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The Gift of the Church

This is it: the final month of 2022! Many of you have hit the ground running after the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. There is much to do to prepare for Christmas. Purchasing gifts is one of the ways we get ready. Our desire to be gift givers is one more way in which we reflect the image of God. God has given us many gifts. Throughout 2022, this column looked at one of those gifts each month. This month the gift of the church is our focus. As with all the other gifts of God we have examined, we have the incredible privilege of deciding how we will utilize this gift. We are stewards of the community called "the church."

Each one of us has three primary types of relationships that shape our lives. Our most intimate connections: family, best friends, and our closest colleagues and coworkers are our "inner-ring" relationships. In the "middle-ring" are the relationships we have that are familiar but not as intimate as those inner-ring connections. The middle-ring includes connections with neighbors, traditional village and township interactions, civic groups, and church. For three and a half centuries, middle-ring relationships have helped Americans work together for the common good. "Outer-ring" relationships are the more numerous acquaintances that fill the rest of your social network. Those relationships are often based on shared interests or activities. The amount of time and attention we devote to these relationships shifts over time. Some of this happens as the stage or season of life we are in as individuals changes. But it is also true that the culture we live in has a significant impact on which relationships are prioritized at the expense of others. At the present time, Americans are devoting more time and attention to inner-ring and outer-ring relationships. The pandemic accelerated this trend. The good news is that the movement initiated by Jesus is highly adaptable. The church is people! Therefore, church can thrive in the inner-ring and outer-ring. We who have been brought into this congregation by the Holy Spirit, can take our story and our values into settings beyond our on-site and online community. As we prepare to celebrate the greatest gift of all, the first coming of Jesus into our world as a baby, let us also rejoice in the gift Jesus left us when he departed from this world: The Church.

-Pastor Darla Ann



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DECEMBER SERVICES

GREAT EXPECTATIONS - ADVENT 2022



SCRIPTURES FOR WEEKEND WORSHIP

Introduction To The Season:

We begin Advent with the call to "...be ready, for the Son of Humanity is coming at an unexpected hour" (Matt. 24:44). How can we expect the unexpected? In a world that has already traversed through Easter's promise, it is often easy to forget that every year we enter Advent as a season of expectation and promise. We spend the four weeks waiting and watching, with wonder building as we hear of God's expected transformation of the world. From weapons transformed into plowshares, through rulers promised to bring justice and peace, over dry places made fertile with life, to God with Us—Immanuel, our expectations grow ever greater. When Mary brings forth her first-born son, wraps him in bands of cloth, and places him in a feeding trough, we find the fullness of God in a tiny child—everything and nothing we expected from the grace of God appearing in the world. Still, we are called to be heralds of this promise that continues to reverberate through the generations—the light shining in the shadowed world that cannot be overcome. Through this Advent and Christmas season, we are invited into a time of great expectation. We are invited to wrestle with our own expectations of God and God's expectations for us. Where is God calling us to be willingly watchful? Where is God delighting us with unexpected peace? Where is God filling us with unexpected abundance? Where is God meeting us with the divine in our midst?

December 3 & 4

Second Weekend of Advent
"Life Expectancy"
Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12
Children's Christmas Pageant (Sun 9 am)

December 10 & 11

Third Weekend of Advent
"We Are Expecting"
Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

December 17 & 18

Fourth Weekend of Advent
"Expect the Unexpected"
Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

December 24 - Christmas Eve
3 pm & 5 pm - Lessons and Carols
"Savior, Christ, Lord"
7:30 pm - Isaiah 9:2-7,
Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

December 25 - Christmas Day

9 am
"From Heaven Above"
Luke 2:8-14; Luke 2:15-20;
Hebrews 1:1-4; Isaiah 9:2-7;
John 1:1-14

December 31 & January 1

Christmas 1
"Lower Your Expectations"
Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 2:15-21

Saturday Service | 5:00 PM

Sunday Service | 9:00 AM

5:00 pm & 9:00 am services will be
livestreamed. Not all scriptures listed
above will be used for Saturday services.

