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ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

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We, a diverse Christian family, faithful in word and sacrament strive to share in God's unconditional love through prayer, worship, and outreach.

CHRISTMAS CANDLIGHT LITURGY -
Wednesday, December 24th at 11:00 pm

CHRIST MASS LITURGY -
Thursday, December 25th at 10:00 am



DECEMBER

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY &
THURSDAY
9:00am – 12:00pm

Weekly Worship at All Saints

Saturday:	5:00 pm	Liturgy I (White Book)
Sunday:	8:45 am	SCS
	9:00 am	Pericope
	10:00 am	ELW Setting 8



12/1 Joel Raison, Haydn Susek
 12/2 Benson Berns, Spencer Venne
 12/3 Lyla Stecker
 12/4 Jennifer Oleszak
 12/5 Sharon Wiorek, Luke Czarny
 12/6 Marcia Serfort
 12/8 Brittany Czarny
 12/14 Teddy Lang, Jayne Murnane,
 Amanda Oleszak
 12/15 Margaret Coonan, Maresa Grudzielanek
 12/16 Susan McIntosh
 12/18 Brian Rathmann, Daniel Wipijewski,
 Myrna Farell
 12/19 Kathy Bandstra Bauman
 12/21 Scott Woiak, Paul Wittke
 12/22 David Speaks, Linda Payne
 12/23 Jim Holzman
 12/24 Nadine Desmarais, Samuel Chovanec
 12/25 Alivia Derks
 12/27 Dale Hochevar, Dylan Freimund Raison,
 Devin Freimund-Raison
 12/28 Bill Schmid
 12/29 Samara Lang, Glenn Mittelstadt
 12/30 Kobi Maley, John Turlais

12-03 Jacob and Cheyenne Meier
 12-09 John and Nicki Turlais
 12-28 Bob and Susan Payne
 12-28 Ben and Jenny Welker
 12-31 Tom and Nikki Grudzielanek



COVER ART
"The Holly and The Ivy" –
Original pastel painting
by Kinga E. Vnuk

Do you have an address, email, phone number or status change?



Please contact the church office to report any changes to the records. This helps ensure our files stay current. THANK YOU

Comment Article – “Let’s see what you remember...”



Christmas is a time for nostalgia as family and friends gather together and celebrate the birth of Christ. I pray you make special and beautiful memories this Christmas. I pray yours is a Christ-centered, God-centered holiday. Remember, there are twelve days of Christmas, not one! Celebrate them all.

I did a little bit of digging. All Saints became a congregation in the 60's. A congregation of the Lutheran Church in America, the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod. That will soon be 60 years ago...

Believe it or not, big in the 60's was CRAB DIP and EGG NOG, not necessarily together! It was in the 60s that the Easy Bake Oven made its appearance. Do you remember them?

Hot items in the 70s included cheese fondue, cheese balls, no-bake cookies, and cocktail meatballs made with grape jelly. Were you part of those trends?

The 80s brought JELLY FRUIT SLICES, cooking with CRISCO, Salmon at Christmas and New Year's Eve, and the movie A CHRISTMAS STORY...the 80s also saw the movie GREMLINS. Do you know that HERSHEY KISS BELLS first made their appearance in the 80s? They were ringing their way into our hearts!

The 1990s saw chocolate-covered pretzels as people tried to eat healthier...who can forget Mariah Carey's big hit, ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU? Yep, that was in the 90s...so was CAMPBELLS SOUP SNOWMAN (as a classic commercial.) Fudge was huge for Christmas in the 90s...and it was in 1997; Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone hit the shelves.

WOW! It was also in the 1990s that we first heard the words, "HE DOES EXIST," and from that time on, M&M Commercials became a "thing." Peppermint Bark was also big in the 90s and again in the 90s – the Coca Cola Polar Bears made their debut drinking Coke!

Will Ferrell starred in the film ELF in 2003.

ELF on the Shelf has been with us since the year 2005...

Every year, every decade, there are memories to be savored and memories to be made. I would pray that you make special memories this year. Do so, intentionally.

And as always, remember the true meaning of the season. It is not about us. It is not about getting. It is about him who first gave to us.

No matter what goes on around us, it is HIS CELEBRATION.

See you in worship.

Christmas blessings to you and yours...

Pr. Mortenson

See you in worship!



Congratulations



*to Samuel Mac Chovanec,
Violet Marie Stein,
and Mckenzie Ellen Bralick
on Their Baptism.*

*May they grow in wisdom
and stature*

and in favor with God and all humankind.

