

December 2024



Birthdays

- 2 - Angela Miller
Amber Westhoff
Evelyn Westhoff
- 3 - Rev. Rob Ricard
Collin Arndt
- 4 - Jenna Ricard
Lane Haller
- 5 - Deb Akers
Kacie Eisentrager
- 7 - Cheryl Barrick
- 9 - Jeff Dellinger
- 12 - Taryn Barz
- 13 - Lillie Ammerman
- 14 - Renee Hansen
- 16 - Jim Moats
- 17 - Matt Abbas
Janet Behn
- 18 - Alan Fink
- 19 - Adele Heilskov
- 23 - Jay Brower
- 25 - Daisy Bentrrott
Heather Cox
- 28 - Chris Birdsell
Dan Westhoff
- 29 - Jonathan Hegtvedt
- 30 - Janelle Fink
- 31 - Alan Brown
Titus Baumann



Anniversaries

- 3 - Jay & Linda Brower
- 20 - Don & Ruth Kloetzer



Ushers

- Jim Showalter, Chr Jason Fink
Jacob Showalter Matt Showalter

Greeters

- Jay & Kari Behn
Kevin & Stephanie Behn
Mary Hadley

Acolytes

- 1 - Henry Subbert
- 4 (Wed Advent) - Evan Waechter
- 8 - Lane Haller
- 11 (Wed Advent) - Noah Behn
- 15 - Colin Harr
- 18 (Wed Advent) - Slade Pigman
- 22 - Henry Subbert
- 24 (Christmas Eve 6pm) - Evan Waechter
- 25 (Christmas Day 9am) - An Usher/Elder
- 29 - Lane Haller
- 31 (New Year's Eve 6pm) - An Usher/Elder

Special Services

Midweek Advent Services:
7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 4th, 11th, and 18th

Christmas Eve Service:
6:00 PM Candlelight Service

Christmas Day Service:
9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve Service:
6:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

Special Needs Communion



If you are unable to make Sunday morning worship and wish to receive small group or individual communion, please call the church office. This is being offered in place of the monthly Special Needs service.



Wednesday, December 4th at
12:00 PM

Devotion/Bible Study:
Renee Hansen
Hostess: Renee Hansen

We will be enjoying a Christmas luncheon (note the earlier time)! All ladies are invited. Please join us!

Advent Devotions on KLMJ

Listen daily!

Pastor Bollhagen will be broadcasting Advent devotions each morning on KLMJ around 7:20-7:30 AM, from December 1-31. These devotions will also be posted on our Facebook page. Start each day with God's word and prepare for His coming to us!

LHM Advent Devotions



Printed copies of the Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent Devotions are available on the table outside of the church office.

Advent 2024

O Come, Emmanuel: The Antiphons of Advent

Midweek 1

O Wisdom (*O Sapientia*)
Christ, the Wisdom from on High

Midweek 2

O Root of Jesse (*O Radix Jesse*)
Christ, the Root of Jesse

Midweek 3

O Key of David (*O Clavis David*)
Christ, the Key to Eternal Life



Image courtesy of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Pastor and Vicar will be hosting a Christmas program with the children from Hampton Community Christian Day Care on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00 PM. Plan to come a little early to the Advent service and share in this program with the kids and families of HCCDC!

Remember our shut-ins with your prayers, cards, and visits...

- *Country View Nursing Facility:
Jennie Dellinger, Melba Muhlenbruch,
Tillie Nelsen
- *Franklin General Assisted Living:
Merlin Behn, Dixie Schmitt,
- *Rehabilitation Center of Hampton:
Daisy Bentrrott, Jamie Fink
- *Hubbard Care Center:
Mildred Pingel
- *At Home: Jerry Meyer
- *Other members at home who may not be able to come to church.

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

From Vicar Stefanec...

Dear Saints of Trinity,

As we continue considering how individuals in the Old Testament foreshadow Christ, we now turn to Joseph. The story of Joseph's life is likely one we are all familiar with. Joseph is the son of Jacob. As a young man, he is hated by his brothers for giving a bad report of them to their father, for being loved more by their father, and for having dreams prophesying that his brothers would bow down to him (Genesis 37:2-11).

So, his brothers conspire against him and end up selling him into slavery. They strip him of his garments and throw him into the pit. Then, he becomes a slave in Egypt. Joseph is a successful servant and prospers in the house of Potiphar. However, Potiphar's wife desires to commit adultery with Joseph, but in the end, he does not comply. Potiphar's wife catches him by his garment, and he flees while his clothing is left behind. Out of spite, she falsely accuses him of trying to take advantage of her, and Joseph is thrown into prison.

Yet eventually, Pharaoh has dreams that he does not understand, and Joseph is able to interpret them. Joseph is "called out of the pit" and changes his clothes (Gen. 41:14). Because Joseph was able to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, Pharaoh exalts Joseph to second command in all Egypt and clothes him in fine linen. Eventually, Joseph is able to feed his brothers and reconcile with them during a famine, and he himself clothes the ones that once stripped him of his garments (45:22).

So it is also with Christ. Christ was the beloved Son of his Father from eternity. But just as Joseph was descended into the pit to become a slave, so also Christ descended from heaven to be born in the form of a servant. Just as Joseph was falsely accused of sin he did not commit and bore its punishment, Christ, who knew no sin, became sin for us. Just as Joseph was stripped of his garments by Pharaoh's wife, so also was Christ naked upon the cross. Just as Joseph descended into prison, so also Christ descended into the grave and hell to declare victory to the spirits in prison. Just as Joseph was exalted to second in command in all Egypt, so also Christ was resurrected and ascended to the right hand of the Father, so that he might reign over all things.

Just as Joseph clothed his brothers—those who stripped him and cast him into the pit—so also Christ clothes us in his righteousness, for we are the ones who stripped him and put him on the cross.

Now, as Joseph fed his family bread in the famine, so also Christ is the bread-giver for his church. Each week, he feeds us with his word and with his body and blood, so that we are clothed with his righteousness and are sustained through the famine of this life, residing in a pagan land. It is here that we live, awaiting the final exodus out of Egypt as we await Christ's return.

This Advent, let us remember all that Christ has done in becoming human to bear our sin, die for us and ascend on high. Let us feast on the food he provides, for apart from it there is only death and starvation. In him alone is our daily bread, and apart from him faith cannot be sustained. Lastly, let us remember that he who reigns in heaven will soon return, to deliver his people once and for all from bondage and slavery.

For Prayer: *Heavenly Father, you provided food for your people through Joseph. Please grant that we would always see Christ as our sole source for sustaining bread while we await his return, so that we may rely only upon him to preserve us unto the end of the age. Amen.*

