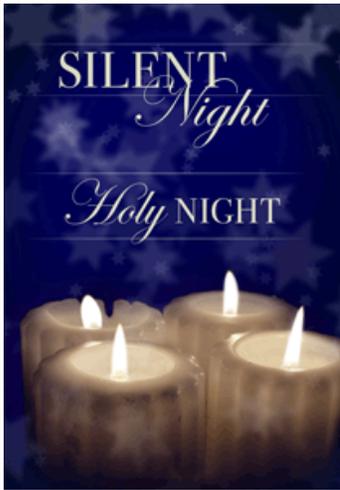


**Christmas Worship Schedule**



**Services on Christmas Eve will include:**

- ◆ December 24 a pre-recorded Children's Christmas Message from our Sunday School youth sharing the message of Jesus' birth with us will be online by 9:00 AM at YouTube channel at [www.gloriadeilc.org/events](http://www.gloriadeilc.org/events)
- ◆ December 24 Christmas Eve Online Worship Service will be available on YouTube Channel at 1:00 PM on our YouTube channel at [www.gloriadeilc.org/events](http://www.gloriadeilc.org/events)
- ◆ December 24 @ **2:00, 3:30 & 5:00 PM** for Christmas Eve Worship for **Indoor In-Person or Parking Lot Worship** Services with Holy Communion and Candle Lighting



- ◆ Christmas Caroling outdoors after the **2:00, 3:30 & 5:00 PM** Christmas Eve Worship Services where we will light our candles and enjoy singing together.

*RSVP for the Christmas Eve In-Person or Outdoor services at [www.gloriadeilc.org/events](http://www.gloriadeilc.org/events) parking lot for indoor worship. Outdoor worship park in South Lot and tune to FM 88.3 (Space limited indoors. Masks required. Cleaning will be done between services)*

Please park in north

- ◆ No Christmas Day Worship Service

**Worship Opportunities through January 3rd, 2021**

- ◆ December 27 Lessons & Carols Service @ 9AM **online only** on our YouTube channel at [www.gloriadeilc.org/events](http://www.gloriadeilc.org/events)
- ◆ January 3rd - Synod-led Worship @ 9 AM **online only** on our YouTube channel at [www.gloriadeilc.org/events](http://www.gloriadeilc.org/events) Service will feature Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, our newly elected Bishop for the East Central Synod of Wisconsin preaching.



*(Pastor Jon and Pastor Tabitha will be on vacation December 26th - January 3rd)*

*Did you know that if you live within a couple blocks of church you can tune in to the 88.3 FM channel on your radio and still hear the service? If you would like to share that station with your neighbors who might like to join us live for any of the afternoon Christmas Eve services, or if you can't make it to In-Person or Parking Lot Worship on Christmas Eve, and would like to listen in, please join us!*

***NOTE - No DeiLites will be published for the week of December 27th***



**End of Year Giving**

- Reminder that all donations need to be turned into the office by noon on Wednesday, December 30th to be counted for your 2020 Giving Statement. Any monies received after that date will be counted for 2021.



Pastor Jon & Tabitha will be on vacation from December

25th - January 3rd. Marlene will be in the office on shortened hours for the week after Christmas. Please call to see if the office is open before stopping in. Or call Marlene at home at 920-216-1548 if there is an emergency when the office is closed.



Next orders will not be taken until January 10th.

**Bible Quiz**

Where did the child Jesus and his parents flee for safety?

A. Ethiopia  
B. Syria  
C. Rome  
D. Egypt



Answer: D (See Matthew 2:13.)

**ANNUAL REPORT** Ministry Reports Due -

Reminder that each Ministry at Gloria Dei is asked to submit an Annual Report that will be given in January. Please turn your reports in to Marlene as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Re-Focus - Re-Joice - Re-Spond

Please return your Stewardship responses for 2021 as soon as possible. Simply mail your forms back to church or download, complete and email the forms electronically: <http://gloriadeilc.org/resources/deilites-newsletter>, complete and email forms directly to the Financial Secretary at [fin-sec@gloriadeilc.org](mailto:fin-sec@gloriadeilc.org). Call the office if you need new forms.

 Thank You received for sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive this past week. We took in a new record of 58 units of blood! Watch for another collection date upcoming in March.

 Prayers for Laurel & Gary K, who have both been dealing with Covid issues. We ask for God's healing hand on them.

Continued prayers for RoseMarie Steinke and the Haug Family, after Milt's death. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

Continued prayers of healing for Kate after surgery.



 **CROSSWAYS** CAMPING MINISTRIES

Even before Covid-19 forced us to social distance and stay at home, young people in the United States were experiencing skyrocketing rates of loneliness and disconnection. The pandemic has made this isolation worse. One study this year reported that **78 percent of Generation Z reports feeling lonely**, a far higher number than older generations. Those who come to camp in 2021 are really going to need it. Not just for their faith development, not just for their Confirmation requirements, but to nourish their very souls. When you make a year-end gift to Crossways, you give this generation a place of belonging, where they will be accepted and loved as they are. You share the Gospel message of God's love, experienced in community and witnessed in Creation. Donate now at [www.CrosswaysCamps.org/donate](http://www.CrosswaysCamps.org/donate), or mail a check made out to *Crossways Camping Ministries* to 912 N Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911.

4<sup>th</sup> Week in Advent Theme: **Awe-Struck Anticipation**

Mary heard these words from the Angel, "you have found favor with God...you will bear a son, Jesus...he will be holy, called Son of God. (Luke 1)

What astonishing news. It would render most anyone speechless!! Mary's response: a joyful, awesome anticipation of a vision that only God can bring about in the world.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...You have done great things...Holy is your name. You have mercy...lift up the lowly, fill the hungry, and come to the aid of your people."

When we receive Good news of something to come, what is our response?? When we are waiting, how do we express the excitement and the anticipation.

Jesus, King of love, prince of peace, Lord of life, savior of the people is coming!!! He's nearly here!

This week: read the daily devotion document for Advent 4: Awe-Struck Anticipation

Today, read the "Tiny Advent Poem" & reflect on Awe-Struck Anticipation.

