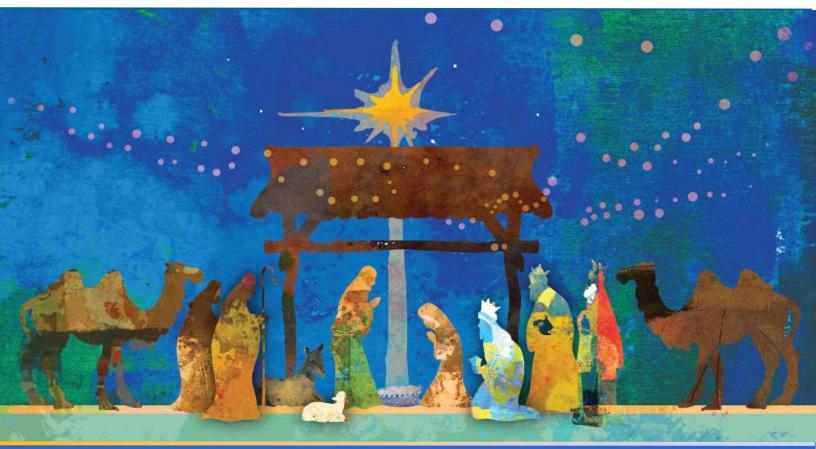
# The Philippian

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Philip's Lutheran Church of Hastings, Minnesota

Come and Worship...Come and Serve...Come and Learn...Come as you are ...Philip said to him, "Come and see" John 1:46

December 2021



# December Highlights

December 19: Christmas Program

at 9;30 am worship service

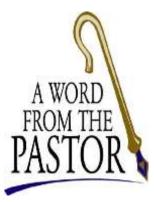
December 24: Christmas Eve Worship

3:00 and 5:00 pm

December 26: Lessons and Carols Worship Service

9:30 am

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:1-3



"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." It seems that there is a lot of darkness in our world, both literally and figuratively. The darkness of night seems to creep in earlier and earlier and we have to wait later and later for the sunrise. Even farther to the north, people are affected by "Seasonal which comes from not

Affective Disorder" which comes from experiencing enough sunshine.

On a similar note, it seems that there is a figurative darkness that grips our world. From alcohol abuse, to an uncertain economic future, to the realities of an ongoing pandemic and an increasingly divisive political climate, it is clear that there is no shortage of sources that seek to overcome us with the forces of darkness.

Into this world and into each dark space in our lives comes a light. It is a light that shines in the darkness. He is the living Word of God, Jesus Christ. It is his life that becomes our light.

We may vainly try to keep out the darkness during this season with lights hung on our homes and our trees. They are pretty and we associate them with good feelings. They also are a way for us to acknowledge that darkness was not what God intended. However, to address the true power of darkness we need a light whose source is beyond us. Somewhere deep within us is a remembrance that says that darkness was not what God intended. God intended that we should all have a close loving relationship with Him. For this to happen something new had to happen, and so it did!

God gave new life, spiritual life, to us by the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus became the light for the world to shine God's love for all people. During that dark night of the first Christmas in Bethlehem, the heavens opened and the glory of God shone around those shepherds and angels sang of that bright new Word coming into the world. Later, darkness closed in again around Calvary. But in the bright light of Easter morning, sin and death were no longer victorious. The darkness did not overcome Jesus and now his light has become our light. And so it is with gratitude and joy that together we can sing, "Shine, Jesus, Shine!" Peace be with you this holy season.

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor Geier

#### - AMONG OUR OWN -

#### Congratulations to...

**Kyle Jackson** (son of Raul and Ruth Jackson) installed as senior pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior

**Caleb Joseph Stock** (son of Ronald and Crystal Stock) blessings on his baptism

All those celebrating their wedding anniversary in December. Listed below is a couple reaching a special anniversary...

**Richard Anderson and Jennifer Slostad** on their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 30

#### Sympathies to ...

**Tricia Kohn and family** as they mourn the death of her sister Nancy Platt

**Darryl Nelson and family** as they mourn the death of his mother Norma Nelson

**Robyn Tank and family** as they mourn the death of her father

**Barb Braaten and family** as they mourn the death of her son Neil Braaten

**Merle Arndtson and family** as they mourn the death of his brother Kenneth



## Preschool Chatter

The month of November along with cooler temps brought lots of exciting learning about five senses, outer space, and Thanksgiving. This month's actives included many hands on activities, some fun astronaut art using empty fruit cups and the children's faces, and we brought back our Thanksgiving feast this year! We talked a lot about what it means to be thankful and how God has provided us with all the wonderful things we have in our lives. As a staff we know one of our blessings is definitely being able to do what we do to help the children grow and learn on a daily basis.

The holidays are in the air and preschool is really starting to buzz. The children started working on their Christmas program songs in early November and can't wait to perform on December 21 at 5:30 and 6:30 pm.

The month of November was also exciting for us as a staff because we applied for and received two grants. One from the state of Minnesota is a stabilization base grant that will help us cover some lost income for the year. The second one helps us to cover our required health nurse visit and policy/program manuals we need, new learning materials and toys, and some workbooks we use for our Pre-K students. These both are huge blessings to us during some challenging times.

Thank you to all who ordered scrip gift cards in the month of November. We greatly appreciate your support. While this is an ongoing program throughout the whole year we do plan on placing one more holiday order on December 7 for those who still want to give gift cards for the holidays.

As we move into the Christmas season we pray that each of you finds the meaning of the season in your hearts. May the time you spend with family be treasured moments for you all!

Christmas blessings to you, Becky Kaphing and Lorelei Rein Preschool Co-Directors



## GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE October 2021

Actual	Budget	I	2020 Actual
<b>General and Misc</b>	ellaneous Inco	me `	YTD
\$435,675.52	\$412,277.50	П	\$403,428.73
<b>Capital Fund YTD</b> \$149,241.32	\$141,666.68		\$139,132.52
Operational Expe \$494,639.31	nses YTD \$522,106.71		\$569,131.95
Over / (Short) \$90,277.53	\$31,837.47		(\$26,570.70)



# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED

Will you be worshipping here at St. Philip's over Christmas? Are you willing to volunteer during a worship service? Please sign up on the kiosk (or email Lori Best at: <a href="mailto:loribest1@gmail.com">loribest1@gmail.com</a>) if you are willing to help serve as a greeter, usher, lector for the Christmas Eve services or for the Sunday, December 26 service.

Thank you, Worship and Music Committee

#### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 5	Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
December 12	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
December 19	Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]
December 26	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52

### Thank Y ou!

Thank you to all our St. Philip's friends for your support and many prayers for our Mom, Norma Nelson, during her COVID illness and subsequent passing. We greatly appreciate the many expressions of friendship, condolences and sympathy as we mourn yet celebrate Mom's 98 long years of life.

God's blessings,

Darryl and Camille Nelson

We would like to thank our church family for the prayers and many expressions of sympathy in the loss of my sister, Nancy Platt. I have been comforted by your caring support.

In Christ.

Tricia and Denny Kohn

Dear St. Philip's family,

As usual, you have all been a great support to us regarding the death of Farid's brother, Dr. Amir Saed.

Your cards, calls, hugs and kind gestures of sympathy are greatly appreciated. Your kindness is magical and lifts our hearts. Blessings to you all!

Farid and Diane Saed

A special thanks to Ethan Bernt. This young man spent many hours at church this past summer keeping all the new plantings around the columbarium watered. We are proud and thankful to have such a great young man here at St. Philip's.

