

Lord of Life
Lutheran
Church
(ELCA)

Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am
& 10:30 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9:00 am-12 pm
1:00-3 pm

Ministers

The Lord of Life
Family of Faith

Pastors

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O Come all Ye Faithful - Advent 2017

Dear friends,

We are stepping into a profoundly wonderful time in the church year – the season of Advent! Advent is the beginning of the church year and so we begin again, to anticipate the return of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and to ponder the wonder and the promise of God coming down to earth!

While “O Come all Ye Faithful” is a Christmas hymn, and some liturgical sticklers would oppose the use of a Christmas hymn during the season of Advent, we chose it as our theme for Advent because it is so deeply invitational in nature and ultimately defining for us of what it means to part of the “faithful.”

So I started to wonder about what it means to be faithful and to be included under that heading.

In some ways, the season of Advent can help us understand what it means to be faithful. Each week in worship we will light a new candle. The candles represent Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Could that be part of what it means to be faithful, to be hopeful, peaceful, joyful and full of love?

As followers of Jesus we do have **hope** that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

As followers of Jesus – we are **blessed** to be **peacemakers** and called to love our enemies. As followers of Jesus – we have **joy** in our hearts, which is a deep sense of knowing that God is good and with us even in the midst of difficulty and trial.

As followers of Jesus – we **love** as we've been loved and are invited to extend that love to all.

So is that it? Could it be that Hopeful + Peaceful + Joyful + Full of Love = Faithful?

But what about when I don't feel or live those things, when despair wins out over hope, when anger nudges out my peace, when there seems to only be sorrow in the night, but joy never comes in the morning or when apathy and hate fill my heart? Do you have moments, days, seasons of life like that? I know I do.

That's when we count not on our faithfulness but on God's. And really that's what Advent and Christmas are all about – God's faithfulness to us. For God so loved the world he sent his son Jesus who took on flesh and blood and walked this life with all of its joys, sorrows, pains and elations.

Even when we are not faithful to God – God is faithful to us and the invitation is spoken into our hearts and heads over and over and over again “Come follow me.” “Come, all you who are weary and heavy laden and I'll give you rest.” Come, and take up your cross.” “Come, little children,” “Come you who are thirsty, who are hungry.” “Come all you faithful, and not so faithful, and sometimes faithful, and trying to be faithful.”

Wherever you're at today may you hear God's invitation to hope, joy, peace and love and may you be blessed with the faith to know that it's not just an invitation but a gift given to you for the sake of the world.

Have a blessed Advent and a glorious Christmas,

Pastor Erika

Greetings!

It is a wonderful time of the year! Really? It can also cause stress and sometimes sadness.

Mindfulness is a term that is going around, is it difficult, is it a program, just what is it? Well, it can be as simple as you want it to be. Here are a few very easy steps to lessen stress with mindfulness.



- Eat the chocolate! Did you know that if you slow down and really chew and savor that chocolate, you will note about 300 flavors in it?
- Go for a short walk, even at the mall when shopping, just slow down and notice the environment.
- When things are getting to "wild", take some deep breaths; in thru the nose and slowly out through your mouth, this is a great way to 'ground' you when life gets to crazy!
- Another one is to do the 10 finger gratitude, daily say out loud 10 things you are grateful for. This helps to bring awareness of the tiny things in our lives that we tend to forget about.
- Take a little time for yourself and as we get closer to Advent and Christmas, remember Jesus is the Reason for the season. God's blessing to all for this blessed season!

Deb Bergstrom RN
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Sunday's Lessons

December 3 First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cantata
The service of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24 Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96;
Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

*from heaven above
to earth I came*



10 Stewardship Principles

(one principle featured each month)

Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions: grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ.

*"...you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7*

Stewardship Principle of the Month #6:

Give proportionately is our way of giving in relation to our abundance. We are to give according to our "mean," not according to an income or a budget.

*"If the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-not according to what one does not have,"
2 Corinthians 8:12*





Congregational Meeting

We will have a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 10 at 11:45 am.

The Agenda will be:

- (1) Bylaw changes — including revisions to the council structure.
- (2) Constitutional Amendments per the 2016 Church-wide Assembly Model Revisions.
- (3) Receiving the Financial Report for last year.
- (4) Approve the Refinancing of the Mortgage.

