

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**AS WE GATHER:** The Reading of the Day is Joshua 3:1–4:18. For forty years, the Israelites wandered on sandals that didn't wear out and daily doses of manna. Following Moses' death, Joshua prepares to lead a new generation into the Promised Land. This time, the floodwaters of the Jordan River stand in the way, but hearkening back to the Red Sea crossing, the people pass through on dry land and gather twelve stones as a memorial to God's faithful care for His people.

## THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNION SERVICE and PIE SOCIAL

Wednesday - 6:30 pm

A Pie Social Sign-up Sheet is on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

**PARADE OF LIGHTS:** Zion will have a float in the Parade of Lights advertising our **Streets of Bethlehem**. The Parade will be held Friday at 7:30 pm. **We are in need of people to walk along side the float.** You will need to pick up a "Streets" costume from the church and you will also need a string of battery powered lights to drape around yourself. If you'd like to join us - we have a Sign-Up Sheet at the Welcome Center in the Atrium.

### Annual Meeting - TODAY at 9:15 am

**NEW FLOWER CHART:** The 2024 Flower Chart is posted in the back of the Sanctuary. The price for flowers will remain at \$53.00 for another year. Please take a few minutes to sign-up to put flowers on the Altar in the New Year.

### STREETS OF BETHLEHEM CALL FOR CAST MEMBERS

If you are interested in participating in this year's cast for the "Streets of Bethlehem", there's a Cast Sign-Up Sheet in the East Entryway. You can also sign-up using the following link or QR Code.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4EACA729A2F94-45779236-2023#/>

**TOM and TAMMY ROBERTS** will be our guests on Sunday, December 3. Tom will do the Children's Message at both Services and they will have Books available for purchase before, in between and after our services.

**THE YOUTH** are still selling Hy-Vee cards. 5% of every sale comes back to support the Youth programs. These cards make **perfect gifts** and they will make your Thanksgiving shopping so much easier! Stop in the Atrium today or stop by the office during the week to purchase the cards.

**THE FLOWERS** on the Altar are given by John Holeton and Jan Dallmann in celebration of their granddaughter's Birthday. We thank John and Jan for providing the flowers for our services today.

**THE SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT** is sponsoring a Men's Retreat on December 1 and 2 at Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings. One of the featured speakers will be John Stiegelmeier, Retired SDSU Football Coach and member of Peace Lutheran. Go to [www.sddlms.org](http://www.sddlms.org) to register and then please sign-up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church. There is NO cost for the Retreat. For more information, please check out the November edition of the Clarion.

**Building Healthy Families:** "Count your blessings, name them one by one—count your many blessings, see what God has done..." These lyrics written by Johnson Oatman in 1897 are still true today. Our blessings are bountiful, which we realize when we take time to notice, name and count them. Challenge your family members to do the same this week. What's on your list? Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family from your friends at Lutheran Family Service.

[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

### STREETS OF BETHLEHEM - TIME LINE

Next Sunday - All Costumes should be returned  
Friday, December 1 - 9:00 am - Set Construction  
Saturday, December 2 - 2:00 pm - Dress Rehearsal  
December 3 - "Streets of Bethlehem" 1:00-4:00 pm  
Monday, December 4 - 9:00 am Set Tear Down

Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of this special event.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the planning and executing of this special Christmas Event ... that has become a family tradition for many in our community.

## ADVENT 2023

Advent is the time of the church year that concentrates on the future tense. It's God's future that we are yearning for based on what God himself has announced. God's future is our hope, not human-made futures, not human-concocted utopian dreams, not future visions depending on human technology, engineering, and science.

Our 2023 Sunday Advent Worship Series "**The Clothing of a King**" tells the stories of the clothing of the King. Stories that describe a wardrobe at once splendid and sin-stained, with fabrics that reveal who we are and cover us all the same. The clothing of the King is tattered and worn and glorious in its incorruptibility. It isn't ours, yet He gives it to us freely.

For this series, we will take some of the best-known mentions of clothing in Scripture to proclaim Christ. Interweaving Old Testament stories like that of Adam and Eve's clothing in exile and Joseph's coat of many colors with Christ's redemption on the cross, these sermons give texture and shape to the threads of Scripture.

This will provide you with a detailed view of Christ's robe of righteousness constructed for everyone on that workbench of Calvary. We hope you find the words a warm comfort during this time of year as we reflect on the Good News of Christ's incarnation and our longings for Christ to return once again.

### Our Sunday Themes and Scriptures are:

Sunday December 3 "The Foretaste of Fashion" Genesis 3:14-21

Sunday December 10 "An Envious Style" Genesis 37:1-4

Sunday December 17 "Clothed in Conviction" Jonah 3:6-10

Our Wednesday Midweek Advent series "**He Comes With Clouds Descending**" is based on readings from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, focusing us on the hope we have as we await the second coming of the Christ child.

### Our Wednesday Themes and Scripture are:

Wednesday December 6 "Our Two-Minute Drill" (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

Wednesday December 13 "You've Got a Ticket to Ride!" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Wednesday December 20 "Faithful Watching and Waiting" (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Wednesday Worship Times: 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Hope to see you this Advent season as we gather to prepare our hearts and minds for the promised gift of the coming Savior Jesus.

Our Advent Suppers: Served from 5:30 to 6:15 pm

**December 6 - Youth Serving**

**December 13 - LWML Eve Group Service**

**December 20 - Scouts Service**

Our Advent Devotional Booklets are available this morning. Please pick up your copy of the Lutheran Hour Ministries' Advent Booklet "What Child Is This?" Never-ending is the love God has for us. In What Child Is This? we see God at work on our behalf, coming to us in human form, entering our world as a Child, a Servant, and a conquering King. It's a love story for the ages, and we are the ones—lost and undeserving—that God sent His Son to save.