Christmas Liturgies:



11:00 P.M.

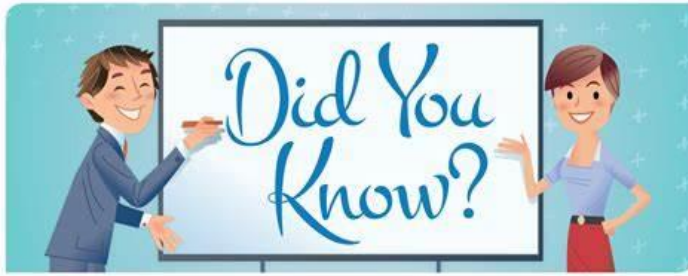
With Cello and Violin



The CHRIST MASS

10:00 A.M.

With Cello and Violin



Did You Know?

- What does the word “advent” mean? (the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event)
- What is the difference between “Advent” (capital “A”) and “Nativity” (capital “N”) (Advent refers to a season of the Christian church; Nativity refers specifically to the birth of Jesus.)
- True or False: Advent, which leads up to Christmas on December 25th, constitutes the first season of the Christian church year. (True)
- The account of Jesus’ birth is recorded in which of the Gospels? (Matthew and Luke)
- What is the name of the angel who spoke to John the Baptist’s father, Zacharias, and to Jesus’ mother, Mary, to announce the coming births of John and Jesus? (Gabriel)
- Which Roman Caesar ordered the census that required Joseph to take Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem to register for it? (Augustus)
- What Hebrew king is associated with Jesus’ birthplace, Bethlehem, and what is that city also called? (David—Bethlehem is also referred to as the City of David.)
- One Gospel account of the nativity mentions angels announcing Jesus’ birth to shepherds, who then go to visit the baby. The other account mentions something else instead. What is that something else? (the visit of the magi, or Wise Men, from the East)
- True or False: George Frideric Handel’s famous oratorio, Messiah, premiered in Dublin, Ireland, as the composer’s offering for the Advent season. (False—Messiah was originally intended as an offering for Easter, though it did premiere in Dublin in 1742.)
- In A Charlie Brown Christmas, which Peanuts cartoon character recites the account of the Nativity, and from which Gospel does that character quote? (Linus, quoting Luke)



★
Joy
★
Love
★
Peace
★
Believe
★
Christmas

Many Blessings
to You and Yours!
Have a blessed
Christmas!

Kiara
Sara

PJ

Carol

Marian



From the Church Staff with love and appreciation...



Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Sale
Crafters
Raffles
Christmas Cookies
Pictures with Santa
Chili
And
Christmas Memorabilia!
Saturday, December 13th, 2025
9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

You know you want to be here!



President's Article

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

It is a busy time of year with Christmas right around the corner. The Liturgy committee will be decorating and setting up the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Join in the fun and come help decorate the tree on Sunday, December 7th, after liturgy. Many hands can accomplish much, and I hear there will be snacks to share while decorating. Join in the fun!

And don't forget the Christmas Cookie Sale and Bazaar on December 13th! Lots of great cookies for sale and some gently used Christmas decorations, along with the crafters' offerings.

The World Concerns committee is going to Fisher House to prepare a meal on December 18th. This is another great way to serve the community, and it is also a very heart-warming way to help others. Why not consider joining them?

There is always some way that you can make a difference. Joining a committee, singing in the newly formed women's choir, or helping take care of our property are just a few. Many of our committees are always looking for new members. Please feel free to contact council members to see where your help is needed.

Planning has begun for the Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on February 1st after the lecture. This year, we will need to fill in many council member seats. Please consider what God has done for you and think about returning his favor by agreeing to nominate yourself or someone else, as long as you have their permission. The nomination box is located in the narthex. We need your help as we approach a pivotal year at All Saints!

Thank you all for all that you do!! It is appreciated by many!

Thank you, too, to the present council committee leaders. You are all doing a great job in our church family. You are appreciated!

As Christmas approaches, I pray that you share the "Joy" that Christ's birth has given you and your families!

Hope to see you in church!

Prayerfully submitted,

Kathy Mack, Council President

Your Church Council Needs you!!!

It is that time of year when we are approaching the Annual Meeting. This year, we will need to fill council member seats again. According to our constitution, you must be a baptized and confirmed member in good standing. That means you must have COMMUNED and GIVEN (a recorded gift) in the past year at least once. The date for the annual meeting is FEBRUARY 1st, 2026.

Please mark your calendars for this important date. Please consider what God has done for you and think about returning his favor by agreeing to nominate yourself (or someone else) (as long as you have their permission) to the council. The nomination box will be located in the narthex, along with nomination forms. Your help is needed as we approach a pivotal year at All Saints!



Please pray about it!

You ARE Needed!

It will be a pivotal year for us, as a church family!



**Christy Ugrotzi
Mary Jo Meier
The Fall Craft Fair Team
All our wonderful bakers
Debbie Krajnak
Michael Steiner
The Liturgy Committee
All those who purchased roses
All those who purchased poinsettias
Sara Jolitz
The Christmas Bazaar Committee
David Speaks
Tatiana Migliaccio
Ingrid Tihcheva
The Women's Choir
Our Christmas Cookie Bakers
Our Chili Makers
Debbie Maley
Those who purchased Butter Braids
Those who attended the Craft Fair
Those who will attend the Christmas Bazaar
Jim & Joy Kubusek
Thanks to our Gift Card Sellers
Thanks to those bringing in goodies for the fellowship!
Thanks to those who worship regularly!
Thanks to those who purchase Gift Cards
Thanks to you for all you do!**



Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the November council meeting:

- Council approved a motion to approve the Pet Blessing Liturgy on Saturday, January 17th with either live music if a musician can be scheduled or recorded music if neither Kinga nor Peggy are available.
- Council approved a motion to allow the Property committee to get rid of either by selling or giving away the following: table dollies, floor scrubbers, tractor pulled spreader.
- Council approved council members doing temple talks to encourage congregation members to consider volunteering or accepting a nomination for a council position.
- Council approved holding the annual meeting on February 1st and offering lunch for everyone who attends.
- Council approved Dayton Passante and Cara Sprague (conditional upon baptism) as new members of the church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek

All Saints Lutheran Church Council Secretary



Council Meeting – Monday, December 15th at 6:30 pm
Check the Calendar for the dates and times
of the various Committee Meetings



The Blessing of the Quilts 2025

The blessing of quilts is a heartfelt tradition that not only honors the “craft of Quilting” but also the ones who do the quilting. At the same time, it reinforces the values of compassion and community support. It serves as a powerful reminder of the impact that “simple acts of kindness” can have on unknown other human beings... If you think about it, these quilts or layettes are providing comfort and hope to someone who may be in need...someone whose name we will never know... At the very same time, it is an acknowledgement of community support; sometimes, it does take an entire village...

Pastor: Lord, we’ve come seeking your blessing for these things we lay before you, the work of human hands and human hearts.

God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, or a lap robe, or a layette, or a hat for a baby.... for the hands that collected and sorted, and did the work that needed to be done, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

Bless these works that we have set before you on this day.

May they be set apart to the glory of God, and may they bring comfort and a knowing that others are thinking of those who will bear these gifts...we ask this in the name of your Son and our Risen Lord.

Almighty God, Father (+) Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

And let the entire church say, “AMEN.”



Christian Education

Sunday School focus for the coming weeks:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>focus verses</u>	<u>Topics</u>
December		
○ 7	Matthew 20:28 Romans 12:4-6	Service One Body, Many Parts
○ 14	Hebrew 12:4 Luke 38-42	Sibling Rivalry Mary & Martha
○ 21	John 3:17 Luke 2	Love of God Jesus is Born
○ 28	No Sunday School	
January		
○ 4	No Sunday School	
○ 11	2 Thessalonians 3:3 Philippians 4:13	Strength I Can Do All Things

*** December 13 – Holiday Bazaar will be occurring from 9am-3pm. There will be an opportunity to get pictures with Santa and make a craft for the children as well as purchase of goodies. Bring the whole family for the fun.**

**** On December 14, we will have our Sunday School perform a short Christmas program during the 10:00 am service. **. We hope to have a birthday cake for Jesus following worship.**

No Sunday School Classes on December 28, 2025, and January 4, 2026 – Enjoy your holiday break with family.

All children are welcomed to join the Sunday School classes. Classes start at 8:45 am on Sundays.

Confirmation Students are meeting on Thursdays as planned. Please follow the schedule set.

Pericope Meets at 9:00am on Sundays. All are welcome to join in the discussion or just come and listen. They meet in the kitchen.

