

A few questions and ideas to consider throughout the week...

Why does John the Baptist seem to have such a sense of urgency? Do we still feel that sense of urgency, and should we? Why or why not? What does John mean by his comment about Abraham in Matthew 3:8-9? What does it mean to bear fruit worthy of repentance?

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Christmas Poinsettias

We will be ordering poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you are interested in purchasing plants, sign up using the sheet in the commons area by December 14. The cost will be \$13.00 for a 6" pot. Please call Sharlene Blaine at 402-435-1521 with questions.

Christmas Program and Cookie Walk

On December 14, SoH will be presenting our Christmas program followed by the annual cookie walk. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share and then take home a wonderful variety. Container prices are \$10, \$15 and \$20. Proceeds from the cookie walk will support MTKO.

Please pray for our Spirit of Hope family and friends. In the Military: *Stephen Austria; Peyton Lange (grandson of Chuck & Marcia Carlson); and Ross Witters (son of Nancy Witters)*
Prison Ministry: *Pr. Rob Corum*

Prayer Requests - Padlet

The easiest way to get to our Padlet Prayer Request is the link in our Spirit of Hope app for your smart device!



Once you launch the Spirit of Hope app you will find the link near the middle labeled: "Padlet Prayer Request". You may use your smart device to scan this QR code to connect to Padlet Prayer Requests.

Connect with Spirit of Hope

Use this QR Code below to let us know you'd like to hear from someone at Spirit of Hope.



Council Member Available Today
Jay Connelly

Altar flowers sponsored by
Deb Bush



Scan here for our mobile donation site:

**December 7, 2025
10:00 am**

Today's Worship

Welcome

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Songs: *O Come O Come Emmanuel (vs 1 & 2); Holy Forever*

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Greeting

Song: *A Night Like This*

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13;

Matthew 3:1-12

Children's Message

Deb Bush

Dramatic Reading

Praise Team

Message Reflection by Dr. Kimberly Leetch

Song: *Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW#264*

Affirmation of Faith

Offering

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Confession & Forgiveness

Communion

Song: *You Are My All In All*

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

Song: *How Can I Keep From Singing*

Dismissal

Below is a list of bible studies, meetings, and events. To view a complete list and details please visit our website or mobile app.

Bible Studies -

12/7 @ 7pm—Everyday Spirituality

12/11 @ 6:30pm—Gather Bible Study

12/21 @ 7pm—Everyday Spirituality

Youth Faith Formation -

12/14 @ 10am—Christmas Program

Group Meetings -

12/15 @ 6:30pm—Piecemakers Quilting

Upcoming Worship & Events -

12/10 @ 7pm—Evening Advent Worship

12/11 @ 10am—FALC Worship

12/14 @ 10am—In-person & Livestream

Worship with Christmas Program

followed by annual Cookie Walk

12/17 @ 7pm—Evening Advent Worship

12/18 @ 10am—FALC Worship

12/21 @ 10am—In-person & Livestream

Worship

12/21 @ 5:00pm - Longest Night/Blue

Christmas Worship Service

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Notes:

sermon take away: