

The Trinity Trumpet

December 2024

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“So, when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?’” Matthew 27:17

Choose the LITTLE Box

No doubt, Christmas is a wonderful time. Families, maybe some time off or away, parties, gifts, an excess of food, it seems to be “the most wonderful time of the year.” But what makes that so? Is it the joy of living each day? It certainly isn’t that it takes all the stressors of life away, because in most cases the stressors increase, cooking, cleaning, decorating...then there are the bills. Is it childhood memories? Very likely, there are all those presents, sweets, games maybe...Good Times. Indeed. (But were they?) Is it escapism, trying to run and hide from troubles and drowning our sorrows, losses, and sadnesses that seem to overwhelm us through out the year?

Christmas can seem as if one is a participant on Let’s Make a Deal. There we are standing before the host and he keeps offering us options; always trying to take a risk to see if we can, “up the ante,” come home with something bigger and better than what we already have. This happens especially if those real challenges, struggles and hurts are around us, and the problems with this are two. First, if this is about emotions, how I’m feeling, me – the next time it needs to be made bigger, better, more powerful. Where is the end? What happens when you can’t or don’t have the same feelings you were longing for? Cindy Lou Who sang it best, “Where are you Christmas, why can’t I find you? Emotions are fickle and fleeting things, and we can’t top them, we despair.

Second, we lose the focus or the object of Christ-mass because we turn it into being about me and takes the focus from Christ. The world and the devil have done a very good job of this marketing us from Jesus to “Jesus.” Like the choice laid before the people in Jerusalem 2000 year ago the world is flocking to early decor, shopping frenzy, black Friday specials, and even family gatherings, all without worship, without Christ. Sure the “trappings” are all around us, but isn’t that’s what’s happening? We are being trapped and don’t even realize it. If you or I think we wouldn’t have joined the crowds in Pilates courtyard – we ought to ask, are we doing it now?

Whether it is Pilate, our emotions, the world around us pushes us to trade up; and we must be honest with ourselves, which might change many things in our life of faith and work in the Church. Crowds yelling and always driving us to go for the bigger box, the big door marked number 1, go big or go home without holiday cheeriness – we should stop for a moment and look down in our hands to see the little box that we hold there.

The box that was given to everyone a long time ago: it’s very small, very unassuming, seemingly insignificant, and certainly wouldn’t make the crowds go wild to own. Just like the prize it holds, it comes with no pomp or circumstance, there aren’t any decoration or music playing, (except for an angelic host that proclaims the gift for and to all if they will have it.) It is the gift you did nothing to earn, have nothing to pay back, and can’t even fathom the true power and offering laying there, in your empty hands.

In fact, it is the same unassuming, small, seemingly insignificant gift that is placed into those hands’ week after week with no pomp or circumstance, flare, or special music playing. Other than the sounds of the angelic host gathered in the worship space with you, and the cloud of witnesses that comes and surrounds us in worship as we all come with empty hands, singing His praise to no matter what song it is, if it is focused on Him, the only object of this thing we call faith. “This, this is Christ the Lord.” This is my Body, my Blood, given for you for the forgiveness of sins.

In Jerusalem they got caught up in the whoop and holler choosing Jesus Barabas, because they didn’t really want the beaten, crowned with thorns, bleeding Jesus – He’s a loser. On Let’s Make a Deal, people get caught up in the whoop and holler of the crowd, and never want to take what looks like a loser either, so they join the crowd and choose the BIG box. I can hear the sound now, “wa, wa, wa, waaa.”

Well, let see what you gave up for that hopeful big prize that turned out to be your own goat! The host opens the

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...box and there inside lays a small and insignificant manger scene. But that, is really what this is all about. Not you, me, our emotions, the glitz and the glamour, just an insignificant baby born to a 14-year-old girl, a virgin, whose betrothed didn't know what was happening as inn keepers and others left them out in the cold, except for a stable where they took refuge. Smelly, noisy, dirty stable.

