



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

December 2022

*Helping people make
life-changing connections
with God through
Jesus Christ.*

Waiting? For What?

Advent waiting is often characterized as a waiting for Christmas - for the proclamation that God has come into the world. We light candles that are blue like the night sky to remind us that the one who came in the darkest time of the year is coming. We mark time with calendars. Advent is about waiting.

We are waiting for more than the season of Christmas to come. We wait for more than a remembrance of what once was. Our season of waiting calls us to anticipate "the day that is yet to come." It prods us to dream about and yearn for the day when God's involvement in the world will dramatically realign this broken and messed-up world. Advent cries out in the midst of what is and says, "There's a day coming when all that is not as God intends will be made right. God will make it right."

A former student of mine put the situation bluntly in a paper she wrote for me a few years back. She said, "This world is going to hell in a handbasket." She then named the hell she sees around us: An almost mass shooting at a school; multiple deaths in a Texas worship service; that women continue to be groped and inappropriately treated; that she lost her job unexpectedly.

Advent's voice calls us to be aware of what is while leaning into what is to come. Advent calls us to keep our eyes open while anticipating the change that God will bring. Advent rehearses the hope we have. Its message attempts to banish fear within us and while raising expectation that God will make this world as God intends it to be.

Here's the hope we have in Christ, the hope that Advent calls us to have: The day for which we wait is the day when all that is wrong will be made right. Hunger will be no more. Heartache and broken relationships will be no more. Frustration will no longer steal joy from our hearts. Everything that brings disruption, destruction or death will be replaced by the fullness of renewed life. God will bring this about - God alone. He who raised Jesus from the dead will bring resurrection's power to all the world. For this we wait. In this we have hope. Advent waiting anticipates the day yet to come when all that is wrong will be made right by God.

Give the Gift of Warmth

Join Outreach for Hope to help keep people warm with their "Cloths for the Cold" Drive. They are asking help to raise \$4,000 to secure 400 winter coats, hats, and more. Each \$10 donation means one more coat purchased. Will you sponsor winter coats for an individual, a couple, or a family with children? Please write "Cold" in the memo line of your offering or contribute through their website, www.outreachforhope.org.

This Month's Mission is the St. Luke's Endowment Fund

The Endowment Committee distributes money from the fund to local and global charities and provides scholarships to St. Luke's members who are attending college or seminary.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. Acts 20:28-38NRSV

It is Advent! This is one of my favorite times of the year. Yet, during this time of year, people can be weighed down because of a lost loved one, diminishing health or relationships, or financial instability. During this time of year, people can become numb to the world due to the trauma experienced in life and the frenzy of the holidays. We can sometimes forget why we celebrate Christmas in the first place. We may need some pastoral care immediately.

There was a time before I started when St Luke's had a Lay Pastoral Care Team. The team dedicated themselves to supporting the needs of people within the congregation. I understand that the Lay Pastoral Care Team stopped providing care after COVID-19 made its presence known in our part of the world. St. Luke's is in need of the Lay Pastoral Care Team to gather once again to help its pastors provide pastoral care for the congregation.

This ministry is an excellent opportunity for the laity to strengthen their faith and deepen their relationship with someone special. Lay-led pastoral caregivers find this ministry meaningful because it deepens their connection with the people they serve and deepens their connection with God.

The team's primary goal is that it will be able to provide hope and care during a time of someone in need. The team will visit parishioners at their homes or in the hospital, and routinely visit the lonely, sick, elderly, and homebound. A significant component of the Lay Pastoral Care Team is maintaining contact with those unable to attend church.

A lay-lead pastoral care team is a crucial ministry for a congregation the size of St Luke's. It is nearly an impossible task for your pastors to be able to visit all people in need from the community. Getting a Lay Ministry Pastoral Care Team together as soon as possible is a good idea.

Ultimately, it is hard to believe it is December, and we are looking down the road toward Christmas and the New Year. We may need some pastoral care just thinking about the coming holidays. More information will follow about a Lay Pastoral Care Team meeting, training, and when the ministry will get back online. Thank you for considering being part of the Lay Pastoral Care Team.

May you all experience peace and rest this Advent season!

-Steve Bogie, Associate Pastor



Where's Your Nativity Set?

On the first Sunday of Advent, we had a beautiful dedication of the church's nativity. Now it's time to bring yours to worship! During the December 3 - 4 services, tables will be available at the front of the sanctuary. Please place your nativity so that it might be blessed and become a sign of Jesus' presence in your home this Christmas season.

