



# Circuit Rider

## December 2021

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### The Once and Future Victory

Pastor Jerry



On June 6, 1944, the Allied forces of World War Two sent troops onto the beaches of Normandy – D-Day – and over the next days and weeks successfully established an Allied presence on continental Europe. Before that invasion, Allied forces had been based in Britain, separated from the Axis forces by the English Channel; now they were on the road to Berlin. Many will say that D-Day is when the Allies won the war. Once that landing was successful, the die was cast. Germany and the Axis had no hope of ultimate victory. They were defeated.

It just didn't feel like it. It was another eleven months before V-E Day (Victory in Europe), and during those eleven months occurred some of the fiercest fighting of the war. Tens of thousands of troops died during that time. The Axis armies didn't act as if they were "defeated," and battles during that time like the Battle of the Bulge certainly didn't make anyone feel as if the war was won. Maybe those who say that D-Day won the war are right, but if so, then there can apparently be a time lag between "victory" and "end of hostilities."

We've seen a similar phenomenon this year in the war against Covid-19. You could say that as soon as scientists developed not one but three safe and effective vaccines against this virus, the battle was won. And I think in some ways it was. From the moment that the vaccinations began to be administered, there were only two possible outcomes. The quick option was that enough people would get vaccinated that the disease, unable to get a foothold, would starve. The second option – that not enough people would get vaccinated, but eventually enough of the unvaccinated would get the disease and either develop natural immunity or die – was less desirable and considerably slower, but it would end at the same place. Now we are about to have safe and effective FDA-approved treatments for Covid-19. The corner has been turned. Covid-19's days as a deadly scourge are numbered. It is defeated.

It just doesn't feel like it. Worldwide, there are still half a million new cases every single day, and over six thousand new deaths. Hospitals around the world are still stretched to their capacity, and to those who are fighting the disease themselves, or facing it day by day in their work as health care providers, or grieving someone who has died, this is *not* what "victory" is supposed to feel like. We live in that lag time between "victory" and the end of the suffering.

We Christians live in one of those times, too, and Advent is the season when we remember it. When Jesus Christ became human, lived the life of

**"CHRIST  
FOLLOWERS  
LIVING GOD'S  
LOVE"**

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:00 AM  
WORSHIP**  
IN-PERSON,  
BY RADIO (WMEQ  
92.1), AND ON  
FACEBOOK

STAY CONNECTED  
THROUGH OUR  
WEEKLY **LAKE  
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**Many Gifted Laity**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday and Wednesday**  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Tuesday and Thursday**  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## **A COMMUNITY OF WORSHIP**

*We seek to be a community of expectant, God-centered worship, through word and sacrament and God's gift of music – offering together our utmost for God's highest.*

### **Sermon Series: Prophets and Kings**

#### **Saturday-Sunday, December 4-5**

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship **with Communion**:\* 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM,  
Livestreamed on Facebook.

Sermon: "Amos and Hosea"

Scripture: Hosea 14:1-8

#### **Saturday-Sunday, December 11-12, Music Sunday**

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM, Livestreamed on Fa-  
cebook.

Sermon: "The Prophet of the Messiah"

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

#### **Saturday-Sunday, December 18-19**

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM, Livestreamed on Fa-  
cebook.

Sermon: "Isaiah and Hezekiah"

Scripture: Isaiah 30:15-18

### **Christmas Eve Worship**

2:00 pm An IM Church Nativity, Fellowship Hall

4:00 and 7:00 pm

Traditional Services with Candles and Communion

Christmas Story: "Dominic's Angel" by Pastor Jerry

#### **Saturday-Sunday, December 26 - Fellowship Hall**

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Radio 92.1 FM, shown also on Face-  
book.

Worship provided by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and the Wisconsin  
United Methodist cabinet.

Shown in the Fellowship Hall (see article on p. 4)

\*The Communion liturgy will be presented live in the 9:00 service  
on the first Sunday of the month. Each participant should have his  
or her own bread and cup. Whatever you have handy is fine. As  
always, United Methodists serve Open Communion, welcoming all  
to Christ's table.

