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A detailed illustration of a nativity scene set in a desert landscape at night. In the foreground, a dark wooden manger is illuminated from within, showing the infant Jesus lying on a bed of straw. Mary is seated to the left of the manger, and Joseph is kneeling to the right, holding a scroll. The background features a small town with white buildings and lit windows, nestled at the foot of dark, rolling hills. A large, brilliant star with long rays shines prominently in the dark blue night sky, surrounded by smaller, twinkling stars. Two palm trees stand on either side of the manger.

THE ADVENTURER

December 2025

Merry Christmas from the Pastors,
Church Council and
Ministry Chairpersons!



December Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 30th
1st Sunday of Advent
Special Service of Blessing of Advent Wreath and Chrismon Trees
Guest Organist: Justin Hornsby
Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am

Sunday, December 7th
2nd Sunday of Advent
Guest Organist: Justin Hornsby
Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am
Confirmation Class 11:00am - 12:00pm

Sunday, December 14th
3rd Sunday of Advent
Guest Organist: Justin Hornsby
Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am
Confirmation Class 11:00am - 12:00pm
12-2pm Youth Group Christmas Party

Sunday, December 21st
4th Sunday of Advent
Guest Organist: Pam Dutch
Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am
Sunday School Classes 10:45am
Confirmation Class 11:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Guest Organist: Pam Dutch
Worship 7:00pm

Sunday, December 28th
1st Sunday of Christmas
Guest Organist: Justin Hornsby
Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am
No Sunday School or Confirmation

Altar Guild

Altar Guild,

We would like to thank all those who serve on the Altar Guild at Advent. This time of year there are so many changes in the seasons of the Church Year. Advent's Altar guild does an amazing job setting up and preparing for worship each week.

Thank you Heather Herrmann for leading the Altar Guild. Thank you, Violet Herrmann, Carol Hanes, Megan Tokarska, Gina & MJ Hammock, Michael Piccolo and Kate Peterson for all that you do to God's glory serving on the Altar Guild.

You all are so faithful in your Altar Guild Duties and we are extremely grateful for all your work. During this busy time of the Church Year, we wanted to take a moment to say, Thank You.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Jason and Pastor Andrea



COOKIES WITH SANTA



Join us on December 6th from 9-11am for Cookies with Santa. There will be holiday music, story telling corner, cookies, treats and of course a visit from Santa. There will be opportunities to meet Santa and take holiday pictures with him and the whole family. Tell your friends and family. We hope to see you there!

LIVING NATIVITY



Join us for a Living Nativity, December 7, 6-8pm
There will be live animals, community sing-a-long, free hot cocoa and a special treat. Come and hear the story of Jesus' birth acted out by the youth of Advent.
Event is open to the community, all are welcome!



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias are on sale for
\$25 each,
beginning November
30th.

Flowers can be purchased in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. They may be taken home after Christmas.

There will be a table in the Narthex with youth present, who can help you.

Thank you for your poinsettia purchase. Your purchase will help a youth go to camp while beautifying the sanctuary for Christmas worship!

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

December 7th—3pm Youth Christmas Party

After the party, the youth will participate in the the
Live Nativity at 6pm.

The youth will also be making baskets for Advent
homebound members. For more information, please
see Carolyn Weeks.





We thank Justin Hornsby for all of his work with the Advent choirs.
The December choir practice schedule is as follows:

December 2, 9 and 16
Bells at 6pm
Choir at 7pm.

The Council has met and interviewed an Organist/Music Director and an announcement will be made at church on December 7th. We thank the Council for their leadership and help during this time of transition.

Thank you Pam Dutch and Justin Hornsby for helping us through above and beyond in your support of the music ministry at Advent. You both are such blessings and we are extremely grateful!



PROPERTY MEETING

The property meeting is usually the first Saturday of the month. This month we will meet on December 13th at 8am due to the busy ministry activities the first weekend in December. We thank our dedicated Property Ministry for all their work to beautify the grounds of Advent.