Christian Education committee will meet on December 7, 2025 & January 11, 2026.
We meet in the Sunday School Classroom after service (near 11:15 am). If you are a parent, have an interest in the Christian Education of All Saints, or would just like to join our meetings, we would love for you to join us.

Robin Schmitt,
Christian Education Committee Chair

Sara's Wish List

Paper towels
Garbage bags
Dishwasher Detergent Pods



Help out, where you can!



Do you want to save money on taxes?

We can all say “YES” to that question. Here’s how you can save some tax money and contribute to All Saints. If you invest in individual stocks or mutual funds and those investments have appreciated a lot in value over the years, you can gift these investments to All Saints. We will provide you with a receipt indicating the value of your gift, which you can deduct from your taxes. All Saints assumes the value of your securities.

Another way to contribute to All Saints is, if you have an IRA account and you’re old enough to start taking REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS out of your IRA, you can do a QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION. This is a “specific type” of distribution available to individuals age 73 or older, allowing a direct transfer of up to \$108,000 annually from a traditional IRA to a qualified charity (such as All Saints). This distribution can count toward the REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD) and is excluded from taxable income.

If you would like more information or have any questions on how these two contributions work and how they can benefit you and All Saints, just talk to me. Thanks.

Barbara Schrubey

Church Treasurer



GIFT CARD UPDATE!

Through October, we have made almost \$3,000 in Gift Card Profit for our church. We appreciate all of you using the Gift Card Program here at All Saints.

We have also added a new vendor: a \$25 VISA CARD...you can use this \$25 VISA CARD anywhere VISA is accepted. We have received a few requests for stocking this card, so why not try it out? There is no fee to activate the card.

You give us \$25.00 and we will give you a \$25 VISA GIFT CARD to use wherever VISA CARDS are accepted. It's a win-win situation!

And we are all stocked up for your Christmas shopping. Why not consider giving GIFT CARDS to those HARD-TO-BUY-FOR people on your shopping list? And who doesn't like to receive gift cards? Take some stress out of your holiday shopping and use gift cards.

Stop by the GIFT CARD TABLE if you have any questions.

Thanks...



Special Prayers are asked for:

Camille Begani
Jess Bogart
Terri Pratt
Linda Payne
Michael Dittmar
Jayne Murnane
David Heine
Tom Kahle
Joel Raison
Baby Bennett
Kathy Bauman
Kristen Nicole
Jery Pavlik
Barb Grobschmidt
RB Wood
Dale Slowik
Rick Ruhl

Dick Kahle
Jeff LaFond
Sydney LaFond
Betty Ford
Debbie Maley
Karen Bishop
Patti Sprague
Cotey Speaks
Carol Kocourek
Elaine Kuehn
Justin Halter
Wally and Diane Hogan
Keith, and Cheri Saylor
Peggy, and Rich Rudolph-Lisle
Linda Wood
Nina Slowik

The Sister of Kathy Mack
Christine Boyce and Family
The Brother-in-law of Helen Haworth
Kenadee and Nico, grandchildren of Rob and Pam
Corbie and Mike Erickson
The parents of Lisa Kleppek, Jodi Heine, Pam Kawczynski, and Robin Schmitt
The Father of Suz Pitts
The Mother of Wendy Ruhl
The Children of Rita St. Louis
For all Law Enforcement Officers, Military Members, Firefighters, Paramedics, and all
First Responders...as well as all those addicted and still suffering...



The Giving Tree

In October, the Evangelism Committee hosted the final BINGO night of the year. We raised \$196 to revamp our visitor bags and supplies, collected 160 items for our food pantry, and had 43 participants! During the New Member Mingle held in October, we had 22 join us to celebrate our growing congregation.

In the month of November, the Evangelism Committee hosted an Ice Cream Social during Sunday fellowship; 22 people joined us. The kids raved about all of the wonderful toppings! Thank you so much to Dale Hochevar and Lynn Friedman for donating their time, talent, and supplies to this event.

We will be hosting the annual Giving Tree this year. The tree will be collecting hats, mittens, and scarves for Oak Creek Elementary Schools and SAFE Haven. SAFE Haven is an emergency shelter for youth located in our neighboring community, Racine. We will be collecting these items from November 29 to December 15. The donations to the Oak Creek Elementary schools will be given to them before their Winter break, and the items for SAFE Haven will be dispersed closer to Christmas.