DECEMBER GIVING EMPHASIS: CHRISTMAS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

It is time to prepare for the joyful tradition of sharing Christmas with Our Neighbors at Elmwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. You will be given an opportunity to purchase gifts for specific residents that will be delivered by the congregation on Christmas morning, or you can send a contribution and Santa will do the shopping for you. \$20 is the suggested contribution per resident. A list of the 80 residents with their gift requests is now in the church narthex. Choose which resident(s) you want to adopt and sign up by providing your name and phone number. Then take the corresponding Christmas card(s) from the box next to the list. Each card will contain the resident's wish list and directions for preparing and returning the gifts to the church Narthex. Monetary contributions can be made through your established on-line banking, VANCO, by leaving a check in the donation basket or sending a check to Our Lord's Lutheran Church, 150 Wilma Drive, Maryville, IL 62062. Make the checks out to OLLC and write "Elmwood" on the memo line. Any extra funds received will be used for other Elmwood Outreach projects.

We welcome you to join us at Elmwood on Christmas morning. Arrive by 10:00 am. We will spend approximately 45 to 60 minutes joyfully hand delivering the gifts. The visit will culminate with the singing of Christmas carols. Ed Foppe will be providing music and, hopefully, we will have a special visit from Santa.

Carol Gocken: 618-531-7824

Karen Tilashalski: 618-806-6373



GETTING TO KNOW YOU NEW MEMBER: JEANETTE GOETTER

What is your favorite place on earth? My favorite vacation was camping/hiking in Yellowstone National Park.

What do you think is the most exciting new technology, and why? Medical technology fascinates me. I don't understand how it works most of the time but am astonished at what it can do and how it saves lives and/or allows people to live a more complete life with it.

Tell us a little bit about your family. I have been married since 1991. We have two daughters and three granddaughters.

Tell us a little bit about your work background. I have worked at law firms since 1989. From 1989-1998 I worked in Clayton MO as the bookkeeper/secretary/paralegal. Since 1998, I have been with a law firm based in Edwardsville (I work in the St. Louis office though) as a secretary.

Favorite book? Anything I can download to my Kindle from the Collinsville or St. Louis public libraries.

Tell us about a hobby or two of yours. I enjoy the outdoors - walking, hiking, running, cycling, camping, kayaking.

What song or playlist are you tuning into these days? I like to listen to random playlists or use Apple music to find things that I normally wouldn't listen to or hear on the radio.

NOVEMBER COUNCIL BRIEFS

Advent was a special time in the house when my two boys were young. Although the children were filled with excitement and anticipation of Christmas morning, I often found my patience stretched thin as they repeatedly asked the number of days until Christmas. To ease my frustration, my mother stitched together a “Beary Merry Christmas” Advent Calendar wall hanging encouraging the boys to count the days until the big event. The calendar followed a young bear in his journey to find Christmas. Each year the Advent calendar was rehung in our home and the journey began again as they counted the days until Christmas. It was a memorable tradition filled with wonder and excitement. When Daniel had children of his own, the “Beary Merry Christmas” Advent Calendar is brought out and his children follow the little bear until Christmas morning. When Patrick and his wife had a child, there was a problem--- two families but only one Advent calendar! I located the same wall hanging on Etsy, some 35+ years later, and did what mom/grandma is expected to do and paid an outrageous cost for another “Beary Merry Christmas” Advent Calendar. At our Thanksgiving family gathering, I presented my grandson James and Patrick with their Advent calendar. As Patrick told James of his childhood memories you could see the excitement in his eyes. Keeping traditions, sharing joys, and making new memories are what bring us back to the meaning of this holiday season. God is with us! I saw it in the eyes of my son as he shared the memories of the Advent calendar with his own son and it was in the eyes of every person sitting around our Thanksgiving table. It is the little things we do throughout the season that has true meaning and importance.