All confirmed members in good standing are eligible to attend, participate and vote.

Your Generosity is Ever Appreciated

Thank you for the generous donations of both food and time in support of preparing and delivering the Thanksgiving Food Baskets for area families. The outpouring of Lord of Life's congregational support for the community is a true help to those in need.

Thank you to all who donated warm hats and mittens for the Mitten tree. So many beautiful hand made pieces have been donated. Those who benefited from your generosity will feel your thoughtfulness in their hands and hearts all winter long.

Social Concerns Team

Prayers for strength, comfort and healing...

Mel Nefstead, Lolly Kalinoski, Bruce Femling, David Schliek, Beth Selinger

Promise of Comfort & Resurrection for...

Sandy Bergstrom and family, on the passing of her brother-in-law, Steven VanOort, Nov. 1.
Bill Fortune, on the passing of his brother.



Baptism



November 12, 2017

Colten James Stout

Son of John Stout and Ashley Benedict

Women of the ELCA

Martha Circle - will meet at Judy Tollefson's home on Tuesday, December 12 at 7 pm. Jeannine zumBrunnen will lead Bible Study. For more information contact Mary Anderson at 330-6171.

Sarah Circle - will be having a luncheon off-site on December 12, instead of the usual 1:00 meeting. For more information, contact Bugs Schmidt at 829-3864.

❄️ NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE ❄️
December 27



The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26 and Monday, January 1.

Join us at LOL for some fun events!



Sunday, December 10,
after the 11:45 am Congregational Meeting.

Help
For



Us Decorate
Christmas!

Bring the family and help the
Worship Team decorate the
church. On Saturday,
December 9 starting at 9
am.

Sunday, December 10
at 9 am and 10:30 am
and Wednesday,
December 13 at 6 pm!



Charlie Brown Christmas Play

Sunday, December 17 at 9 am,
10:30 am, & 3 pm and

Wednesday, December 20
at 6:00 pm at Lord of Life

2017-2018 WINTER SCHEDULE

**New Member Orientation 101 – Pastor’s Office
(choose one class to attend)**

- December 20, 2017 – 6:00-7:00pm
- January 24, 2018 – 6:00-7:00pm

**Membership 201 – Pastor’s Office
(this is a three-night session)**

- January 4, 2018 – 7:00-8:30pm
- January 11, 2018 – 7:00-8:30pm
- January 25, 2018 – 7:00-8:30pm

Reception of New Members

- January 28 & 31, 2018

REGISTER FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS

Visit the lolbaxter.org website and click on "Forms" on the upper bar. Then click on "New Member Forms". Each adult needs to complete a separate form. If you have children, add their names on the form where indicated. Children do not need to attend the class, however, they are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, December 6th during
the 6 pm worship service,
we will be celebrating St. Nicholas.**



December 6, will be a potluck
supper, join us at 5:15 pm.

Regular suppers will be
December 13 and 20,
starting at 5:15 pm.

Lord of life is again
accepting donations for
the purchase of
Christmas Poinsettia and
other items to decorate
our Sanctuary for the
Christmas season.