Not the place or the way you would expect the Incarnate God to come into our world – because we want pomp. But after all He didn't come so you and I could revel and give and receive to our hearts content. This baby was born to die. That day in

Pilates' courtyard is why He came. That day when we nailed this innocent babies' hands to roughhewn wood of this world, to torture and kill, and rid themselves of a major pain and problem for the authorities. That baby who came for the lost, the least, the last, the sick, the sinner, that baby didn't come so Christmas would become a marketing and money-making extravaganza, He came to give you a gift you can't have. He came to do what you could not do. He came to pay the price of your sins, yes, even the getting lost in the Christmas hubbub and leaving Him at the curb. After all, He already went through that a long time ago, with that other guy named Jesus – Jesus of the world. I'm glad that they mistakenly chose up and went for the big box, so that the real Jesus could go and do what He came to do. He suffered, died, and was buried, and on the 3rd day He rose from the grave, and ascended into heaven. So now He could be the righteous judge who always desires to choose for us. Now that's a Christmas gift worth opening. That's the **BIGGEST GIFT OF ALL**.

Merry Christmas - Pastor Matt

Advent Worship Services



John 1: 14 *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth,”* will be our unifying verse for all of our reflections starting with Thanksgiving Eve on November 27. Services will begin at 7pm and all are welcomed to come and wait for the return of our God in His final glory, displayed in His past revelations.

Nov. 27: Bread of Life: Jesus is born in Bethlehem, the House of Bread, to nourish and strengthen us in our faith and feed us with his Word of truth to fill our lives.

Dec. 4: Salt of the Earth: Jesus calls us to flavor the earth and to savor the good things that come from him through his birth.

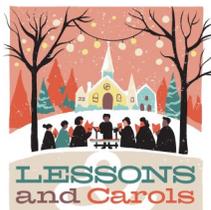
Dec. 11: Rock of Ages: Jesus is our rock, a solid foundation on which to build a life of joy.

Dec 18: Light of the World: Jesus brightens our lives through his birth, dispelling the darkness of sin to bring forgiveness to light.

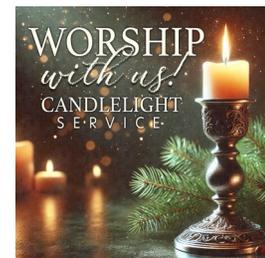
**We will have two special combined services
this month, both being held at 9:30 a.m.!**



They will be on
December 8th, for
the Children's Christ-
mas Program and on
December 29th, for



the Lesson's & Carols service. We look forward to coming together on those two Sundays for one worship service at 9:30 a.m.



*There will be three Christmas
Eve services offered to attend.
They will be held at 4 p.m., 6
p.m. and 11 p.m.*

 Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
11/3	60/117	5235.00
11/10	40/85	3898.15
11/17	38/103	2543.00
11/24	43/89	



December 04	Wyatt	Andersen
December 06	Margery	Denton
December 06	Molly	Scott
December 07	Matthew	Bahnfleth
December 08	Oakley	Bodrug
December 08	Liberty	Plumb
December 08	Janee'	Schueman
December 10	Madeline	Christensen
December 13	Maxine	Sornsen
December 14	Deanna	Krummel
December 14	Eric	Sieh
December 15	Jeffrey	Harder
December 15	Isaac	Krohn
December 16	Maeleigh	Rold
December 17	Brock	Partlow
December 18	Hudson	Harder
December 18	Charles	Lees
December 18	Judith	Williams
December 19	Jameson	Fritz
December 22	Terra	Buboltz
December 22	William	Christian
December 23	Lori	Maurer
December 25	Christopher	Dierking
December 25	Joshua	Krohn
December 25	Janiece	Schroder
December 25	Steven	Schueman
December 26	Ally	Meyers
December 27	Herbert	Rock
December 28	Paxton	Holst
December 29	Todd	Feigenbutz
December 30	Dawn	Harder
December 31	Marcia	Jacobsen
December 31	Michael	Jorgensen
December 31	Katie	Scheffler

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Douglas Burmeister– Sandy Burmeister

Bob Jensen– Betty Oehlertz



Fellowship Leaders

Dec. 1st-Julie Miller, Nancy Kelly
Dec. 8th, After the Sunday School Program-Arla Pickham, Gayle Stuart, Becky Bahnfleth, Shela Jacobsen