Preparing for what is to come was the overarching theme of the November Council meeting. Our discussions highlighted concerns, at the same time, looked to the future with hope and excitement. We discussed accomplishments made at OLLC and began making plans for a new beginning in OLLC ministry. Council decided to delay surveying the congregation regarding the Sunday morning worship schedule; we discussed a Fair Trade event for December, and made plans to prepare the 2023 budget. Time and talent commitments and financial giving play a vital role in the decisions that are to be made in the upcoming months and as we Continue our Venture in Faith in 2023.

Prayerfully consider the changes in your own life as well as the life of the church. While we will no doubt be caught up in all the hurried activity of the Christmas season, let us also take time this Advent to prepare our hearts to remember and reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Karen Cummings-Larson

Council meetings are open to all congregation members. If you are interested in attending a meeting, held the third Monday of each month via Zoom, contact the church office for access information. You may read the previous month's minutes here: tinyurl.com/4fmv76k2

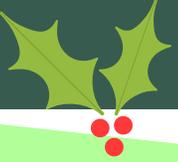


SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE SURVEY

In the spring of 2022, OLLC moved to a single-service schedule on Sunday mornings.

The council planned to re-survey the congregation during November/December before determining if the single-service schedule would become permanent or if reverting to two services on Sunday mornings would be appropriate. The congregational survey is being delayed until the beginning of 2023. December is a very busy time of the year and we want to avoid the possibility that the survey is overlooked in the rush and busyness of the holiday season. It is critical that everyone responds to the survey before a final decision is made. As we move into 2023, let us look to the New Year with expectation and new possibilities in our life in Christ.

YOUTH EDUCATION MINISTRY



CONFIRMATION CLASS

We meet weekly in the Life Center basement! This winter, we are studying the Lord's Prayer.

Sundays at 10:15 am



PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL NOW OPEN!

Classroom 4 in the Life Center is open for Pre-K (and Kindergarteners) on Sundays at 10:15 am!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Lord's Sunday School class and Youth will put on a Christmas Pageant during Sunday worship! A reception will follow! All are welcome!

Sunday, December 4, at 9 am!



ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We meet in Classroom 2 at the Life Center!

Sundays at 10:15 am



HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

High School Sunday School meets weekly in the Worship Center Youth Room.

Sundays at 10:15 am



ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY



QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10:00 am

We meet in the Life Center Conference Room! The topic of the course is "How Jesus Became God." This course looks at the transformation of Jesus from Jewish preacher to Lord God within its historical context.

WHAT KIND OF GOD?

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Starting on January 17 in the Worship Center. Led by The Rev. Dr. Tom Kratzer

The book of Exodus tells the story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, God's covenant with God's people, and God's abiding presence with the people of God. But it is not just a story about deliverance, covenant, and presence. It is a story that reveals the nature and character of God. It is, outside of the revelation of God in Jesus the Christ, the most important revelation of God's character and is fundamental for understanding the rest of the Bible. No textbook is required. Bring a Bible (NRSV, NRSVue, or CEB preferred).

MAKING CONNECTIONS: A MEMBER INQUIRY CLASS

If you are interested in knowing more about what it means to be a part of Our Lord's Lutheran, the next sessions will be offered in January on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. Tuesday classes can start as early as 5 pm to accommodate participant schedules. Wednesday classes would start at 6:30 or 7 pm depending on participant preferences. Please let Pastor Kratzer know if you would like to be a part of this exploration of core beliefs, core values, ministry priority areas, and the nuts and bolts of how we organize to do God's work with our hands.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 am

December Devotional: *Good Things Come In Small Packages (moving from wanting to waiting at Advent)*
by Becca Ehrlich

"SEAMLESS" BIBLE STUDY

December 1, 2022

We meet in the Life Center conference room. Sessions are led by Debby Gunderson.

