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Jesus Loves

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*⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" **Luke 2:8-14***

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Mission Statement

"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."

Vision Statement

"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY):

- ✚ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:** 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✚ Sunday School begins at 10:15am
- ✚ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

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And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself... When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. ~ Luke 24:27, 30-35

On any given Sunday there are two high points of the Divine Service. The first of those moments is during the sermon when the Word of God is interpreted and opened up to the congregation in order to show us Jesus our Savior and the forgiveness He delivers to us. The second and greatest moment is when Christ Himself, who has come to us, makes His presence known to us "in the breaking of the bread" for the forgiveness of our sins. These two high points echo the high points experienced by those weary and broken disciples when Jesus was their preacher and the presiding minister at their table.

I am under no illusion that I reveal the mysteries of God's Word as clearly as Christ did to His disciples on the road to Emmaus. Likewise, I know that my administration of the Lord's Supper is not as joyful a moment for you as the moment was for those Disciples in Emmaus when they realized that it was the risen Christ standing there before them. However, let me be clear. When I consecrate the bread and the wine, it is Christ Himself and His Word that actually consecrates the elements and makes them the Sacrament. Christ is the one who makes the bread and wine no longer merely bread and wine, but now also His body and blood given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins. I pray that you recognize Him there.

The reception of the Lord's Supper is an awesome moment in the life of the Christian. It is a moment that unites you to Christ in a special way. It is a moment that unites you with your fellow Christians who you sit shoulder to shoulder with in the pews. It is a moment that unites you with those who have departed in the faith, as you wait eagerly with them for the fulfillment of all of God's promises to us in Christ – promises which will be realized in the resurrection of all flesh and the life of the world to come. There is so much significance wrapped up in this holy encounter.

As we make the shift in our practice back to receiving the body and blood of Christ up around the altar, I encourage you to make use of the resources in the hymnal in preparation for faithful reception of the Sacrament. Pray one or more of the prayers on the first page of the hymnal. Open up to the catechism (pg. 321) and contemplate your life in light of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Table of Duties, etc. Meditate upon the gifts God gave you in Holy Baptism, and those He is about to give to you in the Sacrament of the Altar. Is there some sin that has been bothering you with guilt, shame, or unrelenting regret? Make use of me as your Pastor, who has taken an oath to hear your repentant confession, comfort you with the Gospel, pronounce God's forgiveness to you, counsel you with God's Word, and not share your secret sins with another soul.

And then, savor the moment as you gather with your brothers and sisters around the altar to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

Living forever, now,

Pastor Grannis

*I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:
Lord may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good! (LSB 618 v. 1)*

Hymn of the Month: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357



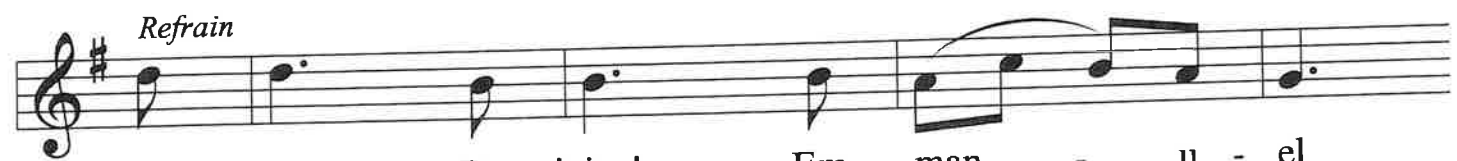
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



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 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Refrain
 Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Refrain

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum,
 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: French, 15th cent.
 Text and tune: Public domain

Hymn of the Month Study

Day 1

Sing/Read: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – LSB 357

Consider: Did the faithful people of Old Testament times really understand the prophecies of the Messiah? We often find those ancient words difficult to comprehend. However, we need to remember that the imagery and phrases used by the prophets were not as foreign to the Old Testament people as they seem to us. More importantly, we must remember that we comprehend the Scriptures only because the Spirit enables us to hear them and receive them in faith. The very same was true of the faithful of those earlier days.

Discuss: The hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” is rich in the imagery used by the prophets to speak of the Anointed One to come. Do you ever find yourself confused by the language the Bible uses? In Luther’s Small Catechism he begins his explanation of the Third Article of the Creed with the words, “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to Him.” How does Luther describe the work of the Holy Spirit? What do you think he means by “enlightened me with His gifts?”

