

This Week's Calendar...

Sunday, Dec 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Readers: Thorvalson Family

9:00am - Worship Service

10:00am - Sunday School

Monday, Dec 9, 2024

10:00am - Fall Bible Study: ACTS: The Birth of the Church

4-6:00pm - Community Meal at Zion Lutheran Church

Tuesday, Dec 10, 2024

5:30pm - Worship Team

6:30pm - Trustees

7:00pm - SPRC

Wednesday, Dec 11, 2024

Meal Volunteer: Tina Forcier

5-7:00pm - Confirmation (Gr 6-8)

6-7:00pm - KICK (Gr K-5)

Friday, Dec 13, 2024

5:00pm - Living Nativity Rehearsal Costume Fitting

5:30pm - Rehearsal - meet in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Living Nativity - Show times of 6:00, 6:30, & 7:00pm

Volunteers- Meet at 4:30 for Dinner - Ready for show by 5:40pm

Sunday, Dec 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Readers: Honerbrink Family

9:00am - Worship Service

10:00am - Sunday School

4:00pm - Caroling - Please Meet at Church



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"As followers of Jesus Christ, we will proclaim the message of God's kingdom and bring hope to a hurting world beginning in Chisago County."

Worship Service

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Prelude

Opening Hymn *UMH #202*

"People, Look East"

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle: PEACE

See Bulletin Insert

Readers: Thorvaldson Family

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift You gave freely. We have buried You so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see You. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored Your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against Your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, Free us from our captivity, Free us to a life lived in Joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Apostles' Creed

UMH #881 (traditional)

Offering & Prayer

Hymn

UMH #215

"To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"

Sermon

Pastor Chris Kneen



Second Sunday of Advent: Let it Be - Gabriel and Mary

Communion* & Lord's Prayer

**The new chalice communion cups are gluten free and easier to open.*

Closing Hymn UMH #203

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Advent Reprise W&S #3050/ bulletin insert

"Until Jesus Comes"

Benediction

**Sunday
funday**



Make Sunday the best day of the week!
Use these questions to start your discussion.

1. What is your favorite thing about Christmas.
2. If an angel told you (or your parents) that you were going to have a baby this year, how would you react?

MISSION FOCUS:



Heifer International works around the world in 21 countries alongside local farmers and business owners. Giving an animal donation is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. As these businesses grow, they in turn help others by gifting animals to others in need. During the month of December, your donation to missions will be giving the life changing gift of dignity, stability, and generosity by supporting people through Heifer International.

Announcements

Are you a visitor? - Welcome! We are so glad you're here! If you are looking for a church home we would be honored to have you Worship with us! Please contact Pastor Chris or the church office for more new member information. Thank you for being here!



Living Nativity Needs You! Looking for Volunteers! Living Nativity will be held December 14th, rehearsal on December 13th. Please see Emily Honerbrink or Tina Sparby for more information. Sign Up Sheets on events table in the fellowship hall.



Advent - Beginning in December, Explore the angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus! In this 4-week Advent work, Robb considers the interactions of God's messengers with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds; dives deep into the history of the angel Gabriel in the Old Testament; and discusses God's presence in history - and our lives today. Advent Books will be available on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday November 17th.



Caroling - Make a joyful noise caroling will be Sunday December 15th at 4:00pm. Meet at Church. First Stop will be Brinks- Caroling for the "The Kettle" then homes to follow. See you there!



Salvation Army Bell Ringing- Bell ringing at Brinks has begun and will continue through Christmas Eve. The sign up sheet is located in the self check out area. Please consider signing up, any questions contact Irv at 651-260-6237



Christmas Meal - The Christmas Dinner will be held at Zion Lutheran Church Chisago on Dec 25th 12:00-2:00pm. The meal is sponsored by the Community Meal and CLACA (Chisago Lakes Area Clergy Association).

KICK - Kids In Christ Kingdom youth ministry (grades K-5) meets Wednesday nights from 6-7pm. Curriculum this year is "Linked by Love" join us each week as we learn about how we are linked by God's love! Youth Christian Education is provided at no cost to the family. See Tina Forcier for more details.

Confirmation - We are very excited about the curriculum and field trips we have planned for the coming year. Confirmation is open to grades 6-8 meeting each Wednesday 5-7pm. Meal Provided. The Confirmation and youth education programs at First UMC are provided at no cost to the family.

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