Cost is \$10 each pre-paid, please specify on the form (available at the church) if your gift is in honor or in memory of a loved one and if you would like to bring your poinsettia home after the Christmas season. Deadline for orders is December 17th.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 9a Worship 26 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship | 6a Women's AA 27 1p Book Discussion 7p Caring Friends Meeting | 7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 28 1:30p Office Staff Meeting | 5:15p Wednesday Night Supper 29 6p Wednesday Worship 7p 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7p 9th Grade Confirmation 7p Choir Rehearsal | 9a LOL Quilters 30 10a Coffee, Donuts, Conversation and Bible Study | 6:30a Men's Breakfast 1 | 9a Pray & Ponder 2 3p Parents Night Out 7p Open AA |
| 9a Worship 3 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11a Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen Ministry 11:30a Fellowship 5:30p Middle School Youth Group | 6a Women's AA 4 1p Book Discussion | 7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 5 9a Book Discussion 1:30p Office Staff Meeting 6:30p Team Meeting Night | 5:15p Wednesday Night Supper 6 6p Wednesday Worship 7p 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7p 9th Grade Confirmation 7p Choir Rehearsal | 9a LOL Quilters 7 10a Coffee, Donuts, Conversation and Bible Study | 6:30a Men's Breakfast 8 | 9a Christmas Decorating 9 7p Open AA |
| 9a Worship 10 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship 5:30p Middle School Youth Group | 6a Women's AA 11 1p Book Discussion 6:30p Pinetree Patchworkers | 7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 12 1p Sarah Circle 1:30p Office Staff Meeting 7p Martha Circle | 5:15p Wednesday Night Supper 13 6p Wednesday Worship 7p 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7p 9th Grade Confirmation 7p Choir Rehearsal | 9a LOL Quilters 14 10a Coffee, Donuts, Conversation and Bible Study | 6:30a Men's Breakfast 15 | 7p Open AA 16 |
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| 9a Worship 24 10a Fellowship 3p Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 5p Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 9p Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship | Christmas - Church Office Closed 25 6a Women's AA | 7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 26 1:30p Office Staff Meeting | NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE 27 | 9a LOL Quilters 28 10a Coffee, Donuts, Conversation and Bible Study | 6:30a Men's Breakfast 29 | 7p Open AA 30 |
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Welcoming Our New Members to the Congregation

Helen & Mike Landecker,
David & Michelle Malchow,
Todd Swedberg and
Sammi Waloch



LOLLY (Lot's of Living Left Yet)

LOLLY will meet on Wednesday, December 20 at 11:30 am at Lord of Life for a potluck and presentation. If you have any questions, please call Mary Anderson at 218-330-6171.

Three Ways to Give this Holiday

In this busy holiday season, there are 3 different ways to give to the local and international community. See the Narthex for more information about each option:

ANGEL TREE: Some little angels in our community need some extra help this year to make their Holiday bright. Select a tag from the Angel tree and purchase any gift listed but also please include at least one clothing item. All unwrapped gifts need to be **dropped off at the Salvation Army at 208 South 5th Street by Friday December 8th**. Please have the unwrapped gifts include the Angle Tag and make sure the information on the tag is also on the gift.

CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS TREE: Please consider donating grocery and gas gift cards from area businesses. These gift cards are used for local families in need during the holiday season and throughout the year. Any denomination helps.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS: Give a gift that helps grow the church, fights hunger and transforms lives. Support the ELCA global mission to fight hunger by purchasing a gift of a chicken, cow, pig or more on behalf of a loved one. Your gift will support mission work in 83 countries and is tax-deductible. For more information see the display in the Narthex or visit ELCA.org/goodgifts.

Pray & Ponder Women's Breakfast

Join us for **Pray & Ponder on December 2 at 9:00 am**. Lord of Life men will be serving a fabulous brunch for us. After brunch we will move to the sanctuary to kick off the Advent Season in song and prayer. If you can attend please email Wendy Adamson at wendyadamson@gmail.com.

God's peace,

Wendy



Call Pat Huhta
at
218-330-3447.

The Creative Arts Team

The Creative Arts team has an upcoming project that uses some vinyl lettering. If anyone has a Cricut (or similar) machine and may be able to help, please contact Kevin Olson, 218-568-8692.

Dear Lord of Life Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$600 to Lutheran Disaster Response. With this gift you are providing emotional and spiritual care, supplying emergency relief, and addressing longterm recovery.

With your gifts you are making possible the support of unmet needs, the coordinating of volunteers in the United States through our local affiliates, and the promoting of disaster risk-reduction internationally, expanding knowledge and ability.

Thank you for this gift and all your faithful generous gifts. Thank you for encouraging others to learn, act, pray and give with you. Thank you for living into God's words of justice and mercy and for joining with the whole church to love and serve one another.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal



**Congratulations to our 2017 Lord of Life Lutheran
Sophomore Confirmands**

Confirmation Service was held Sunday, October 29 at 1 pm.

Ian Aadland

Grace Balsley

Sam Bennett

Lindsey Booth

Quinn Budnick

Clare Ceynowa

Atlie Danielson

Jacob Drietz

Keenan Hodge

Gabby Jensen

Christian Kadolph

Tennyson Kelm

Karli Knopf

Josie Kramer

Mike Laber

Peyton McConkey

Brendan Miller

Sarah Nesheim

Caleb Patrick

Hannah Paysse

Broc Peterson

Morgan Price

Jared Senger

Benjamin Staehling

Kaleb Sundquist

Seth Vagts

Cam Walkowiak

Justin Youngquist



Where: Lord of Life Lutheran Church
6190 Fairview Road, Baxter

When: Saturday, December 2 - 3 pm to 9 pm
(kids need to be picked up by 9 pm)

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/y8yz94fg>

We will have fun activities and crafts for your kids; we will also feed them supper. This is a free-will donation and fundraiser for the youth to raise money for the upcoming Youth Gathering in June.



Having fun making lefse!

Thank you to everyone that helped make lefse, for the Caring Friends Fundraiser. Money raised will go towards people in need here at LOL.



Christmas Gifts that Give Back

article by Susan B. Barnes

For the full story go to LivingLutheran.org Nov. issue

"It's better to give than to receive." The saying rings true for many of us as we begin Christmas gift shopping, especially when we consider that it comes from Jesus himself. In Acts 20:35, Paul said: "In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

When considering gifts this Christmas season, Kevin L. Strickland, ELCA assistant to the presiding bishop and executive for worship, suggests, "In this strange new-old time, we can 'make it simple' by paying attention to God's abundance, and proclaiming it by our own abundant giving."

What better way to proclaim God's abundance than by choosing to give gifts that continue giving after Christmas? To inspire you, *Living Lutheran* rounded up gift ideas that give back to people in need and care for God's creation.

- Adopt a star: adoptastar.whitedwarf.org
- America the Beautiful pass: nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm
- Earthwatch Institute: earthwatch.org
- ELCA Good Gifts: elca.org/goodgifts
- Make it fair trade: fairtradesusa.org, lwrfarmersmarket.org, equalexchange.coop, tenthousandvillages.com, serrv.org
- Adopt an animal: savethemanatee.org/adoptpag.htm, gifts.worldwildlife.org (click on "special adoptions")

Another thought to consider when giving this Christmas season: it's not how much you spend or how big the gift, but how it will continue giving long past December 25.

"There was no room for Mary and Joseph and the Christ child in the inn, but room was made for them," Strickland said, reflecting on the Christmas story. "Even when we might feel that there's not enough, God's abundance is present, and in the Christmas season, we're reminded how abundance may look small, like a baby being born in Bethlehem manger scene."

December Youth Update

It's hard to believe that December is here. Here is a recap from last month, along with important events happening in December. I am thankful to all of you who are invested in the youth of this congregation!

November Recap

Confirmation 7th & 8th Grade - Confirmation students were busy learning about Luther's Small Catechism. November 15th, small groups traveled to local shops to purchase gifts for Operation Christmas Child. These gifts will be shipped all over the world bringing Christmas blessings to all who receive them.

Middle School Gathering at Cragun's - was Nov. 18th/19. At the NEMN Synod Middle School Gathering there were approximately 500 students who studied *The Lord's Prayer* with keynote speaker Dave Holtz. Our students danced, sang at the top of their lungs, played, stayed up late and together explored their faith. What an amazing weekend!

Confirmation 9th Grade - This month has been one with tough conversations for this 9th grade class. Together they experienced a loss of a classmate. We were there for one another whether it was a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen, or to help process and ask questions during this time. I am thankful for the support of the congregation during this month and for months to come.

NOOMA Retreat - was Nov. 17-18. Our 9th graders gathered for the annual Confirmation NOOMA retreat. This overnight retreat was at the church and was filled with great faith conversation both with peers and mentors along with fun games and activities that filled the night. Our retreat was based on the NOOMA video series by Rob Bell.

Teens Upstream - Each week we have looked at various faith topics and had amazing discussions. November 15th we also participated in Operation Christmas Child and enjoyed going out to purchase gifts to be sent to children around the world.

Synod Journey - The Butter Braid fundraiser was a success thank you to everyone who purchased them. If you haven't done so already they have arrived and can be picked up in the Sunshine Room. The order form is there, if you do not remember what you purchased.

December upcoming events:

- Pancake Breakfast December 3rd at 9:45 am.
- December 20th last Wednesday night before Christmas break.
- December 17th final MSG before a Christmas break.

