

The Good Newsletter

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Sunday Schedule

Traditional Worship: 8:45am
Creation Stations: 10:00am
Contemporary Worship: 11:00am
5th Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Our Mission is "To be a life-changing Christian community where people meet, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ."



Advent = Waiting.

Most people can hardly wait to get into the Christmas season. We have Christmas Carols on the radio already, the malls have been decorated for weeks, and the major sales flash before our eyes through TV, Newspaper, internet pop ups, and Radio. We are a people who are rushed into the season.

That is part of where the gift of the church both clashes with the culture and provides a fuller celebration to the season. After all, Christmas is about us getting the gift of Jesus far more than being givers of gifts. Christmas is about looking backward in time more than it is looking at the calendar to see how many days before Christmas Day. And Christmas is ultimately far more about God than it is about us being a secret Santa, a cookie baker, a family gatherer, or present wrapper.

So come join us this year during this season of Advent as we slow down our rushing, as we look backwards so we can more deeply appreciate the upcoming Christmas day, and so we can be wonderfully reminded about God's delightful work for us in sending the Christ child. We hope you will allow this place to be a space for special gatherings that ground us for not just a Merry Christmas but a Holy Christmas. Take note of these wonderful parts of this holy season at Our Redeemer:

Wednesday Evening Worship

6:30-7:00 will be a peaceful evening prayer service on Dec 5th, 12th, 19th

Sunday Morning Worship

December 2nd and 9th - Regular times of 8:45 and 11:00

December 16th, 23rd, 30th – Special Single services at 10:00am

Advent Study Opportunities

There are many groups that are just beginning a new round of study after we went through the 40 Days. Look inside this newsletter for a listing of various faith studies you can consider, with some special Advent studies on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights.

Congregational Christmas Tree

A special tree is going to be put up in our Fellowship Hall this year which will provide some nice decoration for that space. But it will serve as more than decoration. On this tree will we place ornaments members have donated from their homes over past years and invite you to add to this tree an ornament from your house. This is a way to reflect that we are together in this celebration. There will also be some paper ornaments from Lutheran World Relief that we invite you to consider taking off the tree and 'buying' to help unwrap a better life for others as a meaningful way to give a gift to the world this Christmas.

Pastor Karsten



Dear Our Redeemer,

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

“Who could believe the latch would be turned by a pink flower —the tiny hand of a newborn baby?”

I love how poetry takes the dialog of life and makes it into a song. Who could believe the amazing prophecy, the vulnerability, the dishonor and humanness of God born into messy flesh---the pink flower that bloomed in the city of David? We watch and sing in anticipation as the surprising beauty of new life blossoms. Christ is the tiny unlikely answer to every prisoner, every locked door, every wall and ennui.

ADVENT

(On A Theme by Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

Pamela Cranston

Look how long
the weary world waited,
locked in its lonely cell,
guilty as a prisoner.

As you can imagine,
it sang and whistled in the dark.
It hoped. It paced and puttered about,
tidying its little piles of inconsequence.

It wept from the weight of ennui,
draped like shackles on its wrists.
It raged and wailed against the walls
of its own plight.

But there was nothing
the world could do
to find its own freedom.
The door was shut tight.

It could only be opened
from the outside.

Who could believe the latch
would be turned by a pink flower —
the tiny hand
of a newborn baby?

May you be opened, touched and set free by the surprisingly tiny hand our dear Christ this Advent,

Better Together series ends - but the togetherness carries on!

Where did the time go? That's what participants of the latest Better Together study said as the 5-week series came to a close. The church-wide spiritual growth campaign of 40 Days of Community/Better Together study ended with a celebration luncheon on Sunday, November 18th where great stories were told. There were a total of 9 groups with 70+ people participating in this study experience. Many of the participants had never participated in a small group study before and who now plan on continuing in one.

