

December 2025

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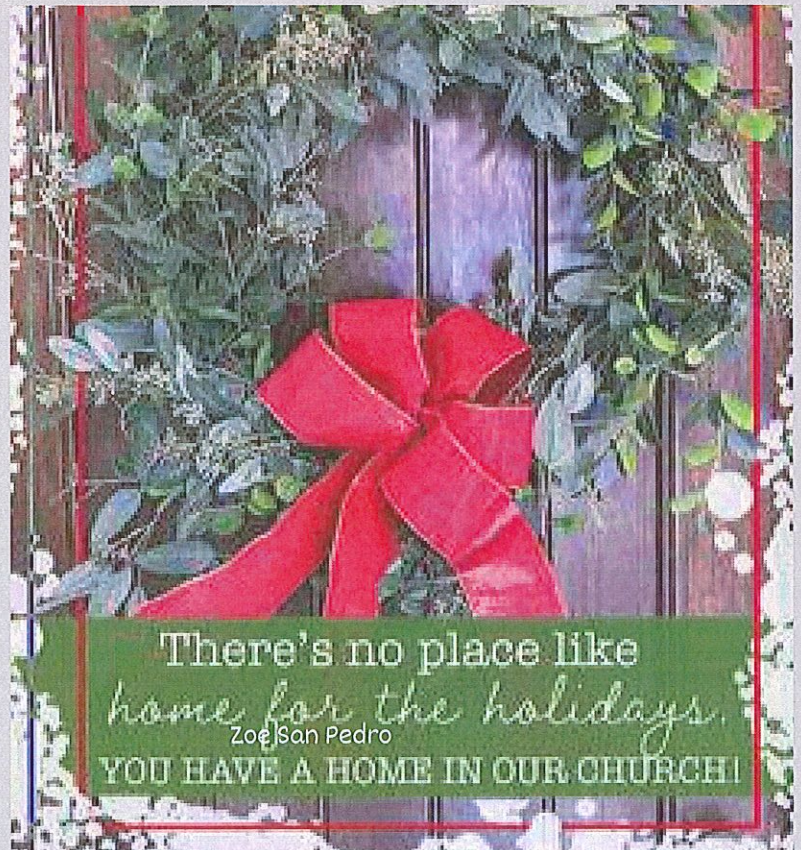
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Bless This Advent: From Kate Bowler's book, *The Lives We Actually Have*

WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent is that special time of year leading up to Christmas. The season is roughly four weeks before Christmas (the actual number of days varies every year), and it acts like a long dawn. We are preparing for a great inversion: God coming to Earth in the form of a human baby. The ruler of the cosmos trapped in a squalling package of helpless flesh. He was born to save us – and he will – but first he must melt our hearts, appearing not as a sage or a philosopher or an emperor, but as a cold little child with nowhere to call home. He disarms us with his tender vulnerability and summons us to enter his world as little children too.

For many, this is where the story ends: a gentle knock on the door of the human heart. This tender moment of conscience is well-suited to acts of charity, which allow people to keep their roles: giver and receiver, rich and poor, high and low, [stranger] and local.

But Christmas beckons believers to see the kingdom of God through a starker disruption of the ordinary. “The last will be first” (Matthew 20:16, NIV). “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25:35, ESV).

“He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble” (Luke 1:52, NIV)

We want this. We are hungry for the world turned upside down, which is precisely what Christmas has been all throughout Christian history. Medieval Western Europe allotted Christmas days to different groups at the margins of society – servants, old women, young girls, and children – allowing them to step forward and demand charity from their masters. The magic of this time of year was a moment of suspension (if temporary) of business as usual. These moments pointed to the clues everywhere that powers – oppressive and pervasive powers – rule this world. And for eleven months we fail to see them as they really are.

We all see the world as it has always been. And we are all waiting with bated breath for the kingdom of God to break in.

And in the meantime, we need to bless the days we have, the shorter days and endless nights. The experience of hope and the fear of disappointment. This is the season for all of us who need that extra hour of darkness, preferably under a blanket near the tree, to feel the immensity of what we've gained and what we've lost.

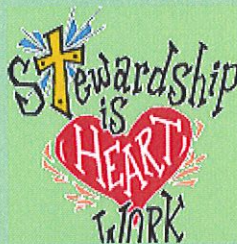
[The] hope is that these blessings for each of the Sundays of Advent will be a way for you to make the very act of waiting holy. And as we anticipate Christ's birth together, may we experience the stubborn hope of Christmas, joy in the midst of sorrow, a love that knows no bounds, and a transcendent peace amid a world on fire.

There is an Advent guide for those who would like to go deeper on the journey. It is called “Bless This Advent” and it is available anytime at this website: https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/blessthisadvent/ It is a free guide that includes devotional entries, scriptures to read, discussion questions, and a place to reflect along the way.”

My friends, I pray your Advent journey will help deepen your longing for the Christ to come! May you be blessed today and everyday!

God's Peace,
Pastor Sue Lynn





Stewardship for Advent and Christmas

Many of us cherish everything about the Christmas season -- except those incessant advertisements telling us to buy this and by that. We ask, "Where's Jesus in all this commercialism?"

This is the right question. Though it asks us to examine every aspect of our lives, stewardship particularly challenges us to question the role money plays in our personal lives and our culture.

Christmas presents are wonderful expressions of love that makes both giver and recipient feel good. At the same time, we want to be wary of advertising's lure to make us overspend, or to think that the cost of our gift is proportionate to our love.

Most of all, we need to be sure that the main point of our Christmas is not the gifts we give, but the gift we receive from God -- Jesus. Here are some ideas:

- Challenge yourself to spend less for presents this year. Set a budget and stick to it.
- Attend worship regularly in Advent and Christmas.
- Give some handmade presents: A scarf or hat, a photo album, a batch of fudge, a card, a poem.
- Prayerfully read Advent daily devotions (Richard Rohr's Preparing for Christmas is amazing!).
- Give your time: a concert together, a shared meal, a day at a museum, a walk in the woods
- Use an Advent calendar to help you remember all that God has given you.
- Give service: wash a loved one's car, help clean the garage, paint a room, babysit for an evening.
- Play Christmas music that has religious themes (More "Silent Night," less "Frosty the Snowman.")
- Instead of buying a present, make a donation to a charitable organization in honor of your loved one (or check out ELCA Good Gifts!).
- Make a generous year-end contribution to your congregation.

Our thoughtful practices for Advent and Christmas not only make for good stewardship of our time, talents, relationships and money, they also help us to draw near to Our Lord and experience God's greatest gift to us.

--Rob Blezard

Ways you can SERVE



Volunteer at our Food Pantry. We need volunteers on Friday to scan and package, and on Saturdays to distribute., the second and third Saturday of each month.. Reach out to Debbie Hill if interested.