Dec. 15th– Youth Group hosting w/ Specialty Coffee's

Dec. 22nd– Kris McCarthy, Holly Hansen

Dec. 29th– No coffee fellowship

If anyone would like to help with fellowship, please contact Kathy Soetmelk at 712-249-9027

December Communion Bread

Pastor Matt Bahnfleth



Worship Volunteers

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please find a replacement and then let Eric Sieh know. Eric can be contacted by calling/texting him at (402) 650-3065 or by emailing him at eric.m.sieh@gmail.com

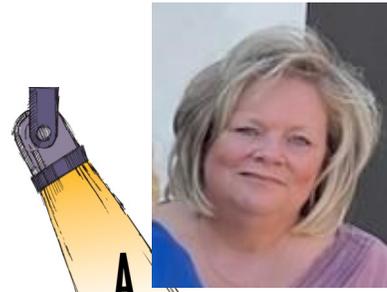
Thank you for all you do to help at TLC!



Wed, Dec. 4th, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
 Wed, Dec. 11th, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
 Sun, Dec. 15th, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
 Christmas Coffee Service & Worship



Three YG members attended the “Weekend of Champions” event in Grand Island, NE. This event was held by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



A Penny for your Thoughts

Shela Jacobsen

From: Avoca, IA

Where do you like to vacation?

Going to the lake house and being by the water

Favorite Pastime? Hanging out with family & friends

What about Trinity touches your heart?

All my church family



Pictured Above: On Sunday, November 17th, the TLC Quilting group had their quilts on display in the church. This group is always looking for more people that would like to join them! They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, for fellowship and sewing!



Holiday Care Packages

Holiday Care Packages are available for those who are homebound or in care facilities. These care packages contain personal care items, a holiday ornament and a word search book. Anyone can take a care package and spread a little extra holiday cheer, so please help yourself if you need them. Care packages are available in the Narthex.

Breeze Updates



“Breeze” is our software management program that we use for all sorts of things! Most notably as our online directory that allows us to easily keep our records up to date, and members to be able to login to find other members contact information to stay connected. We will sometimes use Breeze to text the entire congregation. (I think we’ve done this twice in our history, and it was done to alert everyone that weather had changed our Sunday worship plans.) Due to new regulations, everyone now has to give their consent to allow us to text you. This will only need to be done once. In January, you should receive the following message from us via text:

“Trinity Lutheran Church is verifying you want to receive reminders & alerts from Breeze ChMS. Reply YES to opt-in, STOP to cancel. Msg&data rates may apply. Unless you reply YES to this message you will no longer receive messages from Breeze ChMS on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church.”

Please respond YES so we can keep you posted on any updated information you may appreciate! Thank you!