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love and compassion that we were designed to live but had never actually tried, then died a human death and rose from the dead, then the battle against sin and death was over. The victory was won. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians, "Death, where is your victory?" and in Romans, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Through Christ, we have defeated sin and death.

It just doesn't feel like it. Sin is still very much present in our lives. Our daily struggles against selfishness and pride and self-indulgence and callous disregard of others are still very real. It doesn't *feel* as if sin has been defeated. We live in a lag time between the victory that Christ brought and the time when that victory will take full effect, when heaven and earth will be renewed. The season of Advent – which literally means "Coming" – expresses this interim feeling time well. In this time we celebrate Christ's coming. And in this time we long for Christ's coming. Christ has come! Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

## Worship in December

Worship is one of our four stated goals and values, and December is when that value takes center stage. Here are some of the worship activities to look forward to this month.

- December 5. Much of our music will be led by a harp ensemble.
- December 12. Our annual Music Sunday, with all our ensembles and choirs participating.
- IM Church Christmas Eve - In the Fellowship Hall at 2pm. (see article on p. 4)
- Christmas Eve Services - at 4:00 and 7:00pm, but this year, for the first time, our 4pm live service will be livestreamed and uploaded on Facebook for those worshipping from home.
- Dec. 26 in Fellowship Hall. Bring leftover Christmas treats to enjoy as we join the Wisconsin Conference staff in online worship together.

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES SUPPORT

- ☐ Radio Ministry: \$155/wk;
- ☐ Chancel Flowers (\$30/wk)

- ☐ December 12 (radio)
- ☐ December 19 (radio)
- ☐ December 26 (radio)
- ☐ January 2 (radio)

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Recognition of: \_\_\_\_\_

## HAVE YOU FOUND US ONLINE?

Our website [www.lakestreetumc.org](http://www.lakestreetumc.org) always has the most up to date calendar, news, online giving and more. Visit it often for past sermon recordings, past Circuit Riders, and a direct link to our Facebook page.



## ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have had an address change within the past four months and are receiving the **Circuit Rider** newsletter electronically, please send your new address to the church office: [adminsec@lakestreetumc.org](mailto:adminsec@lakestreetumc.org).

Because your issue does not go to the post office, there is no Address Service Requested changes that come back to the church. We appreciate your help to keep our database up to date.

## Monthly Circuit Rider

Deadline is  
Wednesday, Dec. 22 for  
Thursday, Dec. 30 mailing

Be sure to send your news  
to Ellen Prellwitz at  
**Adminsec**  
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## A COMMUNITY OF INCLUSIVE WELCOME

*We embrace all of God's children as persons of sacred worth regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, national origin, culture, tradition, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other difference real or perceived, and welcome all people into the life of this congregation.*

### IM Church Christmas Pageant

One of the hardest losses of the pandemic to our church was the loss of our monthly IM Church service - a time of love and activity and worship and food designed especially for those with disabilities. There was simply no way to imagine IM Church that included social distancing and zero hugs. But, while we aren't ready to open the monthly service yet, we're going to gather our IM family one more time - masked, but in person. And you're invited.

Please join us on Friday, December 24 at 2:00 for our third annual IM Church Christmas pageant where we don costumes and act out the Christmas story to Pastor Jerry's narration. No performance ability necessary. We need shepherds, wise men and women, angels, sheep, cattle, and the holy family. Bring your family, bring your neighbors. It's always great fun.

We also need folks to help with costumes, we need lots of cookies and other goodies ready to distribute, we need people to distribute these, we need people to help set up, and we need a tent. If you are interested in helping, please contact Katie at:

[katieandjode@gmail.com](mailto:katieandjode@gmail.com).



### A Letter of Thanks

*Dear Lake Street Methodist Congregation:*

*A big Thank You for your donation of funds in support of our asylum seeking family. Your special collection was indeed a special gift. Your \$688.53 will help with family needs.*

*Sincerely,  
Chippewa Valley  
Bridge Builders*



### SEASONAL DECORATING

As you read this, we will already be into the first of the four weeks of Advent. There is some seasonal decor already around the church and more will show as we advance toward Christmas. Keeping with tradition, poinsettias will be part of our scenery, but only in a limited number.. Again this year, the Worship Team would ask that friends and family of Lake Street would make their remembrances and honoraria to local charities. With that in mind, it is especially suggested that donations be marked to be directed to Meaningful Christmas. This year the Mission Team has chosen to support the Eau Claire Area School District's Homeless Program. This program provides student supplies, clothing, hygiene products, and transportation for homeless students. As one of the team members said "it is where the need is". Thank you.





