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WORSHIP SERVICE

- * 8:30 - In-Person Service
Traditional Hymns
- * 10:30- In-Person Service
Virtual Service
Contemporary Music

SERVICES BACK TO NORMAL

- * Please bring your Bulletin.
- * Please wear your mask whether you are vaccinated or not.
- * Join us for Coffee Fellowship each Sunday after worship.
- * Communion at the altar is back!

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Friday, December 24— Christmas Eve
4:00 PM - Family Service
7:00 PM - Traditional Candle Lighting Service

Saturday, December 25— Christmas Day
No Services

Sunday, December 26— First Day of Christmas
8:30 AM - Lessons & Carols
10:30 AM - Lessons & Carols



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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS*Scot Sorensen, Interim Pastor*

While the church calendar says it is Advent, we all know that it is wall-to-wall Christmas. Everywhere you turn there are Christmas decorations, piped-in Christmas music, Christmas advertisements enticing us to buy both practical and impractical. What are we to make of all this Christmas-ness?

I used to be quick to bemoan the co-opting of Christmas. I could be harsh in my judgment of those whom I deemed were not honoring or celebrating Christmas appropriately. What a foolish snob I can be. But, in my annual watching of a favorite Christmas special, I am reminded of what truly is important both for Christmas and for every day of the year.

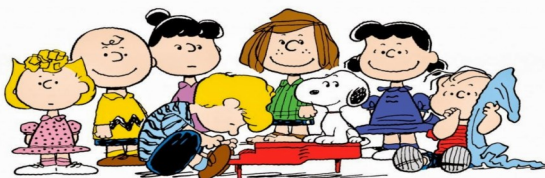
Charles Schultz' "Charlie Brown Christmas" was first aired in 1965, yet the message seems timeless for our time. Poor Charlie Brown bemoans the over-commercialization of Christmas. That was 1965! What depths of despair would commercialized Christmas drive Charlie Brown to today?

If you remember, the poignant resolve of the story comes when Charlie screams "Can anyone tell me the true meaning of Christmas?!" To which Linus calmly answers his question. "In those days there were shepherds out in the field abiding their flocks by night, and an angel of the lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shown around them, and there were sore afraid. And the angels said to them, "fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be for all the people, for unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord."

The miracle of Christmas isn't just that God chose to come to earth as a baby, but that birth of the Babe of Bethlehem is for you. For You All. (The "you" is plural!) But the plural 'you' includes you individually, too.

Commercialization has no doubt increased since "Charlie Brown's Christmas" first aired in 1965. But really, does it matter? For the message the angel spoke to those shepherds outside Bethlehem is still our "Good News of Great Joy." Come what may from society and culture, let us be reminded, let us tell one another, let us tell our children, let us tell the world of the great "Good News of Great." For indeed, a light does shine in the darkness. Jesus is born.

Have blessed Christmas season and I will see you in worship!



TEEN TALK

Rob Williamson, Youth Director



*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those
whom he favors!"*

- Luke 2:14

Happy holidays! I hope finding ways to stay warm both in body and soul during this time of year.

This is my favorite time of year. It helps that I love cold weather – I was so happy during the trip to Europe Rebecca and I took last month – but there is so much more to enjoy. This is our chance to enjoy the things that remind of us of the joy of childhood: traditional foods we've been eating since our youth; the music that we bring out to instill a sense of hope and joy; and the kind of fellowship that these holidays bring out in us all.

There's something special about the fellowship you get at Christmas. It's time for sitting around, laughing about stories from the past, sharing food and cheer. It's the time we get to connect with our past, gathering generations together and ensuring family traditions are passed down.

For some of those among us, though, this time

isn't as jolly. It could be that the loved ones with whom traditions were shared are no longer among us. It could be that the traditions never existed in the first place. It could be that the ones who are holding those traditions are so far away that participating isn't possible.

I love this time of year, but in our rush to enjoy the traditions of old, we shouldn't forget that one of the best aspects of traditions is sharing them. The friend living on the other side of the country from their relatives might not have been part of your traditions in the past, but there's no reason they can't be now. Spread the cheer you feel to help others feel it too. And if they won't, or can't, take some time to sit with them. Make sure that even if you're starting new traditions, ones to deal with pain and loss, your friends don't have to spend those difficult times alone.

For my part, I hope all of your holidays – Advent celebrations, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's, or whatever other holiday you celebrate – are full of joy, laughter, love, hope, and light. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Merry Christmas!