2024 Christmas Poinsettia's



- ◆ Joyce Mez– Given in memory of Edward, Alberta, & Robert Schmid
 - ◆ Joyce Mez– Given in memory of Max, Wilma, & Ronnie Mez
 - ◆ Joyce Mez– Given in memory of Jerry Mez
 - ◆ Gary & Kathy Soetmelk-Given in memory of loved ones
 - ◆ Gary & Kathy Soetmelk– Given in honor of those in the military
 - ◆ Hervetta Ronnfeldt-Given in memory of Russ Ronnfeldt
 - ◆ Hervetta Ronnfeldt– Given in memory of Dave, Joel, and Ethan Holst
 - ◆ Bill & Reva Bylund-Given in memory of loved ones
 - ◆ Ronda Holst & Family – Given in memory of Dave, Joel, & Ethan Holst
- ◆ Ronda Holst & Family– Given in memory of Russ Ronnfeldt and Firp & Marge Holst
 - ◆ Jerod & Amber Johnson– Given in memory of Jackson Johnson
 - ◆ McCarthy Families– Given in memory of Meighan Johansen
 - ◆ McCarthy Families– Given in memory of Ayzlee McCarthy
- ◆ Alan & Suzette Blakestad-Given in memory of Ethan Tyler Holst & loved ones
 - ◆ Maxine Sornsen & Family– Given in memory of Gene Sornsen
 - ◆ Henry & Sue Paulsen Family– Given in memory of our loved ones
 - ◆ Frank & Marlene Nelsen– Given in memory of Jordan Leigh Nelsen
 - ◆ Frank & Marlene Nelsen– Given in memory of loved ones
 - ◆ Randy & Ginny Lamp– Given in memory of loved ones
 - ◆ Eric & Angela Sieh– Given in memory of Martha & Erwin Sieh
 - ◆ Chris & Wendy Dierking– Given in memory of Bryce Albright
 - ◆ Alan & Bobbi Sieh– Given in memory of Martha & Erwin Sieh
 - ◆ Alan & Bobbi Sieh– Given in memory of AJ Sieh
 - ◆ Josh & Lauren Guyer– Given in memory of Collette Guyer
 - ◆ Karen Pope– Given in memory of Claude Tuffy Pope
 - ◆ Karen Pope– Given in memory of Henry & Ana Neve Family
 - ◆ Darlene Eggerss– Given in memory of Kenneth Eggerss & loved ones
- ◆ Nancy Kelly– Given in memory of Everett & Leona Piittmann & Troy Walker
- ◆ Ryan & Gina Winter & Family– Given in memory of Grandma & Grandpa Winter
 - ◆ Mike & Beth Schueman– In memory of our Dads & Susie
 - ◆ Jimmy, Denise & Veda Young– In loving memory of Wesley Young
 - ◆ Pastor Matt & Becky Bahnfleth– Given to the glory of God



December/January Volunteer Schedule

	Sunday, Dec. 1st, 8:15 a.m.	Sunday, Dec. 1st, 10:15 a.m.
Communion Support	Linda Schumacher & Becky B.	Greg & Marge Petersen
Communion/Offering	Becky Bahnfleth	Hayli Paulsen, Neil Paulsen, Sue Paulsen
Scriptures & Prayers Readers	Cristin Rold	Wendy Jorgensen
Greeters	Pastor Matt & Becky	Amber & Lance Scott Family
Acolytes	Blair Krohn	Kiptyn Lamp
Worship Steward	Darrian Irlbeck	Ron Winter
		Sunday, Dec. 8th, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Support		Greg & Marge Petersen
Communion/Offering		Katie Sheffler, John Scott, Eric Sieh
Scriptures & Prayers Readers		Christina Berndt
Greeters		Mike & Wendy Jorgensen
Acolytes		Rylinn Madden
Worship Steward		Jim Hansen
	Sunday, Dec. 15th, 8:15 a.m.	Sunday, Dec. 15th, 10:15 a.m.
Communion Support	Linda Schumacher & Becky B.	Greg & Marge Petersen
Communion/Offering	Morgan Sieh	Gary & Kathy Soetmelk, Lane Thornton
Scriptures & Prayers Readers	Ethan Hansen	Peggy Osbahr
Greeters	Eric & Angela Sieh Family	Rose Krohn
Acolytes	Tyler Pieken	Stella Rold
Worship Steward	Dean Krohn	Sue Paulsen
	Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 8:15 a.m.	Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 10:15 a.m.
Communion Support	Linda Schumacher & Becky B.	Greg & Marge Petersen
Communion/Offering	Matt Todd	Judy Williams, Linda Anderson, Ron Winter
Scriptures & Prayers Readers	Jennifer Plumb	Daniel Pattee
Greeters	Darrian & Lisa Irlbeck Family	Greg & Marge Petersen
Acolytes	Lucas Plumb	Katie Scheffler
Worship Steward	Gary Soetmelk	Ron Winter
	Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 4 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 6 p.m.
Communion Support	Linda Schumacher	Greg & Marge Petersen
Communion/Offering	Lacey & Shane Brockhoff, Reva Bylund	Jacob Collins, Wendy Dierking, Jerry Conroy
Scriptures & Prayers Readers	Arla Pickham	Neil Paulsen
Greeters	Ryan & Gina Winter	Jerod & Amber Johnson Family
Acolytes	Morgan Sieh	John Scott
Worship Steward	Eric Sieh	
		Sunday, Dec. 29th, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Support		NA
Communion/Offering		NA
Scriptures & Prayers Readers		Kathy Soetmelk
Greeters		Dale & Kim Krohn
Acolytes		Laird Buboltz
Worship Steward		Mike Krummel

