

The MESSENGER

A PUBLICATION OF ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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- Church office Hours are Monday thru Thursday 9am—2pm.
- The Office will be closed on December 23rd and 27th.
- The church office will be closed this winter if Swan Valley Schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Our Website



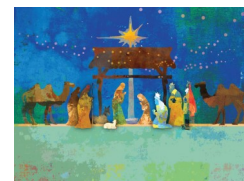
MISSION: "As an open and progressive congregation, we boldly make Christ's vision known."

Family Christmas

A Worship Celebration for all ages in Scripture and Song

A Family Christmas Worship Service will be held on **Sunday, December 19th** at **10:30 a.m.** It is a time to bring adults, youth and children together in a family-centered remembrance of our Savior's birth. Please plan on joining us!!

Parent's Note: Children are rehearsing their lines and songs during three 10:30 a.m. church services and during a special dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 18th from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. After the dress rehearsal there will be a party. Please be sure to have your children to rehearsals if you would like them to be a part of this year's Christmas Musical Program. Please contact Joscelyn Whelton or Jennifer Salowitz with any questions!



Practice Schedule

Sunday, November 28th: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 5th: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 12th: 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 18th: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.—Dress Rehearsal w/ party following

Christmas Program Party

Following the Christmas Program rehearsal for our Sunday School youth, we will have a dinner for families, along with some games and fellowship. Parents, please plan on joining us after the rehearsal.

Christmas Worship

December 24th—Join us on Christmas Eve for worship at 4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Hear the story of Jesus' birth and sing Christmas Hymns.

The 4:30 p.m. service will be Live on Facebook for those who may prefer not to gather in a larger crowd. The service will also be recorded for posting on our YouTube channel and website.



December 26th—The worship service on the Sunday following Christmas is a Lessons & Carols service. Join us to hear 7 brief scripture lessons each followed by a carol or other song that reflects the message. There will be one service this morning at 9:00 a.m.

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
A time of joy and peace, a time of hope and love, a time of faith and trust.

STAFF

Julie Bailey, Pastor
Jennifer Salowitz, Musician
Lisa Whelton, Parish Administrator
Dawn Dalton, Custodian
Ruth Schomaker, Custodian

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Karen DeLaRosa, Outreach
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Rita Hendrickson, Parish Nurse

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday's: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday's 7:00 p.m.

*No Worship on Weds. Dec. 22nd,
and Dec. 29th*

*9:00 a.m. Worship on Sun. Dec.
26th and Jan. 2nd (only 1 service)*

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(Group Name: Ascension Lutheran
Church of Saginaw (ELCA) Group)
YouTube: Ascension Lutheran
Church

A Message From Pastor Julie

We are approaching the season where we celebrate INCARNATION, a word that literally means to take on flesh. It is our time to remember and celebrate Jesus coming to us in the flesh in Jesus, God in the flesh. We celebrate the birth of baby Jesus over 2000 years ago. We will sing songs, hear the stories of our scripture, prepare and reenact the birth of Jesus. But incarnation is not only historical, something that happened long ago. Incarnation happens today.

In the Christmas song, O Little Town of Bethlehem, we remember that birth: the silence of the night, the hopes, the fears, and the light of the star that broke into the darkness. There are times in life and in our world when God seems far away, distant, maybe even absent. We want that hope, the light that shines in these dark times to come to us, abide with us, God with us.

We sing in one of the verses:

O holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in Be born to us today

Be born in us today! That is our prayer. That is incarnation. God is with us. In, with and under us; in the bread, in the wine, in the Word, in the community of faith. We are the body of Christ, living and breathing hope and light in a world that longs for the peace that only God can give, longs for the unconditional love of God, that seeks justice and peace in all of creation.

As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, I encourage you to listen to the angels proclaim, the announcement of the shepherds and the magi, and make room for Christ to dwell in you, be born in you. In Jesus name, Immanuel, Amen.