## A COMMUNITY OF COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH

*Our time and talents and resources are not gifts for our enjoyment but a calling to serve others,  
particularly the marginalized and those without other defenders.  
We seek to serve God by serving God's children in our community, our nation, and our world.*

### Meaningful Christmas: ECASD Homeless Program

Lake Street has a history of supporting organizations financially at Christmas time through "Meaningful Christmas". This year the Mission Team has chosen the Eau Claire Area School District's Homeless Program. The Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) has recognized that student homelessness is an issue that hinders a student's success in school and has developed a program to address the issue. In the 2020-2021 school year 241 students were classified as homeless. On average, 250-300 ECASD students become homeless within each school year. The Homeless Program provides support for a student's education while they are experiencing homelessness. It works to connect families to community resources. The program provides items ranging from school supplies to tennis shoes for gym class, and all the necessities to attend school ready to learn, including hygiene items, connections to health care needs, and transportation to and from school. With this support student attendance and parent engagement increases. If you would like to support student homelessness please indicate "Meaningful Christmas" on your donation. In addition to monetary support, the homeless program needs; **socks: men's and women's sizes and underwear: 4T to 14 youth sizes (boys and girls)**. There will be a collection box in the narthex for the socks and underwear. For more information on the program it can be found at: <http://www.ecasd.us/ECASD/media/District-Site/Student%20Services/ECASD-Homeless-Program-Brochure.pdf>.

*This year the Mission Team is offering a matching grant for this program from the church's mission fund - up to \$4,000. So if we can collect \$4,000, we will give \$8,000.*

### Community Table Opportunities

Our next dates to cook and serve at the Community Table are:

December 8 (9:00am-2:00pm)  
January 10 (9:00am-2:00pm)

Volunteers may sign up for the whole time or for the first or second half. To volunteer, contact Tom Stanford.

### Beacon House Hosting

Evening Meal Preparation  
December 12—18

Call Kent Gierhart to  
volunteer

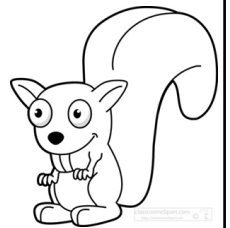


### ARCW Wish List for December: Bathroom Tissue

As winter approaches consider supporting our local AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Food Pantry by donating bathroom tissue. Your efforts will help local clients of the Resource Center presently affected by HIV/AIDS. Bathroom tissue is one of the most "asked for" donations by the recipients since it's provided by our church and not directly by the pantry. Please place donated items in the ARCW box outside Fellowship Hall.

Special thanks to those folks who donated 50+ boxes/pkg. of Macaroni & Cheese during October. Thanks also for the additional donations of packaged lasagna, noodles and chicken, canned fruit, canned vegetables, mashed potatoes, and more. Your efforts and continued support are appreciated!

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to deliver  
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Scrip order and he will  
deliver to your home. He  
needs to get out of the  
house, so please do not  
hesitate to call.

**Buy Scrip Support LSUMC**

## A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

*We seek to be a place where all God's children, of all ages and abilities, can grow together in knowledge and faith, through study, through participation in worship, and through service to others.*

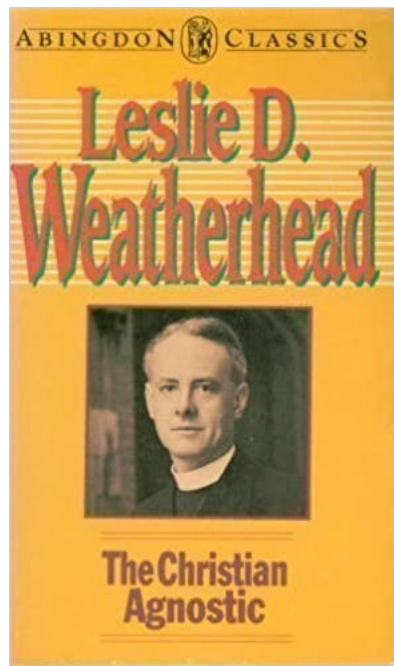
### Sunday Morning Book Group

Though most of our adult spiritual formation groups have stopped meeting or moved to meeting online/hybrid, we have one group that resumed in-person meeting last summer, when things looked hopeful Covid-wise, and have stuck it out ever since.