YOUTH SCHEDULE	
Dec 5:	Confirmation 12-2 PM SHY 6-8:30 PM
Dec 12:	Confirmation 12-2 PM SHY 6-8:30 PM
Dec 19:	Confirmation 12-2 PM SHY 6-8:30 PM
Dec 26:	Recess



THE PRESIDENT'S POST

John Erickson



As Christmas approaches I am often asked "what would you like for Christmas?" My answer every year is same. "Nothing" I tell them. To me Christmas is about the birth of Jesus

Christ and the message he brings with him about salvation.

I feel very blessed and thankful for all that God has provided me.

I would like to take this time to thank all of those folks who have volunteered their time this past year to serve on the Steering team with me. So special thanks and gratitude go out to the following:

Jeanne Meyers
Pat Alvastead
Marilyn Weaver
Tiffani Lanting
Judy Horan
Stan Stolte
Bill Smith
Pastor Bob
Pastor Scot

Each and every one of them brought special gifts and talents to the team, and I was blessed to have worked each and every one of them.

May you and your family experience the joy and love of this Christmas season.

Blessings,
John

Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers for
Communion Set Up, Replenishment,
and Clean Up.

Please see Bruce Barling
for more information



TIDYING OUR TEMPLE

Stan Stolte



The rain problems reported in November were due to the plugged down spouts on the Sanctuary and on the SHY building. Additionally, the drain pipe under the slab by the kitchen and the perforated pipe under the deck

between the SHY building and Ed II were pretty much plugged. These problems have been resolved and ready for more rain to test work.

A new garbage disposal was installed on the side sink in the kitchen which should make it easier to clean up after events. Hopefully, there will be no other issues with that sink and plumbing.

Short report, but that is a good sign that there were no major problems that needed attention.

OUTREACH TEAM

Chris Curtis

The Gifts of Love and Gratitude



Thanks to all of you, dear friends, we are sending notes of gratitude and holiday cheer to our Fairmont Charter School Staff! In addition, Sue Gibbs, Lynette Boen, and I will create these cheery melt-your-heart snowmen. Each staff member will receive these joyous ornaments in appreciation of

their continued dedication and commitment to the children and families in our neighborhood. We are blessed to share our love with others in this season of Hope and Joy.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Marilyn Weaver

Thank you to all members who sent in their Estimate of Giving Cards. The amount pledged for 2022 is above our giving last year which shows how much you treasure the mission of Shepherd of the Hills. We are also appreciative of your continued support of "The Special Offerings". Remember to pick up an application for a donation to a charity you find worthy. Just check with Glenn Wylie, new Stewardship Chair, or Christine for an application. They are also available in the Stewardship box in the copy room.



We're Vanco, the eGiving provider behind your church's GivePlus Mobile app. We are pleased to inform you that your church is now using a new online giving app, Vanco Mobile. This easy-to-use app replaces the GivePlus Mobile app you currently use to make your donations.

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Thank you for using GivePlus Mobile, we know you'll enjoy the Vanco Mobile app even more. Remember, download the Vanco Mobile app before January 31, 2022.

Thanks,
The Vanco Team

ATTENTION LADIES!

Laura Barton, Martha Pierce



A Wednesday evening bible study on the book *Love Does* by Bob Goff is set to begin on Wednesday, January 12th. This is an exciting book that will help us look at the lives God is calling us to live. Sometimes we get so caught up in routines and the needs of everyone around us, we forget to take time to grow our relationship with God.

This study is for you!

We will meet for six weeks. You are welcome to join us for whatever part of the journey you can. Gatherings will be at the church from 6:30—8:00 PM. After the six week study, we will have a women's' retreat!

We look forward to seeing you and being a part of this life journey together.



PRESCHOOL PIPELINE

Kathy Webb, Preschool Director



It has been a very busy last couple of months. We have been able to do a few more activities than last year but are still restricted, so having a big Christmas celebration with our families is still on hold for this year. Instead, we will be having a reindeer party. We will play reindeer games, make reindeer sandwiches, and of course, make reindeer food. We have so many fun Christmas projects to complete, as well. After a busy couple of weeks, we will take two weeks off for winter break and will return on January 3rd. I hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday season.

THE CALL COMMITTEE

Dear Shepherd of the Hills family,

Greetings to you. The Call Committee would like to update you on our current progress, our journey ahead, and ways in which you can be involved in this important process.

CURRENT PROGRESS

We are meeting at least twice a month. We have spent time getting to know one another and learning about the actual Call Process. We take time to “dwell in the word” and remember that this journey we are on is one that we are not walking alone. We know you are with us, and God is with us. We have received support and guidance from Pastor Wong, our Synod Representative. We have also done a lot of reading to help us grow as individuals serving God. At this point, we have also begun to look at the *Ministry Site Profile*.



JOURNEY MOVING FORWARD



Our biggest task that we will be working on for the next few months is our *Ministry Site Profile*. This is the document that defines who we are as a church, a community, how we serve God, and what our vision is for the future.