Pastor Julie

Pastor Julie Bailey

Congregational Meeting

Our Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 12th at 11:30 a.m.** (following our 10:30 a.m. worship service). We will be voting on a budget for 2022 and electing members to fill the following council vacancies: **President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Minister of Spiritual Health, and Minister of Resources and Finance.**

(See page 7 for nominees)

****Voting Members** as defined by the Ascension Lutheran Church Constitution: Confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation.

End of Year Deadlines

December 27th will be the last deposit of 2021, please make sure your giving is in the office by 9:00 a.m. this day if you would like it to be recorded for 2021.

December 27th is also the last day to submit expense receipts that need reimbursement. After this date, receipts for 2021 will not be reimbursed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Connie Dutcher.

**Our YouTube
Channel**



Bible Studies

Sunday Mornings—9:15 a.m.

Studying the book “Believe”, Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus. Adults and youth not in our children’s Sunday School, are welcome. Each week in preparation for class you will be encouraged to read one chapter of the book. We will watch a brief video to prepare us for discussion. See Pastor Julie if you are interested.



Monday Evening—6:30 p.m.

Martha to Mary Womens’ Bible Study

This study is on break through the holidays, watch the announcements for the return in January.

Tuesday Mornings—11:00 a.m.

This Bible Study meets via Zoom. 1 Corinthians is currently being studied. All are welcome, even if you cannot attend every week. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom link.

DECEMBER Birthdays

2nd	Josh Crump Sarah Wagner Ginny Whelton
3rd	Melissa Albosta
4th	Bari Clauss Emmett Dalton Jacob Dawson Adam Robishaw
5th	Charleen Boland Chris Crump Carol Lange
6th	Brayten Mack
7th	Bruce Collier Steve Elvin Donna Hayes Jon Leffler
8th	Don Arndt
10th	Elaine Clifford
13th	Scott Blehm Wayne Mayou Dan Roth Brynn Wakeman Michelle Wardlow
14th	Lynn Schomaker
15th	Barry Wiggins
16th	Braxten Mack Genevieve Potter Penelope Potter
18th	Sue Denman Bryce Druelle Jacob Moore
19th	Hannah Webb Joscelyn Whelton
20th	Megan Wakeman
22nd	Judi Minster
23rd	Melissa Briggs Amora Dreyfus Nicholas Hoffmann Pastor Julie Bailey
24th	Alexandria Randall
25th	Jacob Hostetler
26th	Rita Bolger
27th	Melanie Dancer Colton Kittle Lisa Randall
28th	Robert Beyerlein Joan Ford Lori Page
31st	Jack Richardson Louise Roby Melissa Turner

ELCA Grants Awarded

The Publicly Engaged Church Table of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA makes available grant funds to encourage and support ministries serving local communities. This year, Ascension Lutheran Church applied for and was awarded two grants that should arrive in the next few weeks; \$1,000 for the 2022 Soccer Camp and \$3,000 for the Weekend Food Bags.

Charitable Deduction in 2021

In 2021, you may be able to take up to a \$300 charitable deduction (\$600 for a couple filing jointly) even if you don't itemize. This is an increase from 2020. Ascension Lutheran Church is a qualified charitable organization. Check out this article for more information and always discuss your tax situation with your tax professional. <https://news.bloombergtax.com/tax-insights-and-commentary/what-you-need-to-know-about-making-charitable-gifts-in-2021>. Contact Lisa at the office if you would like her to email you the article link.

Food Pantry Schedule

December 9th—Food Distribution

If you have any questions about the Saginaw Metro Ministries Food Pantry schedule, needs, or volunteer information, please feel free to contact Sandy Graham at 989-781-1619



DECEMBER Anniversaries

9th	Bob & Cathy Watz
12th	Tom & Mary Erskine
13th	William & Emily Edsall Dave & Pat Marceills
27th	Roger Koppenhofer & Vicki Lundstrom
28th	Paul & Susie Nielsen Jack & Joyce Richardson



HOUSEHOLD/ PERSONAL CARE ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

We are participating with Swan Valley High School to collect household and personal care products for Christmas packages for families in need.

Items needed are shampoo, conditioner, soap, laundry soap, dish soap, dryer sheets, fabric softener, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, lotion, body wash, shaving cream, razors, feminine products, deodorant, etc.