Vans Are Running Again

We are excited for the return of drivers to aid our members that may not be able to make it to in-person services. Drivers will pick up for the 10:30 a.m. service and will run December 4 and 18. Check the bulletins for future dates. If you need a ride to service, call the church office, (262) 542-2545, no later than Thursday by 4:00 p.m. to get your name on the list for pick up for that Sunday.

Giving Double to Neighbors

Thanks to the leading generosity of Nelsonville Lutheran Church in Wisconsin, all congregational gifts given to help families around the world will be doubled up to \$200,000, by December 31, through Lutheran World Relief. Your gift will provide food, shelter, medical services, and other necessities. Please write "congregational match" in the memo line of your offering.



The Deadline for the next issue of the Epistle is
Thursday, December 15.

Christmas Eve Youth Musicians

We are looking forward to having our youth provide the prelude on Christmas Eve at our 3:00 p.m. family service. If you or your child would be interested in playing something on Christmas Eve, please contact Mr. Schaner at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org. It's always such a lovely part of our Christmas Eve worship to hear the prelude played by our youth!

Upcoming Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's Events

We have a wonderful year filled with outstanding concerts as a part of our Music & Fine Arts Series. For more information, take a look at the Music & Fine Arts bulletin board by Door 3, or check out the Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's Facebook page. On Sunday, December 4 at 2:30 p.m., we welcome Jazz Express. Before the Waukesha Christmas Parade, come enjoy a beautiful Christmas concert by Jazz Express in our sanctuary. We are aware that streets around the church may be hard to access, but we are very excited for this concert! On Sunday, January 22 at 2:00 p.m., Wisconsin Philharmonic will present their annual family concert. This is always an enjoyable concert for all ages.



Serving in Worship

There are a variety of ways to serve the community whenever we worship. Each of the ways are equally important to our weekly experience of God's grace. You can serve as a lector, an usher, a member of the altar guild, a communion assistant and more. We use "Ministry Scheduler Pro," an online tool, to help people schedule their worship ministry involvement. If you have an account on Ministry Scheduler Pro, you received an email inviting you to update your profile and involvement. That email also contained your credentials to log in. The spotlight section of our website's homepage also has a link to our Ministry Scheduler that you can follow. Our goal is to develop schedules that use the many gifts and talents present in our congregation. Please log on to Ministry Scheduler Pro, update your profile, and let us know what dates you are not available to serve. Also, watch your email for more information about serving God in our worship ministries.

Community Meal

We are also excited to be continuing our Thursday evening community meal from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. We provide a healthy meal for our families and youth every Thursday between youth choir rehearsals. All are welcome to join us for this time together.

Join Search Bible Study!

Grow in faith and engage in great conversations. Join us at Search Bible Study, in the Hospitality area, Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Help for Tanzania

Here's an opportunity to sponsor the Mt. Meru Hospitality Coffee Hour. Orders can be placed for a 5 x 7 table tent to be placed on the tables during coffee hour to honor, remember, or celebrate someone or something special in your life. Sponsor two weeks for \$25 or one month for \$45 to benefit the Tanzania coffee project. Sign up now to reserve your spot by contacting Sandy Hendrickson 262-613-0610 or shendrickson504@gmail.com.

Let's See Matilda

The Forever Forty group will be going to the Waukesha Civic Theater to see the Saturday, December 10 performance of "Matilda" at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$24.00, and dinner will follow at a place yet to be determined. Everyone is welcome to join us. Reservations and money are due by Thursday December 1, to Pat Nielsen. The group will carpool from St Luke's at 1:15 p.m. Please call Pat Nielsen with any questions, (262) 840-1625.

Memorial

In gratitude, we received memorials this past month to support the ongoing ministry of St. Luke's. You, too, can memorialize others with gifts to St. Luke's. Memorials and honorariums will be listed here each month. During the past month, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Bob Ellison	Anonymous	Maize & Beans
Curt Steinquist's Mother	Marilyn Olson	Maize & Beans

<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Vi Ellison's Birthday	Gerard & Carol Offenbacher	Undesignated

Finance Committee Update

Monthly giving to our general contribution was tremendously light in October, and we are running approximately 11% behind expected revenue year to date. Please consider your general giving level so that we are able to maintain our normal, ongoing, and new expanding ministries. The church provides a wide variety of programs, and all of them need your support to continue.

