

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE & CHIMES & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST	Pam Campbell
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Christy Hasch
*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	UMH #211 (Stanzas 1-4)
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
LEADER: Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God's peace will reign and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator.	
PEOPLE: The days are surely coming!	
LEADER: Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to recognize God's reign among us.	
PEOPLE: The days are surely coming and are already here!	
LEADER: Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kin-dom on the earth here and now. Will you join in?	
PEOPLE: The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God's call to build the kin-dom of earth as it is in heaven.	
OPENING PRAYER	
God of our Expectation, we praise you for surely-coming days when love, peace, health, and well-being is for all people, especially those of us walking in darkness. We await with assurance when AIDS and cancer are cured, when every gun is beaten into tools for rebuilding, when every child has the opportunity to develop God-given gifts, and when every adult sees every child as a gift from God. We desire, O God of Hope, surely-coming days when no city fears hurricanes, no country fears nuclear bombs, and no tribe fears annihilation by another. We thank you for the surely-coming days when no person fears another because God chose to create all people in the diversity of God's image. We thank you for our hope and for your surely-coming days. Amen.	
HYMN "Light the Advent Candle Song"	TFWS #2090 (First stanza only)
LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE	Breault Family
JOYS, CONCERNS & GOD SIGHTINGS	
PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY & ALL SAINTS	
PRAYER SONG "There's Something about That Name"	UMH #171
HOLY COMMUNION	UMH #12
SCRIPTURE SENTENCE	
<i>"May the Lord cause you to increase and enrich your love for each other and for everyone in the same way as we also love you." ~ 1 Thessalonians 3:12</i>	

TITHES, GIFTS & OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, in this season of anticipation, we offer our gifts with hopeful hearts. As we prepare for the fullness of your kingdom, may these offerings be a sign of our readiness and desire to live attentively. Use them to bring justice, righteousness, and joy to our world. Surprise us with your presence and help us to look up, to pay attention, and to embrace the hope you bring. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16

HYMN "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191
(First stanza only)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Cindy Kocher

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21:25-36

*AFFIRMATION

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Reality of "When" Pastor Mark Crist

Thanksgiving

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Going into the World to Serve

*SENDING SONG "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH #213

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

*OUR MISSION, OUR PURPOSE

LEADER: Our mission is ...

ALL: Our mission is to provide a place for all to belong to our community, believe in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and become his disciples. Belong! Believe! Become!

POSTLUDE & TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Events this Week:

Sunday, December 1, 2024

9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 6:30pm Advent Bible Study
 with Pastor Mark

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

5:00pm Sitting With Jesus
 5:30pm Choir Practice
 6:00pm Table Talk Meal
 6:30pm Classes Begin

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Bring you Cookie Dough with
 instructions and Toppings for the
 Youth.

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Bring your Prepared Cookies or
 Candies to the Church by 5.

Friday, December 6, 2024

9:00am Prep for Cookie Day

Saturday, December 7, 2024

7:00am Plate Cookies
 8:30-10:30 Cookie Day Doors Open

Sunday, December 8, 2024

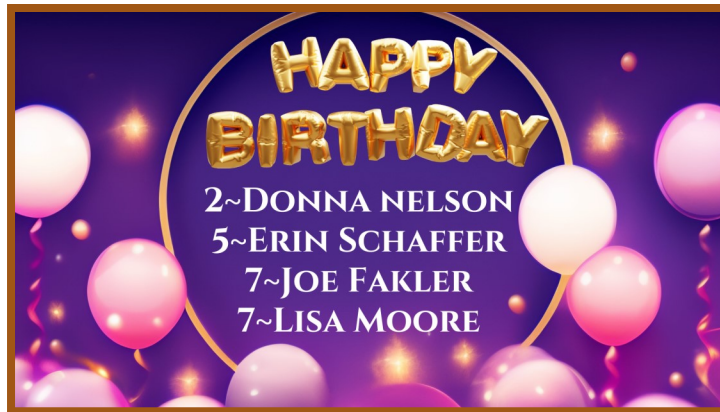
9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 2:00pm Advent Bible Study
 6:00pm Vespers

Monday, December 9, 2024

5:30pm Council

Sunday, December 15, 2024

9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Children's Christmas
 Program
 Immediately following Worship
 Lunch and Caroling
 6:30pm Advent Bible Study



LAURA CHRISTENSEN
TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
AMANDA WATERMAN
HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
DEB KETTERMAN, SAVANA,
LIBBY & HATCHER
KEN PALMQUIST
KYLE SWENSON
JAN NOVLAN
JOAN KROHN

*Prayer
 Requests*

JOSH FREEBORN
DAKOTA
BROCKMAN
EFFIE PETERSEN
TERESA BENSON
STAN MCMILLAN

Attendance & Financials		
	Attendance	Offering
November 11, 2024	48	\$1,105.00
November 17, 2024	75	\$2067.00
November 20, 2024	49	\$2,338.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
November Offering to date:		\$13,633.00
Year-to-Date:		\$141,220.00

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 Friday
 Closed

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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.
 John Wesley