Items may be placed in the Gathering Area beginning **Sunday, November 28th**. All items should be delivered to the church no later than **Sunday, December 12th**.

Thank you for your support!!

2021 Altar Flowers

December 5th	In Memory of Stena, Tanya Blehm
December 12th	In Memory of John Cavendish, by Bonnie Cavendish
December 19th	In Honor of Joscelyn's Birthday, the Whelton Family
December 26th	In Celebration of the birth of Jesus, by Tanya Blehm

2022 Altar Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers, please sign up on the flower chart located on the Acolyte room, call the office, or send an email to ascensionlc@sbcglobal.net to select a date. These arrangements are placed in the Sanctuary each week for worship and may be picked up after service on Sunday morning. You can choose a specific date and 2 arrangements are permitted each week. **The cost is \$30.00.** A payment envelope can be mailed to you, you can send a check to the office, or drop off payment during office hours (Monday-Thursdays 9am-2pm), or when you are at church.

Please Remember Those on Ascension's Care List

Mail a card, plan a visit, or say a prayer for these members of our church family.

Leslee Arnst - 2815 N. Orr Rd., Hemlock, MI 48626

Bev Daubert - Meridian Acres, 2905 Meridian Road, Sanford, MI 48657

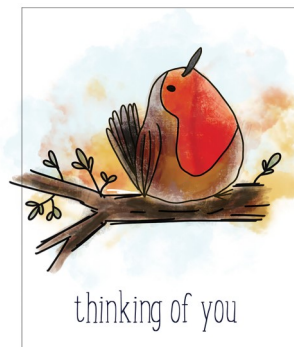
John Kaul—5935 Shattuck Apt #13, Saginaw, MI 48603

Eric Lentner—244 Elwyn Dr. Room 201, Chesaning, MI 48616

Peggy Lockhart - 6143 Longmeadow Blvd. North, Saginaw, MI 48603

Jackie O'Dell—302 Fulton Street, Room 108, St. Charles, MI 48655

Marv Yancer - 8936 N. Brookshire Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609



Christmas Baskets

Everyone is invited to help put together Christmas Baskets for our shut-ins on **Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The baskets will be filled with homemade baked goods, jellies, hand cream or a little gift. We are looking for donations of baked goods or whatever you wish for each basket. This will be a fun evening and a wonderful way to remember our members that can't worship with us on a regular basis. If you have any questions, please contact Edna Bell at 989-642-8130.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Delila Colpean, who passed on November 12, 2021

Wellness Wheel—How Healthy is Your Well-Being?

By: Kris Yackel-Friend



This holistic tool was originally developed by Dr. Bill Hettler and was referred to as the “Six Dimensions of Wellness”. Since its’ development, environmental and financial wellness have been added to make a total of eight domains that experts feel we should attend to in order to have the best possible health and well-being. One way to use this tool is to look at the wheel and the eight areas. 1). Assign each area a number from 1-10 based on how well this domain is going in your life; 1 is least successful and 10 being the most. 2). Write down what you feel is going well in each area and why you assigned the score you did. 3). What would you like to improve in this area? 4). Choose 1-2 areas to focus on with the help of a coach or counselor or on your own. Choose the areas you want to improve the most or those that will help strengthen your sense of identity, not necessarily those that are the least successful.

This process seems easy enough to try as 2022 is weeks away and many of us will set “New Year’s resolutions” and have varied success of achieving those goals. This seemed like a helpful approach to setting 2022 goals and hopefully a way to make them more obtainable. As I researched this, it amazed me how the Bible supports this model of well-being or maybe the model was fashioned after the Word?

Below are some verses to help support each of the 8 domains. If you need more inspiration try – www.openbible.info and type what

you are looking for, ex: “financial health”. Good luck with your introspecting and don’t forget prayer as a helpful tool in achieving your goals.