Child Life Ministries' revenue was as expected in October and continues to be about 10% ahead of their planned revenue year to date. Classrooms and child care remain at full capacity.

In November, the Committee reviewed giving to the Building/Debt Reduction fund. As it has been six months since the finale of the New Life Rising campaign, it was determined to distribute the first tithe commitments. The three designated recipients (The Hope Center, our Tanzania partners, and the Greater Milwaukee Synod's "Equipping the Saints" campaign) will receive equal portions of \$21,600, which represents 10% of the total giving received May 1 to October 31, 2022.

Also based on Building/Debt Reduction giving, the Committee committed to continue the action we took earlier this fall and will pay an additional \$10,000 each month toward our mortgage balance. This is in addition to making our regular \$8,200 monthly mortgage payments. In early 2023, the Committee plans to again assess our giving status and will determine if a lump sum payment toward the mortgage may also be possible.

2023 Annual Meeting Announced

St. Luke's Lutheran's Annual Meeting will be held February 12, 2023, between services in the sanctuary. Each year, we hold the annual meeting to complete elections, present and approve an annual budget, and more.

2023 Financial Inquiry Meeting

If you'd like to know more about the finances and proposed 2023 budget of the congregation, please attend the 2023 Financial Inquiry Meeting. It will be held February 5, between services, in the Martin Luther Chapel. Members of the Finance and Budget Committee will be present to take your questions.

2022 Income Tax Deductions

Thank you for your contributions to St. Luke's. Your gifts to God fund a variety of ministries that change lives. According to IRS regulations, all contributions for the 2022 tax year must be in the church office by December 31 (or mailed in a letter postmarked on or before December 31) to qualify as deductions for the 2022 tax year.

Giving for Christmas Décor

As we prepare to enhance our Christmas experience with wreaths, trees, and poinsettia plants, we invite you to consider donating toward this worship space beautification. Your gift can be made in honor of, or in memory of loved ones, special events, or a ministry. As has been our tradition, poinsettias will be delivered to our homebound members for Christmas to hopefully brighten their lives. The suggested donation is \$20, however any gift will be appreciated. Each will be included in a special tribute mention in the Christmas bulletins. Order forms will be in weekly bulletins and at the Welcome Center.

Support the Food Pantry

You can make monetary donations to the pantry through their website. Leaders of the pantry want us to know that canned fruits and veggies along with soups have been limited the last few months. When shopping for yourself, pick up some for our neighbors and drop them in the food pantry barrels as you leave the grocery store. The pantry is also experiencing a shortage of baby wipes and diapers (especially size 3, 4, 5, and 6).

Please Remember

All calendar dates and times are subject to change as needed. Please check for any updates on the online calendar at www.stlukeslutheran.org

Remembering the Church

Giving to the church in memory of someone who has died is a great way to make a gift. Naming the church as a recipient of memorials is a powerful way to support the ministry that has supported you throughout your life.

Memorials are used for a variety of purposes. When giving or designating memorials, you can choose to have gifts given to certain ongoing projects of the church such as music ministry, youth ministry, Christian education, and so on. You can also choose to leave memorials undesignated, in which case the funds will be used to support needs as they arise. Memorial gifts are acknowledged in our monthly newsletter. If you have questions about memorials, talk with Pastor Jordan. He will help you think about ways you can make an impact through memorial giving.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member, you can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Thrivent Choice Dollars are held in the Memorial Fund as undesignated, unless otherwise noted, and will be assigned a purpose as needed. If you have questions, call or email Cindy in the finance office. Thank you!

Sharing the Love

St. Luke's has an annual program called "Sharing the Love" which helps families that need a little extra love for the holidays. This year we will again have a tree that is decorated with ornaments of items needed. We would like to encourage all of St. Luke's to join in the fun and adopt a person for the holidays. It's a great opportunity to feel the joy of giving to others. All gifts need to be returned **unwrapped** to the church or CLM office by December 16. Please include the tag so that we can match the gift with the correct person. You are welcome to send wrapping paper, bags, or boxes along with your gift! Our Youth Group will be wrapping this year! If you have any questions, please reach out to Courtney at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org.

Homeless Shelter Opened

The Waukesha overflow homeless shelter has reopened. The Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha has compiled a list of items needed for the shelter. Visit https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/MTV12PZ67FN7/ref=cm_go_nav_hz to see the list and/or place orders for the shelter. Items you purchase will be shipped directly to the Shelter.

