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From Pastor's Pen:

"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Waiting,
During this season of Advent (Coming) we prepare our hearts and minds for the threefold coming of God's Son; His first coming as the child of Mary, His daily coming to us in His Word and Sacrament, and His final coming in glory to judge. Of greatest concern to me is that the society in which we live has not left us any opportunity to celebrate Advent, and the joyful expectation of our Lord's coming. Already secular Christmas is being celebrated by retailers. And we are, sadly, being forced to celebrate Christmas prematurely. There is no room for contemplating God's promises, and a heartfelt yearning for fulfillment. By the time Christmas rolls around we are more likely to say, "Thank God, Christmas is over," than, "Thank God, Christmas is here."

With Mary we are called to "treasure up all these things and ponder them in our hearts," but I'm not sure that we are always able to properly treasure and ponder these Christmas things in our hearts. We could blame the activity of the season. There are gifts to buy, decorations to put up, and cards to be sent. The house must be put in order, schedules planned, and meals cooked. But with all of these "musts" of the season, it becomes difficult to "treasure and ponder" the things that we should be looking forward to the most. We often fail to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of God's gift of Himself; His promises that He himself would deliver us from our sin, that the virgin would give birth to a Son called Immanuel (God with us), and that He would become the suffering servant who lays down His life to redeem us.

Probably a greater barrier to "treasuring and pondering" is just how familiar the story has become to us. By now, many of us have heard the story of Jesus' birth hundreds of times. It has become so much a part of us that we are no longer surprised at the angel's visit and the miracle of the incarnation. The fact that God's first bed on earth was an animal feed box doesn't even strike us as strange anymore. Some of us have lost that sense of joyful expectation, and the exhilaration of its fulfillment.

This year let us use the season of Advent to prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming to us. By the working of the Holy Spirit let us "treasure up" God's promises, and "ponder" them in joyful expectation as we await the revelation of Christ's coming to us as the child of Bethlehem.

My prayer is that you will take to heart God's Advent promises and be filled with the joy of His Christmas blessings as you attend all of weekend and mid-week services this year.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Ymbarger



Deaconess' Desk



"There is no place like home for the holidays" So goes the old saying and boy is it true. In my 25 years of life, I have not spent a single Christmas away from my family home in Colorado. I am very thankful to have been blessed with a loving family and welcoming place to go home to at least once a year. Yet while this place is filled with warm memories for me, I know that this is not the case for everyone else.

Home doesn't look the same for everyone. Just recently I was involved in a conversation in which it was observed that there are many people who desperately want to work over the holidays to avoid the dysfunction and strife within their own home lives. There are many who don't have a home to return to at Christmas. Or maybe they have a home and a lack of dysfunction but also the loneliness that comes with having no one to share the festivities with.

There are many reasons why seasons that are so full of joy for some, can be fraught with sadness and grief for others. In these times it is ever more important that we hold fast to the hope that we have in Christ as the children of God. In this season of Advent, we focus not on snow globes and hot cocoa, Christmas trees and presents, but on the anticipation of our coming Savior. We read the accounts of those who awaited the birth of the Christ-child, and we look forward to the return of Christ on the Last Day.

This season, whether your earthly home is filled with love and laughter or pain and uncertainty, return again to your true home in the house of the Lord. Welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ and find encouragement among your church family. Look forward to the gifts that your God has laid out for you and remember that there truly is no place like home for the holidays.

