



Scripture Verses for November 30th

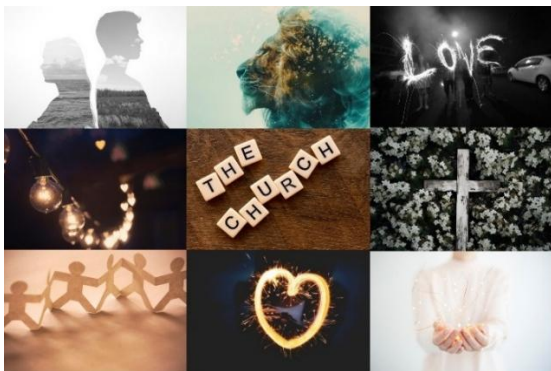
- Lamentations 3:55-57
- Luke 1:5-13

Scripture Verses for December 7th

- Isaiah 43:19-21
- Matthew 11:1-11

Message Series: The Church

Ever thought to yourself, why would/should/do I go to CHURCH? As a pastor, I've even wondered that some days. So what is the local church for? Why does it exist? How is it all apart of God's plan? We get a taste of what things looked like for the early church in Acts chapter 2. Join us this fall as we do a deep dive into the purpose and plan for local churches and how God is using them to bring His kingdom here on earth. Embark on an adventure with us as we explore how God uses the community of believers together to create a family where you are known and loved, experience generosity, challenged to step out of your comfort zone, and find unity. In a life full of ups and downs called to do life together. You're not alone!!



Send Monica Your "God at Work" Stories! No story too small!

Feel free to write them in to my email:

ministrycoordinator@lmcrcf.org or stop by the church office and we can record the story.

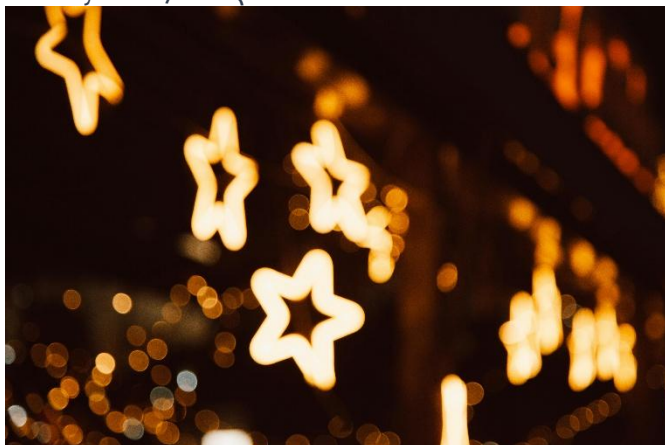
Christmas for Kids in Costa Rica!

This December as part of our mission to the C4 we are adopting kids in Costa Rica who are part of Uncion Y Fuego. One of the biggest challenges that many families have is supplying all the necessary school supplies to have a successful start to the school year. So, we have set a goal to adopt 100 kids and bless them with a school supplies kit. **Each kit will cost \$25** to put together. We also want to encourage them with a note and a picture from their friends here at LMC. **So, if you would like to sponsor a student, make a donation to LMC along with a picture and a letter to share.** We will get those translated and delivered to the students. We know when we meet the needs of people in any community, it opens up hearts to receive the Gospel.



YOUTHeran Christmas Party - Dec 10th

All 6th - 12th grade youth are invited to the annual **YOUTHeran Christmas party on Dec. 10th**. The fun begins at **5:00pm** and will conclude by **6:30pm** - for the start of Advent worship. Pizza, Prizes, and plenty of fun are on the agenda. We hope to see you there. Friends are always welcome. So that we have enough supplies and food, please RSVP Here (<https://forms.gle/ghYmBFMS4oS2ysep8>) by Sunday Dec. 7th. Questions - Contact Chad S.



Christmas Families in Need:

LMC is partnering with SOS to help two families have Christmas this year! We will be helping 9 kids with necessities and one special request item. Each item will be on an ornament on a tree in the fellowship hall. The item will let you know what gender/age the child is, and what item is needed. **Please return those items, unwrapped, with the ornament taped to it** (so we know who it goes to). If possible, please include a gift receipt. Thank you for helping kids in our community really feel the love of Jesus this Christmas season! **Items are due December 7th.**

The New 2026 Offering Envelopes are in house and ready to put labels on. Please confirm if you already receive envelopes and no longer use them or if you do not have envelopes and would like to receive them.

**December Congregational
Voter's Meeting:
9:30 AM Sunday, December 14th**



Pulled Pork Extravaganza Campus + Advent Meal!

We have an opportunity to celebrate the 1st day of advent with the college students! We will be having a COMBINED advent meal and campus meal! We are expecting to have around 200 people to eat and have conversations together. Please see the sign-up sheet below to see how you can be a part of this awesome event, we will need a lot of food to make this event a success.