WAYS YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE PROCESS

First and foremost, please pray for us as a community and for the Call Committee. Prayer ideas and resources will come after the beginning of the year. There will also be opportunities for you to share your thoughts and ideas. We look forward to partnering with the congregation during this process.



Peace to you,

Your Call Committee – Deb Moehrke, Barbara Blue, Brian Swetland, JD Hoskins, Sue Gibbs, and Laura Barton.

A SEASON OF WAITING

Our oven recently bit the dust, and the needed replacement part is no longer manufactured. Due to an appliance shortage, we had to wait eight weeks for a new oven! Yet even amid inconvenience, I see God’s purpose. We were thankful to have a grill and slow cookers in the meantime. We creatively attempted to cook favorite meals in different ways. And though we craved anything baked in an oven – cookies, casseroles, even chicken nuggets – we realized that waiting eight weeks for an oven isn’t truly a trying time.

Many of us wait for much greater milestones and miracles: physical healing, the return of a prodigal child, an end to financial struggles. Paul offers us hope as we wait: “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had” (Romans 15:5, NIV).

When you’re in a season of waiting – including Advent! – consider what you’re thankful for and what you crave. Tell God how you’re feeling and ask for endurance while you wait.



—Janna Firestone

MISSION TEAM NEWS

Bill Smith

The **Mission Team** will meet in-person in EDII on December 2 at 6 PM. Bring your ideas. Share your voice. Help change lives through education, housing, feeding, and empowering people to stand on their own feet.

Visit the Mission Team Board in SOTH's narthex for more ways to help our local and worldwide neighbors in need. Please take a moment to leave a note on other possible ways we may consider helping others. Sign it, date it, and leave a phone number.



Lutheran Social Services of Northern California

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Your gift directly supports seniors, transitioning youth, families, persons with disabilities, those with mental challenges and other adults who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. LSS Services help them secure and retain critical housing which in turn helps them stabilize their lives.

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Your donation is making a huge difference and is having a direct impact on the individuals that are currently serving, including women, single fathers, and families with children. Customers receive an address so they may receive services or support such as mail, checks, job interviews, as well as cots and meals. These services are tools to build a new foundation leading to self sufficiency.

Community Meals

Epiphany to-go meals served from January through November totaled 1,123, or a monthly average of 102 meals per month. In November, 118 meals served with the remaining cooked meals taken to Opportunity House. All new socks, underwear, toiletries, and new or gently used winter outer clothing will be stored in the music space next to Mission storage rack.

Weave

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ELCA Good Gifts Advent Tree Ornaments

PO Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
See the SOTH's narthex round table display.

Rwanda

Rwanda Missionary Janelle Neubauer and YAGM (young Adults in Global Mission) May return or not as the pandemic unfolds.

The support of the Rwandan Lutheran Church will continue to offer worship services and it's outreach of surrounding and isolated peoples with goods and services transforming, enriching their lives through hearing God's words of love and grace.

To help you may Send checks to - ELCA Global Church Sponsorship with "YAGM/ Missionary" on the memo line.

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22116-8009.

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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pat Alvstad



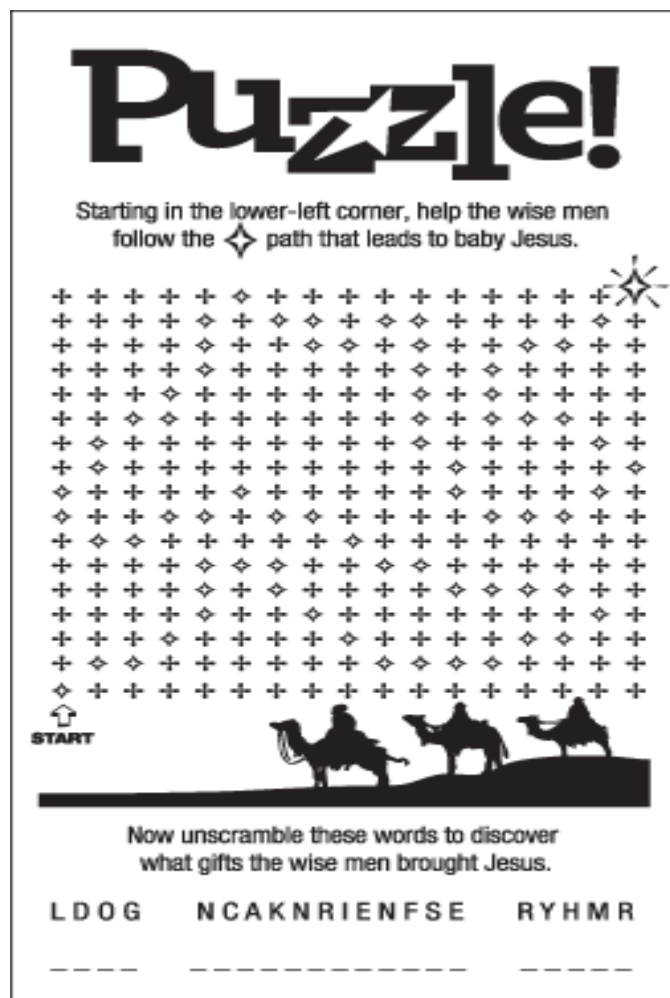
Several volunteers have come forward to help with Sunday morning coffee hour, ushering, and Communion set-up, but we still need assistance in a few areas. We need **ushers** for the 8:30 service for the 4th Sunday every month while Bill and Elaine Smith take a break from that, and we need a couple of folks who will be substitutes for early service when the regular ushers are unable to be there.