God's Blessings to you in Christ,
Deaconess



Serving the Lord this Month

<p>Ushers</p> <p>Sun, Dec 1: Brian Nielsen</p> <p>Sat, Dec 7: Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon, & Larry Ripka</p> <p>Sun, Dec 8: Brian Nielsen & The Strike Team</p> <p>Sat, Dec 14: Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon, & Larry Ripka</p> <p>Sun, Dec 15: Brian Nielsen & The Strike Team</p> <p>Sat, Dec 21: Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon, & Larry Ripka</p> <p>Sun, Dec 22: Brian Nielsen and youths</p> <p>Christmas Eve: Brian Nielsen</p> <p>Christmas: Esther Cashion</p> <p>Sat, Dec 28h: Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon, & Larry Ripka</p> <p>Sun, Dec 29th: Brian Nielsen & The Strike Team</p>	<p>Acolytes</p> <p>Sun, Dec 1: Sloane Churchill</p> <p>Wed, Dec 4: Joel Duffy</p> <p>Sun, Dec 8: John Kjera</p> <p>Wed, Dec 11: Nathan Duffy</p> <p>Sun, Dec 15: Briella Churchill</p> <p>Wed, Dec 18: Sloane Churchill</p> <p>Sun, Dec 22: Joel Duffy</p> <p>Christmas Eve Candlelight: John Kjera</p> <p>Christmas Day: Nathan Duffy</p> <p>Sun, Dec 29: Briella Churchill</p>	<p>Greeters</p> <p>Sun, Dec 1: The Schmidt Family</p> <p>Sat, Dec 7:</p> <p>Sun, Dec 8:</p> <p>Sat, Dec 14: Kathy McDowell</p> <p>Sun, Dec 15:</p> <p>Sat, Dec 21:</p> <p>Sun, Dec 22: Youths from Congregation</p> <p>Sat, Dec 28:</p> <p>Sun, Dec 29:</p>
<p>Communion Assistants</p> <p>Dec 1: Ralph Grotelueschen & Glen McMillin</p> <p>Dec 15: Brian Kern & Dennis Boarts</p> <p>Dec 24: Kevin McAnally & Jonathan Schmidt</p> <p>Dec 25: Jim Homann</p> <p>Dec 29: Kevin McAnally & Glen McMillin</p> <p>Dec. 31: Brian Kern & Dennis Boarts</p>		<p>Altar Guild</p> <p>Nov. 31 & Dec. 1: Flo & Margie</p> <p>Dec 14 & 15: Dawn & Stevee Antolik</p> <p>Dec 24: Flo & Margie</p> <p>Dec 25:</p> <p>Dec 28 & 29: OPEN</p> <p>Dec. 31: Kathy Ahrens and Rebecca Hinman</p>
<p>Eternal Candle</p> <p>Dec 1: Larry & Sharon Ripka</p> <p>Dec 8: OPEN</p> <p>Dec 15: OPEN</p> <p>Dec 22: In honor of Parker Myers' baptismal birthday</p> <p>Dec 29: OPEN</p>		<p>Flowers</p> <p>Dec 1: Larry & Sharon Ripka</p> <p>Dec 8: Judy Dugan, in loving memory of Jack Passman</p> <p>Dec 15: Judy Dugan, in loving memory of Terry Dugan</p> <p>Dec 22: Happy birthday Lily, love Rhea</p> <p>Dec 29: OPEN</p>

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Birthdays

3-Janet Hill & Elliott Stone	14- Theresa Bailey & Carlee Budny	26-Dennis Kelly & Wendy Rossmiller
4-Beverly Brokaw & Jared Sountris	15-Brian Kern & Michael Pierce	28-Owen Braddy & Ken Weidenbach
5- Kayley Bowman & Amanda Taets-Overton	17-Shirley Gillies, Emme Palar & Suzannah Weber	30-Jackie Keogh
6-Susanne Soyke & Jaydin Medina	19- Wanda Cass	31-Brenda Roggendorf
8- Craig Johanson	20-Louis Hill	
9- Jonah Busch	21- Holly Belan, James Hanerhoff	
11-Hailee Fischer, Lisa Foehrkolb & Johnny Kjera	22-Brian Newlon & Alice Schmidt	
12- Cindy Hart & Cindy Kirklin	24- Kay Iwen, Scott Park, Candace Sountris & Craig Wenzel	
13- Nic Fellows	25-Carole Vrban	



Weekly Attendance

DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
10/27	147	151
11/4	161	135
11/11	130	149
11/18	154	166

Average Attendance of St. John's Members: 35%

Membership Report

New Member:

Ethan Pritchard, received through Adult Confirmation

Answers to Notes from the Balcony (on page 9):

