



The monthly Newsletter of:

December 2021

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

Gather in Grace

Grow in Faith

Go in Service



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The congregation of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church celebrates the amazing diversity of God's beloved children. We welcome all, regardless of age, ethnicity, abilities, faith background, race, family configuration, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. We enthusiastically invite you into this worshipping congregation as we strive to share God's inclusive love with everyone in our community and in our world.



Pastor's Message

I remember an old Calvin and Hobbes strip in which Calvin muses on the fact that, since September, the days have gotten colder and shorter. He comes to the only logical conclusion, which is that the sun is going out. In a few months, he predicts, the earth will be a cold, lifeless ball of ice. In the following strip, Calvin's father has explained to him that the world is not ending, but that winter is coming. Calvin explains his father's theory to Hobbes and then observes: "Isn't it sad how some people's grip on their lives is so precarious that they embrace any preposterous delusion rather than face an occasional bleak truth?"



Pastor Seth Novak

I think of that strip nearly every autumn at some point. Without knowing what comes next, one could be forgiven for coming to the same conclusion as Calvin; but, of course, we know that this is simply the cycle of things: the days get shorter until they start getting longer.

As we come into the season of Advent, we begin by reading texts that are, at first, dark and frightening: the earth shaking, the seas roaring, the nations raging, the heavens falling. In my experience, we mostly like to ignore or explain away these texts. It is almost as if we are doing what Calvin thinks his father is doing: dealing with a bleak truth by trying to avoid it. The truth of it, however, is that this is all part of the cycle of things. This is what Jesus wants us to hear. He even uses the example of changing seasons: when the fig tree starts to bud and produce leaves, one knows that summer is near; or, he might also say, when the leaves begin to yellow and fall, the winter is near.

Even as we set our eyes and our hopes on what comes next, Advent also invites us to dwell in the tension of the in-between. The season gives us an opportunity to reflect on what it means to wait, to expect what we know to be coming but which we cannot yet see. It is, by definition, a season of darkness: not just the darkness of shorter days, but the darkness of a complex world in which we cannot yet see the God for whom we wait.

As part of our Advent observance this year, we will take time to sit in and appreciate this darkness. Normally in our worship, we encounter God in words: the incarnate Word Jesus Christ, in the word proclaimed in preaching and declared in forgiveness, and in the written words of scripture and the liturgy. This Advent, however, we will explore with our midweek worship how we may also be nourished by simpler fare—where the words spoken aloud are few, and the silence surrounding them becomes itself our prayer.

You will notice a lack of extra words or music or explanation. Silence will seem long and perhaps even uncomfortable. This is intentional. We are used to words and music and liturgy guiding us into what we "should" think or reflect on or pray about. In this season, we will let the silence guide us. We will trust in the Holy Spirit to be present in the spaces between the words and the prayers to work on us as only She can.

We will also more intentionally explore what it means to worship and practice from home. Advent Calendars from ELCA World Hunger are available in the narthex or by contacting the church office. Each day, these calendars will offer a bit of scripture or a thought or a line from a hymn that can be a pebble for our shoes each day, so to speak; to sit with us and draw our attention to the waiting of Advent. We are also providing links to some Advent devotionals that *(continued)*

you can study by yourself or with family or friends as part of your devotion. You can find links to electronic versions of these devotionals in this newsletter on our Advent page and in the weekly emails you'll receive during December.

Then, on Sunday evening, December 19, we will once again gather for our "Longest Night" worship, also called "Blue Christmas." While this service can be especially meaningful for folks who are experiencing depression, melancholy or grief during the Christmas season, it is really just an opportunity to come at the holiday from a quieter, more subdued angle. Taking place near the solstice--the longest night of the year--it allows us to sit in the darkness and honor the mystery of Christmas in a different way than we do on Christmas Eve when we sing carols and brim with joy. It may be that, after our midweek services relishing the Holy Darkness, the Longest Night service will be a good way to appreciate the darkness of Christmas.