We are Better Together and that's how God intended us to be ... Together. Participants genuinely enjoyed the fellowship and time together and built some good relationships based on loving one another in faith. They came to understand and appreciate the value of community and how much more we can do if we do things together and in a spirit of harmony. We learned loving others is the key and God gives us opportunities everyday to show our love to others, but we must recognize and see those opportunities - and sometimes the smallest things mean the most.

Many of the groups have done or are doing service projects in the church and in the outside community as an expression of what they learned about love. Serving someone is a great form to show your love. Jesus came to us as a servant, so loving and serving as Jesus did is a way that we can be more like Christ! So helping to do some deep cleaning around church to sponsoring a family for Christmas are just some examples of how some groups experienced serving together and growing together during this study. There is no doubt that the feelings, experiences, and lessons learned will continue on from this study in our daily lives.

So the best news of all is if this sounds like something you want to experience, the time is right! There are multiple different discipleship opportunities for you to join. All of them are open for new people. There are even four brand new groups that decided to continue on after the 5 week study. See the following page for group info. Show up at the specific time or contact the leader from any of the groups. We want you to be in community!



Dear Friends and Family,

Comfort for the grieving During the Holidays:

As we celebrate Christmas and upcoming holidays, many of our hearts are filled with warm memories and eager anticipation. For persons who have experienced the loss of a loved one, this can be a very difficult time. Often we wonder what we can do or say that will bring comfort to a grieving friend, but there are several things we can do for and with them.

First, remember there isn't a right thing to do or say that will make the pain go away. We need to be willing to simply be a continuing presence in his/her life. It can be a great comfort to the friend if we just sit quietly and are willing to listen. The pain of loss creates a deep and abiding loneliness; this is magnified when the grieving feel separated from others.

Second, take your cues from the friend. If he/she needs to cry and experience sadness, we need to be with him/her without trying to "cheer him up." If the friend needs reassurance of their worth, affirm his/her value. And when he or she needs to hear words of comfort, be ready to speak them.

Third, Take time to pray with them, and let them know that we and others continue praying for them. I hope you will have a healthy and blessed holiday season, and a new year filled with God's abiding love. If you would like to talk to me or have more information about the Parish Nurse program, please feel free to contact me.

Christmas Blessings

Carol Watnemo, RN Parish Nurse 651-776-2592

Newsletter Options

We are looking to minimize our paper and printing usage and trips to the post office by sending out our newsletter via email. We would need a certain amount of people to make this successful to sign up. For those who do not have a computer or are not interested in receiving the newsletter in this way, we will look to pass out the newsletters on the first Sunday of each month and any remaining would be mailed first class. Please consider opting out of the paper newsletter and send us an email indicating your request to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter at office@orlcmn.org. Thank you for your participation.

For security reasons, we are planning to rekey the building the week of December 10. We will be limiting the keys issued to staff and those who need to enter the building outside office hours for meetings. Thank you for your understanding. If you have a question about your current key situation, please contact Lisa in the office.



Rain Garden on the West Side of Church

ORLC is working with one of our youth, Mitchell Morgan, in creating a rain garden as his Eagle Scout Service Project. So why a rain garden? As a community we are gaining awareness in where our storm water goes and what it contains. In our location the storm water flows to Phalen Lake and since the runoff is untreated it carries pollutants like oil, salt, fertilizer, pesticides, sediment and all sorts of other things that shouldn't be in our freshwater. What exactly is a rain garden? A rain garden is a landscaped shallow depression that is designed to capture storm water runoff from roofs, driveways, roads and other hard surfaces. Water is contained in the garden and allowed to infiltrate into the surrounding soil. These gardens are designed to hold water for only a short period of time; 2 days or less. Rain gardens are planted with deep rooted perennial plants that can tolerate periods of drought and inundation. But they still need care such as removing debris, weeding, replacement of mulch and even watering during drought.