1. Silent Night	11.Joy to the World	21.Sleigh Ride
2. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer	12.Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly	22.We Three Kings of Orient Are
3. What Child is This?	13.It Came Upon a Midnight Clear	23.I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas
4. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	14.Far, Far Away on Judea's Plains	24.O Come All Ye Faithful
5. Up on the Housetop	15.O Little Town of Bethlehem	25.I Hear the Bells
6. With Wondering Awe	16.Away in a Manger	26.Little Drummer Boy
7. Santa Claus is Coming to Town	17.Jolly Old Saint Nicholas	27.I'll Be Home for Christmas
8. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	18.O Holy Night	28.I Saw Mommy Kissing Sanga Claus
9. Walking in a Winter Wonderland	19.Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire	29.Jingle Bells
10.Frosty the Snowman	20.The First Noel	30.We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Church News

How about sending a Christmas card to our homebound members?

Nancy Bonow 1020 38th St. Moline, IL 61265	Ingrid Hodshire 4343 Kennedy Drive 4102 Bed 2 E. Moline, IL 61244	Bill Park 1900 10th St. #193 Silvis, IL 61282	Mary Heino 4425 Greenbriar Dear Road, #6 Anniston, AL 36207
Barbara Veskauf 4610 9th St. E. Moline, IL 61244	Mary Ann Eckert 1455 Hospital Rd. #6 Silvis, IL 61282	The Fischer Family 24690 E. 1680 th St. Geneseo, IL 61254	Mary McGee PO Box 133 Rapids city, IL 61278
Chris Higgins 4055 25th Ave Rock Island, IL 61201	Lori Hopkins 325 2nd St. Apt. 705 Silvis, IL 61282	Rick & Sylvia Fausser 412 9th Ave Silvis, IL 61282	Ron & Peg Heitzman 1209 21st Ave. #B320 Rock Island, IL 61201
Nancy Smart 4046 9 ^{1/2} St. E. Moline, IL 61244	Darlene Dopson 2617 Maple Crest Rd #305 Bettendorf, IA 52722	Noreen Hopkins 39 Lilac Ct. Geneseo, IL 61254	
Barbara Honert 1900 10th St. # 340 Silvis, IL 61282	The Cass Family 4502 Elmore Ave. #111 Davenport, IA 52807	Terry Tipsword 424 13th Ave. A Silvis, IL 61282	

How about a card for our former Vicar's...

(If there is a former Vicar you were particularly fond of, Annie would be happy to get you his current address)

Alex & Rachel Lange 3325 22nd Ave SE Albany, OR 97322	Mark & Rebecca Harriss 603 W. Illinois Steeleville, IL 62288	Joseph & Kate Warnke 7516 Watson Circle Long Grove, GA 30248	Ryan & Andie Anderson 410 Witter St. Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Julian & Julia LaMie 28054 S Yates Ave Beecher, IL 60401	Chad & Magdalena Biar 1292 Tommy Trail Fallon, NV 89406	Michael Wilke 801 Seminary Place St. Louis, MO 63105	Jonathan & Molly Lackey 325 S. Black Branch Rd Cecilia, KY 42724

Church News

Church Decorating

Please join us on **Sunday, December 1st** after Bible study and Sunday school to beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas. Many hands make light work.

LCMS Bowling League

Winter Season is starting up on **Monday, December 2nd**. Join us at the QC Family Entertainment Center (4401 44th Ave, Moline) at 6:15pm. ALL skill levels welcome- including Wii professionals!



Candlelight Memorial Service

If you or anyone you know is struggling with the Christmas season due to loss or other grief, please consider attending the Candlelight Memorial Service on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 7pm**. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

All Boards Meet

Reminder:

- ALL boards meet on Thursday, December 5th at 6:30pm.
- Parish planning meets on December 12th at 6:30pm
- and there is a Voter's meeting on Sunday, December 15th following worship

LWML

Join Us for Christmas Cheer. A time of fellowship and service. Brunch is served, a brief program is presented, and containers are filled with cookies for our shut-ins, local police and fire departments.

When: The fun begins on **Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 am**. There is a sign-up sheet on the sign-up counter. Please sign-up by December 1st so we will have plenty of food and seating.