The Columbarium Committee

#### **SECRET SANTA SHOP**

SECRET SANTA SHOP - It's time again for the Secret Santa Shop at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Hastings. It is on December 10 and 11 and benefits the children connected to Hastings Family Service. SPLC once again is helping out. Because of COVID in 2020 further donations of material items will not be needed. But gift cards in the amount of \$5.00-10.00 to local businesses could be used. Drop off your donated gift cards in the secured lock box outside of the office by December 8. To volunteer to help set up and organize on Friday, December 10 or help kids shop and wrap gifts or clean up on Saturday. December 11 go to the Sign Up Genius link found on our website at www.splchastings.org or go to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49a5aa28a2 f49-santa1. Questions? call Vicki Pavlish 612-889-1175.

#### **ADVENT ACTIVITY BAGS ARE BACK!**

It's not too late to sign up for an Advent Family Activity bag! This year's theme is "In Light and Darkness," by Illustrated Ministry. Each bag is free and includes:



- Weekly family devotions to do during December
- ♦ Coloring and activity pages
- Supplies for a shadow box theater, complete with short scripts
- Advent calendar with daily ideas for family activities
- Envelopes and blank cards to make homemade Christmas cards for other members of St. Philip's
- Preschool-friendly craft kit (optional)

Sign-up forms are available at the Welcome Center. You can also sign up online by using the link posted on the St. Philip's Facebook page. If you have grandchildren, you can also order bags for their families!

# SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

This year for our Christmas program, we are going to narrate the Christmas story using Bible passages, and the children's choir will sing in between scenes. We know that we still have many families who are exclusively worshiping online, so here's where the fun comes in:

To illustrate the Christmas narration, we want YOU to send in any artistic depiction of the various Christmas scenes. You can draw a picture of the angels, build Bethlehem out of LEGOS, dress up as shepherds and pose for photos... anything you want!

To ensure that we have all scenes covered, we will have a sign-up sheet available at the Welcome Center. You can sign up for specific scenes and/or to narrate in person. This is available for all ages, and we especially want our St. Philip's children to participate!

The Christmas pageant will be performed on Sunday, December 19 during worship.

Email Sarah Bennett at sarahb@splchastings.org if you have any questions.

#### RIVER VALLEY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The River Valley Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Tom Maeck, is pleased to offer its eleventh annual Christmas Holiday Concert. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 12



at 3 pm at St. Philip's. The program will include many of your Christmas holiday favorites. Our special guest performers this year will be the bell choir Bells of the Bluffs, under the direction of Marilee Anderson, season. This concert will provide a wonderful start for your Christmas celebrations. So come, bring the kids and bring a friend too. A food donation to Hastings Family Service food shelf will be gathered and a free will offering to support the Band will be taken. Merry Christmas and see you there!

# A CHRISTMAS TRADITION IDEA FROM SARAH BENNETT...

It's "Christmas card season," and oftentimes we find ourselves with a plethora of Christmas cards from loved ones that we aren't sure what

to do with once the season has come and gone. I'd like to share something that my family has done since I was in elementary school.

Every year, my parents save every Christmas card that they receive and keep them in a nice box or basket near the dinner table. Throughout the whole year, every time we sit down for dinner, we would take a card off of the top of the pile and pray for whoever sent the card during our dinner grace. Sometimes we'd pray for a family friend, and sometimes we'd pray for the mail carrier. That card then goes to the bottom of the pile to be cycled through again. My parents' friends joke sometimes that they should definitely remember to send them Christmas cards so they know they'll be prayed for!

My family has done this for years, and it has been a really nice way to pray for a bunch of different people in our lives, whether we know them well or not. It's also a great way to use your Christmas cards all year. Even if you don't want to implement a year-long tradition like this, I encourage you to pray for each person who sent you a card before you throw them out! I'm sure your loved ones would appreciate it.

#### WE (STILL) NEED YOUR IDEAS!

Most of you know that St. Philip's Lutheran Church is a generous community of faith that supports God's work within and beyond our congregation. We invest at least 10%



invest at least 10% of our regular offerings in ministries outside St. Philip's including the ELCA, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, Lutheran Social Services, and Young Life. In addition, at our annual meeting we vote on two ministries beyond ourselves to receive 10% of our capital campaign offerings and miscellaneous offerings. One of these ministries is to serve Hastings area residents and the other is to cast a wider circle of ministry.