Meals on Wheels delivers meals to shut-ins. If you would like to be a driver and brighten someone's day reach out to George Lentz on how you can help.



Our church prepares and serves meals at Jeannie's kitchen every other month for the homeless. You can serve by reaching out to the group that is hosting to see what they need help with.



Our garden ministry is not just during the summer months. Reach out to Lorrie Olive if you would like to be involved in this ministry.



- Indoor/Outdoor Property: 1st Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm
- Christian Ed./Youth: 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:00pm

IN LOVING Memory

If there is anyone listed on our prayer list, that needs to be added or removed, please call the church office. Thank You! 704-279-5054

Disciples of St. Peter's:

Guy & Betty Puckett, Jim & Phyllis Cornelison, Jake & Phyllis Trexler, Jerry Sides, Ernie & Linda Cooper, Phil & Carol Boyette, Brenda H. Trexler, Thelma Barger, Judy Peeler, Lynn DeBerry, Jean Holshouser, Marcia Ritchie, Mary Miller, Buddy Waller, Sue Misenheimer, Amy Cozart, Jaxon Webster, and the Puckett family.

Friends of St. Peter's Family:

Chris Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Jerry (Marcia Ritchie's brother), Annette McKinney, Vicki Brawley (friend of Joy King), Ruth Small (Debbie Hill's aunt), Susan and Ronnie Loflin, Lisa Roseman, Sheila Barringer, Johnny Earnhardt, Emil Isbanioly (Leslie Puckett's nephew), Rachel (PSL's Niece) Angie Parker Hughes, Kitty "Surachna Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Stacy Fraley and the family and friends of Terry Trexler.



2- Alan Boyd, Mary Miller, Amy Cozart
4- Jerry Sides, Jenny Blume, Haley Lyerly
6- Andy Cornelison, Shawn Lambirth
7- Jean Holshouser
8- Ella Blackwell
9- Kaleigh Troutman
10- Short Lyerly, Emma Cornelison
12- Jasmine Cooper
13- Matt Cline, Syann Cooper
14- Holly & Thomas Tomlinson
19- Delaney Nance
20- David Najarian
21- Kaley Cornelison, Trinity McCulloh
22- Tim Ames
24- Hunter Wall
25- William Barger
27- Harley Jo Reed
28- Bobby Lambirth
31- Autumn Peeler



6- M/M Don Kluttz
15- M/M Daryle Olive
27- M/M Ernie Cooper
31- M.M Jake Trexler



Emma Blackwell
Ethan DeBerry
Daniel Troutman
Bryan Smart



Just as the son of man came not be served but to serve.

Matthew 20:28

Lector(s)

12/7- Ian Shue
12/14- Joy King
12/21- Linda Lambirth
12/28- Ellen Troutman

Assistant Minister

Marty Puckett
Mark Shue
Jan McCulloh
Marty Puckett

Live stream: Nathan Pressley

Organist: Lucy Shue

Power Point: Brian White

Communion Preparers

1st Sunday: Lorrie Olive
2nd Sunday: Jan McCulloh
3rd Sunday: Sierra Pressley
4th Sunday: Linda Lambirth
5th Sunday: Eleanor Morgan

Council Members Assisting with Holy Communion

December: Kathy Lentz & Mark Shue

Sound System

1st Sunday- Daryle Olive
2nd Sunday- Duncan White
3rd Sunday- William Barger
4th Sunday- Duncan White
5th Sunday- William Barger

Ushers

12/7: Kathy Lentz, George Lentz, David & Joseph Najarian
12/14: Kathy Lentz, Linda Lambirth, Marth & Carson Puckett
12/21: Kathy Lentz, Jamie Lyerly, Debbie Hill
12/28: Kathy Lentz, Bobby Lambirth, Alan & Joy King



Money Counters

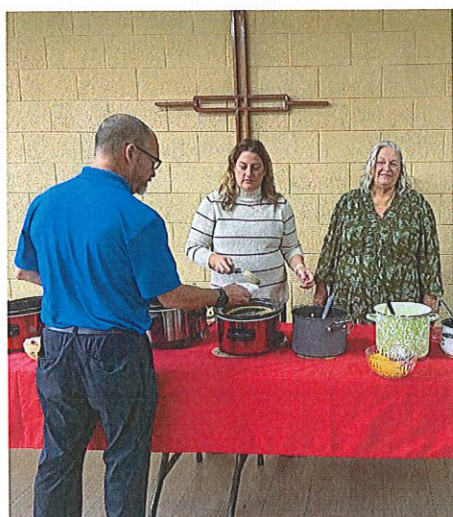
1st Sunday: Ken & Joyce Kluttz
2nd Sunday: Jamie Lyerly & Debbie Hill
3rd Sunday: Ken & Joyce Kluttz
4th Sunday: Jamie & Haley Lyerly
5th Sunday: Jamie & Jill Lyerly



St. Peter's Giving & Attendance
Total given for November: \$13,855.95
Monthly Requirement: \$16,002.92
Deficit for November: \$2,146.97
Average Attendance for November: 65

gathered together

We enjoyed a wonderful Sunday of worship and fellowship on November 30th. We welcomed Don and Kathy Boehm into our church family, had a healing and anointing service, and started our freewill offering to put a roof on additional parts of our church. We followed the service with a fellowship soup lunch downstairs in the fellowship hall. Thank you, to everyone who prepared a pot of soup and the elf who decorated the tables.




I love my church family!

in loving memory

Nancy Blackwelder

- Tim Blackwelder
- Debbie Duke

John D. Trexler

- Lynne Flood

Martin Sides/ Nellie Barger

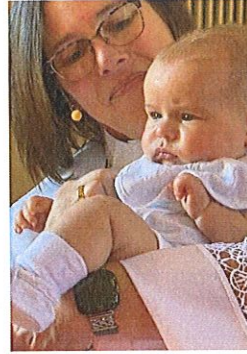
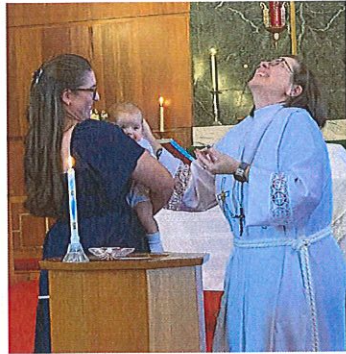
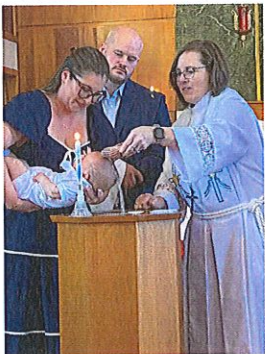
- Nancy Shrout



We welcomed Don & Kathy Boehm as new members to our church family on Sunday, November 30th. They have been married 42 years, have 3 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Two of their grandchildren attend our preschool.