LITTLE FREE PANTRY NEWS

Have a Christmas mug to spare? It doesn't need to be new but it needs to be ceramic and in good condition.

We plan to fill a mug with warm drink mixes, grits, and a sweet treat to place in the pantry for our visitors to take as a gift of cheer during the holiday season.

Please leave the mugs on the Pantry table in the fellowship hallway up until Friday, December 5 which is the date you are invited to join us in the Fellowship hall at 10 am to assemble the mug packages.

It will be a time to visit with light assembly work. As always, a big thank you to all who provide food, gifts of money to purchase food, stock the pantry and continue to pray for those facing food insecurity. You are appreciated!



December GAP Donations are: Boxed Stuffing.



SERVICE MINISTRY NEWS

HATS, & GLOVES COLLECTION



Imagine being homeless.....and cold!

Thrivent Financial is sponsoring our November & December Collection: warm hats and gloves for GAP Ministries.

Large size gloves are requested. Hats that can pull down over the ears help keep those in need warm at night.

Please deposit these items in the Special donation box in the Narthex

Thank you for being so generous in donating items for those in need throughout the year. Advent is truly filled with such faith filled people of God.

The Hats and Gloves will be distributed at GAP on December 18th





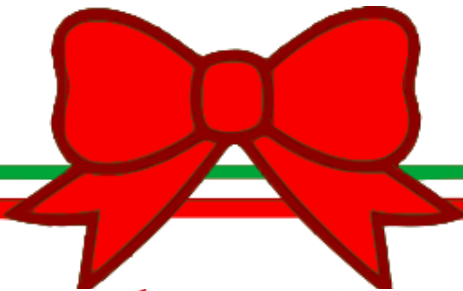
Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS PIANO DUETS AND SOLOS

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
402 Aumond Rd, Augusta, GA 30909
December 12th, at 7:00pm

Jolene Long, piano
Justin Hornsby, piano

Admission is Free



Happy Birthday

12/1 Dalton Suprek
12/1 Maren Moran
12/6 Martha Ostendorff
12/7 Art Rahn
12/8 Jack Zamecnik
12/11 Amy Smith
12/12 Krista Gentry
12/20 Jim Williams
12/20 Brian Sadenwasser
12/24 MJ Hammock
12/25 Alan Ostendorff
12/26 Edward Stover
12/28 Tim Sadenwasser
12/30 Marilyn Tupper



Happy Anniversary

12/2 Mike & Caroline Teffeteller
12/17 Mike & Kath Gamlen



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 AA 8am-9am	2 AA 8am-9am 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Sanctuary Choir	3 AA 8am-9am 9:30am Chosen Episode Viewing 10:30am Chosen Bible Study	4 AA 8am-9am	5 AA 8am-9am 10am Assem-ble Mug Pack-ages	6 9-11am Cookies with Santa
7 Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am Ministry Morning 10:45am Youth Christmas Party 3pm 6pm Live Nativity	8 AA 8am-9am	9 AA 8am-9am 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Sanctuary Choir	10 AA 8am-9am 9:30am Chosen Episode Viewing 10:30am Chosen Bible Study	11 AA 8am-9am	12 AA 8am-9am 7pm Christmas Piano Duets and Solos @ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church-Justin Hornsby	13 8am Property Meeting 10am Student Studio Recital
14 Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am	15 AA 8am-9am	16 AA 8am-9am 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Sanctuary Choir	17 AA 8am-9am 9:30am Chosen Episode Viewing 10:30am Chosen Bible Study	18 AA 8am-9am	19 AA 8am-9am	20
21 Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am	22 AA 8am-9am	23 AA 8am-9am	24 AA 8am-9am 7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship	25 AA 8am-9am 	26 AA 8am-9am	27
28 Worship & Holy Communion 9:30am No Sunday School	29 AA 8am-9am	30 AA 8am-9am	31 AA 8am-9am			



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