December 1 - Session 7: The Letters (11:21)—Christ came to save us and to set us free. The heart of Paul's message and others who wrote the books of the New Testament is that we are made right by faith in Jesus Christ through grace. It is a new day as God's people preach the Word, endure suffering, and fulfill the ministry God has given them.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:15 am

We meet in the Worship Center Conference Room! The topic of the course is "The Dead Sea Scrolls." This course looks at the 930 individual documents recovered from the caves of Qumran in 1947. These documents contain not only our oldest copies of the Bible, but also Jewish texts from the 2nd century B.C.E. through 68 C.E. that provide an unprecedented view of Jewish history, culture, and religion from before and during the time of Jesus.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be in January. The topic, date, and time, will be announced in next month's newsletter. We wish all our book club members a very Merry Christmas!

TUESDAY TEA



Time: 3:00 PM Central Time - every week on Tuesday. All are welcome to join us for conversation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?pwd=cTZUVi8ycjNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGwQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171



OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

We will not meet in December. The date and time of January's meeting will be announced in next month's newsletter. We wish all our crafters a very Merry Christmas!



MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES



OLLC PRAISE BAND

Time: Saturdays 3:30 pm (practice)
5:00 pm (performance)

Location: Worship Center

To join, contact lemuelsmith@ourlords.org



OLLC HANDBELL CHOIR

Time: Thursdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Performances: Monthly on 3rd Sunday

Location: Worship Center

To join, contact cadythomas@ourlords.org

OLLC CHANCEL CHOIR

Time: Thursdays 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Performances: 2 Sundays a month

Location: Worship Center

To join, contact cadythomas@ourlords.org

SERVING ON LEADERSHIP TEAMS AT OUR LORD'S

Are you interesting in taking an active role in the leadership of OLLC? Are you willing to serve on Church Council, the Ministry Support Team, or take on an administrative role? If you are interested in being a part of OLLC leadership, please contact Pastor Darla Ann or any member of church council. If you indicated an interest in a leadership role or specified administrative assistance/work on your 2023 Time & Talent Commitment card, don't be surprised if someone from council or the nominating committee contact you to discuss your contribution to the growth and leadership of OLLC.

FAIR TRADE MINISTRY



URGENT!
Though SERRV has an abundance of great gift ideas, they are selling fast. I have already had requests for a few items that are already sold out for the season.

Please check the SERRV.org website and you can see for yourselves if an item is still available. Then get me your numbers, I can give you your OLLC price, and get it ordered.

We ARE helping many people with our support. Let's take advantage of their phenomenal skills. Let me know!

-Mike Williams



FINANCIAL NEWS

This month we are trying out a new format and would like to hear from you the reader. Please let Olivia know if presenting the information in paragraph form is helpful or not.

In the month of October, the total income received by OLLC was \$25,143.
The total expenses for the month of October were \$36,141.

The Year-To-Date figures for 2022 are a total income of \$312,391
and total expenses of \$360,566.

Commitments to mortgage reduction (VIF/BOOM) are being fulfilled. That has kept this congregation on pace to pay off our debt by the start of 2023. In October, \$3,677 was paid toward the principle and \$47 on the interest. This means that at the end of October, our mortgage balance was \$7,566. The Year-To-Date figures for VIF/BOOM are \$36,665 given and \$33,740 paid.

Thank you for sharing your financial resources
with this congregation in support of the mission we share.

Thank you!

BUILDING USE POLICIES

Masks are currently optional on our Lord's campus. We will, however, continue to provide extra surgical and KN95 masks for those who may need one. Singing and verbal responses are welcome along with socializing before and after worship. We thank everyone for understanding the safety needs and preferences of all those in our midst. For questions or to reserve building space: **(618) 345-5692** or **love2haveu@ourlords.org**



REMINDERS

PRAYER LIST - Please let Olivia know if you would like to add a new person, remove a current person, or change the status of anyone on our prayer list.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - Reminder: Newsletter Deadline (to submit articles for January's Newsletter): Thursday, December 15, 2022.

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES - Please let the church office know of changes to e-mail address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, graduations etc.

PRAYER VENTURES - Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries are available at: www.elca.org/prayerventures

CENTRAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD (CSIS) WEBSITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEBSITE: www.elca.org

If you would like to receive text message updates regarding outdoor services, special events, and emergency notifications such as cancellations, you can sign up for Remind. Simply follow the instructions below to be added to our list.