We encounter Advent every year in the hope that we might actually be able to face the "bleak truth" without turning away from it or distracting ourselves from it, but also seeing in that truth the hidden promise: that even the darkness is simply a part of the cycle of things. This darkness, just like the light, can be nourishing, healthful, even holy. As we enter into the busiest and most stressful time of the year, I'd like to invite you to join me in resting for a while in the dark, and in waiting and watching for Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Pr. Seth



Please let Pastor Seth know if you are in need of pastoral care. If you would like to be contacted please call the office at 253-851-6222 or email pastorseth@agnusdeilutheran.org
In an emergency, you can reach Pastor Seth at 253-448-3481.

Advent Worship

*Advent devotionals are available as downloads on our website,
Advent calendars are available at the welcome table in the narthex.*

Sunday, November 28, First Sunday of Advent
Worship with Holy Communion, 8:30 am (Hybrid) and 11:00 am

Wednesday, December 1, Midweek Worship (Hybrid) at 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent
Worship with Holy Communion, 8:30 am (Hybrid) and 11:00 am

Wednesday, December 8, Midweek Worship (Hybrid) at 6:30 am

Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent
Worship with Holy Communion, 8:30 am (Hybrid) and 11:00 am

Wednesday, December 15, Midweek Worship (Hybrid) at 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent
Worship with Holy Communion, 8:30 am (Hybrid) and 11:00 am

Wednesday, December 22, Midweek Worship (Hybrid) at 6:30 pm



Christmas Worship

Blue Christmas, December 19 (Hybrid) at 6:30 pm



Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24
Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 PM (Hybrid)
Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 PM



Sunday, December 26, Worship with Holy Communion
(Hybrid) One Service at 10:00 am

Sunday, January 2, Lessons and Carols
Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 am (Hybrid)
Worship with Holy Communion, 11:00 am

All hybrid services are left on [Agnus Dei's YouTube channel](#) for viewing at any time after the service.

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2021

Members present: Pastor Seth Novak, Sherry Stava, Gene Kuest, Denny Sapp, Marilyn Colyar, Linda Ribary, Lynette Brentin, Sister Ann Schultz, Marlene Bridgforth, Susan Whitney, Richard Ohme; Guests: Julie Bell, Leif Dobszinsky

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Seth Novak led us in devotions.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes from the September 14th council meeting were approved.

The Pastor's report was received and is attached.

The treasurer's report was received and is attached.

Attachments include:

Summary report through October 31, 2021.

Balance sheet through October 31, 2021.

Income and Expense statement through October 31, 2021.

Committee Reports

Little Lambs: report received

Property: report received.

Stewardship: report received

Worship: report received.

Evangelism: verbal report.

Faith Formation: committee will meet on 11/11.

Personnel: no report.

Service: report received.

Endowment: no report.

Reopening committee: oral report.

Old Business:

Annual Committee reports have been received and were presented at the November congregational meeting.

Building usage: Discussions are ongoing.

Telephone system upgrade: This work is in progress.

Parking lot usage: Marilyn will rewrite the proposed policy, and will present it at the December council meeting for discussion.

New Business:

The Council approved the Reopening Committee's recommendation to allow worshipers to sing at services starting in Advent as long as they are masked.

Sister Ann and Denny Sapp will plan several children's programs.

A note in the newsletter will advise congregants how they may contribute for the staff Christmas gifts.

The church office will be closed Dec 27-31.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of presenting a 2022 budget at the congregational meeting on November 7th, 2021.

Gene Kuest made a motion to recommend to the congregation to delay the presentation and not vote on the 2022 budget until February 2022. As our ADLC Bylaws (Chapter 10, C10.01.01 B. ii) state that the budget must be voted on at the November meeting, the congregation will need to approve this measure. Marlene Bridgforth seconded this motion, and the Council approved.