Extending Care for You

Our pastors make regular visits and phone calls to people in need of care. If you would like pastoral care, please call the church office at (262) 542-2545. This is especially important if you are going through life-transitions, illness, or trauma. If you change your address or enter a care facility or rehab center, please update the church office with your contact information.

Our Monthly Book Club

First Tuesday Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. On December 6, the group will get together to pick next year's books along with who will be presenting the book for each month. Please watch for more information on this ministry.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Core Values

Honoring God and serving Jesus Christ:

1. We share Jesus Christ and make disciples.
2. We worship God together.
3. We are curious, courageous, and open to the Holy Spirit.
4. We celebrate children and lift up families as they are.
5. We practice kindness and uphold the dignity of each individual.
6. We are committed to being an inclusive community of grace.
7. We stand ready to serve and advocate for our neighbors.
8. We honor our past and look to God's future for us.

Online Giving

To start giving electronically or make changes to your existing on-line giving, please log on to our website and click the "Online Giving" tab on the far right. You can also fill out the paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Paper authorization forms are available at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

Use your phone to give.

Point your camera at the QR code to use Omella to make an online gift. Your gifts will be counted as offerings and will support the ongoing ministry of St. Luke's Lutheran. Thank you for your generous contributions!



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Knit While You Pray

Please join us for Prayer Shawl Ministry the first and third Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. We are looking to grow our ministry. If you do not know how to knit or crochet, we would be happy to teach you. Attendance is not required. You can donate items made at home: Prayer Patches, Prayer Shawls, and Lap Robes. Please call Gloria at (262) 547-8096, if you have any questions.

Sew With Us

Please join Needle and Thimble on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. We meet every week unless there is no school. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to be able to sew. There are other things that can be done. Please call Marilyn Olson if you have any questions, (262) 547-7818.

Prayer Ministry

How can we pray for you, a friend or a loved one? Our Prayer Team is ready to pray for you during the trials and joys of daily life. If you or someone you know needs prayer for any reason, or if you have any questions, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser. Perhaps there is someone you know who could use a note of encouragement or get well wishes. She'd like to know that also.

Planning a Wedding?

Our website has great information about getting married at or through St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Download the *Preparing for a Wedding* booklet from the weddings page of our website and you can learn more about ceremonies in our sanctuary, in our chapel, or offsite. Visit www.stlukeslutheran.org for more information.

Preparing for a Funeral

Our ministry of walking with people at times of death is an important work of this church. To help families prepare for a funeral, we've developed a booklet entitled, *Preparing for a Funeral*. You can download this resource from the funerals page of our website. Our pastors are available for any who would like to prepare for a funeral.

Welcome to the Font

Pre-baptismal gatherings, *Welcome to the Font*, are scheduled quarterly in our church. *Welcome to the Font* is a time for parents preparing for baptism to join with other parents while learning about God's work for them and their children in Holy Baptism. The schedule is Tuesdays, December 6, March 7, and June 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Center. Baptisms are scheduled only after attending a *Welcome to the Font* gathering.

Remembering Baptisms

We are remembering baptisms. We will list the names of the baptized in a display case along with images of the beautiful quilts that are provided by St. Luke's to wrap them in the love of their St. Luke's family.



Discipleship Training (DT)

DT is open to all 7th & 8th grade youth, or older youth, who wish to affirm their baptism. The focus for this year is the Old Testament. Please keep this ministry and students in your prayers as they explore their faith. DT generally meets Sundays during the education hour 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. with additional learning, service and community time outside the education hour. Contact Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org.

Schedule - DT

12/4 - 9:15 a.m. Youth Room
Christmas Program Practice & Study
12/11 - 9:15 a.m. Youth Room
Christmas Program Practice & Study
12/17 - 10:00 a.m. Christmas
Program Rehearsal
12/18 - 9:15 a.m. Youth Room
Christmas Program Final Walk
through & Study
10:30 a.m. Christmas
Program
12:00 p.m. Christmas Party
12/25 - No DT Christmas Break

Looking ahead

1/1 - No DT Break

Save The Date - Youth Led Services
the weekend of January 28 & 29

**Please sign up to acolyte at least
twice a month.**

Come See the Children

On Sunday, December 18, the Children of St. Luke's will be presenting the Children's Christmas Program at the 10:30 a.m. service. There will be a lot of preparation for this event during our Sunday School time on December 4 and December 11, such as costuming. Our final practice is on the morning of Saturday, December 17, at 10:00 am.