(You can find Luther’s Small Catechism in the LSB hymnal on page 321)

Pray: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, without Your help our labor is useless, and without Your light our search is in vain. Let Your Holy Spirit dwell in us that He may enlighten and lead us into all truth. Invigorate our study of Your holy Word that, by due diligence and right discernment, we may establish ourselves and others in Your holy faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Day 2

Sing/Read: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – LSB 357

Consider: In our hymnal *Lutheran Service Book* the core texts identified for this hymn are Isaiah 7:10–14; 11:1–5, 10–11; and Matt. 1:23. Isaiah 7:14 and Matt. 1:23 are intimately connected. Read both.

Discuss: What is the purpose of a sign? How does Matthew tell us the sign was fulfilled? What great truth about Jesus is taught by the words “God with us?”

Read: Isaiah 11:1–5, 10–11. As you read verses 1–5, what words describing the character of the Messiah strike you as significant? In verses 10–11, the concept of a sign is raised once again. To what great blessing does this sign point? What work of the Messiah is described in verse 11?

Pray: O Lord, heavenly Father, Gather us together with all the faithful around the glorious cross of Christ, which stands as a sign of Your steadfast love, faithfulness to us; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Day 3

Sing/Read: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – LSB 357*

Consider: The hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” grew out of a series of antiphons sung from Dec. 17 to 23 at Vespers, prior to and following the Magnificat. These antiphons, which came to be known as the “O” Antiphons, date back to at least the ninth century.

Discuss: In the Creed we confess “the communion of saints,” which means, among other things, that we united with Christians of all times and places. How does a hymn like “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” reinforce that great truth? What comfort do you find in this?

Pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all faith, virtues and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Day 4

Sing/Read: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – LSB 357 v. 2-3*

Consider and Discuss: Since the “O” Antiphons are the basis for the hymn verses, we will focus our attention on the antiphons themselves. On December 17 the Church calls Christ coming with the words “O Wisdom.” What does Solomon say in Prov. 1:2–7 about the value of wisdom? Read 1 Cor. 1:18–31. What is the great wisdom (v. 23)? How does that wisdom seem to the world? What comes with having the wisdom that is Christ (v. 30)? On December 18, Christ is beckoned to by the faithful with the words, “O Adonai.” Read Ex. 3:1–15. What does the Lord call Himself (v. 14)? What does that name tell us about Him? What is Jesus claiming in John’s Gospel when He frequently identifies Himself as “I AM” (John 10:11; 11:25; 8:12; etc.)?

Pray: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence. O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us. Amen.

Day 5

Sing/Read: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – LSB 357 v. 4-5*

Consider and Discuss: On December 19 the Church cries out for Christ saying, “O Root of Jesse.” Read Jer. 33:15–16. What name does Jeremiah give to Jesse’s descendant? What will He do? Read Rom. 15:12. Do Judah and Jerusalem refer only to the children of Israel? Who is the true Israel (Rom. 9:6–8, 22–24)? On December 20 the Church calls for Jesus saying, “O Key of David.” Compare Isaiah 22:22 and Rev. 3:7. What do keys do? Why would David have keys? Now, read Matt. 16:13–19. What has been entrusted to the Church? What great privilege and responsibility has Christ given to His Church?

Pray: O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage. Come quickly to deliver us. O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, You close and no one can open. Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death. Amen.

Day 6

Sing/Read: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – LSB 357 v. 6-7

Consider and Discuss: On December 21 the Church looks for Christ as that call Him “O Dayspring.” Read Is. 60:1–2. What does the Messiah bring with Him when He comes? What was, and is now, the condition of the world to which He comes? Read Luke 1:78–79. What do you think of when you see the word “sunrise?” What other great events, besides the coming of Christ, might be described as “sunrise?” On December 22 we acknowledge Jesus saying, “O King of the nations.” Read Isaiah 32:1–3. There were many kings in the line of David who preceded Christ. Why do Isaiah’s words ultimately describe only Christ? Read Matt. 21:1–9. “Hosanna” means “Save us now!” What were the people confessing at Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem? Why is “Hosanna” an appropriate word to sing in the Liturgy of Holy Communion?

Pray: O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people: Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay. Amen.