Gene Kuest made a motion to recommend that the congregation approve the extension of the expenditure authority under the 2021 budget until the next congregational meeting in February 2022, with the exception that personnel increases reflecting the Synod's recommendations will be implemented now. The motion was seconded by Susan Whitney, and was approved by the Council.

Marilyn Colyar made a motion to present the Land Acknowledgment statement at the congregational meeting for approval. Lynette Brentin seconded the motion, and the Council approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on December 14, 2021, beginning at 7 pm.

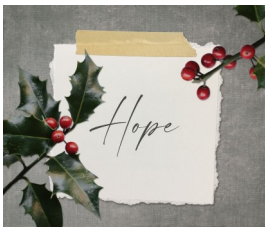
The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Marlene Bridgforth, Secretary

Approved by: Denny Sapp



*Council President
Denny Sapp*



Advent Forum Schedule

Sunday Mornings In-person and on the Zoom Platform

The focus for forums in December is on organizations and individuals doing mission work. Being involved as "Matthew 25 Christians" includes educating ourselves, and being involved with, local missions that serve our community. This is the slate of mission work for the month.

December 5th - Michelle from Food Backpacks 4 Kids will share on "How we have changed and all the good things we have going on at Food Backpacks 4 Kids." Our congregation is a steady supporter of this program and they appreciate our involvement. Let's update our connection with them through Michelle. What do they need from us today?

December 12th - A representative of Habitat for Humanity will join us to explain their work and mission in Pierce County and the nation. Their motto is "We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter." Creating affordable housing is an active pursuit in our area and the country. Hear how Habitat for Humanity plays their role in this need and find out how we can help them.

December 19th - Sister Ann is involved in multiple mission ministries as well as being our Deaconess, Minister of Programs, here at Agnus Dei. Listen as she shares what those missions are, the work she does with them, and how we are, and can be, involved. Sister Ann is constantly answering God's call to be a servant in our community.

When the forums are recorded on Zoom, they are added to [Agnus Dei's YouTube channel](#) to be available for future viewing.

Zoom link for Forum: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88973182418?pwd=eWZlbFdiZW52bmhhRUUpQSWJzbG13Zz09>

Or use the link on the Events tab of our church website.

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Thanksgiving Feast

Little Lambs Preschool A Mission of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church



So much great learning has been happening at Little Lambs! In November our themes were *Autumn Colors* and *Being Thankful*. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast and were so thankful for our teachers and parent volunteers who prepared lots of tasty foods for us to try. We even got to take home our fun turkey headbands to show our families. In November we also focused on the color brown and the shape of a square, our science focus was pumpkins and the Value/Virtue for the month was Kindness.

At the end of November during our chapel time, Pastor Seth taught us about Advent and the season of waiting. In December we are looking forward to a different kind of Christmas program; for COVID-19 safety, we will be gathering outdoors with our families to sing some Christmas songs and enjoy hot cocoa together.



Pastor Seth reads a story about waiting and introduced the Advent Wreath to the Little Lambs.

An update from our Community Outreach Team

November

A big thank you for all your donations to Holiday Helpers. In addition to your donations we purchased a variety of craft supplies with the \$250 donation from Thrivent. All donations will be given to families through the Children's Home Society located in Vaughn on the Key Peninsula.

Cleaning/Sorting

The following items can be used by our quilters and knitters:

Sheets—cotton or blend, woven or flannel; Thread; Yarn—worsted weight or bulky weight—washable



December

ELCA Good Gifts—A great Christmas gift for that hard-to-shop-for person in your life!

Through the ELCA Good Gifts program you can give a gift in honor or in memory of a special person in your life. That gift will make a radical difference for a family living in poverty.

