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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – DECEMBER 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

When I was but a boy, I became a master at certain skills.

My childhood home was the typical example of the post-war boom tract housing. An Illinois cornfield became the suburban streets where I rode, ran, and played Kick the Can on humid summer nights—those nights before central air-conditioning drove us all inside to sit in front of a box that endlessly ran images of the outside. Before we became a nation of voyeurs, we would play outside hoping for the house to cool so we might find that restful sleep. Perhaps now softened by the gauzy veil of time, those days seem so innocent and blessed. After the games, we would sit on one of the many neighborhood stoops and just talk, and laugh, and talk some more. We learned how to converse. How to listen. We learned about each other, boys learning of girls, girls learning of boys. And the occasional steal of a kiss. All the places our lives would take us were merely lights on a distant horizon. For many of us, it was a horizon reached long ago. As we swam in the blessed river of youth, our voices were filled with the hope that health and the wealth of our blessed nation offered.

But none of those are things I ever mastered. The true skill of which I write would manifest once the weather turned cold. About this time of year, when the frost hit hard and we waited for the grayness of Fall to be blanketed by the first snow, we would find ourselves driven indoors. Indoors, yes, until the snow finally came and we played that long-awaited tackle football game in the snow-cushioned street.

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My house was small. (Our beloved McMansions were yet to be dangled before us.) Three bedrooms and a poorly lit bathroom where we preened ourselves for the days at school. (My aged face now longs for that dimmer light.) We had a small finished basement. In one corner sat a much-used player piano (which is how I learned to sing). Another corner housed a small walled-off room. It was walled off to create mom's TINY sewing room. This small room had a few repurposed kitchen cabinets and was stuffed—floor to window-well—with the fabrics and batting Mom used in her many creations. It was the perfect room for a late fall game of hide-and-seek. It was probably during one of those games that my skill became evident. Buried under those bolts of fabric, as Christmas morning approached, I discovered the presents—my presents. From that moment on, I now had the secret knowledge. I knew where to look. I knew if my desires born from dog-eared toy catalogues were to be fulfilled. This odd curiosity—impatience—was the first part of the skill I mastered—and used—until the commercialism of Christmas morning finally killed my interest in such things.

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The second part was born from the first. I now needed to master feigned surprise on Christmas morning. I don't know if my parents ever suspected that I knew what they did. To her credit, my first-born saintly, straight-A sister never cared to look. She didn't want to know what I knew. But I did, so each year I looked. So, on Christmas morning, I had to master—and did—the terrible skill of lying in the face of people I loved. Looking back, I see now the Holy Word's truth in my own life: *"None is righteous, no, not one..."* (Romans 3:10). It was probably not the first, but one of the starkest times, I would witness this ugly truth manifest in myself.

Of course, there were other times when other "skills" manifested themselves—as they did and do for you. But Christmas! To spoil, if only for myself, the gifts. That's what sin does—and often on a more destructive scale than a pre-teen boy finding where his parents hid things. Sin spoils so many things. So many precious gifts are ruined by our actions: family relationships, friendships, our own hopes—ripped open leaving us with the sad knowledge of what might have been if only we hadn't... Such is the result of spoiling the gifts. So the curse lives on: *"...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die"* (Genesis 2:17). My Christmas mornings died a little when I found—and then looked at—those gifts. We die inside when we sin. Don't we? And then our flesh slowly catches up.

The joy of Christmas morning. Spoiled.

In a tangible way, my actions were my skipping Advent. Instead of the joy of receiving what I had desperately hoped for and could never earn or afford for myself, I had to carry the weight—the guilt—of a lie. I ruined, if just for myself, my family's Advent.

In the church at large, there is always pressure this time of year to skip Advent. Some churches don't even know that word. We, however, as Lutherans, are an anachronism. Think about that. In church we are not singing Christmas music, nor will we until just a few days before the actual feast. We will sing Advent hymns and read and ponder those sacred texts that tell us of the Gift to come. We will learn again of our forebears in the Faith as they

waited and looked for signs. We will hear John the Baptist as he prepares the way for our celebration of that most holy birth. And we will learn of ourselves. And then, as the world around us turns to “celebrate” Cupid, we will then sing Christmas hymns. And we will sing them only for the blink of twelve days. Yes, we indeed must seem backward to our community.

