

4th Sunday Of
Advent
December 21, 2025



***Praise & Worship**.....*"Made To Worship"*
"A Christmas Alleluia"

Welcome & Invocation.....*Jim Loeffler*

Prelude.....*"How Many Kings"*.....*Linda Morey*

Prayer.....*Sue Tiegs*

Advent Reading (Read Along)

Kids Talk.....*Angela Sutter*

***Worship Song**.....*"How Many Kings"*

Old Testament Reading (2 Kings 5:1-15).....*Diane Senger*

Special Music.....*"Hope Has A Name"....Dinah Carnes & Chrissy Dougan*

Offertory/Offering.....*"He Has Come For Us"*.....*Linda Morey*

***Doxology/Blessing of Gifts**

***Hymn**.....*"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*

New Testament Reading (Luke 4:14-29)

Message **Holy Moments: Keep Pursuing**

***Responding to God's Love**.....*"Joy Unspeakable Joy"*

***Benediction/Blessing**

***Exit Song**.....*"Hallelujah"*

***Please remain standing.**

Advent Reading

First Reader: Today, we come face to face with the scandal of Advent: Mary, the unmarried mother; God Incarnate growing in Mary's womb as a vulnerable baby; Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy; God's love at work in ways that society and propriety could not understand; God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness despite the fear of disgrace.

All: With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of responding in fear to the world's judgment.

Second Reader: We light this candle of love as a sign of our faithfulness as we seek, find, and follow Emmanuel, God with us.



Pre-School Sunday School

This Sunday's Pre-k through 4th grade lesson, "Jesus Our Light", we will learn that Jesus is the light of the world. We will focus on John 1:1-9.



Nursery Help Needed

We are looking for adults and youth who would be available to work in the nursery once every month or two, starting in January. If anyone is interested, please let Elna or LeAnne Morton know.



SHUMY Christmas Party

Our annual SHUMY Christmas Party is tonight! Join us here in the multi-purpose room from 6-8pm for some festive fun. We are asking everyone to bring a snack.



Christmas Eve Service

We would like to invite you and your family to our Christmas Eve service on December 24 @6pm.

Worship & Prayer Night

Our young adults will be hosting a Worship & Prayer Night here at the church on December 29 at 6:30pm. This service is being planned and executed by our college aged members. If you are interested in attending, please do! This event is meant for all ages and stages of life. Come and experience Jesus with us. If you have any questions about this event please see Victoria Brady.



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Elna's Bible Study

Elna's Bible Study is done meeting until January 13. Enjoy the holidays, ladies!



WCTL's Women's Conference

Early bird sign-ups for the Rejoice, Refresh, Renew, Women's Conference are open now. Please see Diane Senger or Kris Loeffler if you have any questions.



Missing Roaster!

The church kitchen is missing a silver roaster. If you borrowed it, please return it to the church kitchen as it is needed. Thank you.



Dominican Republic Missionary Fundraiser

Our missionary team is headed back to the Dominican Republic in January! In order to raise the necessary funds, they are currently hosting a T-Shirt sale. We have sizes S-3XL available. The shirt features a logo on the pocket as well as the verse 1 John 4:19 on the back. If you would like to order one of these custom-made T-Shirts, please find Sue Tiegs or Victoria Brady.



Dustin's Drive

A big thank you for the love and generosity shown during the recent toy drive for the families at The Refuge! The support from South Harborcreek UMC in supporting Dustin's Drive through the youth group will definitely brighten Christmas morning for the families at The Refuge and help them be reminded of the love of Christ through our church. Thank you all so much for helping to be the hands and feet of Christ. Pictures will be available after the delivery on December 20. Merry Christmas to everyone! Thank you - Dustin's Drive



Nar-Anon Family Group

Are you affected by someone else's addiction? Nar-Anon offers hope! A new Nar-Anon Family Group, "Together We Heal" will meet at Faith Lutheran Church, 5414 East Lake Road on Thursdays from 1-2pm, beginning on January 22, 2026. For more information, please contact lakeerie23456@gmail.com or call (814)-897-5900.