Do I need to bring anything? First of all, a humble servant's heart; second, if it is possible, *please bring cookies to package*.

Youth Open Gym

All youths 5th grade and up are invited for a casual 'open gym' on **Saturday, December 7th from 2-4pm**. We will play basketball, volleyball, and dodgeball as requested by the kids. Bring a snack to share, invite a friend, and come play some ball!



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You Are Invited

The Black Hawk College Choirs and Guest Orchestra conducted by Dr. Irene Apanovith-Leites and Dr. Andrew Schultz are performing Vivaldi Gloria on **Thursday, December 12th at 7:00pm**. Admission is free. Several members of our congregation are performing in this ensemble and they would love for you to see the show!

First Congregational Church
2201 7th Ave
Moline, IL



Activities Room Christmas Party

Friday, December 13th at 6:30pm

Join us for an evening of games, prizes, hearty appetizers, holiday treats, and fun fellowship with great friends! Let us know you are coming on the sign-up table.



Christmas Caroling

We will be caroling to some of our homebound members on **Sunday, December 15th**. Please meet at church at 11:30am for a light lunch and then we will head out. Carpooling is available. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway; it will help us plan if you could let us know you are joining us.



Poinsettias

It is time to order your Christmas poinsettias! The cost this year is \$10 per plant. We need 44 plants to fill our tree stand. You may take your poinsettias home with you after the Christmas morning service. There is a sign up sheet, envelopes, and a box at the sign-up station.



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2025 Flower Chart & Eternal Candle Instructions

If members wish to give **ALTAR FLOWERS** or **ETERNAL CANDLES** in 2025 please sign the charts located on the wall in the Narthex.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are ordered by the Altar Guild at the beginning of each month. Members are asked to write their NAME in the date they wish to give flowers and the OCCASION for giving the flowers. **Please make checks (\$25) payable to ALTAR GUILD in advance of the order and write the date you are giving the flowers.** Payment may be placed in the offering plate (*in an envelope clearly marked Altar Guild*) or in the Altar Guild mail box in the office. Members who wish to bring in their own flowers are asked to **please circle the date.** FRESH FLOWERS ONLY, PLEASE. If you wish to have flowers on a date that has already been filled, or if you are signing up for a date in the current month, please contact the church office. If you have questions please feel free to call the office (792-0755)

Members are asked to write their NAME and the OCCASION in the **ETERNAL CANDLE** date. **Please make checks (\$6) payable to ALTAR GUILD and write the date you are giving the eternal candle.** Payment may be placed in the offering box in the Narthex (*in an envelope clearly marked Altar Guild*) or in the Altar Guild mail box in the office.

Advent Schedule

Light suppers are served at 5:30p. Worship follows at 6:30pm
Dec. 4th- served by the Executive Board and the Board of Elders
Dec. 11th- spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad served by the Board of Youth & Family
Dec. 18th-OPEN



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Candlelight with Communion—8:00pm;
beautiful preservice music begins at 7:30

Christmas Morning with Communion—9:00am

New Years Eve

Worship with Communion— 6:30pm

NOTES FROM THE BALCONY



CHRISTMAS CAROL OPPOSITES



- 1-Cacophonous Morning
- 2- Henrietta the Blue Lipped Antelope
- 3-What Ancient Individual Was That?
- 4-Disregard the Unofficial Devils Shriek
- 5-Down on the Substructure Floor
- 6-Without Knowledgeable Boredom
- 7-Tinkerbell is Vacating the Woods
- 8-Lucifer Awake the Grouchy Ladies
- 9-Retreating in a Summer Undergrowth
- 10-Dewey the Flower Girl
- 11-Planetary Grief
- 12-Mar the Passage with Lifeless Shoots
- 13-It Fled in a Noonday Fog
- 14-Right Here On Josephs Mountain
- 15-Substantial City of New York
- 16-Hither Removed From Bed
- 17-Grouchy Young Demon Scrooge
- 18-Oh Wicked Day
- 19-Peanuts Chilling in an Airtight Cooler
- 20-The Final Easter
- 21-Car Drive
- 22-You Four Paupers from Harlem
- 23-Im Having Hallucinations About Black Friday
- 24-Go Away All Ye Unbelieving
- 25 You Saw the Gongs
- 26 Grand Silent Damsel
- 27-Youll Be Gone For Halloween
- 28-I Heard Daddy Yelling at the Easter Bunny
- 29-Pounding Gongs
- 30-Eliminate the Depressing Ordinary Days

Can you guess the Christmas carol titles?

Example:

1. Cacophonous Morning= Silent Night

See how many you can decipher!

Answers on page 4

FROM THE CID

Call for Nominations

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We invite you to submit nominations for election to various District offices at the 2025 Central Illinois District Convention. Attached to this email are 4 PDFs:

- Call for Nominations Letter (includes a sample bulletin blurb)
- Exhibit A – a list of the various offices for which nominations are sought
- Exhibit B – a brief description of experience and qualifications for the various offices
- Exhibit C – a Nomination Form for making nominations (this is a fillable PDF)

We ask your help in receiving as many nominations of qualified persons as possible. Because those who fill these offices are servants of you, the Central Illinois District, therefore the offices are best filled by people whom you put forward. The Nominations Committee takes seriously each name sent in.

Nominations may be submitted now. The nomination period will close on December 31, 2024. All nomination forms must be mailed or submitted online by that date. The attached PDFs will also soon be available at the CID website (<https://www.cidlcms.org/Convention2025/>).

We have also made available an online nomination form. You can use this to submit nominations. That form is here: (<https://www.cidlcms.org/nominations/>).

We hope you will participate in this process.

Thank you!

-The 2025 CID Nomination Committee

Camp CILCA Lowdown

SAVE THE DATE:

Summer Camp registration is OPEN! In celebration of CILCA's 75th anniversary, all program sessions for summer 2025 will be available for \$75 if you register before April 1st



Act Like Men Field Training:

December 7, 7:30-8:15am

A brisk hike for men through the 235 acres of Camp CILCA. No cost. Meet at the pine trees by the entrance.

Joyful Hearts Christmas: December 13-14

Camp CILCA welcomes campers of all ages with developmental disabilities for a 24 hours Christmas party! Campers are partnered up with a high school or college-age volunteer who will help them have a fun and safe Christmas with activities like baking, decorating, singing, and more!

Act Like Men Woodcutters: Feb 28-March 1

Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's Word are all great ways to get started in this endeavor. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The study sessions will cover topics relevant to men navigating life in the modern age.

FROM THE CID

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – December 2024

Repenting of “Yours” and “Mine”

Retailers have had their Christmas displays up since before Reformation Sunday. The kids have made their list and checked it twice, or three times or more. It won’t be long before the tree will start shedding its needles, the stockings emptied, the gifts unwrapped, toys broken, and the too small or out of style clothes returned. Before we know it, the annual celebration of Christmas will be over.

But for the children of God, we know that the gift of Christmas doesn’t ever end. Week in and week out, the Lord continues to shower His gifts on us. Every time the Lord gathers us to His house, and we are led to kneel at His table, the gift of forgiveness is repeatedly granted to us. It is nothing we deserve. It comes to us freely!

The fourth stanza of the stewardship hymn, “Forgive Us Lord for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) highlights both this gift and our response.

Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine, That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost

To learn thankfulness is necessary. The parents of young children are well-versed in the fact that they must teach their children thankfulness. It does not come naturally. The spiritual genetics inherited from our parents allow us to think that the world revolves around us. When we receive something, there is an inward desire to think that we in some way deserve it.

But there is no way that we deserve anything we get from our Lord. We need that ongoing lesson from God Himself. Thankfulness toward God is worked in us by the Holy Spirit. God’s Word works this thanksgiving in us. We need this weekly reminder that Jesus didn’t consider “equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself” for us, to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:6). He didn’t bat an eye. He paid the price! Our life of stewardship is one of daily and weekly thanksgiving inspired by the Lord Himself.

That knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,” assured that only what’s withheld is lost.