If you would like to give a gift in honor of someone:

- ◇ Take a gift card and ornament from the display in the narthex to give to the recipient of your gift.
- ◇ Make your donation using the GIVE button on our website designating "Good Gifts" on the 'other' line *OR* place a check in the offering tray designating "Good Gifts" on the memo line.
- ◇ Fill out and return the blue form to the office if you would like your person's name printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Looking forward to January

Yes, we're collecting toilet paper for FISH—what has become our annual January outreach project. Covid or not, the need for TP is constant. Let's make this the **best wall ever!** This was a favorite project of our long-time member, Rose VanderKlomp. Her spirit will assist our project.

As we say goodbye to 2021, where normal was not very normal, one thing that has remained steady has been your generosity to our community ... near and far.

With gratitude and thanks from your
Community Connection Committee

Food Backpacks 4 Kids Special Project Extended through December 15!

Although we are no longer packing individual backpacks for the schools at ADLC we are still gathering food items for distribution at the main FB4K warehouse in Key Center.

For the November-December project we are collecting baking supplies for the Holidays. Although these items may be traditional for many of us, some of them are luxuries for families suffering from food insecurity.

Some suggested items are:

- ♥ 3 or 5 lb bag of flour
- ♥ 3 or 5 lb bag sugar
- ♥ Baking soda
- ♥ Baking powder
- ♥ Brown sugar
- ♥ Powdered Sugar
- ♥ Vanilla
- ♥ Decorative Sprinkles

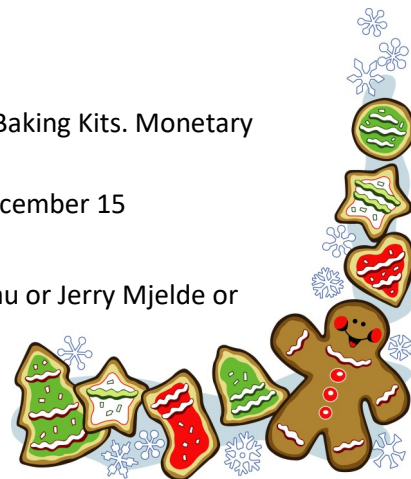


These items will then be assembled into Holiday Baking Kits. Monetary contributions are also always appreciated.

Donations should be brought to the church by December 15

Thank you for your continued support of FB4K

If you have questions please contact Ann Rousseau or Jerry Mjelde or call the church office.



Minister of Programs Sister Ann Shultz



Kids' Night Out Friday, December 10th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

This fun event for children aged 4– 12 will include arts & crafts, games, activities, snacks and fun. Parents will have a chance do some Christmas shopping, enjoy a date night, or just relax while their kids are having a great time at church with their friends. Registration is required and space is limited. Use this link to register:

<https://forms.gle/R1aN3AbqrFPijZEN9>

December's Grab & Go Sunday School Kits contain advent wreath craft kits and advent family activities. Kits are available to pick up in the narthex.



Thank you to everyone who wrote notes of encouragement to our college students who are approaching finals week. These notes will be included in the care packages that will be assembled and mailed on December 1st.

Important reminders for In-person gatherings



We Share the Air – Please Keep It Fragrance-Free and Healthy for All

In our effort to make everyone welcome, please be aware the chemicals used in scented products make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. We ask our entire community to be mindful of this and refrain from using perfume/cologne and other scented products when coming to Agnus Dei.

Important Update: Thank you, everyone, for your effort to keep our building fragrance free! The church office recently received feedback from one of our scent-sensitive parishioners that since returning after the building closure, she has not had one scent-induced migraine. This is wonderful news!

Let's Get Back in the Habit of Wearing Nametags

As a sign of hospitality to visitors, please remember to wear your nametag! In addition to welcoming newcomers, some of us are finding it difficult to recognize each other with our facemasks on after being apart for so long. If you are in need of a new nametag, please call or email the church office or leave a note on Cindy's desk.



An Opportunity for Nurses

Become a Faith Community Nurse at Agnus Dei

The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing course will be offered this January at PLU! It will be three Saturdays (Jan, 15, Feb 12 and March 12) with independent activities in-between. Scholarships are available. The deadline for submission is December 3rd. If you have an interest in this program, please contact Gwen Daus for more information.