Advent remains a penitential season. This is probably why our culture eschews this holy season. Our culture seeks not repentance of but justification for its many sins and abominations. In Advent we hear of the necessity of the Christ as we face who we really are—lost and condemned people. And we see clearly and truly what love—Godly love—looks like. We see the sacrifice God made for us. “*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself*” (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). St. Paul writes these words reflecting that ancient truth. Even though we are the ones that break—repeatedly—the relationship with our God, it is He who comes to us to repair that relationship. He *reconciles* us—you—to Himself. In Christ we are restored. Made whole. Forgiven. What we spoil the Father re-wraps in the blood of His Son. This, this is why we give gifts. This is why my parents still worked to buy gifts for their conniving, oft disobedient and undeserving pre-teen son. It was because of the Gift.

And this is what Advent prepares us for. It prepares us to truly celebrate the great Feast of the Nativity. Advent reminds us of the fullness of time. It reminds us that those who came before us—those who walked this earth before that very first Christmas—had to wait. They waited for countless generations for that gift. And as Christmas came for them, after Advent it will still come for us.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

I don’t recall if I’ve ever confessed to my mother what I did when I was young. I suppose, knowing now more clearly what it means to be people of God, if I told her she would laugh. Maybe this year I will tell her. And, if I do, I suspect she will say this: “I knew!” And reflecting the love of Christ who died for her too, as she did for all those years, she will still give me gifts.

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A blessed Advent and Nativity to each of you!

In Christ’s most Holy Name,

Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday ... We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate birthdays in May (especially 80+ this month) including:

Nancy Farrar – December 6 Maxine Grisham – December 11

Nancy Williamson – December 18 Betty Sulouff – December 20

Herbert Ehrmann – December 21

Happy Anniversary ... We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate anniversaries (especially 30+ this month) including:

John & Mary Hazen – December 3 Kenny & Deanna Wilson – December 5

Offering envelopes for 2022 will be available for pick up **beginning Sunday, Dec. 12th**. If you do not find your set, please contact Tammy at the office (786-3391). REMEMBER – do not use them until January 1, 2021. If any 2022 envelopes are received before the end of 2021, they will be held till January 1st. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. — Board of Finance

REMINDER – December 31, 2020 – all contributions for the year 2020 must be turned in to the office or at the service on the 31st to be credited. Any donations received after Dec. 31st will be credited to the 2021 Financial Statements. We thank you for your continued support of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

IMAGE DEADLINE for the **January 2022 issue** is **1:00 PM Friday, December 17th**. Have all items to the office, in writing, by that date. Thank You!



With rakes, clippers, and warm hats in hand, The Youth Group and Leaders spent Saturday morning cleaning up the yard and raking leaves at my home for which I am very grateful. May the Lord be praised!

~JoAnn Taube

Calling all Musicians!



HANDBELL CHOIR - we are looking to begin our handbell choir after what seems like a long time. Anyone who has rung before, and anyone interested in giving it a try for the first time, please contact Chris Roth. You do not need to be able to read music, we will help with marking your music to aid you. We welcome all Junior High age and up who want to ring and enjoy the fellowship of the group. Rehearsals etc. will be decided at a later date.

PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? We always welcome anyone who would consider playing an instrument to add to the beauty of our services. We are ready and willing to work with you to accompany, decide on music, etc. Please contact Chris Roth if you have an interest.



Christmas Caroling December 18, 2021

Join us for our annual Christmas Caroling followed by Pastor and Laurie's Open House. We will meet at Immanuel Church at 2:00 and travel to local homes to spread some Christmas Cheer. Then join us at Pastor and Laurie's home, 14 Foxwood Court, Rock Island, from 5 until 9 p.m. for their annual open house.



LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 6:00 PM IN THE ILC CAFETERIA. PLEASE JOIN US!

Holiday Service Schedule 2021

Dec. 1	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Advent
Dec. 8	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Advent
Dec. 15	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Advent
Dec. 22	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Advent – Children's Program
Dec. 24	Friday	2:00 PM & 6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight w/HC
Dec. 25	Saturday	9:00 AM	Christmas Day
Dec. 31	Friday	6:30 PM	New Year's Eve

Wednesday Evening Supper and Advent Worship ...



We are continuing our tradition of inviting our members and the public to join us for a light supper prior to our mid-week Advent Worship Services. Supper will be served at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria. Our worship service begins at 6:30 PM.