Jaxon Kent Webster was baptized and welcomed into our church family on Sunday, November 16, 2025. Jaxon was born July 3, 2025 and is the son of Chase & Liberty Webster. His grandparents are Kent & Amy Cozart and Tim & Tracy Webster. Great grandparents are Freida & Harvey Webster. Jaxon's parents chose his Aunt Abby Cozart to be the sponsor for his baptism. The family celebrated with other family members with a luncheon, in the fellowship hall, following the service.





Rowan Helping Ministries

For the month of November 27 neighbors were served and 403 lbs. of food donated. Pantry dates for December are 13th and 20th. If you would like to volunteer with this mission, you can contact Debbie Hill.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone, please contact Lorrie Olive or Dena Najarian to sign up.



Church Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the new year are ready for pick-up in the Narthex.



Church Directories

If you had your picture taken for the church directory, you may pick up a copy of the church directory from Dena Najarian. Once those who had their picture taken have picked up their directories there will be extra copies to others on a first come, first serve basis. As you look through the new directory take the opportunity to pray for each church family.



Us Stock the Shelves!

Our Food Pantry shelves are looking a little bare! There has been an increased need for food in our community over the last several months. The boxes we receive from Rowan Helping Ministries each month have been getting less and less with the many federal cut backs in funding. We have been using the gracious donations from the many food drives in the community to supplement those boxes in order to help our neighbors have greater variety and meal options. We have also noticed an increase use in our Blessing Box. There is an obvious for food for those in need for our area.

What is needed? Just about anything can help!

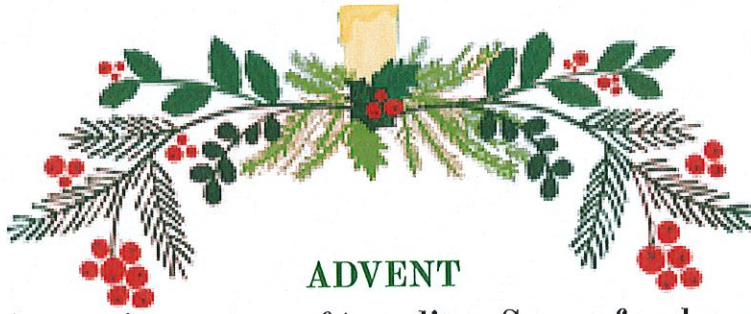
Packets of tuna/chicken, Easy Mac/Chef Boyardee cups, ramen noodles, peanut butter & jelly, grits, oatmeal, rice/pasta packets, pasta & sauces, shelf stable milk, canned fruits, canned vegetables, dried beans, pancake mix, syrup, muffin mix, canned meat, cereal, rice.



**THANKS FOR
DONATING**

We have had an abundance of people helping to stock our shelves with the pantry and blessing box. We appreciate all that have contributed and I know those that we have supported are very appreciative also. Contributors include the Sunshine Ladies, Walmart (\$100 gift card), Immanuel Lutheran, Wittenberg Lutheran, Morgan Elementary, St. James Lutheran and many from our congregation.

The office receives calls daily from those that are struggling during the current crisis and wanting to know what help we can give them. We have had to refer many to our blessing box due to already receiving blessings from the food bank. The food bank can only be used every 30 days. For some families this is not enough.



ADVENT

Advent is a season of traveling. Some of us know what it feels like to pack the car for a long trip, checking directions, and wondering what waits at the end of the road. Others know the ache of longing for home, whether that's a place, a memory, or simply the feeling of belonging.

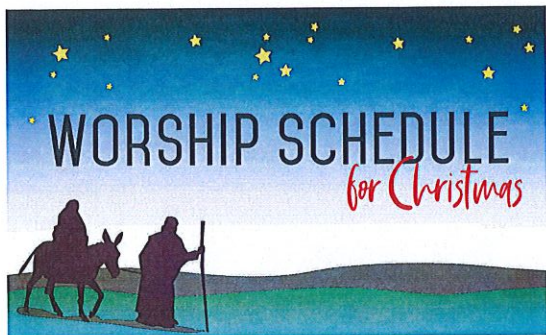
This year, we invite you to see Advent as a journey on The Road Home. Each week brings us to a new part of the trip: the first hopeful steps, the signs that guide us, the surprising joys that refresh us, and the love that welcomes us when we arrive. At Christmas, the journey ends where it began – in the presence of Christ, who is our true home.

Come along – the road home is waiting. God, our Immanuel, is with us on the journey.



Speedway Christmas Lights - Can you believe it is almost time to start planning Christmas events? The youth and family committee will be taking a group to see the Speedway Christmas lights sometime after Thanksgiving. Date and time to be determined. Please see Jan McCulloh or Ellen Troutman if you are interested in going.

December Women's Fellowship - Mark your calendars for Saturday December 6th from 11 - 1 for the next women's fellowship lunch. We have a fun day planned of fellowship, prayer chain craft, gift exchange, and delicious food. We are inviting our friends at St. James to join us for this meeting as well. Please bring a special item to the meeting to share a special memory or story with everyone during the meeting and a \$10 gift. I hope to see many of you there.



Mark your calendars!

December 21 @ 10:30am:

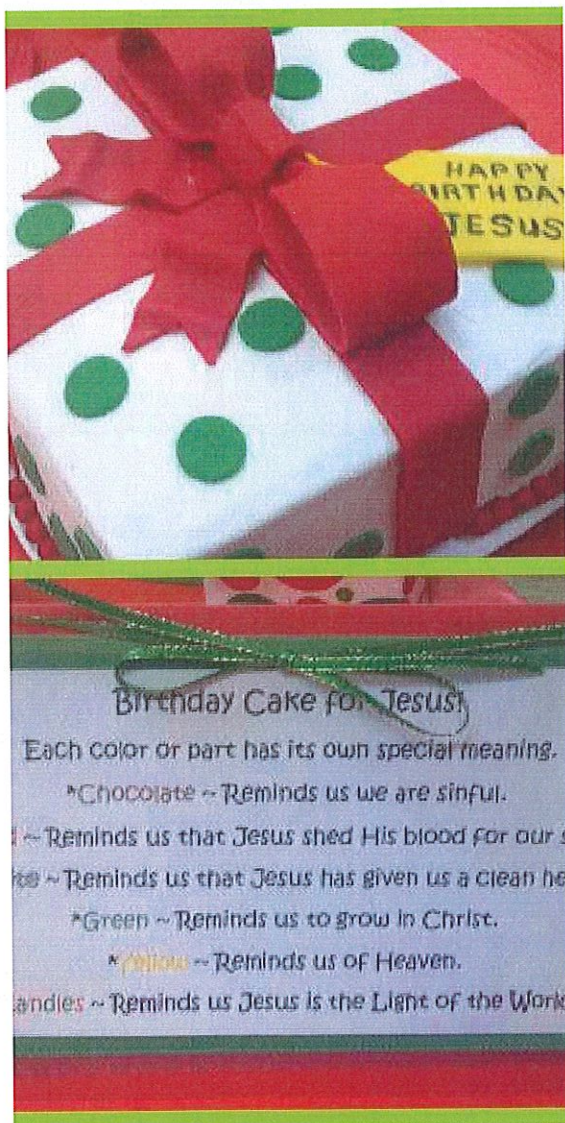
Christmas Cantata Worship Service

December 21 @ 6:30pm:

The Longest Night Service

December 24 @ 6:30pm:

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Christmas

Can you believe December is here? There are some dates everyone should know about so you can add them to your calendar.