Your Committees At Work

Agnus Dei has many small groups and committees at work at all times. Some meet weekly, some monthly and some on an as-needed basis. In an effort to make these groups and their work better known, we will use a portion of each newsletter to highlight one or two groups, share who they are, and what they do. Perhaps by making these groups better known, readers might be interested in joining in.



Jerry Mjelde delivers a collection for the Food Backpacks 4 Kids Program

Community Outreach Committee

The Community Outreach Committee falls under the Service Teams umbrella of our organizational chart. We meet on an as-needed basis and plan each month's outreach focus. Every month there are one or two projects planned as our "Go In Service" directive of our Agnus Dei Mission Statement. We usually start off each year drive for Toilet Paper—a necessary but often overlooked item for donators for FISH, our local food bank. FISH has come to rely on ADLC stocking their shelves with rolls and rolls of TP. Other months the projects vary; for example, a collection to provide a water well, Food Backpacks 4 Kids donations, serving a hot lasagna dinner at Peace Community Center, winter clothing drives—the list goes on and on. If you have an interest in helping plan the monthly projects please contact the church office.

Community Outreach

Leader	Ronnie	Kulman
	Phyllis	Brandt
	Linda	Zehnder
	Linda	Ribary
	Charlene	Franz
	Donna	Hogeberg
	Jerry	Mjelde
	Gwen	Daug
Council Rep	Susan	Whitney
	Martha	Johnson
	Sister Ann	Shultz



Rose VanderKlomp pictured with the full shelves of Toilet Paper at the FISH Foodbank. January 2021



"The Phone is Ringing; The Phone is Ringing"

The title of this article comes from a time a few years ago when my niece and my wife were constantly breaking into these lyrics from Wonder Pets (a cartoon, for anyone who is either too old or too young to have been subjected to the song). If your incoming phone calls are anything like mine, many of them are from a variety of charities asking for donations. Most are worthwhile causes, although some spend far more on fundraising than is ever passed along to the charities themselves. Several years ago, I began responding to these requests by politely saying that we gave all our donations through our Church. Although I am going to discuss my favorite charities, the only thing that I would suggest is that we all make our charitable donations intentional.

First, and foremost, Agnus Dei is at the top of our list of charities. It is where we direct the largest part of our charitable giving. The remaining charities we donate to are always people centered and almost always local. For many years we have supported Food Backpacks 4 Kids and FISH Food Bank. Some of our donations to these two are monetary, but our Community Outreach Committee also provides many opportunities throughout the year to give food and other materials. We also feel that education is important so from time to time we have donated to Little Lambs Preschool. ELCA World Hunger is the only nonlocal charity to which we routinely donate. Whenever there is a disaster worldwide and you would like to donate to help relief efforts, the ELCA usually provides a way for Lutherans to donate money to help.