Because Jesus gave us everything and more, there can be no ownership. The child at Christmas is quick to claim that the newly gifted toy is “mine!” But as Psalm 24:1 asserts, “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” There isn’t anything in creation that is ours. When we cling to and claim ownership of anything in creation, we are losing out on the continual gifts with which the Lord desires to shower upon us. Closed hands cannot receive anything new. We cling to the old and dead and miss the new thing that the Lord desires to do in and for us.

We are led to repent of the “yours” and “mine” and remove the lie that we have any ownership. In this we have the promise that God will continue to give to us. Not just at Christmas, but every Sunday at the altar in the Lord’s house.

Church News



Food Pantry Christmas Boxes

The food pantry is now preparing to pack their annual Christmas boxes.

If you know of a family that would be blessed to receive a basket, please fill out the slip and

- Return to the office by: Thursday, December 12th at noon.
- Pick up will be on Thursday, Dec. 19th from 10am-12noon.

CHRISTMAS BOX REQUEST

Name of member: _____

Name of nominated family: _____

Size of household: _____

Nominated family will pick up _____

Church member will deliver _____

(If the nominated family will be picking it up, please provide contact info so we know who is expected, and can contact them if needed)

Phone number for nominated family: _____

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.

RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY Thursday, December 12th at noon.

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Dec 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - Worship w/ 10:15am - Bible Study / 11:30am - Church decorating 6:30pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Heavenly Ringers	2 1:30pm - Activities Room 5pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Cherub Chimers 7pm - Candlelight	3 10am - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Guitar Jam 7pm - Candlelight	4 9am - TOPS 10am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Activities Room 5:30pm - Advent Supper 6:30pm - Advent Worship	5 All Boards Meet in Prep for 6:30pm - Board Meetings	6 8am - Men's Bible Study 9:30am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - LWML Christmas 2pm - Youth Open Gym 5pm - Worship	7
8 9am - Worship 10:15am - Bible Study / 11:30am - Caroling 6:30pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Heavenly Ringers	9 1:30pm - Activities Room 5pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Cherub Chimers 6:30pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Heavenly Ringers	10 10am - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Guitar Jam 7pm - Candlelight	11 9am - TOPS 10am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Activities Room 3:30pm - Fellowship 5:30pm - Advent Supper 6:30pm - Advent Worship	12 6:30pm - Parish Planning	13 6:30pm - 2nd Friday	
15 9am - Worship w/ 10:15am - Voter's Meeting / 11:30am - Caroling 6:30pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Heavenly Ringers	16 Informer Deadline 1:30pm - Activities Room 5pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Cherub Chimers 6:30pm - Confirmation 6:30pm - Heavenly Ringers	17 10am - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Guitar Jam 7pm - Candlelight	18 9am - TOPS 10am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Activities Room 5:30pm - Advent Supper 6:30pm - Advent Worship	19 11:30am - Ladies Luncheon	20 8am - Men's Bible Study 9:30am - Choir Rehearsal 5pm - Worship	21
22 9am - Worship 10:15am - Bible Study / 11:30pm - Heavenly Ringers	23 1:30pm - Activities Room 5pm - Staff Meeting 8pm - Christmas Eve Worship 6:30pm - Heavenly Ringers	24 9am - Worship w/ Comm.	25 5pm - Stone Rehearsal	26 27 28 8am - Men's Bible Study 9:30am - Choir Rehearsal 5pm - Worship	29 1:30pm - Activities Room 5pm - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Worship w/ Comm.	30 10am - Food Pantry 10am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Activities Room
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Walking in the Light of Christ!

Worship Schedule:

Saturday worship— 5:00pm
Sunday worship- 9:00am
Sunday School & Bible Study-10:15am
Christmas Eve Candlelight— 8:00pm
Christmas morning— 9:00am
New Year's Eve— 6:30

Office Hours:

Monday – Wednesday 8:30am– 2:00pm
Closed for lunch from 12-1pm
Thursdays 8:30am-12:00pm

The Office will be closed on:
Wednesday, December 25th &
Wednesday, January 1st

