

# HE CAME TO US

ADVENT SERIES

## THE COMMUNICATOR

DECEMBER 20, 2023

### Weekly Calendar

DEC 20 - JAN. 3

**Wednesday, Dec. 20**

No Midweek meal or classes

**Saturday, Dec. 23**

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

**Sunday, Dec. 24**

NO 8:00am Service

9:00 & 10:45AM- Special Communion  
Christmas Eve Services

No SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Tuesday, Dec. 26**

NO PLAY GROUP

OFFICES CLOSED

**Wednesday, Dec. 27**

No Midweek meal or classes

**Saturday, Dec. 30**

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See details page 2 for details

**Sunday, Dec. 31**

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Regular Worship  
Services

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Monday, Jan. 1**

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, Jan. 3**

5:30-6:30pm- Meal (Shepherd's Pie)  
6:30-7:30pm-

Midweek Classes for Children,  
Middle School Youth Group & Adults  
(Nursery also provided)

7:30-8:30pm-

High School Youth Group

### CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We are now into those final days before Christmas. The weather continues to be very nice although, I am hearing there might be a little rain coming for the weekend. I'm not sure what I think of that. Hopefully you will all be able to get to the places you are expecting to get to for your Christmas holiday plans. That's the one thing about this time of year that can get a little tricky...traveling. Hopefully all the roads will stay clear.

I want to thank Doyle for filling in on Sunday and for Abby doing the music leadership as well. I watched. They did a great job. Thanks to everyone who made it all work because that matters. It is a busy time of year, and I know that takes a little effort to make it all go well, and I for one am most grateful.

Christmas at the Cathedral was amazing. The message of the songs and program were powerful. I heard many say it was the best one they had seen. I would agree. They have all been wonderful, but this one was different in many ways. So much depth and so much emotion. The music spoke to people. It was a testament to God's presence and the moving of the spirit. I have more to say, but I will do that in the next newsletter.

I had a thought this week come to mind. I know that many of you are still working on our "bringer" series and the person we are praying for and investing time for them to discover Christ. I have one too. What I want to say to all of you is that I haven't seen much movement in their life in that direction as of yet. I say that to encourage you all. These things take time. God's plans and timing are not mine. I still see that name several times a day on my fridge and I am still investing a part of my day in that person's life. One never knows what God is doing and how God is working. So much of that work we can't see, but we can trust that God is working. God is always pursuing. It is His very nature. His faithfulness is never wavering. I am believing for it even when it seems impossible. Keep at it friends! God is working!

Christmas Eve is this Sunday. We are doing church different this week. We are not doing 8am this week. Two services: 9am and 10:45am. Communion services. I am not sure what the music will be. Obviously with Dalton's surgery that changes what we can do as a family. Liz managed to catch a cold and is not feeling the best this week...that's how that would go. Still, it's Christmas Eve. I have a message to prepare, and I will do my best to make that morning special to all of you. I will focus my attention on the coming Christ child to the manger in Bethlehem and yet look at that from the perspective of what happens next. Jesus coming to earth is an extraordinary fulfillment of prophecy and confirmation of God's promise, but there is so much more to Christmas than a baby in a manger. That child is the Savior of the world. He has much more to do for us than being here among us. Jesus will love us so much, that he will do what no other can do. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

## NO NEWSLETTER DEC. 27



## CHRISTMAS DATES

**Wednesday, December 20** – NO MidWeek meal or classes

**Sunday, December 24**

No 8:00am Service

**9:00am & 10:45am- Special Communion Christmas Eve Services  
(both identical services)**

9:00am- ASL interpreter

Nursery available for infant- 5 year olds

Music by The Teels and apple cider to be served!

**Tuesday, December 26**

NO Play Group

**Wednesday, December 27** – NO MidWeek meal or classes

**Sunday, December 31-** 8:00, 9:00, & 10:45am services

No Sunday School

**Wednesday, January 3-** Midweek Resumes

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**Church Office Closed Christmas Day,  
Tuesday, December 26 &  
Monday, January 1.**

Office hours may vary during  
Christmas week. Please call before  
coming to church. 605-336-1475

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Justin & Sandy Heimdal and family (house fire)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dalton Coffey (shoulder surgery recovery)
- Darla Moulton's son-in-law, Neil (cancer)
- Jerry Ackerman (carotid surgery recovery)
- Joanne Avery (broken arm)
- Ann Munce (shoulder surgery)
- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic cancer)
- Joyce Tarrell (recovery from car accident)
- Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloom
- Angie Bonnema's dad
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad

No Newsletter  
Dec. 27th.  
The full newsletter  
will be back  
January 3rd! 🎄



### Check out the Mission Haiti Sponsor Tree in the lobby!

Sponsor a child for:

\$200 PER YEAR- ELEMENTARY

\$325 PER YEAR- HIGH SCHOOL

(AMOUNT CHANGES TO \$325 IN GRADE 7)

This provides education, daily meal, and health basics!

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## Suppers 6

Our first Suppers 6 groups met in October and we had a wonderful time getting to renew with old friends and make new ones. We are giving you an opportunity to sign up for January or February or both. If you have already signed our original list, you DO NOT need to sign again. A sign up sheet will be available at The Link. Please join us for some fun and fellowship. If you would like to host a dinner, please indicate on the sign up sheet.

For more info:

Cheryl Weerheim- 940-8413

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## FINANCES

Sunday, December 17, 2023

General: \$31,796

Vision: \$1,315

Missions: \$540

General YTD: \$896,846

Vision YTD: \$77,183

Vision Account Balance: \$24,662

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### ..... FRESH ENCOUNTER

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom or in person in our chapel.

People can join via video or using the call-in number if video is not an option.

Join via phone: (346) 248-7799

Meeting website:

<https://zoom.us/j/862139432>

Meeting ID: 862 139 432

Password: 853781

Call Shawn Blom at

605-940-6702 with questions.

### ..... MISSION OF THE MONTH

LifeLine Children Services

### ..... AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA will be meeting via Zoom on Saturdays at 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09>

Please contact Tom Jacobs

(tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

### ..... SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, January 8 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

### ..... BOOK CLUBS

**The evening book club** will meet on Tuesday, January 16, at 7 pm at the church.

We will be discussing *Mind of Her Own*.

**The morning book club** will meet on Wednesday, January 17, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.

We will be discussing *Being Mortal*.

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**REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...**

**If you would like to request membership or baptism, please  
e-mail the church office at [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org).  
We are doing individual family baptism after the 10:45am  
service until further notice.**

**NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?**

**Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased  
every Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase  
will go toward our Vision Fund at church.**

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