This group meets on Sundays, immediately after worship, in the conference room in the office suite. They read a book together—usually a challenging book designed to elicit a response.

That group is now beginning a new book, so this is a good time to begin if you are looking for something that will make you think (instead of just something that reinforces what you already think).

The new book the group is beginning is *The Christian Agnostic*, by Leslie Weatherhead, rector of the great City Temple in London. It is an exploration of how to believe without closing your mind to the discoveries of science, archeology and historical-critical biblical scholarship.



### Advent Devotions

Thank you to all who contributed to our "Advent of Hope" devotional book. The individual devotions put together in this book are being posted on the church Facebook page every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through the season of Advent.

For those who do not do Facebook (or who prefer not to), a printed copy is available at church on Sundays or in the office during the week.

And thank you especially to Jerry Montgomery who is the moving force not only behind this Advent devotional book but was also behind the Holy Week devotions that we had last April.

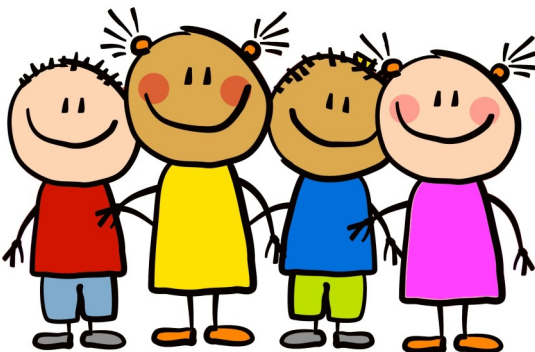
### Bible Story Journey in December

For those game souls trying to read along with the stories of the prophets, here are the last three weeks of advance reading:

Before Dec. 5	Amos, Hosea (esp. Amos 7, Hosea 1-3)
Before Dec. 12	Isaiah 6-12
Before Dec. 19	Isaiah 36-39

### Children's Ministry Update:

Some of our children now have begun their vaccination process!



This is huge, but the process has taken longer than expected, and not all our children are eligible yet. We are continuing to weigh our options as we try to decide how to open our Sunday morning children's ministry as soon as possible while still protecting those who are not yet protected by vaccines.

As we plan for that eventual re-opening, though, we still need regular volunteers to work with our teachers on Sunday mornings between 10:15 and 11:00. Even if you are only free to provide extra hands one Sunday a month, let Kenna know. We have been careful with our children's health, because they are important. Let us be intentional with their spiritual formation for the same reason.

# UMW NEWS

## UMW CHRISTMAS TEA CANCELLED

Unfortunately, the UMW Christmas Tea, which was to be held on Wednesday, December 15, has been cancelled due to Covid. Instead, Lake Street UMW will be making a donation to *A Meaningful Christmas*. As planned, there will be no meetings in January and February, but we will gather together on March 16, 2022 for a presentation by our District Superintendent, Barbara Certa-Werner.

## UMW PM Reading Group

December 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the home of Marlene Arntson.

We plan to have coffee, cookies and conversation with no special book review.

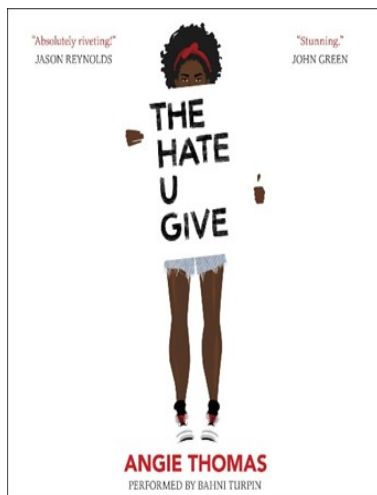
## December's UMW Book Review

### *THE HATE U GIVE*

By Angie Thomas

2021 Nurturing Community category

I highly recommend this book for adults and youth to read. It is a novel based on the reality of a young black girl living in two realities. That of her family living in the ghetto and that of her school outside her own community in an all-white school. In each reality, Starr, the main character thrives and is accepted for who she is or should I say for who others think she is.



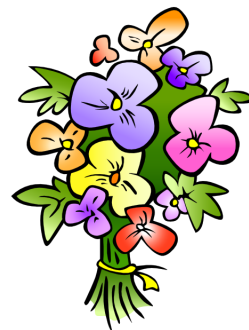
This book addresses the struggles Starr endures much like the realities we have heard on the news dealing with the black/white communities, different cultures and a vital look at racism and police violence.

This is a good book that will make you feel and heal in your heart as an American living in this racial mess, to empathize and to enjoy. It is a well written look at life in America and the injustices that are occurring with our neighbors, who we are asked to LOVE.

Submitted by Chris Draxler



## Happy Birthday



## This month's UMW birthdays

2	Marty Fuller
6	Lois Riley
7	Rose Mary Wollum
8	J. Birney Dibble
10	Donna Janke (90 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
15	Bonnie Wright
18	Judy Sheu
18	Ellen Prellwitz
21	Sue Staves
24	Carol Mooney
25	Elizabeth Sherman
27	Chuck Grandy
31	Shirley Hoffman
31	Margaret Larsen

## Harvest Market Final sales report – November 12, 2021

Once again, a huge thank you to all who worked to make the Harvest Market a success - whether you worked at home (in kitchen, sewing chest, or workbench) or at church (greeting, serving, dishwashing, or checking out). Below is the final sales report. As expected, our scaled down Bazaar received less money than was normal in the years B.C. (before covid), but this is still respectable. Again this year, Pastor Jerry has declined to accept the percentage normally allocated to the church budget, so that all the proceeds can go toward the UMW mission pledge for the year.

Saturday sales	\$3169.00
Sunday sales	\$495.75
Late sales (salad dressing, crafts & cards)	\$58.50
Donations prior to Market day	\$190.00
Donations after Market day	\$290.00
<b>Total gross income</b>	<b>\$4203.25</b>

### BOOTH TOTALS

Expenses so far = \$223.95 (includes \$200 newspaper ad)

**NET INCOME = \$3979.30**

#### Lake Street United Methodist Church

	Operating Fund		Building Fund		Total	
	YTD Oct 2021	Budget YTD Oct 2021	YTD Oct 2021	Budget YTD Oct 2021	YTD Oct 2021	Budget YTD Oct 2021
Offerings and other income	\$ 332,816	301,700	\$ 19,529	3,000	\$ 352,345	\$ 304,700
Expenses	257,096	258,969	52,281	52,910	309,377	311,879
Net of Offerings less expenses	\$ 75,719	\$ 42,731	\$ (32,751)	\$ (49,910)	\$ 42,968	\$ (7,179)

Net per books	42,968
parsonage fund (appreciation)/depreciation (not budgeted)	(12,229)
Adjusted net	<u>30,739</u>

Cash Balance as of 10/31/21	\$ 295,733
Claims against cash:	
SBA payroll protection plan loan	-
Liabilities	1,863
Memorials Fund	33,553
Rio de Augua Viva Fund	14,003
Scrip Fund	11,149
Pass-through Funds	26,596
Cash available	<u>\$ 208,569</u>

change from last month (6,507)



## RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

### Memorials and Special Gifts received through November 14

In memory of: **John Anderson;**

Donors: Jennie Stratton, John Melrose, Corinne and Ron Gjerner, Marilyn and Terry Sullivan, Dick and Linda Keepers; Designated for: Radio Ministry.

Donor: Bev Maser; Designated for: Library;

Donor: Carol Lamirande; Designated for: Lake Care Ministry;

Donors: Jill & Al Weisenbeck, Marty Fisher-Blakeley; Undesignated.

In memory of: **Scott Gutsch;**

Donors: Terry and Marilyn Sullivan; Designated for: Radio Ministry.

In memory of: **Dave Stratton;**

Donor: Jennie Stratton; Designated for: Radio Ministry.

In memory of: **Joan Webb;**

Donors: Carroll and Sandy Vowels; Undesignated.