First of all, there will be The Longest Night service or sometimes called a Blue Christmas Service. This will be held Sunday, December 21 at 6:30pm. What is this service you may ask?

While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or likes celebrating.

Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around the Christmas season.

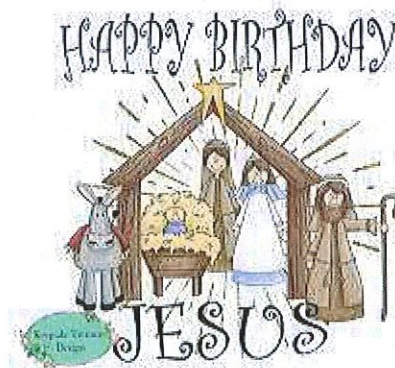
A Longest Night/Blues Christmas service may provide a time and place of solace during the often frenetic days surrounding the celebration of Christmas. We come together seeking healing, and room to share grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion when these emotions often feel out of place during the holidays.

In the Northern Hemisphere, December 21 is the longest night, the winter solstice. It marks the shortest day of the year, the official start of winter. Tradition says that nature and all her creatures stop and hold their breath to see if the sun will turn back from its wanderings if the days will lengthen and the earth will once again feel the sun's warmth. On the darkest day of the year, we come with our honest yearnings seeking the return of light and hope. This service is open to the community.

Our Christmas Cantata will be held during our 10:30am worship service on Sunday, December 21st and our Christmas Eve Candle light service will be held Wednesday, December 24th at 6:30pm.

Hope to see you there!

Please bring a friend!





The 12 Days of Christmas

- **Timing:** The season begins on December 25th (Christmas Day) and concludes on January 5th, with January 6th being the final day, Epiphany or Twelfth Night.
- **Significance:** The 12 days represent the time it took for the three wise men (Magi) to travel to Bethlehem to visit baby Jesus.
- **Celebrations:** This period was historically a time for religious feasts, entertainment, and merrymaking.

The 12 Days of Christmas Song

The First Day of Christmas (December 25): A Partridge in a Pear Tree

A partridge is a bird that is known to sacrifice its life for its babies. This bird represents Jesus, who is willing to give his life for us. The pear tree symbolizes the Cross.

How to celebrate the First Day of Christmas:

Spend 10 minutes in silence, reflecting on the love Jesus has for you. If you have children, invite them to draw pictures of a partridge bird in a pear tree, and have a conversation with them about the meaning of the image. **Reflect on the blessings received today and throughout this past year.**

The Second Day of Christmas (December 26): Two Turtle Doves

Did you know that turtle doves often mate for life? Because of this, they are seen as symbols of love, fidelity, and connection. In "The Twelve Days of Christmas," the two turtle doves represent the Old and New Testament, which are deeply connected and meaningful.

How to celebrate the Second Day of Christmas:

Spend some time reading from both the Old and New Testament today. **Reach out to someone you have not spoken to or seen and tell them how much they mean to you!**

The Third Day of Christmas (December 27): Three French Hens

The three French hens signify the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and love (or charity).

How to celebrate the Third Day of Christmas:

Try to create three Holy Moments: one for faith, one for hope, and one for charity. **Donate items to a local charity, write and send cards to those who are sick or complete an act of kindness such as pick up trash in your neighborhood.**

The Fourth Day of Christmas (December 28): Four Calling Birds

The four calling birds symbolize the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which spread the good news of Jesus' life and teachings.

How to celebrate the Fourth Day of Christmas:

Spend 10 minutes reading from your favorite Gospel. If you aren't sure where to start, many people recommend starting with the Gospel of John! You could also meditate on a powerful quote from one of the four Gospels. **Invite someone to church, visit a shut-in or tell someone about our church.**

The Fifth Day of Christmas (December 29): Five Golden Rings

The five golden rings represent the first five books of the Old Testament, also known as the Pentateuch or the Torah. These books include: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

How to celebrate the Fifth Day of Christmas:

Spend 10 minutes reading from your favorite first five books of the Bible. **Complete 5 acts of kindness with others and share them with your family.**

The Sixth Day of Christmas (December 30): Six Geese A-Laying

The six geese a-laying symbolize the six days of creation, emphasizing God's power as the creator of the world.

How to celebrate the Sixth Day of Christmas:

Read the creation story in the Book of Genesis: Genesis 1-4. Invite your children to draw pictures of the beginning of creation. **Celebrate creation by going for a nature walk or spending time with your family outside by going on a scavenger nature hunt.**

The Seventh Day of Christmas (December 31) : Seven Swans A-Swimming

The seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

How to celebrate the Seventh Day of Christmas:

Spend 10 minutes in prayer, asking God to bless you with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. **Teach someone something new, help someone with a task, donate 7 items to a food bank or blessing box.**

The Eighth Day of Christmas (January 1): Eight Maids A-Milking

The eight maids a-milking symbolizes the eight Beatitudes preached by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

How to celebrate the Eighth Day of Christmas:

Spend some time reflecting on the Beatitudes. **Write down 12 acts of kindness (one for each month) to complete in the upcoming year.**

The Ninth Day of Christmas (January 2): Nine Ladies Dancing

The nine ladies dancing represents the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

How to celebrate the Ninth Day of Christmas:

Read a powerful book about the Holy Spirit or pray to the Holy Spirit, asking him to bring these fruits into your life. **Think of a way to serve your church and complete it for at least 1 year.**

The Tenth Day of Christmas (January 3): Ten Lords A-Leaping

The ten lords a-leaping signifies the Ten Commandments, which provide guidance for how to be the best-version-of-yourself:

The Ten Commandments:

I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.

You shall not take the name of the Lord God in vain.

Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

How to celebrate the Tenth Day of Christmas:

Reflect on the Ten Commandments and how well your life aligns with them or watch a movie like The Ten Commandments to dive deeper into the Bible story! **Help someone that is struggling, and pray with them.**

The Eleventh Day of Christmas (January 4): Eleven Pipers Piping

The eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful disciples of Jesus: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Younger, Simon, and Jude.