Mike Snowden, Stewardship

2021 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

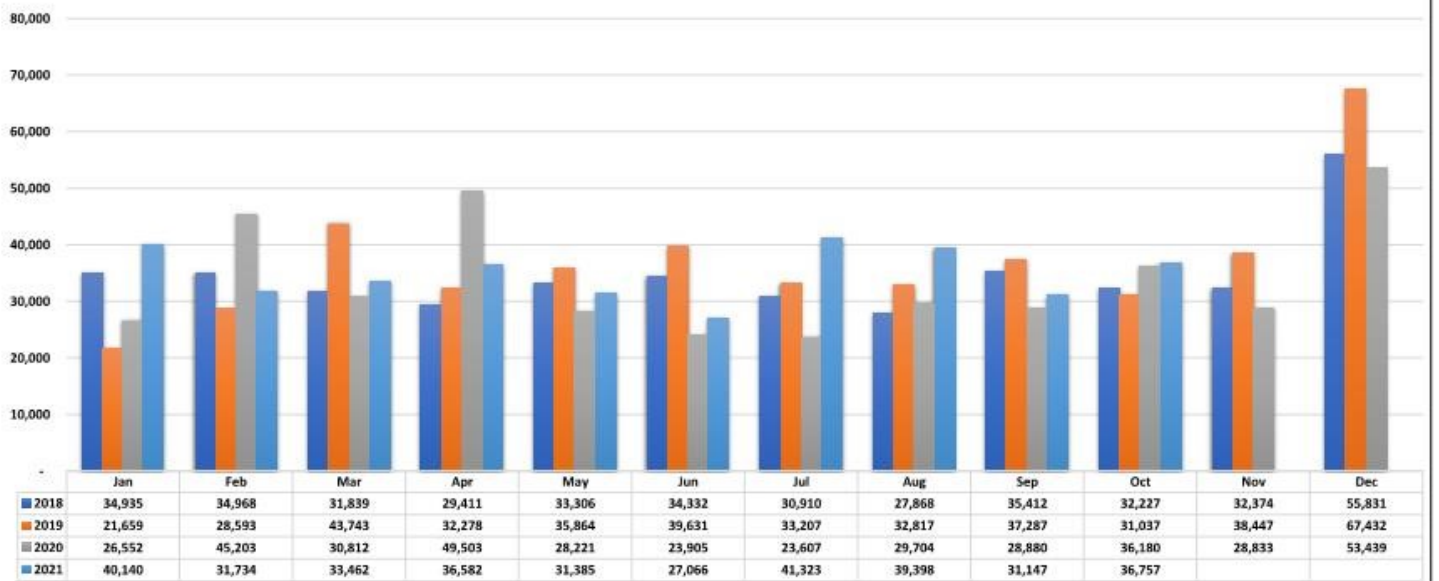
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RESULTS:

COMMENTS:

	Jan - Oct Actual	Jan - Oct Budget	% of YTD Budget	2021 Budget	
OPERATING INCOME:					<u>YTD as of Oct 31, 2021:</u>
General Offering	348,993	322,404	108.2%	405,000	* Total Unrestricted Offerings are at 108.2% of "goal" through end of first ten months. "Goal" is a minimum, set at last year's giving level.
Paycheck Protect. Prog Loan	67,270	67,270	100.0%	67,270	* Total Income for the first ten months of 2021 is 106.6% of goal, including all federal PPP loan funds.
Comm'ty Connect Contract	25,587	25,596	100.0%	31,076	* Total Expenses are 104.5% of budget.
Other Income	1,569	830	-	1,000	* Net Operating "Gain" is \$33,111**
TOTAL INCOME	443,419	416,100	106.6%	504,346	
OPERATING EXPENSES & LIABILITIES:					<u>Oct 31, 2021 Balance Sheet</u>
Ministry of Education	2,685	3,050	88.0%	4,100	* Current Assets (checking, savings, Accts Rec.) 226,012
Ministry of Mission	18,725	17,121	109.4%	22,250	* Fixed Assets (land, building, rental property) 3,213,901
Ministry of Programs	3,188	4,432	71.9%	8,500	* TOTAL ASSETS 3,439,913
Administrative Expenses	101,963	104,937	97.2%	132,711	
Staff and Services	243,747	243,242	100.2%	295,666	* Current Liabilities 1,708
Operating Reserve Deposit	40,000	20,000	200.0%	40,000	* LongTerm Liabilities 1,287,602
TOTAL EXPENSE/LIABILITIES	410,308	392,782	104.5%	503,227	(Mortgage Loan only - Organ loan paid in full)
NET OPERATING INCOME	33,111	23,318		1,119	TOTAL LIABILITIES 1,289,310
Total Reserves on Deposit at MIF			Balances		* Equity
Building Fund			31,638		* Retriected Net Assets (Designated) 185,341
Above & Beyond			28,344		* Unrestricted Net Assets 1,965,262
Rental House Reserve			38,582		* TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 3,439,913
Total Reserves on Deposit at MIF			98,563		
* Detailed financial reports are available upon request. Contact the Office Administrator to request a copy.					<u>Agnus Dei Giving YTD</u>
					2021
					2020
					ELCA Mission Support 17,475 33,821
					ELCA World Hunger 9,641 11,333
					Food Backpacks 4 Kids 7,288 8,688
					FISH 5,771 7,759
					Key Peninsula Food Bank 1,214 249
					Community Assistance 1,348 1,345