Day 7

Sing/Read: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – LSB 357 v. 1

Consider and Discuss: On December 23 we call out for our Savior with the most intimate title yet: “O Emmanuel.” Read Ex. 13:17–22. How was the Lord “with” His people in the Exodus? What do you think was the significance of “cloud” and “fire?” In what ways does our Lord stay with us now (Luke 24:28–35; John 8:31–32)? What ransom did our Lord pay (Matt. 20:28)?

Pray: O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior. Come and save us, O Lord our God. Amen

Day 8

Sing/Read: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – LSB 357

Consider and Discuss: The richness of this hymn, in its witness to Christ, is something that will be more evident each time you sing it. There is truly much in this hymn to feed and sustain your faith in Christ. How does this hymn prepare you for the return of Christ at the end of the age? Which of the “O” Antiphons, and their hymn verses, have the most meaning for you, or bring the most comfort to you, at this point in your life? Explain why.

The Season of Advent, with its themes of waiting and anticipation, is, perhaps, the one season of the Church Year that is most closely related to our daily lives. We are, even now, waiting for the Lord’s return. Each time we gather for worship, each time we receive the Lord’s Supper, we are proclaiming Christ until He returns (1 Cor. 11:26). This wonderful hymn will be a welcome companion as we live out our days, anticipating the return of Emmanuel, that He might be with us, and we with Him, forever.

Pray: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event



Youth Mission Trip Team **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru fundraiser**
Will be **December 13th** from 5pm to 6:30pm. You don't want to miss this!!!
\$8.00 per meal \$2.00 for a slice of pie.



Community-wide Christmas Dinner: St John's Lutheran Church will be serving the community-wide Christmas Watch the bulletin board or call the church office for more information.



Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, December 7th, 2023 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Hot Beef Sandwiches, Sloppy Joes, Homemade Pies, Coffee, Crafts, Baked Goods, Christmas Cookies, White Elephants, Candy Shop. Stop by and see us!! It's always a good time!



Live Nativity drive thru
December 13th Manger Scene and on December 14th **THE LIVE NATIVITY**; both evenings 5pm to 7:00pm with food donations for the Neighborhood Service Center. If interested in participating this year contact Dale Rudolph



Advent Advent begins December 3rd thru December 20th, 2023. Advent meals will be served from 4:30pm to 5:45pm with Advent Service following at 6pm.
Wednesday Dec. 4th: Meal served by Mission Trip Team
Wednesday Dec. 11th: Meal served by Board of Education
Wednesday Dec. 18th: Meal served by Higher Things



2025 Board Nominations & Budget Meeting: will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall.



Sunday School Christmas Program will be **Saturday December 15th at 9 am**



Worship Services for Christmas Eve will be December 24th 6pm. Christmas Day, Dec 25th at 9am.



Bible Reading Schedule

As we begin another Christian Church Year, and as we approach the end of another calendar year, we come to the conclusion of our yearly Bible reading schedule and conclude with the reading of the book of Revelation. There we see portrayed the birth of Christ and His conflict with Satan. (Revelation 12). We also read of Christ's Incarnation in John 1. Paul also writes about the "great...mystery" of the incarnation of Jesus Christ (I Timothy 3:16) and that in the Christ Child "dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Colossians 2:9) Again we see how the truths of Christmas fill the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The Old Testament prophesied about the Messiah Who would come. The New Testament records the fact that the Messiah came "in the fullness of time" to save us from our sins that we might be God's adopted sons and daughters in faith. (Galatians 4:4-5) May the righteousness of the Holy Christ Child fill your Christmas and the New Year with endless Joy!

1. Romans 5,6,7,8
2. Romans 9,10,11,12
3. Romans 13,14,15,16
4. Ephesians 1,2,3,4
5. Ephesians 5,6; Psalm 119:1-80
6. Philippians 1,2,3,4
7. Colossians 1,2,3,4
8. I Timothy 1,2,3,4
9. I Timothy 5,6; Titus 1,2,3
10. II Timothy 1,2,3,4
11. Philemon; Hebrews 1,2,3,4
12. Hebrews 5,6,7,8
13. Hebrews 9,10,11
14. Hebrews 12,13; Jude
15. James 1,2,3,4,5
16. I Peter 1,2,3,4,5
17. II Peter 1,2,3; John 1
18. John 2,3,4
19. John 5,6
20. John 7,8
21. John 9,10,11
22. John 12,13,14
23. John 15,16,17,18
24. John 19,20,21
25. I John 1,2,3,4,5
26. Psalm 117; 119:81-176; II John; III John
27. Revelation 1,2,3,4
28. Revelation 5,6,7,8,9
29. Revelation 10,11,12,13,14
30. Revelation 15,16,17,18
31. Revelation 19,20,21,22



