

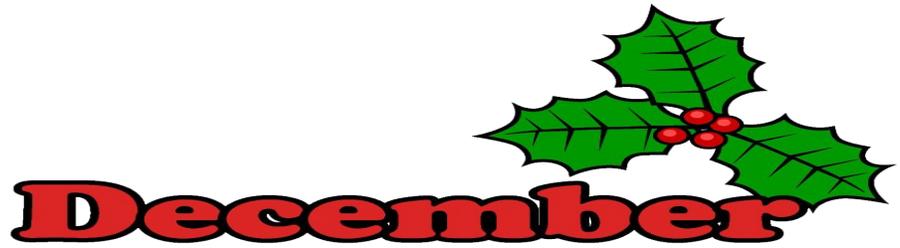


MISSION STATEMENT

**Called by God to
Worship, Learn and
Nurture; Sent to
Serve and Tell**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Jesus is Lord and
Savior. We are called
to learn and share
the Good News.
Welcome and serve
all people. We are
servants of God to
others. Holy Spirit,
mighty in prayer
leads us to answer
God's call. Fellowship
sustains each other.**



Advent is the church season in which we concentrate on our hope for Jesus' renewing presence in our lives. We spend time reflecting on our readiness to welcome Jesus into our lives and our world. During Advent and the season of Christmas, we experience Jesus born again in us.

Pre-Christian Germanic and Scandinavian people put candles on evergreen wreaths or wooden wheels, imploring their gods to turn back the dark season and bring back the time of light and warmth. As Christianity came into Northern Europe, the lights on the wheel proclaimed Jesus as the light of the world (John 8:12). In 1839, Lutheran Pastor Johann Hinrich Wichern invented the modern Advent wreath with a fixed number of candles. The candles were lit incrementally to count the days and weeks until the Christ mass. His wreath had a candle for each day of the Advent season.

As a result of liturgical reform, many ELCA congregations use blue candles, pointing to Advent as the season of hope and expectation as we await the birth of our royal savior. Some Lutheran churches maintain the tradition of three purple candles and one pink candle. The purple candles point to a penitential season, like Lent, and the pink candle is lit on "Rejoice" Sunday, a practice that stems from Philippians 4:4-6, which reminds us to "rejoice in the Lord always." Other traditions use undyed candles, putting the focus squarely on the light that Christ brings into the world. No matter what tradition is used, in the middle of the Advent wreath stands the white Christ Candle. The Christ candle is lit during the season of Christmas to remind us of Jesus' abiding presence and light within us.

Martin Luther used the season of Advent as a children's teaching tool about Jesus' coming into the world as a physical and fun way of helping children understand why we mark Advent and Christmas. If we didn't have the Advent wreath as a powerful tool to help understand how Jesus overpowers the darkness by sharing his light, we would invent something just like it. Happily, we can draw on the traditions of the saints before us. We light the Advent wreath to let our light shine before each other (Matthew 5:16) and to welcome the Advent of Jesus—the light of the world.

We will be marking this Advent season with a book/dvd study on the Wednesdays of Advent, Christmas caroling, welcoming new members into our family, dedicating our Advent offering to help children in need in the Yakima area, and a gift tree to brighten the season for two families. We will be celebrating the birth of our Lord on Christmas Eve.

Jim and I would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas.

Deacon Kathy



In Our Hearts and Minds...



Continuing Prayer Concerns

(Please keep these people and their concerns in your prayers)

Tim Schultz

Lana McDowell

Merlin

Lois

Jason

Sandee

Darold Larson

Joan

Vicky

Bev Gingrich

Clay Uecker

Daniella Pepper

Heidi Taylor

Jean Kock

Whitney Murphy

Dan Solberg

Emma Elaine English

John Miller

Dennis Mayo

Lil & Dusty

Rita & Rosa

Nancy Farrow

Jim Eling

Diane Lacey

Jeff Wilske

(Please help us keep this up to date and let us know when prayers have been answered.)

Serving Our Country

Taylor Bunker - USN

David Carlson

Brian Eling - USA

Luke Harper

Chris Wendt - National Guard

Justin Hughes – USA



Sunday Morning Servers

DECEMBER 4TH

DECEMBER 11TH

DECEMBER 18TH

DECEMBER 24TH

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD—LAURA LARSON

COUNTERS—JIM SEBREE & ?

Please sign up to be the lector, the worship assistant, usher, greeter, or prepare the altar for communion on any of the Sundays in September. If you would like to learn more about serving in any one of these positions, please see Deacon Kathy. She would be happy to give you instruction on these vital pieces of our worship service. None of them require anything beyond a willing heart and hands to serve. We also need people to volunteer for the coffee hour. Thank you!