[Advent/Campus Meal Pulled Pork Sandwiches - Google Sheets](#)

Santa on Ice! On December 7th from 3:00-4:45 PM LMC will be hosting "Santa on Ice" for the River Falls community. Tell your neighbors and friends! Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews! FREE ice skating at Hunt Arena. You can get a photo with Santa, Hot chocolate bar, and a free gift for every family.



Mailboxes? Are you aware that we have member mailboxes downstairs? Same as with envelopes if you do not but would like to have a mailbox downstairs, please let us know.

Decorate LMC for CHRISTMAS!

We will need all hands-on-deck to help decorate LMC for the Christmas season. (We need some MEN to help lift and carry trees!)

- November 29th
- 9:00 AM

This is a great opportunity to create a cozy Christmas atmosphere for our congregation, but also for new faces that come in the door.

Raise Right Cards: Gifting that gives back!

Find gifts for everyone on your list while raising funds for Luther Memorial. Shop gift cards from over 750 top brands. Whether you buy gift cards to give as presents to family and friends, or to use them to buy your gifts, Luther Memorial earns funds. You may also pick up a retailer list and order forms at the Raise Right table on Sunday mornings. You may also order cards in the church office. Refer to the dates below for ordering dates. Scan the QR Code to order from the entire online catalog.



Order by:

Sun, Dec. 7th

Sun, Dec. 14th

Cards available for pick up:

Sun, Dec 14th

Sun, Dec. 21st



The River Falls Community

Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be hosted at St Bridget Church on Thanksgiving Day, from 11am to 1pm. They will offer delivery, take-out, and dine in. It is open to all. Sign-up for meals is required to help assure they can adequately serve as many as possible. Thanks to many in the community, there is no charge but free-will offerings will be accepted. Go to the Spotlight section of the Saintbridgets.org website to sign up for meals, to volunteer, or to donate. Thank You!

Falcon Links Christmas Blessing Bags

Thank you to everyone who took a Falcon Links Christmas blessing bag! We are so excited for the opportunity to be very generous to students who this may be their only Christmas gift.

Bags are DUE December 7th



2025 Year-End Staff Appreciation Gift

Reminder The LMC Board of Directors would like to remind the congregation to consider showing your appreciation for the LMC Staff for their dedication and tireless service. Our staff roster consists of:

- Melody Boersma - Praise Team Leader
- Beth Benysek - Business Administrator
- Monica Bylander - Ministry Coordinator
- Chad Schuerman - Director of Family Ministry
- Chad Elfe - Pastor

There are two methods to do so:

Method 1 - Gifts for the staff sent to the church will be treated as a donation and appear on your annual giving report. This will be tax deductible for the parishioner and will be a taxable event for the staff receiving the gift. The donated amount will be equally distributed to each of the 5 staff members. Donations for this method are due December 14th.

Method 2 - If you prefer that the gift not be taxable to the staff, you can do so by giving the gifts directly to the staff members. This will not be treated as a donation and will not be tax deductible for the parishioner.

Please consider showing our Staff your appreciation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Terry Ross, BOD HR Director





College Bible Study We are so excited to invite the students back to LMC for [two options](#) for Bible Studies. **Thursday evening at 7:00 PM** mentored by Monica Bylander along with Steve & Jacky Rolf. **Sunday evening at 7:30 PM** student-led study mentored by Micah Thompson. LMC, we could use your help in providing snacks for the Thursday night Bible Study. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship Hall on the table. Thank you for supporting this important mission field!



Youngish Adult Group Hiatus The youngish adult group will be taking a hiatus until the end of January. If you are seeking a similar missional community, please consider the Elfe MC (every other Monday) or Crystal Halverson's Mama's MC which has seasons. Please check the Calendar for more info.



Coffee for a Cause! We are serving "Promised Grounds" coffee on Sunday morning during "Sweet Jesus" time. We will have the coffee available for purchase (whole bean only). Proceeds will go toward C4 continents missions and every ounce sold is an ounce of clean water for someone in a 3rd world country through "Filters of Hope!" [BUY HERE](#)

Soccer Shots @ LMC!