To reduce untreated runoff Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) is providing grants to homeowners and organizations to help cover construction costs for rain gardens. A 650 square foot rain garden was designed by the Ramsey County District for free. When completed the rain garden is designed to infiltrate up to a 1 inch rainfall. In addition, the RWMWD Best Management Practices (BMP) Incentive Program will provide up to 75% of the funding for the rain garden construction and planting. The rain garden will be completed in May of 2013. To receive RWMWD BMP funding ORLC has signed a 10 year easement agreement that requires the church to maintain the rain garden for the next 10 years.

Next we need help in selecting plants for the rain garden. We would like members of the Garden Committee and any other interested parties to join staff from RWMWD and a nearby master gardener as we select plants. We are also looking for another person or two to help maintain the rain garden. Please call the office if you are interested.

Children's Ministry Update, December 2012

Six shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child were filled by our Sunday School children and dedicated Nov 18. Thanks, kids and parents, for your generosity!!

Parents please mark your calendars with the following dates regarding the Christmas Program:

Practice during Creation Stations hour on Sundays Dec 2 and 9 (10 -10:50 a.m.).

Dress rehearsal: Saturday, December 8, 1 - 3pm.

Program: Sunday evening December 9, 6:30 pm.

The annual Cookie Shop fundraiser is on the same weekend as the Christmas program, December 8 from 8:30-noon (or sold out).

If you are interested in helping out with either the Christmas program or the Cookie Shop, please contact Carmen at 651-770-9305.

December Children's Ministry Committee meeting: Dec 6 at 6 pm

Creation Stations Schedule 2012-2013

Dec 2, 9	Christmas Program practice The Garden	Feb 24, Mar 3, 10	Lent—Jesus is Healed
		Feb 24	Large Group-(Garden) All
Dec 8	Dress rehearsal in sanctuary 1 pm	Mar 3	Small Groups
Dec 9	Christmas program Sunday evening 6:30 pm	Mar 10	Small Groups
Dec 16	Birthday party for Jesus; after 10 a.m. service (11 a.m. in The Garden)	March 17	Seder Meal or other special event
Dec 23, 30	No Creation Stations, Christmas break	March 23	Saturday (Egg Hunt)
Jan 6, 13, 20	Ten Lepers	March 24	Palm Sunday (Easter movie)
Jan 6	Large Group-(Garden) All	March 31	Easter
Jan 13	Small Groups	April 7, 14, 21	Care for Creation (We Heal the Earth)
Jan 20	Small Groups	April 7	Large Group-(Garden) All
Jan 27, Feb 3, 10	Lazarus	April 14	Small Groups
Jan 27	Large Group-(Garden) All	April 21	Small Groups
Feb 3	Small Groups	April 28, May 5, 12	Forgiveness (We Heal Each Other)
Feb 10	Small Groups	April 28	Large Group-(Garden) All
Feb 17	PJ party service project	May 5	Small Groups
		May 12	Small Groups
		May 19	Year-end celebration



Cookie Shop

Cookie Shop Bakers Wanted—Please take this opportunity to bake for the annual "Cookie Shop" on Saturday December 8 from 8:30am-12noon. All proceeds go to Children's Ministries. Each year this fundraiser is growing; last year we had people lined up outside the door!

We would like to encourage you to bake for this great event. We accept all types of cookies and candy. We can also use help on the day of the sale, organizing cookie trays, packing cookies for customers. If you have any questions, see Carmen Snaza or any member of the children's ministry team. Drop off times are Friday, Dec 7th 10:00am - 7:00pm (in the kitchen)

Also, please support the cookie shop by attending. You can mix and match cookies and purchase for \$5 per dozen. There are many different kinds to choose from.

Give a Gift To The World - looking for a creative kind of gift giving this Christmas? Check out the opportunities at Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org) to give some meaningful gifts, like a chicken, pig or goat, school supplies, playground toys or water filters. You can buy these in honor of another or as part of your own giving.