Please arrange a replacement if you can not acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please notify the church office at 507-835-2647 when you have changed with another acolyte. Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

December 1st 2024: (Sunday) Alex Bethke, Keian Klinger/ Makayla Clark

December 4th, 2024: (Wed 6pm) Kameron Kunkel, Owen Arndt/ Nalyce Quillen

December 8th, 2024: (Sunday) Alex Bethke/ Elliana Grannis

December 11th (Wednesday 6pm): Kameron Kunkel, Mason Prescher/Peyton Ross

December 15th, 2024: (Sunday) Joel Hammer, Owen Arndt/Makayla Clark

December 18th, 2024 (Wednesday 6pm) Keian Klinger, Tyler Ryan/ Nalyce Quillen

December 22th, 2024 (Sunday) 9am: Alex Bethke, Keian Klinger/ Elliana Grannis

December 24th, 2024 (Tuesday) 6pm: Owen Arndt, Kameron Kunkle/ Peyton Ross

December 25th, 2024 (Wed) 9am: Mason Prescher, Kameron Kunkel/ Nalyce Quillen

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December 11th at 11:30am potluck hosted by Judie Waters.



(Please note: If your name is not listed; we do not have your birthdate in our church records. Please contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Donna Vitha	Dec. 2	Xavier Frias	Dec. 16		
Zoey Frias	Dec. 3	Becky Joecks	Dec. 16		
Donna Hildebrandt	Dec. 7	Matt Berg	Dec. 17	Mireyah Torres	Dec. 29
DeeAnn Kamara	Dec. 7	Kelli Lenz	Dec. 17	Hannah Sletten	Dec. 30
Dennis Bickell	Dec. 8	Kenneth Peterson	Dec. 19	Onyx Torres	Dec. 31
Susan Swenson	Dec. 8	Willie Schroeder	Dec. 19		
Carol Arnold	Dec. 9	Gary Paulson	Dec. 21		
Laurie Flom	Dec. 9	Lincoln Larson	Dec. 22		
Carol Sletten	Dec. 9	Aaron Lenz	Dec. 23		
Lorene Worke	Dec. 9	Mark Pehrson	Dec. 24		
Bob LaCroix	Dec. 13	Peyton Gehloff	Dec. 27		
Brian Brase	Dec. 14	Griffin Arndt	Dec. 28		
Dayton Draheim	Dec. 14	Dustin Baumgard	Dec. 29		
Jean Kuschel	Dec. 15	Carson Cromer	Dec. 29		

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday School News

All children and youth Preschool age 3 through Grade 8 are invited to join us Sunday mornings 10:15 – 11:15. We begin in the upstairs Parish Hall with snacks and go down to the Old Parish Hall for opening with music. We then go to our individual classrooms for class time. Students are released to their parents at 11:15am.

Children's Christmas Worship

This year our Children's Christmas Worship service will be Saturday December 15th at 9am followed by birthday cake for Jesus in the Parish Hall.

Packed! 200 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Sunday School students and adults packed 200 shoeboxes this year. Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped pack, and gave toward the shipping cost. God is faithful and works mightily!

Some labels were again purchased through the Operation Christmas Child website, so we can track the shoeboxes. We will share their destination when we find out!

Community-wide collections at St. Paul Lutheran Church were taking place at the time of printing; total collection numbers for the Waseca area will be shared when we have them. Thank you to Aimee Hill and all the volunteers who greeted community members as they brought their shoeboxes to St. Paul Church.

After being collected and packed in cartons, the shoeboxes were taken by trailer to Mankato. Thank you to those who loaded the trailer and drove! Cartons from the Mankato area were then taken to a warehouse in Minneapolis for the final customs check before shipping out from the MSP airport.