The meals may be soup, sandwiches, veggies, and a dessert. Coffee, tea, milk, lemonade, etc. are provided. The host may keep the free will offering to cover expenses or donate it to the general benefit of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Elders. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Wed., Dec. 1st--Board of Elders

Wed., Dec. 8th – LWML

Wednesday, December 15th – Titus Family

Wednesday, December 22nd – Youth Group

The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on the following Stations at the listed times:

WGEN Kewanee, IL 1500 AM 5:30 am

WKEI Kewanee, IL 1450 AM 5:00 am

KCLN Clinton, IL 1390 AM 9:30 am

WMT Cedar Rapids, IA 600 AM 6:30 am

You can receive Daily Devotions to your computer, Go to lhmin@lhm.org



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will decorate the altar area of the church during December. Donations towards the cost of the plants are being accepted and the donor names will be listed in the bulletins on Dec. 24 and 25.

Contact Tammy via email at ilchurch@mchsi.com or write it out on paper and drop it by the office or put it in the offering plate with your name on it, specify how you wish to have it worded in the bulletin – in memory of someone, in honor of someone, in thanks to God for something. Place your donation in an envelope with your name and envelope # and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. **Deadline is Monday, Dec. 13th.**

THE 2022 FLOWER CHART and **THE ETERNAL LIGHT CHART** will be posted on the bulletin board the beginning of December in the narthex. Cost for Altar Flowers (two vases) is \$30.00 and for Eternal Light is \$10.00. Please be sure to check the calendar periodically for the date(s) you signed to donate. If you have email access, please send the information for the bulletin to ilchurch@mchsi.com. If internet is not available, please write it out on a piece of paper and put it in the offering plate.

WE'RE GOING DIGITAL!

In 2022 we are going digital with *The Image*! We currently have the capability, through our membership database system, to send *The Image* via email with little to no additional cost involved. This will save us upwards of \$200.00 per month! Of course, those of you who do not have an e-mail address will still be able to receive the newsletter via U.S. mail.

Watch for more information in the weekly announcements or on the Immanuel Lutheran Church's website or Facebook page!



All adults and youth are invited to participate in any or all Bible studies offered at Immanuel. We are thankful we can gather together around God's Word. You are welcome to attend anytime.

- **Sunday morning Adult Bible class** – 8:00 am and 10:15 am in the Library or on Zoom.
- **Adult Bible study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Library or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies:** 6 pm each Tuesday evening.
- **For the older youth**, there is a Youth Group meeting on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Meetings are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island. The first hour includes an opening, devotion and education time with Pastor Astrowski. He will be discussing Apologetics (learning how to defend our faith). The second hour includes activities and snacks with the Youth Leaders in the fellowship hall and gymnasium. On the **last Sunday** of each month, Pastor Astrowski will offer a special discussion time for parents during the second hour. He will review topics recently covered with the youth to prepare parents for additional discussion with their young adults.
- And of course for the younger ones, there is Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION



- Please call the office when someone is ill, hospitalized, or homebound (309-786-3391).
- Please use this email to contact the office: ilchurch@mchsi.com • Website address – www.immanuelri.org
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Immanuel-Lutheran-Church-Rock-Island-IL-LCMS-179175395513226/> All Sunday services are 'Live' streamed at 9 am and posted to our church's YouTube channel (the link is available on the church's website).

Reminder... each time you enter the hospital, be sure to say you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island. According to the laws, the hospital needs to ask each time you come for a procedure. If you would like the pastor to know immediately, please have a family member or friend call the office and/or Pastor—otherwise we may not be aware of your hospitalization. Also, unless requested otherwise, members of the church will be prayed for using their first and last names.



Immanuel Youth Group News

November 21, A.D. 2021

It's been great!

Our group is off to a great start, thank the Lord. And thank you to you, and your parents for making the commitment to be here and get you here.

Thank you too to those who joined us for our first Service Project. The sister in Christ we served was very thankful for all we did.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions please call or text Pastor at 989-326-0199.

Mark your Calendars

1. The Youth Group will be serving supper for our mid-week Advent meal on Wednesday, December 22, 2021. Supper will be served at 5:30. Please be there with your food by 5:00 p.m. on that day. The money raised will be used to defray the costs of our upcoming trip to the Higher-Things Youth Conference.
2. Registration is now open for the Higher Things Youth Conference. The dates of the conference are July 19-22, 2022. Travel days will also be necessary. We will be traveling to Bozeman, Montana.
3. There will be NO Youth Group the Sunday after Christmas, December 26, 2021. We will meet on January 2, 2022.
4. January 16, A.D. 2022 is the date for our circuit-wide youth event. Details to follow.

What we're planning

1. Bett-Plex outing.
2. Winter and Spring Service Events.
3. Winter Fund raiser.
4. Higher Things for a Day local youth retreat.