Previous local ministries on the ballot included Lewis House, Hastings United Way "Food4Kids", and Hastings Family Service. Ministries beyond Hastings have included the Matrix Emergency Shelter in Dakota County, ELCA Domestic and International Response, and mission congregations of the St. Paul Area Synod.

If YOU have an idea you would like to be included on the ballot at our next annual meeting, please let the pastor, church office or a council member know. The council will then decide on three local ministries and three broader ministries to be on the ballot at our December council meeting. The council has decided that three options in each category is a good number of possibilities.

ALSO, if you feel strongly about one of the ministries, you will have an opportunity to speak at the annual meeting and share why you think it deserves our support.



A reminder that we are wearing face masks inside our church facility. THANKS FOR CARING & WEARING!

#### **KEEPING CONNECTED**

Thirty years ago (yes, it was December 1991), Ron and I and baby Eric were looking for a church home in Hastings. I remember visiting St.



Philip's the first time. We were greeted warmly by member Linda Chamberlain, who made sure Pastor Dave Thompson knew we were visiting. He, along with numerous other people, stopped to introduce themselves and make sure we felt welcomed. We certainly didn't need to search any longer--this would become our church home, and the members of St. Philip's quickly became our family. It was easy to get involved in activities and committees, and the St. Philip's family made sure that you felt not only welcomed but valued.

My passion and my gift has always been music. I grew up singing in the church, singing in college, and singing at St. Philip's. I have enjoyed singing in the Sanctuary Choir for most of the 30 years I have been a member (even before Ellen!). I am grateful to have such high quality music programs here at St. Philip's. Each of our children (Eric, Elizabeth, and Emily) sang in the Children's Choir and looked forward to the children's musicals each year.

In addition to music, I have been involved in Worship and Music ministries for nearly all the time I've been part of the St. Philip's family. Worship is the heart of the church, and I look forward to coming each Sunday morning to worship our Lord and to have my cup filled. In the late 90's, we enriched our faith life by attending a Via de Cristo retreat, further connecting us to a wider community of faith, and sustaining our faith life through Saturday Bible studies. When I decided to make a huge career change and leave the corporate work world at Thomson Reuters in the late 1990s, I joined the staff of SPLC as a parish coordinator under the leadership of Pastor Phil Walen. Pastor Phil was instrumental in our lives when he first came to St. Philip's. It was shortly after he was installed when our youngest, Emily, was born--Ron called the church to let Pastor Phil know she had arrived. I don't think he even took time to hang up the phone! He rushed to the hospital in record time to welcome Emily into the world--incredibly special since he had a daughter Emily too, who sang at our Emily's baptism. I have appreciated the extra care that the pastoral staff has given to our family of faith. When Ron's sister Bonnie was dying, Pastor Ed and Pastor Leslie drove up to the hospital in Wyoming (Minnesota) to be with us as we ushered her to heaven. And numerous times, throughout challenges and hardships, our St. Philip's family has remained steadfast in prayer, surrounding us all in prayer, strength, and support.

As our family has grown in recent years with marriages and a grandson, St. Philip's continues to be my rock and my family. I am grateful for this family of faith and the immeasurable gifts given to us over the years.

Lori Best

Hi! We're the Elling-Schultz family and St. Philip's has been our church home for about 36 years. After moving to Hastings for Doug's job as an editor with the previous Hastings Star Gazette, we visited St. Philip's



at the invitation of Scott and Kath Pengelly. We were warmly welcomed by then-pastor David Thompson, as well as many others, not least of whom was Glenda Schnirring. It's hard to succinctly describe what St. Philip's has meant to us over the years.