Doulos Class Sponsorship

If you want to provide personal support to Doulos Discovery School there is a new option and one that could be a good present for you or your family. You can now sponsor a class but giving a gift to help support one grade. Choose the grade you wish to sponsor and you will receive updates on their studies, pictures of the class, and some written communication. These class sponsorships are either \$25 or \$50 a month. For more information or to sign up go to http://www.doulosdiscovery.org/becoming_a_sponsor.htm.



Only two more Bucks for our Building shopping days until Christmas!

Same day gift cards are available for purchase on December 2 & 16. If you'd like to special order gift cards that we don't have on hand, you may do so on December 2 only.

Stop by the gift card table to view the list of hundreds of retailers to special order a gift card for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list. Shopping can't get any easier than this!

Remember that the "Bucks for Our Building" program receives a percentage of the card value for each card that you buy. Some retailers have special offers during the holiday season. You get the full amount of the gift card, while ORLC receives a percent from the retailer!



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

A great big thank you goes out to all of you that filled shoeboxes for the Christmas child collection. On Monday of this week we delivered 146 shoeboxes to the drop off point.

These will go out to many children of the world that might not receive a Christmas gift otherwise. This is such a fun and rewarding thing to participate in. Please keep these boxes and the children that receive them in your prayers.

All youth and parents interested in the Mission Trip for Summer of 2013, let's get together on Sunday, December 9th right after the second service for a meeting to start looking at dates and possible locations for our mission trip! We will meet in the youth room and will also get the conversation started about fundraisers.



Sr. High coffee and conversation

Dates: December 4th, 11th & 18th at Caribou at 8pm. This will be cancelled on December 25th and Jan.

Confirmation on the 5th, 12th and 19th, no Confirmation on the 26th or 2nd.



On Friday, December 28th, all youth from 6th - 12th grades will be getting together from 3PM - 9PM for a movie marathon and pizza! Come in Comfy clothes (PJ's are welcome!) and prepare to have a fun time watching movies, eating snacks and hanging out here at church. Bring a snack to share and \$5.00 for pizza.

On Sunday, December 30th, all youth from 6th - 12th grades will be going bowling at Maplewood lanes! Check for more details in the bulletin over the next few weeks!

December Worship Schedule

Wednesday Worship December 5, 12, 19 6:30-7:00pm is the reflective Holden Evening Prayer Service

December 2nd & 9th 8:45am and 11:00am regular worship settings for our Christmas preparation

December 16 10am Worship – A Musical Christmas Celebration – He Came Down

December 23 10am Worship – Final Advent service before Christmas Eve Worship

December 24 4:30pm Blessing of the Family Prayer & Candlelight Service
10:30pm Traditional Candlelight & Communion Worship

December 30 10am Worship – Lessons and Carols Celebration Service



Sunday, December 2nd @ 4pm- Woodbury Chorus & Orchestra

The WCO will be performing for the 3rd year in a row at ORLC. The all-volunteer WCO is a group of musicians who perform around the greater Twin Cities area to raise money for local food shelves. The concert is titled, “How Can I Keep From Singing, Songs of the American Spirit”.

“A Christmas Celebration: He Came Down” Sunday, December 16th

There will be one worship service at 10am to celebrate Advent and Christmas. The service will include music, scripture, and readings centered around the message of the birth of Christ. Music will be led by our Praise Band, Sanctuary Choir, Bell Choir, and organ.

Dorothy Day - What a great way to serve on Christmas Eve. This year our serving day at Dorothy Day falls on Christmas Eve and what a great opportunity for a few families to step up and serve a fine meal to the homeless and poor. Consider this as a family serving opportunity. We need about ten food preparers from 2-4 and twelve food servers from 4-5:45. Youth can help but must be 14 or older. If interested in taking one or more of these spots contact Dennis Paulson at 777-0490.