Thanks for your participation! Bring a friend.

Thank
you

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who donated thus far for the Thanksgiving Baskets. And to all of the helpers who came last Saturday to unload the food items and those who came Monday morning to help fill the baskets and assist the recipients to their cars. We handed out 38 Thanksgiving baskets. Our recipients were very thankful!

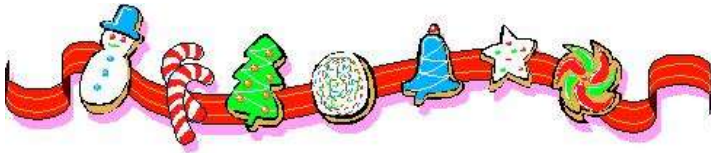
We are now in need of donations for the Christmas baskets. Food prices have soared exponentially this year (by almost 50% from last year) and we had to use a good portion of our Christmas budget for the Thanksgiving baskets. We ask for your help by giving a monetary donation for the Christmas food baskets.



Also, if there is anyone who has Thrivent Choice dollars they could donate, that would be awesome! Place your check or cash in an envelope and mark it for "Food Baskets" and drop it in the offering plate, drop it in the mail, or at the office. Be sure to include your offering envelope number so that we may give you credit.

The Christmas food baskets will be assembled on Monday, December 20th at 9:30 AM. Our recipients will pick them up between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM at the church. Any questions, contact Tammy at the office (786-3391).

St. Matthew Lutheran Church 17th Annual Cookie Walk



When.....Saturday, December 4, 2021

Where.....St. Matthew Lutheran Church

115 W. 12th Avenue, Milan, IL

Hours.....9 a.m. – Noon

Come shop for Christmas goodies, cookies, and candies! All proceeds generated at this event are donated to the Milan Christian Food Pantry.



IMMEDIATE NEEDS

GARGABE BAGS (13, 33 & 39 GALLON)
FULL SIZE BOTTLES OF SHAMPOO
LAUNDRY SOAP (LIQUID ONLY)
RAZORS

We are also in need of new or slightly used winter coats for our men at the mission as well as top and bottom thermals. Residents often work jobs that require them to be outside or walk back and forth to work and providing them with what they need to stay warm is essential. Sizes large and extra large.

Please bring all items to Christian Care at 2209 3rd Avenue in Rock Island between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Food can be dropped anytime.



QC Haven of Hope was a vision formed over 15 years ago with the purpose of offering shelter for women and children facing a period of homelessness. This vision evolved into the organization it is today. The support from staff, community organizations and resources, as well as camaraderie from women within the house, helped foster empowerment and potential. This success has revealed itself in

important ways; safe shelter, a stable job, a home for a child to return to after school, food on the table, not worrying that utilities will be turned off, access to healthcare, opportunities for education, and rebuilding of self-confidence and self-respect. Over the course of time, QC Haven of Hope has transitioned through a rebranding, expanded connections within the community, and made changes to increase our capacity for housing homeless women and children. Sprouted from absolute need within our community, this mission has persevered over the span of years thanks to the engagement of our organizational leaders, our volunteers, our devoted supporters and a caring community. As we focus on the future and ways to enhance and expand homeless services, another change is underway. **QC Haven of Hope is excited to announce its women and children's shelter will become a part of Christian Care. Christian Care is a not-for-profit organization located in Rock Island which has served our homeless community for more than 105 years. They, and we, are extremely proud that they will be able to continue serving the local community with the addition of a women and children's shelter. Under the direction of Christian Care's Executive Director, Frank Roe and his Board of Directors, this new team will continue serving the critical needs of homeless women and children.**



LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter article – December 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the great physician of both body and soul, healed a man with dropsy by His Word on the Sabbath (Luke 14:1–6). Dropsy is a paradoxical ailment, with an unquenchable craving for drink even though the body is over inflated with fluid, a craving that, when indulged, served not to ease but to feed the disease.

And so, if a man drinks a great deal but is never filled, he sees a doctor to inquire about what ails him, what is wrong with his body, and how to remedy it. For that is not thirst but a disease (Seneca, *Consolation to His Mother Helvia*, 11.3).

But if the owner of five couches goes looking for 10, or the owner of 10 tables buys up as many again, and even though he has plenty of land and money, he remains unsatisfied and desires yet more, losing sleep and always in discontent, does he not also require a physician to diagnose the cause of this distress?