- ^ Emotional Health: Philippians 4:6-7
- ^ Social Health: John 13:34-35
- ^ Occupational Health: Ephesians 4:11-13
- ^ Intellectual Health: 2 Peter 3:16

- ^ Financial Health: Proverbs 22:7, 1 Timothy 6:10
- ^ Spiritual Health: Proverbs 4:20-23
- ^ Physical Health: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- ^ Environmental Health: Genesis 1:26-31

References: 1). www.ginger.com 2). tablehealth.com 3). nationalwellness.org

Blood Pressure Screening

Mark your calendar for blood pressure screenings by the Parish Health Committee on the 3rd Sunday of every month. The next one will be held on **Sunday, December 19th**.

Wellness Warriors

Are you interested in burning a few calories? Picking up some healthy habits? Improving your diet? The Wellness Warriors, a Parish Health ministry, are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. Men and women are welcome and encouraged! Reservations are not required!

Upcoming Dates: December 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
(Check Facebook for updates or contact Kris. The church is closed for weather when Swan Valley Schools are closed)

Please contact Kris Yackel-Friend at 989-245-6446 for additional details or questions.

Blood Drive—December 16th

3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall



Appointments Preferred,
Walk-ins Welcome!

Schedule An Appointment:
(3 options)

Scan the QR Code

Go to the website: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/144115

Call the church office—
Lisa will sign you up

Return to Camp—June 26-July 1, 2022

I am excited, and I know our young people are excited that we will return to camp. Camp registration opens **December 1st**. Pastor Julie will register our congregation early that morning and then individuals can begin to register themselves. As you know, because of good stewardship, camp is offered **without cost** by the grace of the camp. I anticipate registrations may fill quick, so don't delay in registering.

When you register your children, please make sure you register them for the correct camp:

Dates: June 26-July 1, 2022

Registration website: Begin at www.elcalivingwater.com.

First Timers: Grades 1-3 (An abbreviated camp experience for younger campers wanting to give camp a test drive. This program begins Sunday and ends Wednesday.)

Discoverers: Grades 3-6

Confirmation: Grade 6-8 (if going to start confirmation in the fall, register for this camp)

Bridgebuilders is also offered this week for our High School Youth. This is not a typical camp experience but a ground breaking experience. This camp begins July 25.

For more information on camp, please check out www.elcalivingwater.com.

1st Year Confirmation Students

Confirmation Classes for 1st Year Students are generally the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month at 5:00 p.m.

December 5th & 12th

December 26th—No Class—Christmas Break

January 9th & 23rd

February 13th & 27th

March 6th & 13th

March 27th – No Class – Spring Break

April 10th & 24th

May 1st & 15th

2nd Year Confirmation Students

Confirmation Classes for 2nd Year Students are weekly on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.

8th—12th Grade Youth **Reminders**

December 1st: All Butterbraid orders and money must be received in the church office by the morning of December 1st! (you can turn into the office early)

December 15th: Butterbraids will be delivered to the church to sort and then distributed.

There is no meeting in December. Next group meeting will be **January 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** Your homework is to think of items we need to include in our covenant, consider any sites we wish to visit in Minneapolis as we have time.

Continue to collect cans/bottles and contemplate anything else we need to consider. We will continue to work on fundraising!

Children's Church Giving

As noted in the article on the right, Children's Church is collecting their own offering each week. Many kids receive payment for individual chores or an allowance for a week of chores. This is a great opportunity to talk with your kids about giving 10% to the church. If they earn a \$1 for chore, have them put 10 cents in an envelope they can bring to church on Sunday. If they earned \$5 this week, put in 50 cents. You might even hear "that's not very much", but the goal is to show them how they can come together and do more.

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.—Ecclesiastes 4:12

As part of a community, we know that we are stronger together than we are apart. We come together to encourage, build up, and spread God's message in ways that it would be more difficult to do individually.

Beginning in October, our Children's Church program began receiving an intentional offering that at the end of the program year, when they have all had a chance to give of themselves, they will determine how they wish their money to be spent. This is a way to teach stewardship, and to show how together we can do more. In preparation, we have been sharing the ministry of ELCA Good Gifts as a likely place we will share our gifts. You can purchase animals, farm help, vaccines, water filters and so many more. Check out the information on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary (or the website below), they make great gifts to honor someone who has everything they need or want!