Our committee is looking for additional members to join us! We need a few individuals who can lead our welcoming team (greeters, writing thank you cards to visitors, assisting with visitor bags) and a few individuals who can donate their time, talent, and creativity. If you're interested in learning more about our committee or joining us, please reach out to Brittany at 262/672-1943 or by email at Brittany.czarny@outlook.com.

Our next meeting will be a working meeting during the Christmas Bazaar on December 13th at 10:00 am.

Brittany Czarny, Evangelism Chair



The Giving Tree



Consider donating hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for Oak Creek Elementary schools and SAFE Haven (youth emergency shelter).



A Thank You From Debbie Maley!

Wow, that was quite an experience - it was a lot of fun. BUTTER BRAIDS sell themselves.

So many people should be thanked.

First off, there is Kobi Maley, who has to put up with his mother...

I really did think about wearing a butter braids outfit to church to enhance the sales... much to my chagrin, I found out they don't even sell T-shirts! Trust me, if they did, you would have seen sellers in BUTTER BRAID T-SHIRTS.

Very quickly, Nadine Desmaris and Sandy Montague jumped on board and came to my help. So did Barb Schrubey and Elaine Kleinhans. People were always MORE THAN WILLING to help me out. Thank you!

We ran lots of ideas off PJ.

We decided on the gift card giveaways as an incentive to purchase BUTTER BRAID. My goal all along was to raise at least \$1,000.00 for our church. It takes a lot of offering envelopes to bring in \$1,000. WE REACHED OUR GOAL AND BEYOND!!!!

Please let me say thank you to THRIVENT FINANCIAL for backing this program! And I would be in error if I did not thank everyone who purchased BUTTER BRAIDS! Thanks to you, we did it! I hope your kitchens smell heavenly! Thanks for helping out your church!



Finance Committee

October 2025 Financials

Income. \$14,704.97
Expenses. \$ 15,975.55
Total. \$ -1,270.58

Year to date

Income \$198,947.70
Expenses. \$195,319.87
Total. \$ +3,627.83

Thanks for all that you do!

Brian Rathmann

Finance Chairperson

BUTTER BRAIDS' STATS

\$10.00 Gift Cards WINNERS!

Sandy Montague
Jeanne Cassinelli
Pam Kawczynski
Denise Kalski
Lloyd Hoeper

\$25.00 Gas Gift Card

Julie Dittmann

\$50.00 Pick 'N Save Gift Card

Cyndi Uyhely

A big thank you to Nadine Desmarais, Sandy Montague, Barb Schrubey, Elaine Kleinhans, Pam Kawcztnski, Lori Rathmann, and PJ for the help with selling the Butter Braids and for the donations of Butter Braids so I would have samples to hand out. I really appreciate all you did!

\$100 Target Gift Card Winner

Makenzie Susek
(Confirmand)
Who sold the most orders!





Liturgy Committee –

Gather Round the Christmas Tree

Welcome to the Season of Advent!

Advent is the four-week season that invites reflection, prayer, and expectation as we prepare for the arrival of Jesus. The start of Advent varies depending on the calendar, and this year it began on November 30th and ends on Christmas Eve. If you look in the sanctuary, you will see our beautiful Christmas tree, which was donated by members of our church and installed so that it can be decorated on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 7th. The Liturgy committee would like to invite congregation members to join us for the tree decorating right after liturgy on December 7th. We will have lots of lights, ornaments, garland, plus music and snacks! **All are welcome!**

Please also consider staying after liturgy on January 4th for the not nearly as fun but still a necessary part of the season - “undecorating” the tree! We need help taking ornaments off the tree, removing lights, taking the tree out, and returning the sanctuary to order. Again, we will have snacks!

Please remember that if you ordered a poinsettia to help decorate the church for Christmas, please take them home with you after the Christmas liturgy on December 25th.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek

Liturgy Committee Member

**ANNUAL MEETING DATE
ESTABLISHED:
Sunday, February 1st, 2026**

**SAVE THE DATE
Food will be served!**



To

**The family and friends of Chuck Kocourek of our church family
on his passing**

To

**The family and friends of Bill Boyce of our church family
on his passing.**

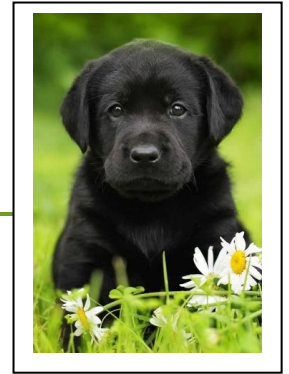
To

**The family and friends of Benny Brown of our church family
on his passing.**

**And to Kinga Vnuk and family
on the passing of her beloved cousin, Nika.**

Blessed are they who die in the Lord!