It has been a blessing working with this congregation and I am very thankful to all of you!

Tim Slinger
Youth Director

Lord of Life Lutheran Ministry Opportunities

Connecting to Christ

Circle, Martha - Meets the second Tuesday of the month off site at 7:00 p.m. (August-June) For more information contact *Mary Anderson* 330-6171
maryteda@charter.net

Circle, Sarah - Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. (Sept-May) at Lord of Life. For information contact *Bugs Schmidt* 829-3864
shmidye@icloud.com

Men's Breakfast - Fridays, 6:30 a.m. at LOL for Bible study, fellowship, fun and food - *Roger Tietz* 820-3923

Men's Fellowship - Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. at LOL for Bible study, fellowship and fun - *Ted Anderson* 831-1372

New Member Class - For individuals and families interested in joining Lord of Life. Childcare is provided upon request. - *Pastor Steve* 828-9374
steve@lolbaxter.org

Pray & Ponder Women's Breakfast - A gathering of women on one Saturday each month, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Commons. (Oct-May). Experience great food, conversation, inspiration and prayer. Contact *Wendy Adamson* at
wendyadamson@gmail.com

Connecting to our Community

Caring for Creation Workgroup

We will meet from 4:30-5:30 the third Wednesday of the month. The Caring for Creation Workgroup on ecology and the environment is grounded in a biblical vision of God's intention for the healing and wholeness of creation. This group will meet to discuss ways to help take care of God's Creation. Contact *Todd Holman* with any questions at tholman@tnc.org

Habitat for Humanity - *Scott Hall*,
(w) 828-8517- scott.hall@lakesarea.org

LOL Quilters - The LOL Quilters will meet Thursdays, from 9 am to 12 pm. Quilts are made for our graduating seniors, local charities and special requests. Thursdays are used for quilt designing, packaging into kits for LOL volunteers to sew into quilt tops, and also for tying and binding. Sewing experience is not required! If you have any questions you can contact *Jan Hardesty* at 218-828-1434.

Prayer Shawl Group - Meets 3 to 4 times a year. Anyone who is interested in this wonderful ministry is welcome to join our group. Please contact *Jeannine zumBrunnen* 829-2177-zummyb@brainerd.net or *Brenda Johnson* 831-9725-brensid@brainerd.net Check our website at www.shawlministry.com for more information.

Soup Kitchen - Serving meals at Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen (923 Oak St., Brainerd), first Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. - *To volunteer contact Nancy Smith* (820-4273) or sign-up on the clipboard in the Narthex.

Connecting to Each Other

Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group meets on alternating Sundays at 6:30 p.m. (Sept. - May). All book lovers are welcome. Contact: *Jerry Kuehn* at 218-820-8566.

Monday Afternoon Book Group will meet at 1:00 pm each Monday (Sept. - May). For more information contact *Nancy Smith* 820-4273.

Tuesday Morning Book Group This group meets on the 1st and the 3rd Tuesdays of the Month at 9:00am and focuses on studying biblical books to expand our knowledge of the bible and grow in faith. Contact *Claire Rud* at paulclairerud@msn.com.

Caring Friends Ministry - Find out how to become a Caring Friend or to receive this ministry as you navigate life transitions. Meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Contact *Jeannine zumBrunnen* 829-2177

zummyb@brainerd.net

LOL Ministry Teams - Congregational Life, Children's Education, Youth/Adult Education, Evangelism, Finance, Property, Social Concerns, Stewardship, Worship, Youth - *Pastor Erika* 828-9374
erika@lolbaxter.org

LOLLY (Lots of Living Left Yet) - Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; ages 55+ (Sept-May). Call *Mary Anderson* at 330-6171 or *Ted Anderson* at maryteda@charter.net for more info.

Pre-Marriage Retreat - For couples preparing for the joys and struggles of married life. This is a pre-requisite for couples planning to be married at LOL. For more information, contact *Anne* in the church office at 828-9374 or anne@lolbaxter.org

Wednesday Night Supper Prep & Serving - Assist with cooking and serving of our Wednesday evening meal. (Sept-May) Contact the church office at www.lolbaxter.org

For updated information on the above events, check out our website:
<http://www.lolbaxter.org>



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9th Grade Confirmation participating in the NOOMA Retreat on November 17 & 18 at LOL.