Shortly after we started attending St. Philip's, the church called an assistant pastor in Phil Wold. We became friends with the Wolds and when Doug chose to be baptized in the faith (unlike Danna, Doug didn't have a strong church home growing up and was never baptized), Pastor Phil officiated. It was a very special moment for us as a young married couple.

That started our involvement at St. Philip's: both of us have served on various church committees such as youth council, nominations, church expansion and adult spiritual growth. Doug has also served as council president. The garage and bake sales, Lenten and Advent suppers were also joyful events for us.

After our girls—Libby and Abby were born, St. Philip's took on a whole new dimension in our lives. They were baptized as babies and within a few short years were attending church school and St. Philip's preschool, where they got an excellent start for their faith, educational and life journeys. As they grew older, we grew as a family from their growth through Vacation Bible schools, mission trips and Confirmation. St. Philip's is also where the girls made some of their first and most enduring friendships. Now we are looking forward to two weddings next year!

St. Philip's has always been a place where we felt supported and loved. We have been held close in prayer during difficult times including deaths of parents and siblings. St. Philip's was there after Libby's diabetes diagnosis and my heart troubles of the past few years. It's the place where we can share our joys and our sorrows and know that we will be lifted up in prayer. As we look toward new phases and adventures in our lives, we hold St. Philip's as an enduring constant in our lives. And for that we thank God more than words can express.



Merry Christmas from the Williams Family! Our story...Lee and I (Heide) met in college at Moorhead State University and were married in October 1990. I was working as a Legal Assistant at a law firm in Minneapolis, and Lee was employed as an Account Manager at a printing company in Eagan. We lived in Eagan and Apple Valley for a few years before setting out to find a bigger home for our growing family. Our journey to Hastings, and ultimately St. Philip's, began in July 1998. Lee and I moved here with our two young children, Abbie (3) and Matthew (1). Following the birth of our son Daniel in October of 1998, we began the search for a church home in our new community. With its warm, caring atmosphere and welcoming congregation, St. Philip's

rose to the top of our list, and we became members in the summer of 1999.

St. Philip's quickly became an integral part of all of our lives, and our young family grew up in the church through whirlwind years of preschool, Sunday school, VBS, children's choir and musicals, youth and family camp at Shores of St. Andrew, youth activities, mission trips, ELCA youth gatherings, Camp Amnicon canoe trips, spaghetti and Lenten dinners and Confirmation. Lee and I tried to keep up with all of the activity, and have been involved over the years by serving on church council and various committees. GLLM board, as Sunday school teachers and confirmation mentors, and more recently, worship coordinators. We are so thankful for all of these opportunities to strengthen and nurture our faith and for the numerous friendships we have made along the way which continue to be such a blessing in our lives.

Our young family is now a young adult family, and Lee and I are finding ways to enjoy the "empty nester" phase of life. Abbie graduated from Bethel University with a Psychology degree, followed by a Master's degree in School Counseling from UW River Falls. She enjoys her job as a School Counselor at Twin Bluff Middle School in Red Wing and lives in Cottage Grove. Matthew has an Athletic Training degree from Gustavus Adolphus College and is employed as the Supervisor of Clinical Operations at TRIA Orthopedic Urgent Care in Bloomington. He recently purchased his first home in Hastings and is planning an October 2022 wedding to Erin Moes. Daniel will graduate from Iowa State University with an Aerospace Engineering degree in May 2022 and is getting married in June 2022 to Alex Beskau.

Lee continues his employment in Business Development for IG Design Group. His home office has been convenient over the course of this last year, and he is hoping that business travel continues to recover. I still work part time for a small business owner in Hastings and am appreciative of the flexibility I have always enjoyed in this position. We enjoy spending time with friends and family and hope to do more traveling in the years to come.

We are so thankful God led our family to St. Philip's in 1998 and will be forever grateful for the faith-filled experiences and friendships we have enjoyed over the years. Wishing you all much love, peace and joy this Christmas season!