Party for DT & HSYG

All MS and HS youth are invited to the Youth Christmas Celebration. Come celebrate the joy of the Christmas season with us. Sunday, December 18, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Dave & Buster's. RSVP needed no later than December 11 to Cari.

Christmas Cookie Sale

No cinnamon rolls in December as Santa's Elves are busy baking homemade Christmas cookies. Who doesn't love the yummy Christmas treats minus the mess! Cookies will be pre-packaged and available in three options: 1 dozen variety (may contain cookies with nuts or peanut butter), 1 dozen variety (no nuts), and Gluten-free. Pre-orders are recommended to guarantee availability of your preferred option. To pre-order, see Cari or one of the youth on Sunday mornings or email Cari: youth@stlukeslutheran.org, or call (262) 312-0505. Please place pre-orders by December 15. Cookies will be available for pick-up the weekend of December 18 and 19 before and after all services.

Grief Group Underway

Healing Hearts of Southeast Wisconsin is sponsoring a Family Grief Support Group. They meet Monday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. including a meal, at First United Methodist Church 121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha, 53186. To attend please register through www.healingheartswisconsin.org or by calling (262) 751-0874.



Youth Group (YG)

St. Luke's high school ministry is open to all 7th -12th grade youth. Friends are always welcome. We would love to have you join us in the Youth Room for faith, fellowship and fun.

YG December Activities

12/4 - 4:00 p.m. Waukesha Christmas Parade. Pastor Steve and Cari will be at the parade to support the youth and their families. We are hoping to have a group to join. If interested in watching the parade as a group, please contact Cari or Pastor Steve for more details.

12/11 - 12:00 p.m. Bake Cookies

12/14 - &/or 12/16 - Ice Christmas Cookies - time TBD

12/17 - 9:00 a.m. Box Christmas Cookies & Service Project, Wrap Christmas Gifts for Sharing the Love
4:30 p.m. Christmas Cookie Sale before Service

12/18 - 8:00 a.m. Christmas Cookie Sale before Services

12:00 p.m. Christmas Party

12/25 - No YG Christmas Break

Looking ahead

1/1 - No YG Break

Save The Date - Youth Led Services
the weekend of January 28th & 29th

CLM Preschool Scholarship

Did you know that you can make an offering towards the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund? This fund is set aside specifically for families within our half-day Preschool program that need financial assistance, or for families that wish to enroll in Preschool but cannot afford full tuition. Offerings to the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund can be made through your regular giving envelope or through on-line giving. Thank you!



Thank you from Hadfield!

Thank you, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, for participating in Hadfield's first Trunk or Treat. It was a great success! We appreciate you sharing lots of candy, other treats, and hosting Joyce Beauchene's St. Luke's Trunk! Also, on October 31, Pastor Jordan toured Hadfield with Diane Voit, delivering a check from St. Luke's Endowment Committee to Principal Mike Elliot. Mr. Elliot shared that the biggest need at Hadfield is food. Dennis and Diane Voit and Joyce Beauchene helped with this issue by doing weekly deliveries of Blessings in a Backpack to over 300 Hadfield students.

Thank you from Tanzania!

During Pastor Jordan's August visit to our partner congregation, he confirmed that food is the number one need, due to three years of drought. To help with this need, our October mission of the month appeal raised over \$8,000, to purchase maize and beans to feed the children. Pastor Nathan Makenge sends many thanks for this generous gift.

Epistle Online

Are you still receiving a paper copy of The Epistle in the mail? Reading The Epistle online saves paper and postage, allows you to print only the pages you want, includes live links, and is in full color. If you would like to receive our weekly **Connections** email and our monthly newsletter, The Epistle, by email please contact the church office at 262-542-2545 or office@stlukeslutheran.org.



ELCA Council Welcomes New V.P. and New Members

The council welcomed ELCA Vice President Imran Siddiqui and 18 new members, elected by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly. The council serves as the ELCA churchwide organization's board of directors and interim legislative authority between meetings of the Churchwide Assembly.

In her report to the council, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton drew attention to the substantial work charged to the council by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly. Eaton said the work will "have a significant effect on this church as we listen to God's call and try as best as we can and as faithfully as we can to remain true to the gospel, but somehow find a way to speak and act in the cultural vernacular." She emphasized to the council how the work set before them could impact those who are presently not in church but may come in five or ten years.

