

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am

December 7, 14, 21, 28. Pastor Jake Wampfler

Bible Study to follow Sunday worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Wampfler will be going through the Book of Daniel.

Advent/Christmas Worship Services

December 3, 10, 17th 6 pm
(Wednesdays)
(Pastor David Haught)

Dinners at 5 pm (see back for details)

Christmas Eve Worship 7 pm

Christmas Day Worship 9 am
(Pastor Jake Wampfler)

Upcoming Meetings and Events

December 6. 8:30 am Christmas Decorating Day (Saturday)

Dec. 13. 8:30 am, Monthly Work Day at Church (Saturday)

December 3, 10, 17 Thursday Mid-Week Bible Studies with Pastor Spicer starting at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Our sermons are available online at Icomaz.org. Thank you to Roger Seibel for recording, editing, and uploading these each week.



For Unto Us a Child is Born...Unto Us a Son is Given (Isaiah 9:6)

Pastor's Christmas Message

At the end of November, I was surprised to see the word "advent" show up in my vocabulary schedule for my ninth grade English students. Nearly without exception, they automatically associated the word with Christmas. Advent calendars, Christmas music, and holiday decorations have been on their mind since for the past month, in fact. I appreciate seeing the world through younger eyes- I remember the excitement I felt for this season when I was their age. Advent worship, holiday concerts for band and choir, and even caroling at assisted living facilities and nursing homes were all part of the season for my family as I grew up in Wisconsin.

However, sometimes we forget about the joy of this season. We get lost in the busyness, to-do lists, and seemingly endless commitments. Before we know it, Advent and Christmas are already giving way to the new year.

If this season has been busy for you in years past- take a deep breath. Take hold of traditions long forgotten. Read the Gospel narrative anew and focus on each aspect of Jesus' birth and incarnation. Think of all the characters in the story of his birth and life- Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, the angels, the shepherds...and yes, eventually the Magi on Epiphany as well. Sing Advent and Christmas hymns paying close attention to the unique details they highlight about our Savior. Greet those you meet with kindness and Christmas cheer, knowing that the Messiah in the manger whom we worship has called us to lives of hope and love. Find moments to appreciate the small, seemingly insignificant moments in life where God by His Holy Spirit is calling us to notice those around us in need.

As we begin the season of Advent and make our way towards Christmas, may we not rush through this season unaware. May we be truly present in this season together and prepare our hearts to welcome our Savior born in Bethlehem- Christ Jesus, Our Lord.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 19 Vicki Edwards
- 24 Dawn Scardino
- 26 Bill Cassels



The Anthems of Zion Series of 3 books by Katie Schuermann have been donated to our library. House of Living Stones, The Choir Immortal, and The Harvest Raise are all set in the small town of Bradbury and centered around life at Zion Lutheran Church. These are a perfect light read for the busy holiday season. Check them out in the order above!

Advent Dinner Schedule

This is a great time to share a meal before our Advent services.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Be sure to sign up so we know how many to expect.

December 3 Pizza and salad

December 10 Sub Sandwiches and Chips

December 17 Chili Supper

Peppermint Snowballs

(Yields 60)

Ingredients

- 3 c confectioner's sugar
- 1 ¼ c butter, softened
- 1 tsp peppermint extract
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 3 c flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 c white sugar
- 1 c finely crushed peppermint candy
- 3 TBS milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 350. Line sheets with parchment paper.

Beat 1 ½ c. confectioner's sugar with the butter, peppermint & vanilla extracts, and the egg at med speed, 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce speed to low and gradually mix in the flour thru the salt. Stir in ½ c peppermint candy with a spoon.

Place white sugar in a shallow bowl. Make cookie balls about ¾" round and roll in the sugar. Place 1" apart on baking sheets.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until light brown. Cool on racks.

To make the glaze, stir the remaining 1 ½ c confectioner's sugar with the milk until smooth. Drizzle cooled cookies with the glaze, and sprinkle with the remaining crushed peppermint candy.