## STEWARDSHIP MESSENGERS FOR THE "GRACE OF GIVING"

The congregation warmly thanks Al Todnem, Becky Kaphing and Deborah Dreher, for their uplifting testimonies, and expressing the spirit of the 2021 stewardship theme, "The Grace of Giving".

All members are asked to please return their pledge card in its envelope with their intended giving plan, or unknown giving plan for 2022. Historically, it is known that not all households choose to state what they hope and expect to give to St. Philip's ministry during a given year. The ministry team is aware of that fact, but it would so appreciates knowing that the message and inspiration of the stewardship mailing was received and examined.

Again, please return your pledge card with whatever your intended and prayerful decision is for 2022.



Al Todnem

Becky Kaphing

Deborah Dreher

#### **ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS BAPTISM**

Caleb Joseph Stock walked up the center aisle with Pastor Rebecca Thurman following his Baptism. Caleb was applauded by the congregation as he walked with his lit candle showing he was now a new form of light to the world.



#### **ADULT FORUM**

Join our Adult Spiritual Growth Sunday School for "A Cosmic Adventure Through Science and Faith" on December 5 and 12.



Come join us for an entertaining and enriching time!

#### REFORMATION SUNDAY

St. Philip's recognized the birthday of Lutheranism on Reformation Sunday by dressing the altar in its beautiful red paraments, enjoying singing the hymns of the Reformation, plus the added beauty of two handbell anthems. Many worshippers also chose to wear red attire in honor of the day.





Ellen Diischer directing the JoyPhil Ringers



Sam Willis enjoying playing familiar hymns for the congregation

#### THE POTTER

There was a potter who needed a pitcher for the milk she poured over her cereal every morning. So she measured the height of the shelves in her refrigerator and calculated the necessary dimensions for a half-gallon pitcher.



She went to her studio, chose the clay she thought best and sat at her wheel. She made a shape pleasing to her eyes -- after all it was her pitcher -- she put on a handle shaped to her hand and added a pouring lip for that was the purpose of the pitcher.

She brushed on a glaze of color that pleased her, fired it and was well pleased with the results -- she had created a beautiful pitcher. She took it home, filled it with milk, put it in the refrigerator and went to bed.

The next morning the potter poured a bowl of cereal, opened the refrigerator, and reached for her new pitcher. The pitcher suddenly shouted, "Oh, no you don't! Keep your hands off." (You've never heard a pitcher talk; this is a parable!) The potter responded, "I was just going to pour some milk on my cereal."

"No, you're not!" replied the pitcher. "I worked hard to get this. I started out with no milk at all, but through hard work and careful stewardship, I am now full of milk. No one's going to come along and pour out all that I've wanted so long to achieve! Anyway, I need all this milk; I've got a kid going to dairy school next year."

"Hm mm," pondered the potter. "I don't think you understand the real story here. You see, I created you and I made you for the express purpose of filling you with milk so that I could pour it out each morning on my cereal. You were made to pour not to store!"

"A nice story, but I don't get it," said the pitcher. "But seeing that you are in need, I am a generous pitcher, I will give you two tablespoons of MY MILK. That should wet the cereal nicely. EVERYTHING IN MODERATION -- THAT IS WHAT I THINK!"

The potter looked deeply into the heart of the pitcher, "You're afraid," she said, "If you allow me to pour out the milk you will find yourself empty, that you will then be poor, and that I will throw you out and find another

pitcher. You don't realize that if you allow me to empty you, I will have found you to be a PRICELESS PITCHER. Then I will continue to fill you to the top over and over and over again, and we will become partners in emptying and refilling you. Perhaps, if you are willing to be emptied more completely and more often, I will find many other bowls of cereal who are longing to be drowned in the love of your giving."

"And what if I don't believe you and want to play it safe and just keep the milk I've got?" The pitcher inquired. "You are free to make that choice," the potter said with a sad voice. "Then I will make another pitcher who is willing to be my partner. I will have to set you on the back shelf of the refrigerator shelf. You can keep your milk. But after a time, your odor will keep everyone away, and you will have missed the greatest job for which all pitchers are created -- THE JOY OF BEING POURED OUT!"