MONTHLY OFFERINGS TREND 2018-2021



****The net "gain" at the end of October 2021 reflects the Mission Investment Fund having allowed Agnus Dei to make "interest-only" payments for the first four months of the year, with small principal payments beginning in May 2021, which have reduced our costs so far this year by approximately \$39,000, as well as receipt of one-time federal PPP funds (\$67,270) and the Congregation's decision to reduce the monthly payment to ELCA Mission Support to 5 percent from 10 percent, which has saved \$17,475.**

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 1 Advent Advent 2 8:30 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion	29 1:00 PM LWR Quilters	30 10:30 AM Church Staff Meeting	1 10:00 AM Text Study with Zoom and In- Person 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Advent Midweek Hybrid Worship 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 2:00 PM Community Garden Interest Meeting	3	4 8:30 AM Men's Square 8:30 AM Women's Circle 6:00 PM Piano Recital
5 2 Advent 8:30 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion	6 1:00 PM LWR Quilters 5:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal	7 10:00 AM Bishop's Advent Eucharist	8 10:00 AM Text Study with Zoom and In- Person 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Advent Midweek Hybrid Worship 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 2:30 PM Piano Recital
12 3 Advent 8:30 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 12:15 PM Tree Decorating	13 1:00 PM LWR Quilters 5:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal	14 10:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting	15 10:00 AM Text Study with Zoom and In- Person 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Advent Midweek Hybrid Worship 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	16 Little Lambs Christmas Program (outdoors)	17 Little Lambs Christmas Program (outdoors)	18 5:00 PM Mision De Belen Worship on Zoom
19 4 Advent 8:30 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 PM Blue Christmas Hybrid Worship	20 1:00 PM LWR Quilters 5:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal	21 10:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Gather Bible Study	22 10:00 AM Text Study with Zoom and In- Person 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Advent Midweek Hybrid Worship 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	23	24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Hybrid 7:00 Christmas Eve Worship, In- person only	25 Christmas Day 
26 10:00 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion One Service Only	27 Church Office Closed 1:00 PM LWR Quilters	28 Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30 Church Office Closed	31 Church Office Closed New Years Eve	1 8:30 AM Men's Square 8:30 AM Women's Circle

We remember in prayer:

For comfort and healing:

* Carl Middleton	* Barbara Ausich
* Sonja Miller	* Julie and Loren Bell
* George Mitchell	* Deb Brueckner
* Toni Ortenzo	* Chiarra Buster
* Michi Ouichi	* Audrey Clinton
* Joannah Powers	* Richard and Marilyn Hermstad
* Anne Sapp	* Doug Hettinger
* Johnny Tierny	* Martha Johnson
* Trudy Wagner	* Jack Oakes
* Dick and Eunice Werner	

In service to our country:

- * CAPT. Jenny Nussbaum, US Public Health Service

ELCA Good Gifts

It is the time of the year for "Good Gifts." The ELCA sponsors this program that gives us the opportunity to help our neighbors around the world. You can give a gift that helps improve the lives of individuals and families in underdeveloped countries.



Simply choose an ornament (goats, bees, cows, Bibles, etc.) from the display and add it to a package as you wrap Christmas gifts. It is the perfect gift for those who have everything or to help children learn to give to the less fortunate. Pay for your ornament by adding the amount to your regular offering. Indicate "Good Gifts" on your envelope or in Tithe.ly.