Bake Together for Dorothy Day Christmas Eve Dinner

Our 40 days small group is providing the dessert for 300+ and we will be baking together in our kitchen on Saturday December 22 at 2:00pm. We invite you to join us if you enjoy baking! We can make this a short time of fellowship for a most worthy cause. Watch for more information in the bulletin.

At Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, we want to express our deep appreciation for your support in working alongside us to love the neighbor. Our Redeemer has faithfully given \$1,000 annually in the last seven years to the work of LSS.

Your support is making a difference around the state and right here in this community! Your support is helping to provide emergency shelter, meals and direction for youth experiencing homelessness. Not too far from Our Redeemer, LSS happens to run a program providing safe shelter and support to teen mothers and their newborns that are experiencing homelessness.

Increasing numbers of Minnesotans are aging and becoming more frail. They rely on the kindness of good neighbors when they are unable to manage life's daily tasks. Your support helps make it possible for elderly Minnesotans to remain in their homes where they want to be with help from trained LSS caregivers.

Your gift also supports opportunities for people with disabilities to live full and meaningful lives in our community. One of our latest initiatives is connecting people with disabilities to host homes. These homes provide an even greater opportunity for people with disabilities to design the lives they wish for themselves. We are so grateful for the stability and well-being you bring to the neighbors we serve together.

From all of us at Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, thank you for loving the neighbor!

ORLC Discipleship Opportunities

We invite you to grow at ORLC by joining a spiritual growth opportunity. Check out the listing below and contact the leader at any time if you are interested. Plan to attend a group a couple of times to see if it is the right fit for you. Just give it a try! We look forward to getting to know you better through one of the following opportunities.

Group Name	Description	Leader(s)	Meeting Time
Sunday Morning Study	Reflections of Advent & Sunday Lessons	Pastor Karsten (651-772-2445)	Sunday morning between services
Young Adult Group	Continuing after 40 Days of Community— Study to be selected.	Pastor Peter/Ashley (651-772-2445)	1x per month, various days/times
Lives Worth Living	Group meets for fellowship, spiritual growth, prayer, and Bible studies based on group mem- ber's interest. New study starting.	Vicki Anderson (651-770-6097) Barb Maynard (651-779-6673) Doug Watnemo (651-776-2592)	Every other Monday evening at 6:45 PM at church in Fireside room
Caffeinated for Christ	Group meets for fellowship, spiritual growth, and studies based on group's interest.	Kathi Kirchoff (651-770-3514) Barb Madigan (651-762-8999) Michele Heimerdinger (651-739-0406)	1 st & 3 rd Monday evenings of the month at 6:30 PM at ORLC
Wednesday Evening	Continuing after 40 Days of Community – Study to be chosen but could include a study, video, or book discussion.	Amy Krohn (651-779-7945) or ajkrohn@hotmail.com	Wednesday Nov 28 th at 6:30pm (Fireside room). Deciding on frequency
Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study	Group of men who meet weekly for fellowship, Bible study, and breakfast. Various studies as to group's interest or upcoming Sunday service lessons.	Dennis Peterson (651-770-2037)	Thursdays at 6:45 AM at Perkins on North St. Paul Road
Thursday Evening Group	New study chosen and will be starting in January	Carol Watnemo (651-776-2592)	Thursday evenings twice per month at 6:30 PM at members' home.
Men's Evening	Continuing after 40 Days of Community— Study to be selected.	Jim Krohn (651-779-7945)	Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Scrapbook & Arts/ Crafting Group	A group focused on getting together to work on scrapbooking projects in a Christian setting for fun and caring and sharing.	Michele Heimerdinger (651-739-0406) Barb Maynard (651-779-6673)	Third Saturday of the month 9:00AM- 3:00PM – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Morning	A Bible study discussion on the upcoming Sunday Scripture lessons.	Pastor Karsten (651-772-2445)	Wednesday at 9:30- 10:30AM –ORLC
Good News	Bible Study	Judy Pearson (651-735-2500)	Second Sunday of the month 7:00PM— member's homes
Hope Circle	A group of women that have a Bible study, prayer, and service projects	Claire Sexton (651-484-0624)	Second Tuesday of the month 7:00PM— Fireside Room
Joy Circle	A group of women that are learning about God's wisdom, love, and care. Includes Bible study and prayer.	Judy Koza jlkoza3@mmm.com	Second Monday of the month 7:00pm