SERVANTS OF GOD

CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays

9 th	Maxine Lounsbury
16 th	Jill Carroll
20 th	Laura Larson
21 st	CJ Trevino
23 rd	Patti Hyink
24 th	Jon Hyink
30 th	Don Fisher



On Sunday, December 11th, we will be officially recognizing Jim Eling and Nancy Rasmussen as the newest members of our Christ Lutheran Family. We will be affirming their baptism during worship service and then welcoming them with a reception after service.

December Scripture Readings:

Dec 4th:	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Dec 11th:	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalms 146:5-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Dec 18th:	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Dec 24th:	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalms 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20
Dec 25th:	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalms 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:1-20



Guy's Night Out

December 15th at 7:00

Abby's Pizza

4808 Tieton Drive



Gals' Lunch Out

December 15th

11:45

Olive Garden

UPDATES TO THE DIRECTORY

Ilene & Tim Bushnell

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Pastor Carol has moved to Texas to be near her daughter, Kristi. Her birthday is Christmas Day. If you would like to send her a birthday or Christmas greeting, you now have her new address.

The Parent Child Assistance Program has once again blessed us with two families that we can provide Christmas cheer. PCAP is a 3-year, intensive, home visitation program for mothers who experienced substance use disorder during pregnancy. PCAP helps mothers access service, achieve and maintain recovery, and create a healthy family environment. The goals of PCAP are to help mothers with substance maintain healthy, independent and prevent future births of children.

The first family of four have are spending their first first apartment. The family little girls aged 14 months to bedding for twin size beds, fuzzy socks.

The second family is also a has just been reunited with has been blessed with twins. new apartment together. appliances and clothing. The a walker.

On the tree are tags for each their personal needs and wishes. There are also tags for the household items they need. Please take a tag or tags, sign your name to the signup sheet, and return your wrapped gifts by December 18th.

Thank you for your generosity and love.



recently been reunited and Christmas together in their includes the mother and 3 age 8. This family is need of hats, gloves, scarves, and

family of four. The mother her oldest son (age 8) and They recently moved into their They need household twins both would love to have

member of the family with household items they need. Please



The Salvation Army of Yakima Valley offers a wide range of social services including utility assistance, emergency food assistance, diaper and formula bank, homeless food and hygiene assistance, medical and bereavement travel assistance, and much more. Our Advent offering this year will be designated to help with these services. When people come or call our church, we will be able to send them to the Salvation Army to get the help that we can't provide.



The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Ghost, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately. There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

According to Ann Ball in her book, [HANDBOOK OF CATHOLIC SACRAMENTALS](#):

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments

The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit----Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

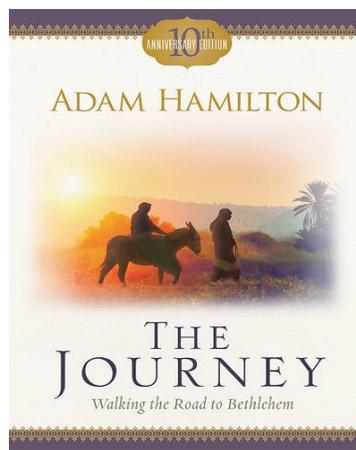
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In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness.

Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.



The worship and music committee has chosen to use this book as our 2022 Advent Service. Beginning on November 30th, please join us for the **four Wednesdays of Advent at noon** to view a short video vignette of Mr. Hamilton retracing the actual path of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, along with the accompanying chapter. Books are available at the office. Donations of \$13.00 for the book would be appreciated.

Do you have that special knack of decorating your home for the holidays? Have you felt the desire to make our worship space reflect the beauty of Advent? Now is YOUR chance to use that gift! Please join the Worship & Music committee after services on Sunday, December 18th to decorate the sanctuary and narthex for our Christmas Eve celebration.





Christmas Caroling and CLC Christmas Party



Caroling Opportunity

Friday, December 9th

Blossom Place Retirement Home
5100 W Nob Hill Blvd
11:00-11:30 a.m.

Sonya will accompany with guitar
Song Sheets will be available
Bring your voice
Wear a festive sweater

Bring joy to the residents of
Blossom Place!!

CLC Christmas Party

*December 9 at 6:00 p.m.
CLC Fellowship hall*

*Come join us for a German-
style Christmas celebration!*

Dinner Menu

Brats

Hot German Potato Salad

Rotkraut (Red Cabbage)

Dessert

*Feel free to bring wine or beer to
celebrate*

Festivities

*Christmas Games, Caroling,
and fellowship*



December 2022

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