

Getting into the spirit of Christmas

December 22 = The Spirit of Miraculous Joy (Annunciation)
December 24 = Xmas Eve: The Spirit of Peace: The Birth of Christ
December 25 = Just a Moment Please
January 1 = The Spirit of Revelation: (Simeon and Anna)

Prayers - If you would like to have a prayer request shared with the congregation in a public manner, please email them to Deb Curtis by Thursday at 9 am rcdc Iowa@gmail.com. Email private prayer requests to Pastor Joel: pastorjoel@reachingoutinlove.org. Pastor Joel will share these latter requests with the prayer team.

Please Pray for:

Anita (Gloria Sharp's mother), Ginger Berggeson (9 foot surgeries cannot walk), Jody Boehm's brother's health, Andria Huisden Brown, Crue Bucknell & Family, Phyllis Chenoweth (Judy Linsenbardt's sister), Katherine Conrad 14yr old with Leukemia, Pamela Dawson, Laverne Edwards who has cancer (sister-in-law of Khane Williams), Joy Evenson, Lynn Vallandingham's sister, Wanda Brenner's friend Ashley Evers for breast cancer, Dean Godsy, Donna Johnson who is having hip surgery (from Corey Johnson). William (BJ) Kaulen, Marica Kennison, Jake Klund, David Kruse, Marguerite Kruse, Frankie Lindquist, Chip Long, Gordie Menken, Jim Morris, McKenna Mortimer & Family, Fred Naes, Bruce and Holly Petersen, Pastor Scott for continued recovery, Kirstin Sanning (Linda Petersen's daughter), Marilyn Thomas (Judy Linsenbardt's sister), Steve Walker & Mary M. Williams for recovery from recent back surgery.

(Names on this list for more than one month are removed at the end of each month unless an extension is requested.)

Military Safety: Dylan Benedict, Mason Brenner, Cassidy Culver, Lucas Frey, Lewis Kempker and Weston Herman.

Sympathy: Kristina Rentfro and family on the loss of her mother, Jean.

Flowers: The flowers today are given from the flower fund to the Glory of God.

You can contribute flowers for our altar in honor or memory of someone, to celebrate an event, or to the glory of God. A flower chart is located at the Information Center. Please indicate if you want live flowers, at a cost of \$45 provided by River City Florists or silk flowers at a cost of \$15. If choosing silk flowers, let Linda Petersen know your preferred arrangement.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

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Calendar for the Week of 12/22/2024

Sunday:	09:00 a.m.	Classic Worship in the Worship Center	
	10:00 a.m.	Brunch in the Fellowship Hall	
	10:30 a.m.	Modern Worship in the Worship Center*	
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Worship, upstairs to the right*	
	04:00 p.m.	Appalachian Winter Presentation	
Tuesday:	07:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	
Wednesday:	09:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service	
Thursday:	06:15 p.m.	Jubilation Bells	
	07:00 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal	
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CHRISTMAS MORNING, Dec. 25, Delicious POTLUCK MEAL in the Fellowship Hall following our JOYFUL 🎵 and 🎵 MUSICAL 🎵 CHRISTMAS DAY 🎵 WORSHIP SERVICE! PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BREAKFAST!!!! While many of us will be

celebrating Christmas Day with family and/or friends and enjoying one another's company, unfortunately, some of our members may be spending Christmas alone because their family and/or friends may not live in the area. And some of our members may just want to enjoy a delicious Christmas Day meal with fellow members. Therefore, we (at Our Savior's) are reaching out in love to extend an invitation to those who would like to join us in our Fellowship Hall (following the Christmas Day Worship Service) to enjoy a delicious Christmas Potluck Meal (more like a lunch/dinner) and friendly Christian fellowship. The menu will consist of Baked Ham and a variety of Potluck side dishes. Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex to sign up to let us know that you are planning to attend and how many people will be in your group and also let us know what type of side dish you will be bringing. There will be a list of suggested dishes/food items that you might want to consider, but, if you have a specialty dish that you want to bring and it doesn't appear on our list, no worries...just bring a side dish to share. Our goal is to accommodate everyone who attends and for no one to "go away hungry." If you have any questions, please reach out to Marjorie Beenders. There are others who are helping to coordinate this event, so please visit with whomever is staffing the Welcome Center. An RSVP is definitely not required, we are simply trying to be prepared to serve our guests at the Christmas Day Potluck. You have the opportunity to sign up today (Dec. 15) and/or next Sunday (Dec. 22). Thank you so much for letting us know if you will be joining us. As most of you know, it takes a some time to get all of the food set out in an orderly fashion, so if anyone is wanting to volunteer to be part of the preparation and/or clean-up, please don't hesitate to let us know. We are hoping to be ready to begin our Potluck service as early as 10:15 a.m. but no later than 10:30 a.m. Remember...it takes a village. We are so excited about the opportunity to spend time with everyone on Christmas Day. Thanks to everyone for making our Christmas Day Potluck Meal special. May we all enjoy a beautiful and blessed Christmas.

December Stewardship Verse – John 10.10 (NIV) - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Let Stan Linsenhardt know if you have any Thrivent Action Team funds available to be used by the end of 2024. The Good Samaritan Team will put it to good use.
Stan.

Today: "Appalachian Winter", at 4 P.M. will be presented by choir and chamber orchestra along with a live-painting artist, narration, Jubilation Bells, hoop and dance choreography, signing, and a beautiful surprise. Donations to locally benefit Room at the Inn and Lutheran Disaster Response -Appalachian Hurricane Relief.

Please take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the Narthex: (or two or three or more 😊) with items listed from the "Personal Care Kit" Christmas tree located to the left of the inside church entrance (or left of the church Information Center). Items in a personal care kit consist of: 1 large sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs), 1 adult toothbrush in original packaging, 1 nail clipper, 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, and 1 light weight dark bath towel. Donations will also gladly be accepted! Please place items on the church Information counter. Cash donations are welcome and can be given to Gloria Sharp or Karen Brockmeyer. God bless you and thank you for your donations to help others in need!

Did You Know? Kathy Jo Noack is posting her novel, Hezekiah Scruggs, on a blog site. The story is set in the 1930's in a Norwegian/American farming community in Stavanger, Illinois. A farm family takes in a rather mysterious violinist who changes their lives when his Hupmobile breaks down on the lane to their house and he knocks on their door. Go to kathyjonoack.com to read it for free!

SAVE THE DATE!! Sunday January 12th. *Caroling in January!* We will visit Kim Duggan's parents, David and Margarite and perhaps some others, then gather at Jennifer and Wilfred's for walking tacos! Bring those leftover cookies to share!
More info to come.

Bible Studies: All Are Welcome!! – Both of these bible studies are held once a month and make use of the ELCA Gather magazine bible study which is geared towards women. The Tamar bible study meets at church and the Circle meets at our individual homes. Please make time in your schedule to attend and if you have any questions, please contact Gloria Sharp at (573)462-9758 or Deb Curtis at (573)338-3779 for details.

Tamar Circle: Meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please speak with Gretchen Mueller.

Hannah Circle: The meeting will be on January 14th. Location to be determined.