For this is not want or lack, it's a disease (Aristippus, quoted in Plutarch, *Love of Wealth*, 524b). As St. Augustine of Hippo wrote, "we may rightly compare the dropsical man to a covetous rich man: For the more the one is swollen with excess of water, the more he thirsts; so also the other: The more he abounds in riches ... the more eagerly he desires them" (*The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, 4:135). Both require physicians. Both require diagnosis and medicine applied from the outside to the inward being. For these are not desires to be fulfilled but diseases to be cured.

This is why our Lord instructs us to not to be consumed by money. "No one can serve two masters ... You cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24; Luke 16:13). Our desire for money, like the disease dropsy, is never satisfied. We always desire more. We think, "If I just had this much then I would be happy."

But even when that much comes, which God gladly gives, happiness evades us. The desire for more is never satisfied. It demands our constant energy, either in procuring more or protecting what we already have. When this happens, God, in His mercy, shows us that the money that He has given is no longer serving us, but we it. We have another master.

To overcome this, we need a physician's diagnosis and a physician's remedy. And our Lord Jesus Christ, our great physician of both body and soul, applies His Word to us as He did to the man healed of dropsy. He shows us how we have put our fear, love, and trust in our money and not feared, loved, and trusted in Him above all things.

In essence, He says, "Stop chasing after these fleeting things. They are vanity. They are the things that moth and rust destroy. You cannot have two masters. Repent!" And in seeing our great error, we are sorry that we have not fully feared, loved, and trusted in God above all things. And, in the mercy and

grace that He earned for us on the cross, He takes away this sin, restores us to health, and bids us to live.

But then what? What do we do with this healing balm and care that our great physician has given? Do we simply go back to our old ways? “By no means!” St. Paul says (Rom. 3:31; 6:2). We do not just go back to the old ways, the ways that lead us to death. No, we live a new life, a life filled with the grace, mercy and love of God toward us. And God’s great mercy, grace, and love toward is so abundant that it overflows and pours out onto those around us.

So we no longer hoard money and possessions. We no longer scrape and crawl our way to amass more. We give to those around us, as God in Christ has given to us. We press our money and possessions into service for those who need it: our family, our society and our church. For money is God’s gift to us to serve us and others. Not the other way around. It serves us because it is a gift from our Father in heaven.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry



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This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. (Matthew 1:18-24)

Have you ever been scared?

As a child, crossing the street without assistance, a car ran me over, breaking my right leg in two places. For two weeks I was hospitalized with my whole right leg, part of my left leg and my abdomen in casts. I went back home, but it wasn't easy for me not being able to move for a couple of weeks. Once they took the cast off, I was so scared. I thought, I was going to fall. Finally, one day I started walking, and my fears disappeared.

A story says that one man was walking and saw a huge bull blocking the way. Dead with fear, he prayed asking for the bull to leave, but he did not. A voice said to him: "Do what you need to do, but keep going". He filled his heart with bravery and decided to grab the bull by the horns, no matter what. Courageously, he confronted the bull.

You won't believe what happened. The bull spoke to him: "Why did you take so long to come to me? Were you scared? I've been waiting for you so that I might take you with me. Hop on my back, and tell me where you wish to go".

Joseph, too, was in a dilemma; He didn't know what to do with the pregnant Mary. In dreams he heard these words: "*Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife...*" What seemed like a problem turned out to be a blessing. Courage to find the blessing, and overcome the fear is what we need.

The Lord gives words of security to all who belong to Him: "*Do not be afraid*". These words were heard by Abraham, David, Zechariah, Peter, Mary Magdalene, Mary and Joseph and many others. Today, God says to us: "*Do not be afraid*", even though we have many reasons to be scared, such as flying on a plane, facing terrorism, losing a job, facing illness or even death.



Though fear is natural, and we have to deal with it, let us not forget that God has control of all, including our fears. Christmas is near; where we always remember that everything has a significant meaning. Celebrate Christmas! Celebrate Immanuel! Celebrate God with us! Celebrate that He brings to us His peace and salvation!

***All of us here at Cristo Rey want to wish all of you
a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year
and thank you immensely for your continued support!***



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Youth Group meets every Sunday night from 6:30-8:30 PM. There will be no Youth Group on Sunday, December 26th.</i></p> <p>ADVENT</p>			<p>1</p> <p>9-Noon CHALK 5:30 PM Supper 6:30 PM Advent Midweek I Service</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
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Sunday Schedule

Bible Study at 8:00 AM
Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM
Bible Study at 10:15 AM
Sunday School at 10:15 AM

We invite you to join us for worship and Bible Study and the fellowship of Christians who share in the joy of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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