Pray for the workers delivering the boxes and for the children receiving the shoeboxes around the world. We pray the Holy Spirit uses these gifts in amazing ways to share the salvation found only in Jesus!

COTTA GUILD NEWS:



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

November Cotta Guild Meeting:

Linda's circle served a delicious dessert.

Meeting called to order by Judie Wasters. Cindy read a devotion from Portals of Prayer, from Haggai 2.

October minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. We packed and delivered cookies to shut-ins. We will have a sing along at Colony Court with all interested singers on Wednesday November 20th, 2024 at 6pm. We adjourned the meeting. Thank you to all who helped with funerals and coffee hours.

We need 10 pies and desserts from each circle for the Bazaar. Cost will be \$10 per plate and include sandwich, salad and pickles, coffee and dessert.

Frosting cookies at 10am on December 4th and packing cookies at 10am on Dec 6th.

Decorating for Christmas on Friday November 29th at 9am.

POINSETTIAS: we will not be purchasing individual. Monetary donations will be collected until Dec. 11th for the front of church. Aimee will collect money.

Cotta Guild will serve coffee hour on 12/8.

November birthday: Kristi Grannis

Next meeting: Dec. 12th at 1:00pm

Meeting adjourned.

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Are you in need of transportation to appointments or to the store?
Are you able to drive someone to an appointment or to the store?? If you fit into either of these categories, please call the church office so, we can help you coordinate the rides that you may need.



A reminder to contact the Church Office when you are hospitalized, so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Thank you.



The Board of Stewardship is hoping to increase St Paul Lutheran Church's donation to the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center. The Food Shelf served 589 households in July alone (which was 1,212 individuals that lived in those households). The total pounds of food that went home with these households was 18,289 pounds. You can see that the need is great - and each month so far in 2024 the numbers have increased. Any donations are greatly appreciated as it's hard to keep up with the need!

If you have too much produce in your garden, the Neighborhood Service Center is always looking for fresh vegetables (or fruits) as that is very hard to keep stocked! No need to call - just drop off at the Food Shelf Monday - Friday 9-12 and 1-4 (closed from 12-1 for restocking).

Below is a list of items that can be placed in the church donation boxes and the Board of Stewardship will deliver to the Food Shelf. Please prayerfully consider donating a few items for this community service.

Ramen noodles	Spaghetti sauce	Canned fruit (any kind)
Crackers	Granola bars	Canned vegetables (any kind)
Salad dressings	Mayonnaise	Hamburger/tuna helper
Roni pasta	Flour and sugar	Cake mix & frosting
Tuna	Pasta noodles	Cereal
Peanut butter	Jelly	Instant mashed potatoes
Ketchup	Mustard	Tomato sauce
Applesauce	Mac and cheese	Spam

** Waseca Area NSC has applications available until December 5th to sign up to receive a Holiday Food Basket. If you are interested in receiving a basket, please contact the Director at 507-833-4119 or stop in to fill out an application. Thanks

"Count your blessings instead of your crosses; Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of woes; count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears; count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean; count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth; Count on God instead of yourself!"



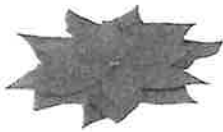
There will be **NO QUILTING** on December 24th and December 31st, 2024. We will resume on January 7th, 2025.



Know someone who is in need of a “hug from above”? The Quilters are starting **“The Quilters Rocking Chair Project”**. These quilts are located at the back of church and are available for anyone who may need one, no questions asked. Please check it out and if you have any questions please talk to Donna Hildebrandt.



Our Women’s Bible Study would like to wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season as we prepare to Celebrate Jesus’ birth. **We will not meet in December**, as there are Advent services to attend and Christmas concerts to enjoy. **In January**, we plan to meet as usual on the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:45 am ...January 3rd and January 17th. We hope to see you then. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Wood at 835-5817.



Christmas Poinsettias: This year, we will be taking free will donations for our Christmas Poinsettias. If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar in memory of a loved one, see Aimee in the church office by December 11th to make your donation. Thanks

29ers: Come join us beginning January 4th for food, fun and fellowship. There is no age limit, just bring a smile and a dish to pass!! We meet once a month at 11:30. Hope to see you all there!



FAMOUS WORDS FROM OUR CHURCH PRESIDENT:

“Remember when getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.....”