We have an opportunity again this year to have Soccer Shots at LMC on Tuesday evenings this coming Winter. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Members of LMC will be receiving 10% off the registration fee. In order to register with the discount, please email twincities@soccershots.com or call 651.300.0134

There will be two 5-week sessions:

- Tuesdays (1/20-2/17)
 - o 5:30-6:00 PM
 - o 6:00-6:30 PM
- Tuesdays (2/24-3/24)
 - o 5:30-6:00 PM
 - o 6:00-6:30 PM

To see more information about Soccer Shots and the timing

of the classes: [Soccer Shots Twin Cities - Class Registration](#)



Advent Sunday Morning Bible Study

For many, “advent” means a countdown to Christmas. Whether we envision candy-filled Advent calendars or lights draped over houses with nativity scenes out front, Advent marks a happy season of celebrating. In most Christian traditions, Advent is a four-week season of celebration and observation prior to Christmas, each week often focusing on a particular biblical theme. Typically, these four themes find their way into the weeks of advent: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.** Celebrating Advent also means living into it by practicing a generous way of love and care for our neighbors as we partner with Jesus to bring peace on Earth. Join us as we meditate on each of these themes so that you might deepen your understanding of Advent and experience the season in a new way.



Opportunity to Submit Prayers to

Pastor Chad: Submit a prayer to Pastor Chad with this [LINK](#) or scan the QR Code. All prayers will be anonymous unless indicated otherwise. If you'd like the church to pray for them, please indicate that. The power of prayer is SO GREAT!



Giving at LMC: We recognize we have givers from every generation at our church, so whether you're still writing a check faithfully, or if you give online, we're excited to announce we recently added four new ways to give using digital wallets:

1. PayPal
2. Apple Pay
3. Google Pay
4. Venmo



When you go to the Give Now Link, Choose my account and then payment method. You can then choose from your bank account (ACH) or one of the other above methods listed above.



This Week at Luther Memorial:

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| Sunday 11/30 | 8:00 AM Sunday Worship 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Sunday Worship 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRF Study |
| Monday 12/1 | 5:30 PM Elfe Missional Community 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community |
| Tuesday 12/2 | 9:30 AM Women's Journey Team 11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Ross Missional Community |
| Wed 12/3 | 8:30 AM Mid-week Connect 10:30 AM Advent Worship 5:00 PM FREE Campus Meal + Congregational Advent Meal 6:30 PM Advent Worship |
| Thursday 12/4 | 8:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM College Christmas Party |
| Saturday 12/6 | 7:30 AM Men's Journey Team |
| Sunday 12/7 | 8:00 AM Sunday Worship 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Sunday Worship 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRF Study |

Worship Assistants: November 26th

| Nov 26th Thanksgiving Eve | 6:30 PM |
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| MUSICIANS | Praise team |
| USHER | Gene & Linda Kirk |
| GREETER | Sally & Russ Martin |
| CLICKER | Jill Wurdell |
| ALTAR FLOWERS | Anne and Terry Ross Anniversary |
| READER | Tony Bylander |
| Videographer | Gabe Wurdell |
| Raise Right | NA |
| FOOD SHELF | Wendy Zillgitt |
| ALTAR GUILD | Heidi Bishop & Lana Meyer |

Worship Assistants: November 30th

| November 30th | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
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| MUSICIANS | Sally Martin | Sally Martin |
| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Bobbi Jo Lierman | Bobbi Jo Lierman |
| USHER | Jeff & Lana Meyer | Nick Turchin |
| GREETER | Tony Bylander Family | Sandy Bowen |
| CLICKER | Curt Leighty | Stasia Turchin |
| ALTAR FLOWERS | Poinsettias | |
| READER | Lindsey Dietrich | Heidi Riese |
| VIDEOGRAPHER | Tony Brace | NA |
| RAISE RIGHT | Heide Bishop, Susan Pierce | |
| FOOD SHELF | Wendy Zillgitt | |
| ALTAR GUILD | Heidi Bishop & Lana Meyer | |
| SWEET JESUS | Anne Ross | |

Worship Assistants: December 3rd

| December 3rd | 10:30 AM | 6:30 PM |
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| MUSICIANS | Lori Woltman | Sandi Kovatch |
| USHER | NA | Ed Swenson |
| GREETER | NA | Nick Turchin Family |
| CLICKER | Monica Bylander | Jeff Meyer |
| ALTAR FLOWERS | Poinsettias | |
| READER | NA | Jill Wurdell |
| VIDEOGRAPHER | NA | Curt Leighty |
| RAISE RIGHT | NA | |
| FOOD SHELF | Chris Stumpf | |
| ALTAR GUILD | Jacky Rolf & Crystal Halverson | |
| SWEET JESUS | NA | |



Advent 2025 "Insisting on Hope this Season"



December 3rd: 10th, 17th: Wednesday Worship- 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

December 3rd: Advent meal- 5:00 PM- 6:15 PM

December 21st: Christmas Program- 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

December 24th: Christmas Eve Worship

- 4:00 PM Contemporary
- 7:00 PM Traditional

December 25th: Christmas Day 9:00 AM

December 28th: Worship 9:00 AM

December 31st: New Year's Eve Worship 6:30 PM
(Party to follow)



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