Future possible opportunities: Various Lent Studies

	December 2	December 9	December 16 One Service 10am	December 23 One Service 10am	Christmas Eve 4:30 & 10:30pm	December 30 One Service 10am
Worship Host	Allen Heimerdinger	Dennis Peterson	Doreen Winter	Dean Ersfeld	4:30 Allen Heimerdinger 10:30 Dick & Sharon Peterson	Judy Moe
8:45 Ushers	Dennis Paulson Rob Klemm Kent Weispfenning Dennis Peterson	Roger Ollila Doug Watnemo Baryogor Johnson Roger Svendsen	Dan Fitzgerald Bill Maynard Bill Fredine Dave Mennen Randy & Jane Koza Dick & Sharon Peterson	Larry & Sandy Pruden Gary Moe Mike Welte Bruce Ring Mark, Doreen, Courtney Winter	TBD	Claire Sexton Dick Peterson Sharon Peterson
8:45 Greeters	Judy Triplett Joyce Pederson	Dan & Laurie, Danny Fitzgerald	Florence Senske Oliviene Hefta Nora Smeed Jessica Ryden	Judy Moe Joyce Abrahamson Claire Sexton Sharon Peterson	4:30-Judy Moe	Pauline Halverson Darlene Harwood
8:45 Lector	TBD	Martha Freeman	Jane Koza	Cherie Kilbride	4:30 Allen Heimerdinger 10:30 Bonnie Blystone	Hilary Hinrichs
8:45 Communion Assistant	Jason Snaza		Kevin Rodriguez Alexa Mennen			
11:00 Ushers	Claire Sexton Tom Wallace Reed Schrankler Cheri Edwall	Rick Brovitch Ben Schrankler Clint Crooks Aaron Mennen				
11:00 Greeters	Jessica Kremer Helen Wallace	Cindy Crooks Shirley Torgerson				
11:00 Lectors	Kathi Kirchoff	TBD				
11:00 Communion Assistant	Steven Keating Kennedy Morgan					
Bucks for our Building Worker	Jill Rodriguez		Vicki Anderson			
Counter	Barb Maynard Helen Wallace	Dennis Peterson Shirley Torgerson	Allen Heimerdinger Clint & Cindy Crooks	Don & Lana Larsen Roger Truen		Gary & Judy Moe Chris Reeves

The following income is year to date through October, 2012 and is based on member giving which is General, Festival, Initial Offering & Plate Cash.

We are still ahead in our budgeted income as of October, but November and December are still very important for us to remain on target for our budgeted income and expenses.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the mission of ORLC!

Budgeted Income: \$235,427
Actual Income: \$249,435
Difference: \$14,008


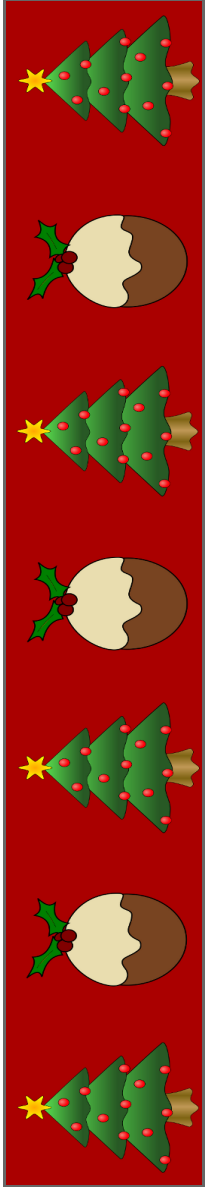
Helping Hands

We all need an extra hand sometimes, especially this time of year! If you need an a second hand carrying groceries, setting up a cell/home phone, voicemail, alert system, Christmas cleaning around the house or yard, or just a joyful visit, you're at the right church! Please call the office at 651-772-2445 and we will coordinate a time that works for you. Or you can send an email to office@orlc.mn. We are at your service!

