeping them warm on frigid nights and reassuring them in a tangible way that our Heavenly Father is the "God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).



DECEMBER

Luke 2:1-3 (CSB)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. ...

Altar Guild

Altar Guild

Communion

Tad Woelber
Dave Muller

Acolytes

December 1: Nickolas Bruns
December 8: Trey Boelman
December 15: Hailey Goebel
December 22: Laura Minet
Christmas Eve: Braden Otter
December 29: Cayden Zephier

Greeters & Family of the Week

December 1: Alvin & Joanne Griebel
December 8: Pat & Jodi Haag & family
December 15: Thomas & Stacy Haag; Coltin, Rylan
December 22: Eric & Amberlie Haak & family
Christmas Eve: Jim & Lois Gawerecki
December 29: Karen Halbersma

Nursery

December 1: Melissa Zephier
December 8: Amy Steuck
December 15: Rebecca Gilbery
December 22: Marcine Olsen
Christmas Eve:
December 29: Melissa Zephier

Kitchen Clean-up

Ushers

Tad Woelber
Jim Woelber
Jason Steuck

Hospitality Greeters

December 1: Remunds & Mullers
December 8: Scholtens & Woelbers
December 15: DeClerks & Smiths
December 22: Warners & Remunds
Christmas Eve: Amdahls & Mullers
December 29: Remunds & Scholtens

Money Counters/ Trustees

Laurie Bruns
Jim Otter



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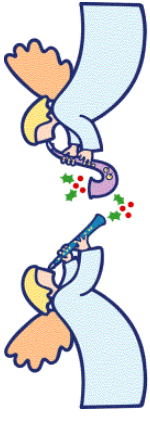
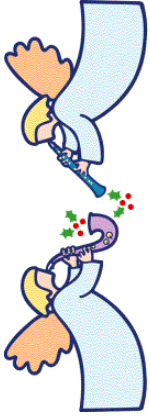
2 SAMUEL 7:12. NRSV

Worship Leaders

December 1: Matthew Amdahl, Jane Smith, Janelle Brockberg, Susan Parsley
December 8: Praise Band
December 15: Youth Praise Band - Youth Sunday
December 22: Bill Steuck, Laurel Berg, Julia Pillman, Judy Steuck
Christmas Eve: Denis Parsley, Lynn Glidewell, Irene Warner, Susan Parsley
December 29: Jim Woelber, Heidi Woelber, Leslie Lueck, Judy Steuck



December



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Fellowship time 10:30 AM Worship Service 1:00 PM 4-H Awards Banquet 5:00 PM Small Group Study	2	3	4 7 AM—12:00 PM Bake Sale 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:15 PM Family Night Meal 6:30 PM Family / Youth Group 7:45 PM Choir practice	5	6	7	
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15 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Fellowship time 10:30 AM Youth Led & Children's Christmas Program 5:00 PM Small Group Study	16	17 7:00 PM Family Ministry meets	18 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:15 PM Family Night Meal 6:30 PM Family / Youth Group 7:45 PM Choir practice	19 7:00 PM Elders & wives meet @	20	21	
22 No Sunday School 10:00 AM Fellowship time 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Small Group Study Messenger Articles Due	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25 	26	27	28	
29 NO Sunday School 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship Service	30	31 	Pastor Tim & Family on vacation				