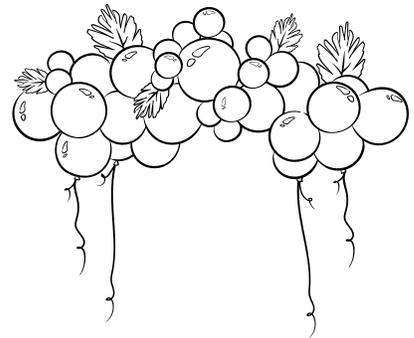
To sign up for updates regarding Saturday services, text **@ollcsat** to **81010**.

To sign up for updates regarding Sunday services, text **@ollcsun** to **81010**.



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Abigail Tiemann	Joel Kampwerth	Caitlyn Baczewski
Erick Larson	Crichton Williams	Kaitlyn Blotevogel
Carol Gocken	Matt Gross	Irene VanHooser
Brian Hartke	Bill Davidson	Kendyll Orr
Anna Rimar	Sophia Helms	Susanne Richter
Carol Hancock	Rachel Lee	Linda Spencer
Grant Lang	Jack Rimar	Loretta Williams
Dean Lackey	Sue Green	



Jeff & Penny Waterman
Brian & Jaime Henderson
Don Simonson & Jan Vinson
Bruce & Mary Ann Fritz
Randy & Erin Helms
Brian & Doug Lotz-Manns



FAITH IN ACTION

As 2022 comes to a close, we want to thank you for continually sharing our mission with community members who need our services and with potential volunteers ready to put their faith into action. May the Christmas season bring you peace and joy.

- Please join Collinsville Faith in Action on Saturday, December 3 for a free Health Fair taking place at St. John's UCC from 10A-5P.
- Raffle tickets are currently on sale for our annual Stocking Raffle. Choose from five different themes: grocery gift cards, lottery tickets, restaurant gift cards, 4 seasonal wreaths from a local florist, or gasoline gift cards. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$12. Stop by the office (233 N. Seminary in Collinsville) or call us to purchase tickets with your debit or credit card. Thank you for supporting our work in the community!
- Elder Connection luncheon is scheduled at Collinsville Faith in Action (CFiA) on Wednesday, December 21, 11AM-1PM. Immediately following lunch, we will move to the gym at St. John UCC to hear the Collinsville Middle School Chorus performing Christmas favorites. Please call CFiA to make your reservation and to request transportation if needed: 618-344-8080.
- Land of Lincoln Legal Aid will offer free assistance on Planned Directives Wednesday, 12/15, beginning at 10AM. At 11AM, CFiA will continue its learning series on Senior Housing Options here in the Collinsville, Caseyville, and Maryville community. Both presentations are free, but please contact CFiA to hold your spot! 618-344-8080.
- Please save the date of Friday, July 14, 2023, for the return of Faith in Action's Auction Dinner at the Collinsville Gateway Convention Center. Tickets and more information coming in January 2023.

Yours in gratitude,
Lisa Brennan
Executive Director



WORKER BEES



Worker Bees will meet on **Saturday, December 3rd** (this will include greening the church at 8 am). If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Chuck Pugh.

PRAYER CONCERNS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

KC Jensen
Angel Lipham
Jodi
Ken Bunetic
Vickie Finan
Mary & David Finley
Bud Workman
Brandon Hammonds
Nancy Miner
Jolie Boeger
Sarah Mastic

Elaine Kendall
Marsha Morgan
Dennis Duff
Steve Tilashalski
Linda Vitt
Jim Davey
Mike Peters
Marielle Smith
Dawn C
Linda W

CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Kim Payne
Dan Homes
Linda Spencer
Bill Davidson
Brian Kassing
Nancy Lutz
Don Simonson Sr
Luke Huster
Keith Jensen

Mike Williams
Kathie Brady
Nicole Williams
Steve & Kathy Hoelscher
Caitlyn Baczewski
Ginger Trucano
Barbara Watz
Carole Callahan
Robin Wellener