How to celebrate the Eleventh Day of Christmas:

Spend time reading the Gospels or the Book of Acts. Talk to your family about the lives of the disciples and discuss how you can be a good disciple. **Invite a church member or your parents out to eat, sit with someone new at church (even if it means changing pews) or trying filling your pew at church with invited friends.**

The Twelfth Day of Christmas (January 5): Twelve Drummers Drumming

The twelve drummers drumming represent the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the core beliefs of Christianity.

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

How to celebrate the Twelfth Day of Christmas:

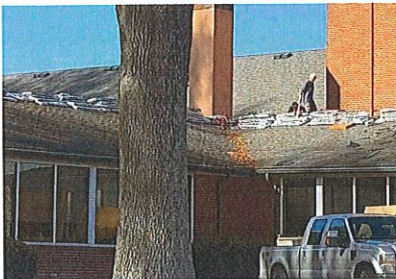
Say the Apostle's Creed on your own or with your family. **Have a karaoke party or feast to celebrate the close of the twelve days. Make a list and plan to continue to reach out to others.**

MISSIONS

Missions - Each summer, the youth and family committee members volunteer to serve locally with a desire to 'joyfully branch into a broken world'. Previously we have been working at Lutheridge on Western NC projects, but this year we have decided to visit SparkDwell in Winston Salem. A small group of us spent a week at SparkDwell when they first started their mission several years ago. This is a truly transformative experience that allows volunteers to literally walk with members of society who live on the margins and are rarely 'seen'. We are looking at attending July 15th thru July 19th (Wednesday through Sunday). Please see Jan McCulloh or Ellen Troutman if you are interested in participating by December 14th.



Our new roof over the educational wing and sanctuary annex is complete. Thanks to everyone that made this happen. It was much needed!



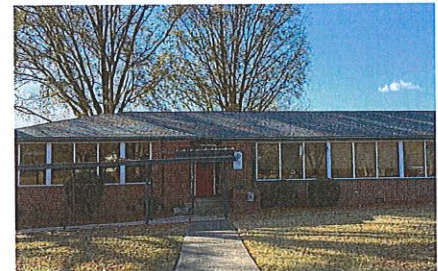
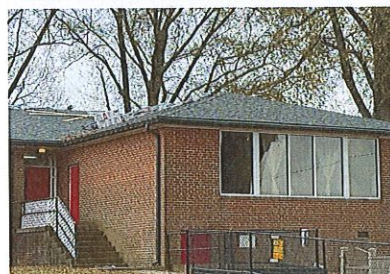
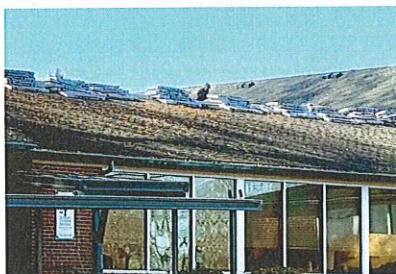
Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



A HUGE thank you to Jan McCulloh, Ken & Joyce Kluttz, Ellen Troutman, Larry & Crystal Nesbitt, Glenda Vickers, Mysti Harris- Dean, and Dena Najarian for cleaning and organizing our kitchen and to Frank King for building doors for the cabinets in the pantry.

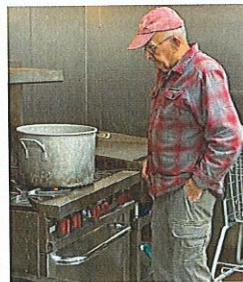
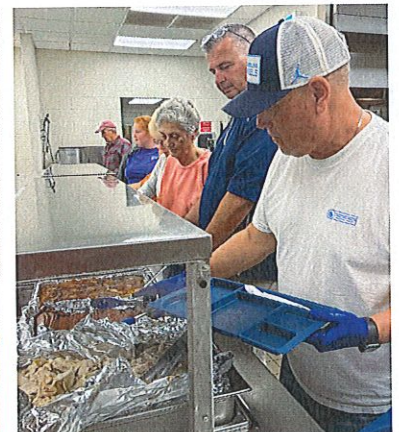
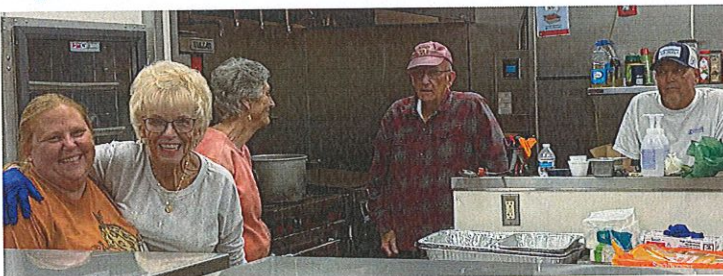
An inventory will be completed of the items in the kitchen and an Amazon wish list will be added to the newsletter for items we need. Keep an eye open for it!



Residents and teammates at Trinity Oaks Assisted Living had a delightful visit with Canine Caregivers Therapy Dogs yesterday. Look at our very own Jean Holshouser loving on one of their furry friends!



We served turkey, ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, macaroni & cheese, rolls, and cookies (124 lbs.) to 107 neighbors at Jeannie's Kitchen November 23rd. Thank you to Glenda Vickers & Haley Harris for preparing & cutting up the turkey & ham, & those who prepared a dish to finish off this feast. Thank you to Marty & Carson Puckett, George Lentz, Dottie Fraley, Mysti Dean, Haley Harris, Linda Lambirth, & David & Dena Najarian for helping to serve. We left with fulfilled hearts & were given two boxes of food to fill our Blessing Box. If you have never taken part in helping out with this mission, please consider doing so. It is truly a heartwarming experience!





Please let the church office know what what you are doing. We would love to celebrate with you!

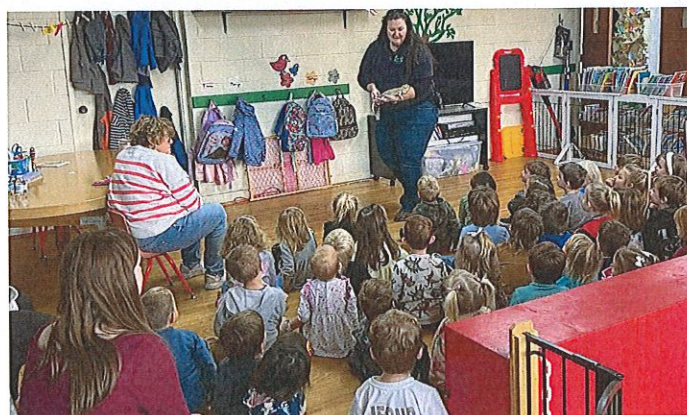
Oliver Shue is wrestling at Carson High School.