Stewardship:

Our Redeemer Lives For Giving

We are pleased that the initial response to our 2013 stewardship drive has a very good number of Gift Bank Forms and Estimate of Giving Cards returned. Our hope is to get these from everyone so if you have not returned these please put them in the offering plate or send them to the church by December 10. If you need another copy to complete call the office or pick one up on the Welcome Desk.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				2012		
2 Can Day, First Sun Food Shelf, Blood Pressure Check, BFOB 8:45am Traditional Worship 10:00am Sunday School, Advent Study 11:00am Contemporary Worship 1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church 4:00pm Woodbury Chorus & Orchestra	3 6:30pm Girl Scouts Caffeinated for Christ	4 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Fellowship Hall Rented 7:00pm Men's Bible Study, SEL 8:00pm SR High at Caribou	5 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation, Bell Choir 6:30pm Advent Worship, Wed Eve Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir	6 6:45am Men's Study 6:00pm Children's Committee Mtg 6:30pm Phalen Stewards Mtg	7 8:30am-Noon Cookie Shop 1-3pm Children's Program Practice -Sanctuary 5-7pm SEL Practice 7-9 SEL Youth Service	1 8am Breakfast 9am Christmas Decorating 5-7pm SEL Practice 7-9 SEL Youth Service
9 8:45am Traditional Worship 10:00am Sunday School, Advent Study 11:00am Contemporary Worship 12:00pm Mission Trip Meeting 1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church 3:00pm SEL Fellowship in FH 6:30pm Children's Program 7:00pm Good News Study	10 6:45pm Lives Worth Living 7:00pm Joy Circle	11 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Men's Bible Study, SEL 8:00pm SR High at Caribou	12 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation, Bell Choir 6:30pm Advent Worship, Wed Eve Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir	13 6:45am Men's Study	14 9am-3pm Scrapbooking 5-7pm SEL Practice 7-9 SEL Youth Service	15 9am-3pm Scrapbooking 5-7pm SEL Practice 7-9 SEL Youth Service
16 Bucks for our Building 9:00am Advent Study 10:00am One Service—A Christmas Celebration "He Came Down" 11:00am Creation Station Party 1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church	17 6:30pm Girl Scouts, Caffeinated for Christ	18 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Men's Bible Study, Church Board, SEL 8:00pm SR High at Caribou	19 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir	20 6:45am Men's Study 5-7pm Intern Committee Mtg—Fireside 6:30pm Knitting & Crocheting Group at Hometown Creamery	21 2:00pm Christmas Baking 5-7pm SEL Practice 7-9 SEL Youth Service	22 2:00pm Christmas Baking 5-7pm SEL Practice 7-9 SEL Youth Service
23 9:00am Advent Study 10:00am One Service 1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church 11am-5pm Fellowship Hall Rented	24 Christmas Eve 2-4 Food Prep at Dorothy Day 4-5:45pm Food Servers at Dorothy Day 4:30pm Christmas Worship 10:30pm Christmas Wor-	25 Christmas Day—Office Closed 11am-5pm Fellowship Hall Rented	26 Office Closed	27 6:45am Men's Bible Study	28 3-9pm Youth Movie Marathon	29 5-7pm SEL Practice 7-9 SEL Youth Service
30 10:00am One Service—Lessons and Carols Youth Bowling at Maplewood Bowl (time TBD) 3:00pm SEL Fellowship in FH	31 New Years Eve—Office Closed					

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