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family and friends of: Kathy Worthen The Davey Family (grieving a loss)

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell
Major James Carmichael
Capt. Blake Crosby
Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby
Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby
SPC Bill Homes
Zach Huff
SrA Paul Kampwerth
SrA Lucas Maue
John Meyer
Zachary Neubauer
Amador Ochoa
Josh Pace
Scott Prengel
Jake Randall
PFC Eric Shelton
Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer
Erica Webb, US Private E-3

PRAYER FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE

Christ our victim, whose beauty disfigured and whose body torn upon the cross; open wide your arms to embrace our tortured world, especially the victims who were injured and the families mourning the deaths of those who were killed at Club Q in Colorado Springs on November 19, 2022 and at Walmart in Chesapeake, VA on November 22, 2022. Let us not turn away our eyes, but abandon ourselves to your mercy.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

adapted from a Service of Prayer and Lament in times of violence.

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LOOKING AHEAD

JANUARY

- New Year's Day, Jan 1
- Church Office Closed, Jan 2
- Epiphany Of Our Lord, Jan 6
- Baptism Of Our Lord, Jan 8
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan 16 (Church Office Closed)
- Newsletter Deadline, Jan 17
- Annual Meeting, Jan 28

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances...

FEBRUARY

- First Day Of Black History Month, Feb 1
- Presentation Of Our Lord, Feb 2
- Congregational Retreat Feb 11 (*tentative*)
- Valentine's Day, Feb 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Feb 15
- Transfiguration Of Our Lord, Feb 29
- Presidents' Day, Feb 20 (Church Office Closed)
- Ash Wednesday, Feb 22

MARCH

- First Day of Women's History Month, Mar 1
- Mid Week Lenten Services Begin, Mar 1
- Daylight Savings Time, Mar 12
- Newsletter Deadline, Mar 15
- St. Patrick's Day, Mar 17
- Annunciation of Our Lord, Mar 25

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

OLLC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer, Pastor
Olivia Cross, Administrative Assistant
Cady Thomas, Director of Worship Music for Sundays and Special Services
Lemuel Smith, Director of Non-Traditional Worship Music
Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Matt Gross, Streaming Tech
Jenna Lathrom, Sound

CHURCH COUNCIL

Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson, President
Dana Callahan, Vice President
Dr. Laura Schoenecker, Secretary
Dr. Max Eakin, Treasurer
Linda Hester, At Large
The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann R. Kratzer, Pastor

MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

Vacant Ministry Support Team Coordinators
Vacant (Education)
Dr. Rhonda Comrie (Fellowship)
Vacant (IT)
Carol Orr (Service)
Kalonny Short (Worship)

THANK
YOU

Fair Trade Store

Mike Williams
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Sunday School & VBS

Lisa White & Kathy Nehrt

Newsletter

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Facebook

Olivia Cross (*interim*)



*The Gift that
Changed the World*



Have a
Blessed
Christmas



Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



What you do:

1. In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
2. Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
3. In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
4. Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
5. Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
 <p>MONTHLY GIVING EMPHASIS:</p>	 <p>CHRISTMAS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS</p>			<p>1 10:00 AM Seamless Bible Study - LC 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>2 Pastor's Sabbath 3:30 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>3 7:00 AM Worker Bees 8:00 AM Greening of the Church - WC 10:00 AM Pageant Rehearsal - WC 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
<p>4 Advent 2 9:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service with Children's Christmas Pageant "Promises Remembered, Covenant Kept" 10:15 AM Reception - WC 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM Small Meeting - WC 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Trad. Music Planning Meeting (Zoom) 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC</p>	<p>9 Pastor's Sabbath 3:30 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 7:00 PM OLY Christmas Party</p>	<p>10 3:15 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service</p>
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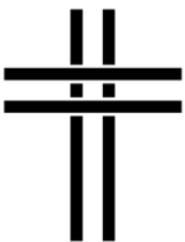
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