From the ELCA Good Gifts Magazine
www.goodgifts.elca.org

"Every project in every community starts with listening. We believe that our congregations, companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why they identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact.

The items in this catalog are real examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. The projects have been planned by our partners – meaning that each community receives exactly the kind of support they need and none of what they don't.

Your donation will be used where it is needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. (For example, a gift of vaccinations may be used to support other health care initiatives.) This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the U.S. or abroad.

More than 85 percent of your gifts directly support our programs. Less than 15 percent is used for administration and fundraising."

2022 VESTRY ELECTION

The current positions and nominees to be elected by the congregation are as follows: If there are any other nominees or write in candidates please contact Mike Clifford or Charleen Boland

President: Gus Hendrickson

Secretary: Susan Kelley

Financial Secretary: Kris Yackel-Friend

Minister of Resources & Finance: Tim Grueber

Minister of Spiritual Health: awaiting nominee

Synod Assembly

Representatives: We are looking for 2 representatives to serve.

Our Facebook Page

amazonsmile

Do you shop with Amazon? If so, go to smile.amazon.com and register Ascension Lutheran Church in Saginaw as your charity to support. When you order through this site, all orders eligible will benefit Ascension at 0.05% of what you paid. You don't pay anymore!!! It may not seem like much, but for the number of us that do use Amazon, it can really add up!

Pop Can Fundraiser

We are continuing to collect returnable pop cans and bottles. Our Youth are returning the cans for a fundraising activity. Half will go to the Youth returning the cans, half will go to the Youth general fund. You can drop your cans off in the vestibule near the Fellowship Hall, during office hours or when you are at the church. *(Please do not put them in the garage any longer as the youth cannot access them there)*

Thank you for your support!!

**8th thru 12th Grade Youth Instructions:**

1. Sign up on the kiosk to return cans
2. Grab the cans when you are at church that week
3. Return the cans at a local store
4. Put the cash & receipt in an envelope marked Youth Pop Cans with your name on it and give to Pastor Julie or leave in the church office*

***Please provide the cash to the church no later than the next week**

SCRIP Orders-Due December 12th**Great Opportunity as you prepare for Christmas shopping**

Several years ago, Ascension entered into the SCRIP fundraising opportunity to assist in earning financial resources we could use when needed. A couple years ago, we were able to use these funds for the purchase of new microphones for worship.

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is a Gift Card fundraising program. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on daily purchases or to give away as gifts for the holidays, birthday, or just to say thank you.

How does it work?

How often does Ascension place orders? Ascension will place orders generally on the Monday following the third Sunday of the month. All orders must have accompanying payment. Cards are generally delivered to the church later that week or early the next week.

Where are the order forms? Order forms are located on our website under forms or on our kiosk. Orders and checks can be turned into the office.

**** Note that due to the holidays, SCRIP orders will be placed on the Monday following the second Sunday of the month in December.**

Weekend Food Bags for School Kids

THANK YOU to everyone who has been able to provide the food we need to fill the weekend school bags. It has been a great help!

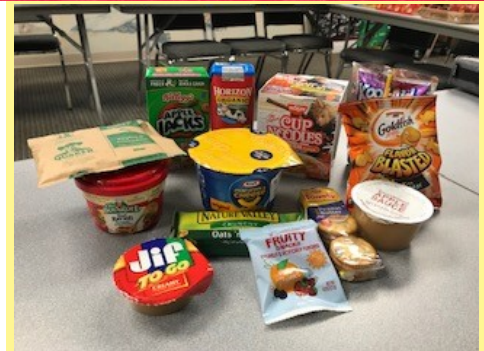


Help us Fill our Weekend Food Bags for the Elementary Youth

Finances are welcome—HOWEVER—stores, both online and direct are limiting the number of boxes/cases we can purchase. Help our shoppers by purchasing these items and bringing them to the church! Thank you!



Must be microwaveable—not in cans or need to mix!