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	Sunday, Jan. 5th, 8:15 a.m.	Sunday, Jan. 5th, 10:15 a.m.
Communion Support	Eric Sieh	Stephanie Harder & Bella Lamp
Communion/Offering	Holly Hansen	Jim & Karen Hansen, Evan Harder
Scriptures & Prayers Readers	Morgan Sieh	Cristin Rold
Greeters	Linda Schumacher	Chelsie Madden & Family
Acolytes	Taylen Hansen	Ethan Hansen
Worship Steward	Shela Jacobsen	Dale Krohn

October Council Meeting Minutes

The church council met on October 10, 2024 with the following members present: Darrian Irlbeck, Megan Hansen, Shela Jacobsen, Sue Paulsen, Amber Johnson, Nicole Krohn, Eric Sieh, and Ryan Winter.

Nicole Krohn called the meeting to order and Megan Hansen led the devotion.

A motion was made by Megan Hansen to approve the agenda, seconded by Darrian Irlbeck. The September minutes were read and approved. Megan Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes, and seconded by Darrian Irlbeck. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Ryan Winter, seconded by Darrian Irlbeck.

Council Reports:

Stewardship- Nicole Krohn

Stewardship is working this month to support Operation Christmas Child by gathering items to fill shoeboxes for November's event.

Worship- Eric Sieh

No new report.

Outreach- Arla Pickham

No report.

Property Management- Darrian Irlbeck

TC Roofing will be coming to waterproof the glass cross on top of the front entrance as we believe this is the cause of the water leaking into the narthex. Also, they will be fixing the flat rubber roof that has holes in it and is leaking water onto the ceiling of the closet next to the kitchen. WCI Basement Repair has provided a bid of \$48,750 for the foundation repair on the north side of the church. This project could take place during the spring or summer of 2025. Replaced water damaged ceiling tile in downstairs women bathroom because of condensation from HVAC ducts (still need to replace other water stained tiles in the same bathroom).

Education- Megan Hansen

Sunday School has 25-30 attendees each week with consistent regular attendees. The new curriculum is going well & those that I have talked to are enjoying it as well. Teachers are enjoying the opportunity to attend all of the services as well. Christmas Program practices will begin soon.

Finance- Ryan Winter

No report.

DFDL- Sue Paulsen

LYO: We met twice for bible study in September and will meet again this week. We will travel to Harlan on the 16th to join in on their Community Youth Gathering. Our "Friday Night be the Lights" event will take place on October 15th at the Legion Hall in Avoca. Luke Fergeson from Harlan will be speaking to us and our TLC worship band will be playing. Knights of Columbus have agreed to cook our food for the evening. The Youth Group is asking for support from the council for postage for the OCC boxes. In past years, the council has supported around 100 boxes. Postage for boxes are \$10.00 each. As of now, we are planning on filling 50 boxes this year, unless more donations are received. A quote from Ecolab was shared in hopes to replace the current pest control service. Dale and Jane Tech wanted the council to be aware of monies available to the church through Thrivent Financial. A quote on new hearing assisted devices has been collected.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor will be heading to Tanzania on October 20th and returning October 31st. Starting to plan the Advent season and the new year.

Old Business: Kathy Soetmelk and Becky Bahnfleth are still working on the outdoor lighting.

New Business:

Hot breakfast will be served between the two church services during fellowship time on November 3, 2024. Discussed WCI Basement Repair bid and the need for a special meeting in the future to obtain approval for funding from the congregation.

Visioning and Goal Setting: Reflections of the two services were discussed.