A long-time tradition at Agnus Dei is to print in our Christmas Eve bulletin the names of those whom the gifts are given in honor of. Please be sure to complete the blue form by Dec 19 to have your honoree's name included.

If you are worshipping from home and not coming to church in-person feel free to contact Debbie S. and she will be happy to get you the information and deliver or mail your tag(s) to you.

We Celebrate...

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Harlan Damron, Charlene Franz
4	Nancy Johnson
5	Carrick Jackson
8	Malinda Sheets
10	Linda Ribary
11	Grayson McCaleb
13	Aubrey Beaudette, Patty Martin
14	Saren Rousseau
15	Debbie Brueckner, Thomas Brueckner, Gregory Brueckner, Garrett Michaud
18	Phyllis Brandt
19	Guy Johnson
20	Robert Bridgforth, Brian Naasz, Julie Bell
22	Joey Brentin, Christina Brueckner
23	Aaron Hogeberg, Wyatt Rodgers
26	Lindsey Babare
29	Dennis Johnson, Jack Oakes
30	Gwen Daugs
31	Samantha Carter

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3	Chris Hogeberg and Holly Robinson Hogeberg
7	Harry and Gloria Hoiland
9	Tom Bradford and Van Hardison
10	Mike and Debbie Snowden

Agnus Dei Book Group

We will be meeting on Sunday, December 12th at 12:15 to discuss *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Eric Larson, John Lee, et al.

We will meet in the fellowship hall and on Zoom for these hybrid meetings. We hope to see you in-person or on the screen. Any questions? Contact either Linda Zehnder or Susan W.



Serving in Worship, December

	Altar Guild	Assist Min	Lector	Stream Team/Sound	Ushers/ Greeters	Flowers	Cross Gen Sunday School
Dec 1 , 6:30 Midweek		-	D Krump	M Snowden	D Krump	-	-
Dec 5 8:30	K Higgins	B Beals	R Spitzer	B Nussbaum	D & S Krump		Sister Ann
Dec 5, 11:00	M Bridgforth	A Ortenzo	M Duncan	R Powers	D Sapp		
Dec 8, 6:30 Midweek			L Brentin	B Nussbaum	D Krump		
Dec 12, 8:30	J McCraw	D Schinkel	L Brentin	B Nussbaum	M & D Ohme		A Ortenzo
Dec 12, 11:00	M Bridgforth	D Daus	L Zematis	R Powers			
Dec 15 Midweek			D Snowden	B Nussbaum	Beals		
Dec 19, 8:30	S Shema	R Spitzer	C Carlson	M Snowden	R & S Costanzo		D Iversen
Dec 19, 11:00	K Morgan	M Colyar	M Beert	D Page			
Dec 19, 6:30 Blue Christmas	R Crow		G Lorenz	M Snowden			
Dec 22, 6:30 Midweek			M Duncan		S Shema		
Dec 24, 5:00 pm	K Higgins	B Shull	S Ebelt				
Dec 24, 7:00 pm	J McCraw	M Colyar	R Costanzo	R Powers	R & S Costanzo		
Dec 26, 10:00 am		P Brandt	P Davis	B Nussbaum			No Sun Sch

**Thank you to the new volunteers for serving in worship.
More volunteers are needed in all areas and training is readily available.
Please contact Sister Ann for more information**

The following are the folks who are currently scheduling:

Lynne Zematis -Ushers and Greeters

Debbie Snowden -Stream Team and Sound System

Shari Shull - Assisting Ministers

Paula Davis -Lectors

Kimberly Morgan -Altar Guild

Please contact the office or call these folks directly if you are willing to serve.

Flowers for worship are needed as well. The sign-up sheet for the remainder of this year is posted in the hallway across from the nametag board.

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