You can also purchase using Amazon (or Amazon smile) and have them delivered directly to the church.

Week to week we are unsure what might be unavailable. If you see any of these items (picture above), please consider donating.

The items are also listed on the Bulletin Board outside the Nursery.

Church Directory

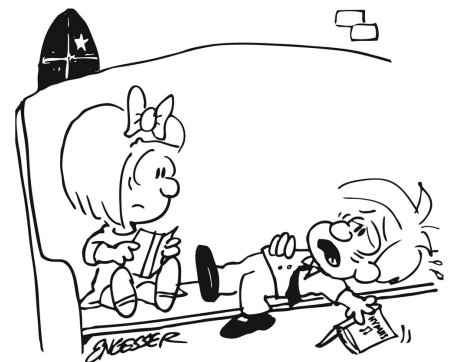
How Do I Access Up-To-Date Church Directory Information At Home?

Ascension Lutheran Church made the decision several years ago to update their contact management system. What is a contact management system you ask? It is a computer program that allows the church to maintain data on its members and visitors. In the “old days” (as my kids like to say) there were paper records, books, index cards, and file cabinet drawers full of files. Today, that information is kept in a computer program and in the cloud. The benefits are quick and easy access to addresses, phone numbers, birthdates, membership information, giving information, and the ministries each person volunteers for.

What can we do with this information? Well for starters, we can generate bulk mailings, giving statements are an example of this. If we need a sound board operator, everyone who is trained has a “tag” and we simply send one email with a click or two that we need help with sound on a specific date. We began capturing attendance information this last year which provides us an accurate count each week for reports. It is a great time saving management tool that allows for an efficient office.

The main advantage for church members is if you have a computer at home or a smart phone in your hand, you can also have access to directory information. Maybe you want to send a get well card, you can see the correct spelling of a member’s name as well as their address. If you want to make a phone call, the phone numbers are at your fingertips and up-to-date. In your own profile, you will also be able to see your membership data and giving information (but not that of others).

Many in the congregation already have a login for the system, however the majority are not using it. To gain access, Lisa will need to send you an invite via email or provide you with the login that is already established. The website you access (from your computer) is ascension1.breezechms.com or you can download the Breeze app from the App Store or Play Store. **Contact Lisa at the office either via phone or email to ask for the invite/login to get started.**





Hey Kids—This month, let's do something a little different. Advent is the season where we prepare for **Christmas**. Starting on December 1st, follow the instructions on the calendar below. **Have Fun** and remember that we are taking a little time each day to celebrate **Jesus**.



advent CALENDAR

Perform a random act of kindness 1	two Donate food to a local food bank	Have a coloring contest 3	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	8 Clean out and donate outgrown toys	Build a snowman out of cotton balls 9	Take cupcakes to your local fire department 10
Decorate a gingerbread house eleven	Help wrap a Christmas present 12	thirteen Leave a happy note for someone to find	Have a game night in your PJs 14	Make paper snowflakes 15
Drink hot cocoa 16	17 Make Christmas cards	18 Bake Christmas cookies	Sing Christmas carols 19	Take a family photo in front of the Christmas tree twenty
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

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Read the Christmas Story—Did you know that you can find the **Nativity** story, the birth of **Jesus**, in more than one part of the Bible? Open your bibles and sit down with you parents and read about the birth of our **Savior**.

Luke 2:1-20

Matthew 1:18-2:1-15

Older Youth (or Adults)
also read **Luke 1:5-80**



Serving in December

Readers--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 5 Joan Ford / Linda Luplow
- 12 Marty Debozy / Linda Lentner
- 19 Dick Schomaker / Christmas Program
- 26 **9am Service Only**—7 Readers are set

Sound Board Operators--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 5 Madison Morgan / Makena Whelton
- 12 Dan Roth / Makena Whelton
- 19 *Volunteer Needed* / Bob Aldrich
- 26 **9am Service Only**—Makena Whelton

Head Ushers--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 5 Kelley / Friend-Beyerlein
- 12 Schomaker / Dalton-Whelton
- 19 Roth / Hendrickson-Earnesty
- 26 **9am Service Only**—*Team Needed*