In memory of: **Patricia Hurlburt;**

Donor: Bob Tollefson; Undesignated;

Donor: Jennie Stratton; Designated for: IM Church;

Donors: John Melrose, Corinne and Ron Gjerner, Terry and Marilyn Sullivan; Designated for: Radio Ministry.

### Special Gifts for Radio Ministry

Donated by: Paul and Virginia Hilbrich, B J Keepers, Janet Darling.

### Financial Report through October

Your giving remained strong in October, and we made up the deficit of September. If you look at the summary on the opposite page (We had so many Memorial Gifts this month that there wasn't room for the chart on this page), you'll see that on the year so far we are \$30,000 in the black. Remember, though, that this is deceptive. The PPP grant that we received during the pandemic shutdown did not show up on our books until this year. Without that one-time grant, we would be about \$3,000 in the red.

That's still very good. We were expected to be more than \$10,000 in the red at this point in the year, and most years we are, until December. Your continued faithfulness in giving has given us extraordinary stability during this extraordinarily unstable time in history. Thank you.

### Memorials Committee

Now, just a word on another financial side of our church: the Memorials Committee. As noted above, we had an unusual number of gifts in October that were given in recognition or memory of loved ones. Some are designated for a specific fund, and others are not. Over the past two years, as we have been reminded how important our Radio Ministry is to many of our congregation, that has been a particularly frequent designation.

The Memorial Committee (Kirsten Gierhart, Janelle Earl, Carolyn Kinville, and Bev Goertz) receive these gifts and manage the disbursement of funds. So far this year, they have made grants of almost \$8,000 to support the ministries of the church. Over \$5,000 of that this year went to support our music ministry, especially to paying a video editor to put together the Online Ensemble hymns that were a part of our weekly worship services before we resumed meeting in person. Other funds were granted to furnish the Kid's Corner in the sanctuary. Every month, you see a report on this page of the gifts that have been given this way, but we don't often extend our thanks to those who work quietly behind the scenes to support the work of our church in this way. Thank you, Memorials.



## CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY

### Annual Church Conference

After morning worship, Sunday, Dec. 5

It is part of our Methodist tradition, going back to John Wesley, to have an annual check-in. At the conference level, we do this in June, with representatives from churches and ministries all over Wisconsin. At the congregational level, we do this in the Fall. This year, our Conference will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship - say 10:30 am. (Yes, we'll have time to get coffee and treats first; we're not animals!) During the meeting our District Superintendent Barb Certa-Werner will bring greetings and reports from the conference leadership, and we will present budget and leadership plans for 2022. You may join this meeting either in-person or remotely. If you would like to join the conference by computer, send your name to Pastor Jerry so that he can send the meeting link to your email address.

### Board of Ordained Ministry Chooses Well

At its November meeting, the Wisconsin Conference Board of Ordained Ministry voted unanimously to approve Rev. Chris Van Beek as a Provisional Elder, which is the last step before ordination itself. Chris will be commissioned at the June 10-13, 2022, Annual Conference in Green Bay, and that service will also be livestreamed (probably on Sunday the 12th, if the schedule follows the usual pattern). Those of you who have compromising stories about Chris's childhood in this church, it's too late now.

**EAU CLAIRE MALE CHORUS**  
PRESENTS

*Sing  
Noël*  
SONGS FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

**Saturday, December 4th**  
**2:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**Lake Street United Methodist Church**

*Tickets* \$12 in advance / \$15 at the door  
under 18 free  
Available at Festival Foods