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All cash or check contributions for 2017 must be **received** in the church office by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 31, 2017 or **post-marked** no later

than December 31, 2017. In addition, all *online gifts* must have an "approved" status by December 31, 2017 in order to receive contribution credit for 2017.

Any gift received or post-marked on or after January 1, 2018 will be credited to 2018.

Newsletter Team

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The **Good News** is published monthly. Articles for the January Newsletter are due December 18.



- 1 Dan Kozitza, Blake Peterson
- 2 Hannah Larson, Dave Linder, Jared Senger, Trent Spreeman, Hannah Staehling
- 3 Emma Dewey, Leigha Sanow, Tyler Schaitberger
- 4 John Berns, Lexi McElfresh, Justin Youngquist, Mary Zeise
- 5 Macy Anderson, Marcie DeBoer, Charles Young
- 6 Howie Bahn, Lilly Hamilton
- 7 Helen Herbon, Olivia Nichols, Zach Rude, Paul Springstead
- 8 Emmy Ehlert, Ella Helmricks, Lauren Hardinger
- 9 Emery Dumpprope, Tim Hardinger, Connor Marichalar, Kristi Weideman
- 10 Travis Dahlheimer, Dave Domeier, David Kelm, Tyler Stoen, Isaac Tupy
- 11 Ed Braland, Kristofer Rye
- 12 Steve Kohls, Katy Jacobs, Gabe Maurer
- 13 Patti Baillif, Jessica Balsley, Katy Kelm, Karen Rubado, Logan Sazama
- 14 Pam Caughey, Rob Felix, Leanne Kozitza
- 15 Troy Bialka, Auni Jobe, Aubrey Mithun
- 17 Vincent Johnson-Ding, Hannah Paysse
- 18 Joey Clark, Cole Kunesh, Mike Owen
- 19 Travis Banks, Tia Bruggeman, Nan Farrington, Lori Fink, EJ Gehrke, Nicholas Holman, Jeff Johnson, Tammy Schultz
- 20 Kim Quincer
- 21 Mary Ann Majerle
- 22 Brandon Borgstrom, Jamie Daniels, Greta Isackson, Morgan Price
- 23 Kelsey Booth, Vickie Borgstrom, Brenda Johnson, Dan Larson, Xander Norquist, Dave Stengrim
- 25 Riley Anderson, Ted Anderson, Amy Foley, Carol Rodseth, Mark Workman
- 26 Gracie Kiffmeyer, Reilly Peterson, Taylor Schmeck
- 27 Tiffinni Dewey, Ellen Frank, Helen Landecker, Krista Mithun, Faelynn Mulholland, Kevin Peterson, Sarah Speer
- 28 Lori Hoelzel, Donna Peppel
- 29 Henrietta Erickson, Taytum Hanson
- 30 Gloria Gregersen, Shirley Hansen
- 31 Lorna Heidmann, Elle Kempf, Kiley Jendro

- 1 Tom & Sandie Youngblom
- 2 Brian & Janice Gapinski❖
- 4 Kevin & Jan Hall❖
- 11 Richard & Deb Koop❖
- Eric & Brooke Nybeck
- 13 Chuck & Ruth Nelson❖
- 14 Cliff & Maxine Sanders†
- 17 James & Christine Cox
- 19 Dan & Andy Holmes❖
- 20 Terry & Karen Hermanson❖
- 21 Jim & Tammie Benson
- Rod & Val Rangen❖
- 22 Jon & Mary Belanger❖
- 23 Tom Koop & Kris Harsh
- 26 Dan & Jenny Owens
- Jason & Darcy Walkowiak
- 27 Arlo & Gary Hill†
- Kevin & Joyce Olson❖
- 28 Charlie & Amy Campbell
- Steve & Ellen Frank❖
- 29 Kurt & Kate Porter
- 30 Chris & Amy Foley❖
- 31 Kirstin & Ben Nelson

❖=Celebrating 24-49 years!
 †=Celebrating 50 years or more!





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*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services
3 pm, 5 pm and 9 pm*

We will also have one morning worship service
at 9 am on Sunday, December 24.