Preschool News

Dear Church Family,

Our preschool had a very busy month in November. They had a visitor come from Wildlife Adventures and they celebrated a Thanksgiving meal with family in the fellowship hall. The month of December will also be a busy month they plan a parent's night out, and a trip to Happy's Farm where they will have their Christmas program for friends and family. The preschool calendar is attached at the end of this newsletter.

We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas!



GATHER
with us

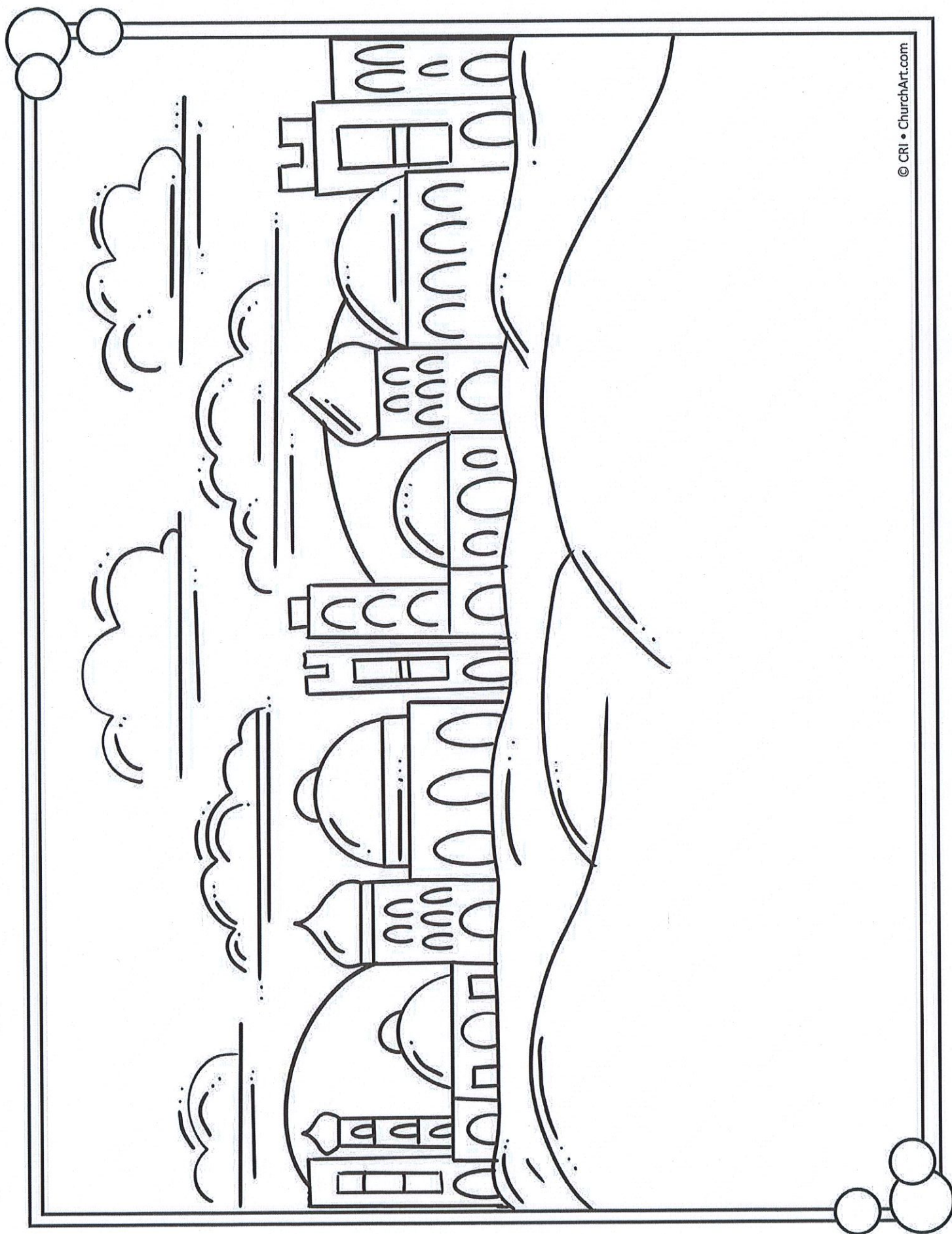


get ready for Christmas by setting the scene for Jesus' birth!

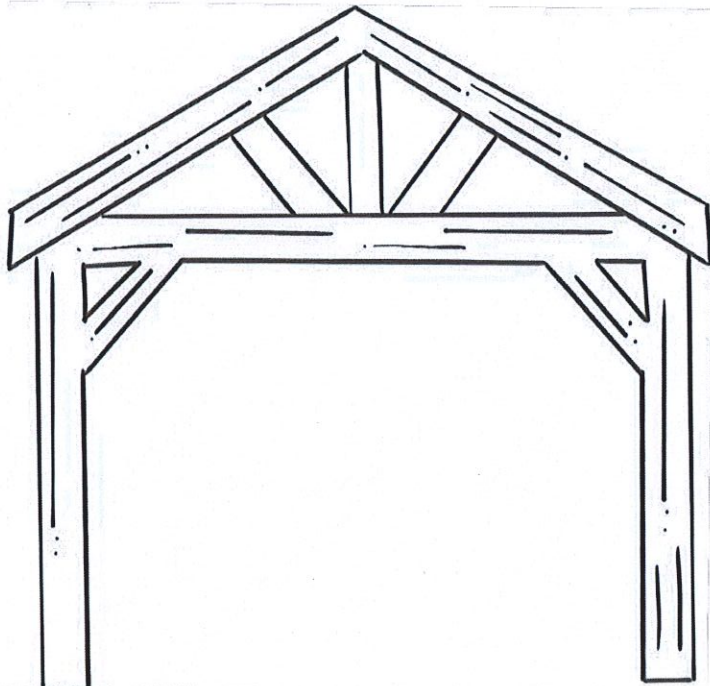
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Color the background scene (on page 2).
2. Each day in December, color one item or character from pages 3 and 4.
3. Carefully cut out the item or character.
4. Then glue it onto the scene in the location of your choice to tell the Nativity story. (See final page for suggested placement.)
5. Repeat through day 25, which is Christmas Day.

To reuse this Nativity scene year after year, laminate the background and each item or character. Use tape or Velcro to attach them to the scene.