For more info call: 715-720-9092

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Fitness Class) <b>3:00 PM</b> Spiritual Formation (online) <b>6:00 PM</b> Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary) <b>6:15 PM</b> Ellesi Rehearsal (Fellow Hall) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) <b>8:00 PM</b> Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	<b>2</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters (Room 101A)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall In Use (Eau Claire Male Chorus Christmas Concert) <b>6:00 PM</b> Living Room Worship on Facebook <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall In Use (Eau Claire Male Chorus Christmas Concert)
<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship with Communion (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook <i>Sermon: "Amos and Hosea"; Text: Hosea 14:1-8</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall) <b>10:15 AM</b> Celebration Rehearsal (Sanct/Room 202) <b>10:30 AM</b> Church Conference (Fellowship Hall) <b>1:00 PM</b> Fellowship Hall In Use (Wallace Event) <b>4:00 PM</b> Fellowship Hall In Use (Moms On The Run) <b>4:00 PM</b> Hispanic Ministry (Chapel) <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 3514 (Dockside Room)	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting (Conference Room) <b>6:15 PM</b> Pack 128 Den Meetings (Rooms 101/102/103/202/ Dockside)	<b>7</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus Board)	<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Community Table <b>1:30 PM</b> Rebecca Circle (Fireside Library) <b>6:00 PM</b> Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary) <b>6:15 PM</b> Ellesi (Fellowship Hall) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) <b>8:00 PM</b> Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellow Hall)	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters (Room 101A) <b>2:00 PM</b> Blood Drive Set Up in Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Living Room Worship on Facebook
						
<b>12 CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook <i>Sermon: "The Prophet of the Messiah"; Text: Isaiah 9:2-7</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall) <b>10:15 AM</b> Celebration Rehearsal (Sanct/Rm 202) <b>10:15 AM</b> Education Time	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting (Conference Room) <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Parish (Fellowship Hall/on line) <b>5:00 PM</b> Beacon House Hosting	<b>14</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Beacon House Hosting <b>6:00 PM</b> Communications Team (on line)	<b>15</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Beacon House Hosting <b>6:15 PM</b> Pack 128 Committee Meeting (Fireside Library) <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	<b>16</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilters (Room 101A)	<b>17</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Beacon House Hosting	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Room 202 In Use (Huntington's Disease Support Group) <b>5:00 PM</b> Beacon House Hosting

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<b>12<sup>th</sup> cont'd</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Fellowship Hall In Use (Moms On The Run) <b>4:00 PM</b> Hispanic Ministry (Chapel) <b>5:00 PM</b> Beacon House Hosting	<b>13<sup>th</sup> cont'd</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Ministry Night: Missions, Worship, Hospitality (Fellowship Hall/online)		<b>15<sup>th</sup> cont'd</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	<b>16<sup>th</sup> cont'd</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Beacon House Hosting		<b>18<sup>th</sup> cont'd</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Living Room Worship on Facebook
<b>19</b> <b>Mission Emphasis: Meaningful Christmas</b> <b>9:00 AM Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook</b> <i>Sermon: "Isaiah and Hezekiah"; Text: Isaiah 30:15-18</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall) <b>10:15 AM</b> Education Time <b>3:00 PM</b> Sanctuary In Use (Jennifer Lohmann Recital) with fellowship following in Fellowship Hall <b>4:00 PM</b> Fellowship Hall In Use (Moms On The Run) <b>4:00 PM</b> Hispanic Ministry (Chapel) <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 3514 (Dockside Room)	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting (Conference Room) <b>6:15 PM</b> Pack 128 Den Meetings (Rooms 101/102/103/202/Dockside)	<b>21</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Finance Committee (Fireside Library/online)	<b>22</b> <b>Circuit Rider Deadline</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) <b>8:00 PM</b> Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	<b>23</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library]	<b>24</b> <b>2:00 PM IM Church Christmas Pageant (Fellowship Hall)</b> <b>4:00 PM and 7:00 PM</b> Christmas Eve Worship with Candles and Communion; <i>Christmas Story: "Dominic's Angel" by Pastor Jerry</i>	<b>25</b> <b>Merry Christmas</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Living Room Worship on Facebook
<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM Worship (in Fellowship Hall) with livestream on Facebook</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship [Bring your Christmas treats to share] and Scrip (Fellowship Hall) <b>10:15 AM</b> Education Time <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Event <b>4:00 PM</b> Fellowship Hall In Use (Moms On The Run) <b>4:00 PM</b> Hispanic Ministry (Chapel)		<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Room 202/Fireside Library In Use (Early Memory Loss Support Group)	<b>30</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] <b>9:30 AM</b> Circuit Rider Assembly (Fellowship Hall) <b>1:30 PM</b> UMW PM Reading Group (home of Marlene Arntson)	<b>31</b>	