THE HOLY HARLEY TREE



The HARLEY TREE is up near the GIFT CARD TABLE. Check it out.

Envelopes are hanging on the tree, if you would like to give gifts of cash/check/ or CHEWY GIFT CARDS. PLEASE grab an envelope, fill it out, insert your check, cash, or gift card, and place it into the collection plate.

This way, you will get credit on your year-end statement for your generous gift.

And check out the poster on the wall near the GIFT CARD TABLE. It has slips you are welcome to take to do shopping for the animals. They need MANY ITEMS. And now is the perfect time to go through your linen closets and donate any old sheets, towels, and blankets to the animals. They can use anything.

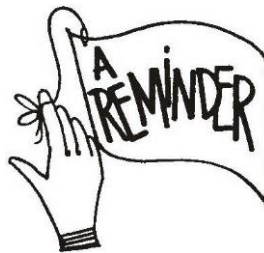
Buy some bleach, cleaning wipes, Lysol Spray, Paper Towels, in addition to dry and canned cat food and kitten food, dry and canned dog food, cat and dog treats, and TOYS!

Also consider litter. Anything helps!

Wouldn't it be nice if ALL the homeless animals had a FOREVER HOME this Christmas? Please do not forget about them. Thanks...

In Loving Memory of Holy Harley of All Saints and Saint Emma,

Moriah, Nina Slowik, and Barbara Schrubey



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday December 20th by Noon.**

With extending the deadline, to the Wednesday after Council meets - this is a firm deadline for all Revealer Articles. You are encouraged to send them to the church office in advance if possible. Please make sure to have them in on time. Thank you.



The Christmas Altar will be decorated
With Poinsettias that have been generously donated by

Peggy Todryk

- One Red Poinsettia In Memory of Her Parents – John and Lorraine Weeding
- One Red Poinsettia In Memory of Her Parents – in – Law - Evelyn and Ervin Todryk

Barb Bombaci

- One White Poinsettia In Honor of Matthew Larson
- One White Poinsettia In Honor of Schugler Pragn Larson
- One Red Poinsettia In Honor of Andrew Larson

Judy Wolter

One Red Poinsettia In Memory of Chuck Wolter

Mary Jo and Randy Meier

- One White Poinsettia In Memory of Joseph, Dorothy, and Alicia Hartnett
- One Red Poinsettia In Memory of Armin and Verna Meier

Ken and Pat Bruss-Horswill

- One White Poinsettia In Honor of Their Sons, Matthew and Mark Horswill

Dan and Bonnie Dailey, and Nathan, Emily and Lizzy Ruka

- One White Poinsettia In Memory of Katie Ruka



From Moriah Joy...

***A dog's love knows no bounds,
It's in their eyes, their joyful sounds.
They'll chase their tail, run miles for fun,
Just to see you smile when they're done.
They sense your moods, with empathy keen,
A comforting presence, a love unforeseen.
When tears fall, they lick them away,
And with a wagging tail, they brighten your day.
A dog's love is simple and pure,
No judgment, just love that will endure.
Through life's ups and downs,
they'll stand by your side,
A faithful friend, a love you can't hide.***

Cooking for the Holidays

PINEAPPLE HONEY-GLAZED HAM

INGREDIENTS

- One 9- to 10-pound bone-in fully cooked smoked ham (butt or half shank)
- 1 tablespoon whole cloves, optional
- Two 20-ounce cans of sliced pineapple
- 20 maraschino cherries
- 2 cups of honey
- 2 cups of light brown sugar