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Old Testament prophets promised that God would send his only Son to save the world. *Isaiah 9:6*

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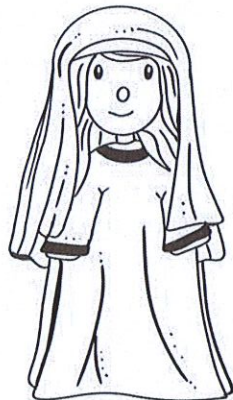


5 Mary and Joseph received the surprising news that they would be Jesus' earthly parents. *Luke 1:31-32*

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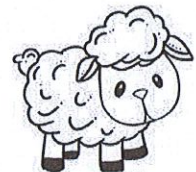
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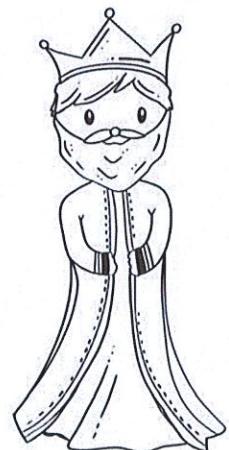
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Angels shared with shepherds the joyful news of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. *Luke 2:11*

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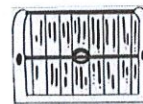
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The gift of gold reminds us that Jesus is our heavenly King. *Revelation 17:14*

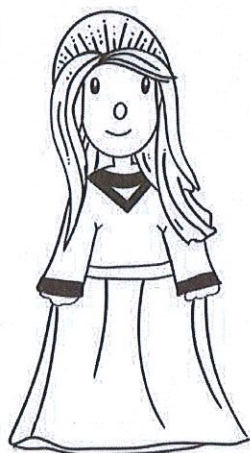
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The gift of frankincense reminds us how to follow Jesus. *Ephesians 5:2*

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The gift of myrrh reminds us that Jesus died on the cross for us and rose again. *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

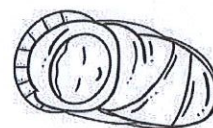
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24

Have a
merry Christmas
as you celebrate Jesus,
God's greatest gift! *John 3:16*

25



SAMPLE
PLACEMENT



Bible Scavenger Hunt

FOR ADVENT

Prepare for Christmas with this Bible-based Advent activity. Each day in December, look up the answer to one question.



1 What will God's Son be called?
(Isaiah 7:14)

2 Where will Jesus reign?
(Isaiah 9:7)

3 Where will Jesus be born?
(Micah 5:2)

4 How many generations are between Abraham and the Christ?
(Matthew 1:17)

5 Who tells Mary she is having a baby?
(Luke 1:26-31)

10 Who issues the decree about a census?
(Luke 2:1)

9 What does Jesus' name mean?
(Matthew 1:21)

8 Until his son John the Baptist is born, what can Zechariah not do?
(Luke 1:20, 64)

7 What does Mary say that God has done for her?
(Luke 1:49)

6 Which relative of Mary is also having a baby?
(Luke 1:41)

11 From where do Joseph and Mary start their journey to Bethlehem?
(Luke 2:4)

12 What does Mary use to wrap up baby Jesus?
(Luke 2:7)

13 What serves as Jesus' first bed?
(Luke 2:7)

14 Who tells the shepherds the good news about Jesus' birth?
(Luke 2:8-12)

15 When the shepherds tell others about Jesus, how do people react?
(Luke 2:8-12)



20 Where does Joseph flee with his family for safety?
(Matthew 2:14)

19 What three gifts does Jesus receive from the wise men?
(Matthew 2:11)

18 Who is upset to hear about a newborn King?
(Matthew 2:3)

17 From what direction do the wise men (or Magi) come to worship Jesus?
(Matthew 2:1-2)

16 On what day is Jesus presented in the temple?
(Luke 2:21)

21 When does Jesus' family return to Israel?
(Matthew 2:19-21)

22 In what district does Jesus grow up?
(Matthew 2:22)

23 What free gift does God give us through Jesus, his Son?
(1 John 5:11)

24 Where do all our gifts come from?
(James 1:17)

25 How should we respond to our gifts?
(2 Corinthians 9:15)



Answers: 1. Immanuel 2. On David's throne 3. Bethlehem 4. 42.5 5. The angel Gabriel 6. Elizabeth 7. Great things 8. Speak 9. He will save his people from their sins 10. Caesar Augustus 11. Nazareth 12. Cloths, or swaddling clothes 13. A manger 14. An angel of the Lord 15. They are amazed, or in wonder 16. The eighth 17. The east 18. Herod 19. Gold, frankincense and myrrh 20. Egypt 21. After Herod dies 22. Galilee 23. Galilee 24. From above, from the Father or lights 25. Give thanks to God!

advent CALENDAR

Perform
a random
act of
kindness

1

two

Donate food to a
local food bank

Have a
coloring
contest



four

Buy socks for
a homeless
shelter



5

Watch a
favorite
holiday
movie

Make or
buy a new
Christmas
ornament



6

Let someone go in
front of you in line

seven

Decorate a
gingerbread
house



eleven

Help wrap
a Christmas
present



thirteen

Leave a happy
note for
someone to find



Have a
game night
in your PJs

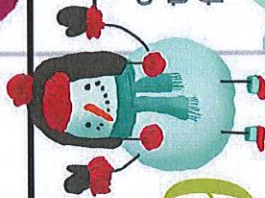
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Make paper
snowflakes



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Build a
snowman
out of
cotton
balls

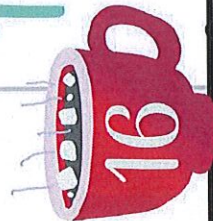


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Take
cupcakes
to your local
fire department



Drink
hot
cocoa



17

Make
Christmas
cards



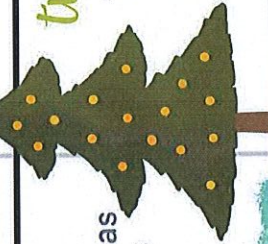
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Bake
Christmas
cookies



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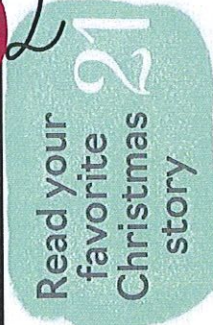
Sing
Christmas
carols



twenty

Take a family
photo in
front of the
Christmas
tree

Read your
favorite
Christmas
story



21

Take a car tour
of your local light displays

22

Deliver
Christmas
cards to your
neighbors



23

Watch or attend
a Christmas Eve
service

twenty-four

Read the
Nativity story



25

December 2025



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Angel Gifts due	Women's Fellowship 11-1 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 am- Coffee time/Sunday School/ 10:30 am- Worship-PSLW 5:00 pm: Christmas Lights	Christian Ed./ Youth 6:00					RHM Food Pantry 9-10:30
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:00am- Council Meeting 9:30 am- Coffee time/Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship-PSLW						RHM Food Pantry 9-10:30
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 am- Men's Breakfast 9:30 am- Coffee time/Sunday School 10:30 am-Worship- PSLW			Christmas Eve Service			
28	29	30	31			
9:30 am-Coffee Time/ Sun- day School 10:30 am- Worship-PSLW						



December



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  Emma G.	2	3	4	5 Parent's Night Out 5:30 pm-8 pm	6
7	8 Stories-To-Go (3 & 4 yr old)	9	10	11	12	13
14  Roby H.	15	16  Henry O. Pajama Day Christmas Stories & Hot Chocolate and cookies	17 Christmas Program & Santa 9:30am at Happy Farms	18  Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	19	20  Logan G.
21  Myla S.	22  Remi R.	23	24	25	26	27
28	29  Walker F.	30  Tilly S.	31	<h2>Christmas Break</h2> <h2>No School</h2>		

Teacher	Week of 12/1	Week of 12/8	Week of 12/15
Glenda	Millie B.	Colton S.	Huxlee D.
Heather	Kylan J.	Myla S.	Walker F.
Katie	Hayes P.	Margo S.	Maelyn M.
Baleigh	Remi R.	Noullie T.	Graham R.
Jaci	Hunter J.	Jordy M.	Evan R.
Lisa	Carson C.	Hudson W.	Hudson H.
Frances	Iyla P.	Emmalynn F.	Helen S.
Danielle	Reese H.	Andy K.	Leona S.