Altar Guild

- 5 Donna Fries
- 12 Susan Kelley
- 19 Sue Bailey
- 26 Susan Kelley

Prayers of the Church--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 5 Ruth Schomaker / Dawn Dalton
- 12 Lynn Schomaker / Lisa Espinoza
- 19 Charleen Boland / Shelly Dawson
- 26 **9am Service Only**—Tim Grueber

Video Screen Operators--8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

- 5 Mackenzie Morgan / Tim Grueber
- 12 Kris Friend / Henry Salowitz
- 19 Charleen Boland / Tim Grueber
- 26 **9am Service Only**—Tim Grueber

Acolyte--8:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.

- 5 Volunteer Needed / Gabby Dalton
- 12 Volunteer Needed / Ella Frollo
- 19 Volunteer Needed / Greyston Hendrickson
- 26 **9am Service Only**—*Volunteer Needed*

Children's Church

- 5 Christmas Program Practice
- 12 Christmas Program Practice
- 19 Christmas Program
- 26 *No Children's Church—returns 1/9/22*

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4:30 p.m.

- Reader: Chris Crump
- Prayers: Tim Grueber
- Sound: Bob Aldrich
- Video: *Volunteer Needed*
- Ushers: Whelton/Earnesty/Hendrickson/Dawson/Huston
- Acolyte: Ethan Earnesty

7:30 p.m.

- Reader: Steve Haupt
- Prayers: Susan Kelley
- Sound: Steve Salowitz
- Video: *Volunteer Needed*
- Ushers: Kelley/*Need 4 volunteers (see Kiosk)*
- Acolyte: *Volunteer Needed*

WEDNESDAYS

Head Ushers	Readers	Sound Board/Video Screen	Prayers
1 Mike Clifford	1 Mike Clifford	1 none /Connie Dutcher	1 Mike Clifford
8 Glen Mack	8 Joyce Richardson	8 none /Connie Dutcher	8 Connie Dutcher
15 Mike Clifford	15 John Schroeder	15 none /Glen Mack	15 Connie Dutcher

December 22nd and 29th—No Service

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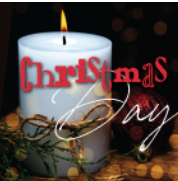


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>Pastor Julie Vacation—leaves 11/21, returns 12/1</i>			1 9am-Sewing Group-FH 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion REGISTER FOR CAMP	2 2:30pm-Confirmation2	3 Office Closed	4 
5 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Christmas Program Practice 5pm-Confirmation-1st yr	6 12pm-Staff Meeting 	7 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	8 11am-Weekend School Bags 7pm-Worship/Communion	9 2:30pm-Confirmation2	10 Office Closed	11
12 <i>Scrip Orders Due</i> 8am-Worship/Communion 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Communion/ Christmas Program Practice 11:30am-Budget/Elections Mtg 5pm-Confirmation-1st yr	13 12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-Messenger Articles Due Office Closes at 12:45pm	14 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 7pm-Fill Shut-In Baskets (FH)	15 9am-Sewing Group-FH 11am-Weekend School Bags 12pm-Council Reports Due 7pm-Worship/Communion	16 2:30pm-Confirmation2 3pm-8pm-Blood Drive (FH) 	17 Office Closed	18 11am—Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal & Party
19 8am-Worship/Communion Blood Pressure Screening (between services) 9:15am-Adult SS/Bible Study 10:30am-Worship/Christmas Program/Communion	20 12pm-Staff Meeting	21 <i>Winter Solstice</i> 9am-12pm-Bay Area Conf. Mtg (FH & Sanctuary) 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors 6:30pm-Council Mtg 	22 Messenger Mailed No Worship	23 Office Closed	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> Office Closed 4:30pm-Worship/Communion 7:30pm-Worship/Communion	25 
26 9am-Worship/Communion 	27 Office Closed	28 11am-Bible Study-Zoom 6:15pm-Wellness Warriors	29 No Worship	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> Office Closed 	

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