DIRECTIONS

1. Let the ham sit at room temperature for about 30 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.
3. Trim off any skin from the ham. Use a sharp paring knife to score through the fat in a diagonal crosshatch pattern without cutting through to the meat. Push the cloves into the ham, if using, placing them at the intersections of the cuts. Put the ham, flat side down, on a rack in a roasting pan.
4. Drain the pineapples, reserving the juice. Arrange the sliced pineapple all over the ham, securing with toothpicks. Add a maraschino cherry to the center of each pineapple slice and secure with a toothpick.
5. Pour 1/4 inch water in the bottom of the pan and tent the ham with foil.
6. Roast until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the ham (avoiding bone) registers 130 degrees F, about 2 hours 30 minutes (or about 15 minutes per pound).
7. Meanwhile, combine the honey, brown sugar and reserved pineapple juice in a large saucepan set over medium heat. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until thickened, syrupy and reduced to about 3 cups, 25 to 30 minutes. Set aside.
8. Increase the oven temperature to 425 degrees F.
9. Uncover the pan and carefully brush a third of the glaze all over the ham. If the water in the roasting pan has evaporated, add more. Bake the ham for 15 minutes more. Brush with another third of the glaze and bake for 15 minutes more. Brush the remaining glaze over the ham and cook until the glaze is shiny and the skin is dark golden brown and crispy, about 15 minutes more. Let rest for 15 minutes.

Confirmation corner...



Christmas Caroling with the Youth

It is always the best! What a fun time. Join the Confirmands in Christmas Caroling! You will be glad you did!

When: We meet at the church, on Thursday, December 18th

At 6:00 P.M. **Note** Confirmands get “service hours” for Caroling... **Afterward:** We head back to the church for PIZZA!



All are welcome to attend!

Wear your best Santa hat!

And dress for the weather!



COME with the light of your LOVE...
COME with the light of your PEACE...
COME, be the light of our HOPE...
COME, loving FATHER, into our worship of YOU and
Into the BROKENNESS of our world...
BANISH we pray, the darkness of the night,
With
The DAWN of YOUR COMING...



World Concerns

Hello everyone, I hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. As Christmas approaches, our committee will be serving at Fisher House on Thursday, December 18, 2025. The planned menu includes sloppy joes, soda, juice, pickles, fruit fluff, buns, chips, kringle, dessert, potato salad, and a veggie tray.

Thank you to Dale Hochevar, Lynn Friedman, Mary Jo Meier, Pat Bruss Horswill, and Sara Jolitz for your support. For December, the Food Pantry is requesting donations based on members' choice.

In October, we distributed 27 bags of food to those in need. We appreciate your continued generosity. Special thanks to Jarod and Jack for their outstanding assistance with the Food Pantry by organizing food items according to dates and product types.

Our next meeting will be a working session on December 18, 2025.

Thank you all for your commitment to helping others.

Elaine Kleinhans, Chairperson

Mr. Tibbs, Chair Dog



December Live Streaming Team

- **December 7 - Dan Payne**
- **December 14 - Brian Rathmann**
- **December 21 - Lynn Friedman**
- **December 24 - 11 pm - Dale Hochevar**
- **December 25 - 10 am - Judy Wolter**
- **December 28 - Dale Hochevar**





CHRISTMAS

WORD SEARCH



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JESUS
GARLAND
COOKIES
WREATH
CANDLES

STAR
ANGELS
ORNAMENT
PEPPERMINT
NOEL

NATIVITY
REINDEER
JOY
STOCKING
MANGER

Just for Laughs...



- Father O'Malley was driving down to Boston on Christmas Eve when he got stopped for speeding in Medford. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He said, 'Father, have you been drinking?'

'Only water', replied Father O'Malley.

The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?'

The priest looked at the bottle and said, 'Good Lord! He's done it again.'

- It's just before Christmas and two beggars are sitting on a park bench in Ireland. One is holding a cross and the other a Star of David. There is a steady stream of shoppers. Father O'Malley, the priest observes that both are holding hats to collect contributions. People walk by, lift their noses at the man with the Star of David and drop money into the hat of the man with the cross. Soon, the hat of the man with the cross is filled and the hat of the man with the Star of David is empty.

Father O'Malley, having watched for a while, approaches the beggars. He says to the man with the Star of David, 'Don't you realize that this is a Catholic country? You'll never get any contributions holding a Star of David.'

The man turns to the one with the cross and says, 'Moishe, can you imagine, this guy is trying to tell us how to run our business?'



Letters
we receive December
Reveler

*"The care of human life and happiness,
and not their destruction, is the first and
only object of good government."*

~ President Thomas Jefferson

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

PLEASE ACCEPT this check
in the amount of \$65.00 FOR
YOUR FOOD PANTRY AS NEEDED.

Hope this helps people in your
community OF OAK CREEK.