Balance Sheet

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GENERAL FUND 01, November 2025

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Current Year

**** Unposted transactions have been included on this report ****

ASSETS

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

SOUTH STATE CHECKING

General Budget	\$13,907.84
Good Neighbor Fund	573.04
Maintenance	4,276.42
Special Projects	1,888.72
Sunday School	3,551.45
On Site Pantry Asset	3,417.52
Mission Trip	966.86
youth K5 - 12	2,521.33
Back Pack - Noisy Offerin	141.59
Roofing Account	1,883.00
Church Endowment Fund	4,956.63
Subtotal Checking Accounts	38,084.40

SAVINGS/INVESTMENT ACCTS

Reserve Acct (2996)	10,148.96
Capital Improve (3350)	1,657.86
Memorial Fund (2988)	6,063.23
Cemetery CD-5yr. (0434)	105,499.99
Perpetual Cemtry (3803)	1,259.34
Cemetery (7705)	71,265.48
Music Savings Account	20,174.41
Scholarship - F&M (2147)	65,307.01
W.Trexler Scholarship	62.67
Subtotal Savings/investment Accts	281,438.95

OTHER ASSETS

Sales Tax receivable	1,627.85
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TOTAL ASSETS

\$321,151.20

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

PAYROLL W/H PAYABLE

941 Taxes Payable	\$2,553.01
NC W/H	355.00

Subtotal Payroll W/h Payable	2,908.01
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TOTAL LIABILITIES

2,908.01

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	\$318,243.19
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TOTAL EQUITY

318,243.19

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

\$321,151.20

2025 Contribution Calculator

Contributions - General Fund			Mo. Receipt	Mo. Budget Req.		YTD Giving	YTD Budget Rec	% Over/Under Budget
January 5th	\$2,300.00							
January 12th	\$1,871.00							
January 19th	\$4,195.00							
January 26th	\$1,630.00							
All Other	\$2,606.56			Mo. Surplus				
Monthly Total		\$12,602.56	\$16,002.92	Mo. Deficit	\$3,400.36	\$12,602.56	\$16,002.92	78.75%
February 2nd	\$2,180.00							
February 9th	\$1,200.00							
February 16th	\$1,499.00							
February 23rd	\$1,860.00							
All Other	\$2,256.56							
BBQ Proceeds	\$1,340.53			Mo. Surplus				
Monthly Total		\$10,336.09	\$16,002.92	Mo. Deficit	\$5,666.83	\$22,938.65	\$32,005.84	71.67%
March 2nd	\$1,975.00							
March 9th	\$1,500.00							
March 16th	\$1,004.00							
March 23rd	\$1,575.00							
March 30th	\$1,130.00							
All Other	\$16,686.81			Mo. Surplus	\$7,867.89			
Monthly Total		\$23,870.81	\$16,002.92	Mo. Deficit		\$46,809.46	\$48,008.76	97.50%
April 6th	\$1,885.00							
April 13th	\$2,271.00							
April 20th	\$2,023.00							
April 27th	\$3,707.00							
All Other	\$2,889.24			Mo. Surplus				
Monthly Total		\$12,775.24	\$16,002.92	Mo. Deficit	\$3,227.68	\$59,584.70	\$64,011.68	93.08%
May 4th	\$2,615.00							
May 11th	\$1,778.25							
May 18th	\$970.00							
May 25th	\$1,455.00							
All Other	\$2,656.82			Mo. Surplus				
Monthly Total		\$9,475.07	\$16,002.92	Mo. Deficit	\$6,527.85	\$69,059.77	\$80,014.60	86.31%
June 1st	\$1,665.00							
June 8th	\$3,789.50							
June 15th	\$1,670.00							
June 22nd	\$1,985.00							
June 29th	\$1,525.00							
All Other	\$2,456.53			Mo. Surplus				
Monthly Total		\$13,091.03	\$16,002.92	Mo. Deficit	\$2,911.89	\$82,150.80	\$96,017.52	85.56%
July 6th	\$2,725.00							
July 13th	\$1,465.00							
July 20th	\$4,295.00							
July 27th	\$1,800.00							
All Other	\$2,569.70							
Monthly Total		\$12,854.70	\$16,002.92	Mo. Surplus				
				Mo. Deficit	\$3,148.22	\$95,005.50	\$112,020.44	84.81%
Aug. 3rd	\$3,813.37							
Aug. 10th	\$1,790.00							
Aug. 17th	\$2,232.00							
Aug. 24th	\$2,450.00							
Aug. 31st	\$4,465.00							
All Other	\$7,715.42			Mo. Surplus	\$6,462.87			
Monthly Total		\$22,465.79	\$16,002.92	Mo. Deficit		\$117,471.29	\$128,023.36	91.76%
Sept. 7th	\$1,050.00							
Sept. 14th	\$2,074.00							
Sept. 21st	\$2,420.00							
Sept. 28th	\$1,780.00							
All Other	\$2,284.69			Mo. Surplus				
Monthly Total		\$9,608.69	\$16,002.92	Mo. Deficit	\$6,394.23	\$127,079.98	\$144,026.28	88.23%
Oct. 5th	\$1,415.00							
Oct. 12th	\$3,875.00							
Oct. 19th	\$2,210.00							
Oct. 26th	\$4,920.00							
All Other	\$2,233.81			Mo. Surplus				
Monthly Total		\$14,653.81	\$16,002.92	Mo. Deficit	\$1,349.11	\$141,733.79	\$160,029.20	88.57%
Nov. 2nd	\$4,225.00							
Nov. 9th	\$1,415.00							
Nov. 16th	\$3,190.00							
Nov. 23rd	\$1,105.00							
Nov. 30th	\$1,596.00							
All Other	\$2,324.95			Mo. Surplus				
Monthly Total		\$13,855.95	\$16,002.92	Mo. Deficit	\$2,146.97	\$155,589.74	\$176,032.12	88.39%