In key action, the council approved a nomination process for the Commission on a Renewed Lutheran Church. The commission will consist of up to 35 voting members, to include at least 25% people of color or whose primary language is other than English and a goal of at least 20% youth or young adults. Nominations will be received from synod councils or synod executive committees as well as through an open nomination process. The Church Council's executive committee will present a slate of nominees at the council's April 2023 meeting. This action is in response to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly call for the council to establish the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to consider statements of purpose for the church and its organizational structure and to present its findings and recommendations to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention. The council also referred to the commission the question of changing the denomination's name.

Other Actions the ELCA Council is Taking On

- Authorized the engagement of a firm to conduct a comprehensive audit for diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility of the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA (CBCR), the Roster Manual, the Church Council Governance Policy Manual and "Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline." A report will be presented at the fall 2023 Church Council meeting.
- Elected members of the advisory board of Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University and boards of directors of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Wartburg Theological Seminary, the Mission Investment Fund, and National Lutheran Campus Ministry, and elected a member of the Committee of Hearing Officers.
- Amended the Churchwide Organization Personnel Policies to include a provision concerning nondisclosure agreements as requested by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly memorial on separation agreements.

Many other topics were discussed and covered. To read the article in its entirety visit, <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8176>.

St. Luke's Calendar for December 2022

Thursday, December 1

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal

Saturday, December 3

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, December 4

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. DT
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Van Pick Up
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee
12:00 p.m. Youth Group
2:30 p.m. Jazz Concert
4:00 p.m. Christmas Parade
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, December 6

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.
6:30 p.m. Welcome to the Font

Wednesday, December 7

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
6:30 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, December 8

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Facilities Committee
6:00 p.m. El Sistema Community

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, December 11

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. DT
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus
10:30 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Youth Group

6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, December 13

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.

Wednesday, December 14

YG Ice Christmas Cookies time TBD
9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
6:00 p.m. CLM Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, December 15

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal

Friday, December 16

YG Ice Christmas Cookies time TBD

Saturday, December 17

9:00 a.m. YG Service Project & Box Christmas Cookies
10:00 a.m. SS & DT Christmas Program Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. Christmas Cookie Sale
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Christmas Cookie Sale
8:15 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. DT
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Van Pick Up
10:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. SS & DT Christmas Program
12:00 p.m. YG Christmas Party
4:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Service
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, December 19

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. Congregation Council

Wednesday, December 21

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
6:00 p.m. CLM Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
6:30 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, December 22

11:00 a.m. Worship New Perspective
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Saturday, December 24

3:00 p.m. Family Worship
5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Festival

Sunday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, December 26

Office Closed
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, December 27

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday, December 28

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
6:30 p.m. N.A.

Saturday, December 31

No Service





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Blue Christmas Prayer Service Scheduled

Sunday, December 18, we're holding a Blue Christmas Service of Night Prayer for the Winter Solstice at 4:30 p.m. This service recognizes that trouble respects no one's calendar. It can come at any time through death, illness, financial trouble, difficulty on the job or in some other way. So, this service is being offered for any who wish to pray for the burdens they carry. We will pray for the sick and others who suffer. This service will proclaim the coming of the one who is the healer of the world, Jesus Christ. It is for anybody who wishes to place burdens in the hands of our Lord. This service recognizes that for many the Christmas season is not a time of peace and joy. With this knowledge, we will pray that God's coming in Christ might bring us peace.

Worship With Us for Christmas

This year, we will have three Christmas Eve Services for you to choose from. Each service will be different: 3:00, 5:30 and 10:30 p.m. The earliest service, being held at 3:00 p.m., will be especially geared for families with children. It will feature carols, candlelight, and a special craft project for kids to complete as part of the sermon. The second service at 5:30 p.m. will be a traditional candlelight service with carols. The final service of the evening will be held at 10:30 p.m. It will be the traditional Festival Holy Communion and Candlelight Service that celebrates the season by pulling out all the stops. There will be one worship service on Christmas Day, December 25. It will be at 9:00 a.m.

Worship on New Year's Weekend

We will ring in the New Year with a different worship Schedule. Make note in your calendar that we will not gather for Saturday evening worship on New Year's Eve. On Sunday, January 1, we will have one service at 9:00 a.m.