SOCIETY OF FBI ALUMNI
WISCONSIN CHAPTER
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W163 N11541 WINDSOR CT.
GERMANTOWN, WI
53022

Name: _____ Date: _____

Christmas Crossword

Across

2. in 313 this person proclaimed Christianity as the religion of the state of Palestine

5. What book in the Bible states Bethlehem was the site of the Nativity of Jesus Christ (2 of 2 books)

8. This person, a grandson of Caleb, is called the "father of Bethlehem" (1 Chronicals : 2)

9. Bethlehem was the home of this peron and his concubine, her muder sparked an intertribal war that resulted in the near destruction of th tribe of Benjamin (Judges) (2 words)

10. The town of Bethlehem was fortified by this person who was David's grandson/the first king of Judah (after the division of the state between Israel and Judah [Second Chronicles])

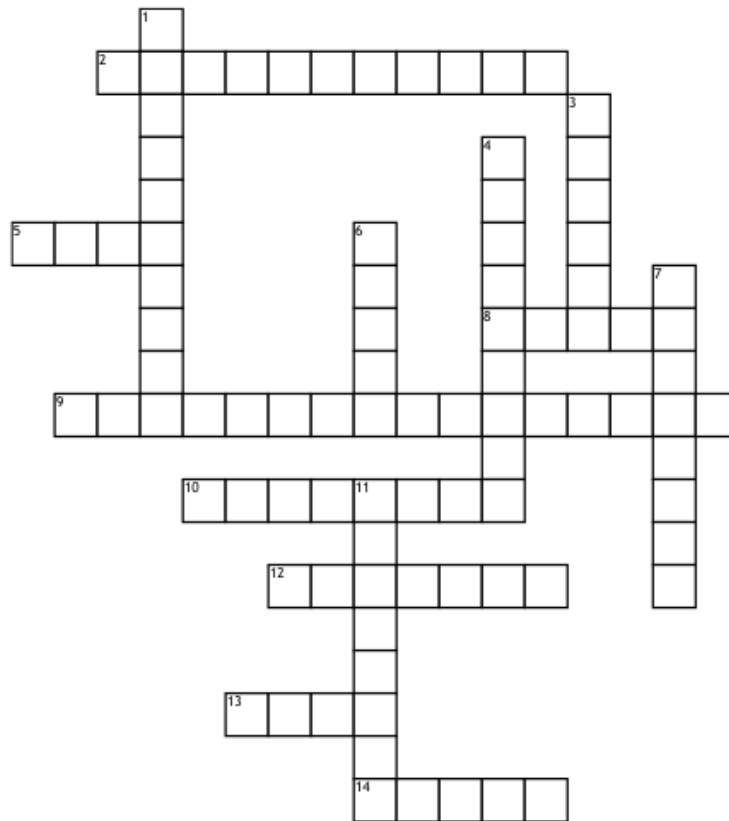
12. What book of the Bible states Bethlehem was the site of the Nativity of Jesus Christ (1 of 2 books)

13. Bethleham is first mentioned in the Bible in connection with which female Biblical figure, who died on the wayside near there (Genesis 35:19)

14. What book of the Old Testment speaks of a prophecy of Isreal's future ruler coming from Bethlehem Ephrathah

Down

1. The orgins of Judean Bethlehem are uncertain, but archaeological records indicate that it existed as far back as what century B.C.E



3. King David; was anointed King of Israel in Bethlehem by which prophet

4. Bethlehem is a town in the West Bank, situated in the Judean Hills, 5 miles south of what city

6. This person was one of the first prophents in the book of Mormon. He prophesied that Jesus Christ would come 600 years after his father, Lehi, left Jerusalem

7. Arabic word for Bethlehem (2 words)

11. Hebrew word for Bethlehem (2 words)



Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ~ Psalm 100:2

The donation's folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

Remember, by donating Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candles, and Bulletins you help with the church budget, and it is a great way to remember those special people and dates in your life. PLEASE PRINT



Donations:

Date	Flowers	Bulletins	Memorial Candle	Honor Candle
Nov 29 to Dec 5 ADVENT I	Vnuk	LaFond	OPEN	Vnuk
December 6 to 12 ADVENT II	Vnuk	Friedman	Vnuk	OPEN
December 13 to 19 ADVENT III	Montague	Schmitt	Heine	OPEN
December 20 to 23 ADVENT IV	Liturgy Committee	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
December 24 Christmas Eve	Liturgy Committee	OPEN	Kleinhans	OPEN
December 25 Christmas Day	Friedman	Hochevar	OPEN	Kleinhans
Dec 26 to Jan 2	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN



1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46b-55, or Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Nativity of Our Lord

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23



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