Adjournment:

Eric Sieh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ryan Winter. Next meeting will be held on November 14, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Johnson, Secretary

TRINITY'S FIVE & DIME



Welcome to “Trinity’s Five & Dime”. This section is dedicated to stories, experiences, and devotionals where together we can share God’s spiritual candy. Glory be to God for the opportunity to share with you some thoughts, experiences, and scripture regarding our everyday lives. Praise and glory to God for his never changing word, faithful love, and countless blessings. May his life-giving word nourish us and strengthen us as we strive to fulfill the purposes, He has for us. Amen. Neil Paulsen

...And in Romans 3:23 it tells us, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”; rather than fighting back or disagreeing with that, we find ourselves saying, “Well, that includes me”. Where before, we may have said, “Well, that must include them”. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. This is the power of the Holy Spirit.



“Lord, teach us to pray” Luke 11:1 **(Part 22)**



It is miraculous and mysterious, the power of the Holy Spirit. But the work of the Spirit does not stop at conversion; that is just the start. The “promised Holy Spirit” is not only “the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it” as said in Ephesians 1:13-14; “In him you are also sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession to the praise of his glory.” The Spirit is also the guarantee of our ongoing transformation, until we reach that inheritance. So it is that continual ministry of God the Holy Spirit that means that what Paul prays for the believer – for you and me – is possible. And because it is possible, it is worth praying for. If we are to grasp the love of God, if our hearts are to become fit homes for Christ, if we are to live out the hope and power given us in the gospel, we will need the Spirit to overcome our natural behavior to be distracted. I think that it is safe to say that we all, at one time or several in our spiritual journey, have fallen prey to this human condition. We may go a day, two days, three days, a week, a month, before suddenly realizing we’re off course, growing distant from the gospel, and growing cold to Jesus. What is the source of our distraction? The most common cause would be all the glitter and dazzle of the world that catches our eye, and all the sounds around us in the world that holds our ear. So, how do we keep looking at, and listening to Jesus? We may have people in our lives reminding us to “Stop looking elsewhere. Just stop looking. Just stop listening. Just decide to stop.” That is a good thing to do, but it won’t help for very long. Just like Lot’s wife, we’ll eventually sooner or later look back. What really keeps us from being distracted is understanding the greatness of the riches of God’s grace and glory in Jesus Christ, because then we are so transfixed with these that the sights cease to dazzle so brightly, and the sounds stop proving to be so tempting. Imagine a young couple when they first fell in love with each other. Each captures the other’s heart, and they love each other with a deep passion. They call each other often, and each wait for the next time they will talk or see each other. For both of them, there are no other men or women in the world. The others who would have once turned their heads no longer do. Not because they have stopped doing anything, but because they have started to love someone. And so it is with us – “I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear; But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.” Regardless of our age, the sights of sin still dazzle. So, what do we need, and how is it provided? We need to see Jesus in his glory, and that is the work of the Spirit. He can work in us to stop being distracted, and instead be entranced by our Lord.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/ Fellowship/Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 5:30-7 p.m. Bible Study	2	3 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service 4-5:30 p.m. Seedlings Class	4 5:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Advent Worship Service	5 2 p.m. TLCW Meeting 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 6:15 p.m. Peace Haven	6 Pastors Day Off	7
8 9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service/ Sunday School Christmas Program 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 5:30-7 p.m. Bible Study	9 9:30 a.m. Salem Lutheran Nursing Home Worship	10 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service 4-5:30 p.m. Seedlings Class	11 11 a.m. Angel Tree Wrapping 5:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Youth Group	12 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 7 p.m. Council Meeting	13 Pastors Day Off	14 9 a.m.—10 a.m. Angel Tree Pickup
15 8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/ Fellowship/Bible Study/Youth Group 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 5:30-7 p.m. Bible Study	16 9:30 a.m. Salem Lutheran Nursing Home Worship	17 4-5:30 p.m.-Seedlings	18 5:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 7 p.m. Advent Worship Service	19 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship 4-5:30 p.m. Sprouts Class 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	20 Pastors Day Off	21
22 8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/ Fellowship/Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 5:30-7 p.m. Bible Study	23	24 9 a.m. Allen Place Worship 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship	25 	26 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	27 Pastors Day Off	28
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In an emergency, contact Pastor Matt Bahnfleth at (cell) 402-750-8327.

Sunday Worship Services Schedule

Traditional Worship at 8:15 a.m.

Sunday School/ Fellowship/Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion celebrated during each worship service.