

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday: 9:45am Sunday school for all ages 11:00am Worship Service 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study & Youth (Check your calendar for schedule changes)						Please pray for the recipients of the shoebox gifts that go out to children all over the world.
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				Men's Group here at 6pm	Worship Practice here at 6pm	Ladies Breakfast here at 9:30am (Sign-up on the Bulletin Board)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Women's Bible Study – 10:30am			
Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 12/04/22 – 12/11/22						
	Kid's Club – 1:30pm	AA Meeting here at 6pm	Prayer & Bible Study & PH Youth – 6pm Worship Practice here at 7pm	Men's Group here at 6pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Potluck after the morning AM service	See 12/05	See 12/06	Women's Bible Study – 10:30am Prayer & Bible Study & PH Youth Christmas Party – 6pm CMC Meeting here at 7pm	Men's Group here at 6pm	See 12/02 Staff Christmas Party	Youth Ice Skating in Atwater – 3:30pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Kid's Club Christmas Party – 1:30pm	See 12/06	See 12/07	Men's Group here at 6pm	See 12/02	Christmas Eve NO Christmas Eve Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Merry Christmas NO Sunday School Worship at 10:00am	NO Kid's Club	NO Staff Mtg. See 12/06	Women's Bible Study – 10:30am NO Evening Programs	NO Men's Group tonight	See 12/02	New Year's Eve



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

“But the angel said to them, *“Do not be afraid I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ The Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”* (Luke 2:10-12)

This is the most wonderful news that human ears have ever heard! God knew that we were lost in our sins. God loved us so much that He sent us a Savior. Jesus came in such a humble way. He was born in a cattle stall. His mother wrapped Him in cloths and laid him in a manger. This was exactly what we needed. A Savior who became one of us. “Immanuel” means God with us. This is who Jesus is. This is the wonderful news that we celebrate every Advent and Christmas.

This year my Sunday morning messages during Advent will focus on “**The Characters of Christmas.**” On November 27th we looked at **the Prophets**. On December 4th we will reflect on the lives of **Joseph & Mary**. On December 11th we will consider **the Shepherds and the Angels**. On December 18th we will ponder the arrival of **the Magi**. Finally, on Christmas morning, December 25th we will hear those often-repeated words “*Do not be afraid.*” We still need to hear those words today.

On Sunday evenings in December, I will continue working through the Gospel of Mark. We will focus on chapters 11 and 12 which record the beginning of the last week of Jesus. There will not be an evening service on December 25th. On January 1st we will bring our study of the Gospel of Mark back into the morning services.

I want to thank you for your generous giving to the Lord. We collected 33 Shoe boxes from our congregation. We are also collecting your gifts for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering during the month of December. This is all over and above our regular giving to the ministry of our church. This is a lot of giving and we appreciate your generosity.

Miriam and I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Pastor Tim Rempel