#### SPLC COLUMBARIUM AND GARDEN

A columbarium is a beautiful structure, containing niches (compartments) to hold the ashes of our loved ones. The sell sheet in use this past year has been replaced by a trifold brochure. Presale pricing will end in December. A \$100 per unit increase will take effect on January 1. Information and application folders for those who are interested in leasing a niche are available at the welcome center. Let us know if you prefer to have the application US mailed to you. Please return application, along with payment, to the church office during business hours or via US Mail. For more information, call Gary McDougall at 651-216-7213 or Judy Hansen at 612-600-1209.



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	December 5	December 12	December 19	December 24 Christmas Eve	December 24 Christmas Eve	December 26
	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	3:00 pm	5:00 pm	9:30 am
Worship	Jay & Becky	Glenda Schnirring	Michelle Carlson	Mary Rock & Connie	Dan & Jennie	Pam Hoffman &
Coordinator	Raimann	& Deborah Dreher	& Judy Hansen	Ball	Thomas	Darla Kimmes
Greeter	Katy Lindberg	David & Geneva Weisser	Connie Ball			
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Usher	Marita Legreid & Steve Wolverton	Lance & Lois Twedt	Lois Wroge & Mary Rock	3	3 4	
Lector	Raul Jackson	Darlene Olson	Lori Best			
Prayer Chapel	Judy Werner	Sue Retka	Paul and Sue Severson			Barb Jorenby
Music	Nathan Grinar	Cody Ametron	Children's Choir	Maria Cathia	Daul Jackson	Dyan Himmel
Organist/Musicians	Nathan Griner	Relle		Ralle		
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Friday	eg.	0.	17	24 CHRISTMAS EVE No Preschool Office Closed 3:00 pm Worship 5:00 pm Worship	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE No Preschool Office Closed
Thursday	2 1:00 pm Do Days	9 9:30 am WELCA Meeting / Circle Bible Study 11:00 am Meats on Wheels 11:00 am Preschool Chapel 11:20 am Preschool Chapel 5:15 pm PEO 7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee	1:00 pm Do Days	23 No Preschool 11:00 am Meals on Wheels	30 No Preschool
Wednesday	5:30 pm Children's Choir 6:45 pm Confirmation	11:00 am Preschool Chapel 11:20 am Preschool Chapel 5:30 pm Children's Choir 6:45 pm Confirmation	15 5:30 pm Children's Choir 6:45 pm Confirmation	No Preschool	29 No Preschool
Tuesday		6:00 pm Fellowship Community Ministry 6:00 pm Worship & Music Ministry	6:00 pm Prayer Team 6:00 pm Stewardship Ministry	10:00 am Preschool Christmas 5:30 pm Preschool Christmas Program 6:30 pm Preschool Christmas Program	28 No Preschool
Monday	X	6 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm CMT 6:45 pm JoyPhil Ringers 7:00 pm Faith Formation Ministry	11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Preschool Ministry 6:30 pm Finance Ministry 6:45 pm JoyPhil Ringers (Christmas)	20 10:00 am Preschool Christmas 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Council 6:45 pm JoyPhil Ringers (Christmas)	No Preschool 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Adult Spiritual Growth
Sunday		8:30 am Online Worship 9:30 am In-Person Worship / Worthington Baptism 10:30 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Book Study 6:30 pm Boy Soouts	12 8.30 am In-Person Worship 9.30 am In-Person Worship / Knutson Baptism 10.30 am Adult Forum 10.30 am Sunday School 3.00 pm River Valley Band Christmas Concert 6.30 pm Boy Scouts	19 8:30 am Online Worship 8:30 am In-Person Worship / Onlistimas Program 10:30 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	26 8:30 am Online Worship 9:30 am In-Person Worship 10:30 am Adul Forum 10:30 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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