There is a sign up sheet posted for **Communion helpers**. We especially need help with the set-up prior to 8:30 service. If you have done it before, can you do it again? If you are willing to help but need training, we will train you. It only takes 15 minutes or so.

Thanks to **Rob** for training the acolytes and to the **acolytes** themselves, and to **Marge Austin** for being the secret angel who has been cleaning the coffee grounds!

If you have any questions about these tasks see me or anyone on the Congregational Life team: Eileen Smith, Kari Holmes, Marge Austin, RA Stolte.

Thanks in advance.
Pat Alvstad



ELCA TEACHING (<https://www.elca.org/Faith/ELCA-Teaching>)

Lutheran Confessions

On many occasions in the 16th century, Martin Luther and other evangelical reformers were asked to give an account of their teaching and practice. In response Philip Melancthon, one of Luther's colleagues, wrote, "We must see what Scripture attributes to the law and what it attributes to the promises. For it praises and teaches good works in such a way as not to abolish the free promise and not to eliminate Christ." Although the writings that comprise the Book of Concord engage a range of issues regarding teaching and practice, they do not address every question or topic. Rather, they focus on the Scrip-

tures' purpose: to present Jesus Christ to faith.

The Book of Concord includes seven writings composed by Luther and others. Lutheran churches around the world have affirmed these writings, and the ELCA affirms them in its governing documents. Lutherans most often use them in teaching — for example, when the Small Catechism is used in basic Christian instruction, or when the Augsburg Confession is used to teach women and men preparing for ministry.



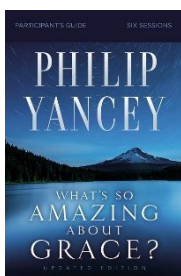
CARE CALLERS -

On December 5th the Care Callers will present "Christmas Sunday". We have addressed Christmas Cards to ALL member of SOTH. They will be displayed in the atrium for pick up by members. All you have to do is sign and put a stamp on it and mail. So look for a member you might not know and send them a Christmas Greeting. Care Callers will also meet in the reception room at 9:45 on that Sunday.



HIS PEOPLE -

Marilyn Weaver, Lou Barela



His People will begin our new study "What's so Amazing about Grace" by Phillip Yancey on December 6th at 5:30. On December 20th we will have our Christmas party. The Yancey study will continue on January 3rd. Call Marilyn Weaver or Lou Barela if you would like to join us- men, women, couples.

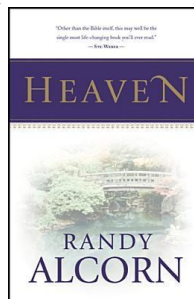
WHITE WATER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Jacquie Smith, Karen Della

Our White Water small group will complete their study of Hebrews on December 14 starting at noon. After completion of the Hebrews video, we scheduled our Christmas social which we hope to begin at about 1 PM. The members are bringing light appetizers and of course, Christmas baked goods to share with all. These festivities will continue until 4 PM. It's our chance to really visit with one another on a little different level than during our study times.

Our next study is going to be a dive into *Heaven*, a study by Randy Alcorn. Some of us in the group did this study years ago and really enjoyed it. The study *Heaven* encourages us to picture Heaven as the Bible describes it. A place brimming with Jesus' presence. We look forward to this challenge as a group. Our start date for the new study is January 11 at Monika Ruggiero's home. The time remains 1 to 3 PM. If you would like to join us contact Karen Della or Jacquie Smith; or come on the 11th. We have a chair for you.

White Water wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year wherever you may be celebrating.



SMALL GROUPS

Care Callers:

Pat Alvestad, Marge Austin, Kay Clark, Dave Cushing, Joan Jackson, Wilma Rasmussen, Elaine Reynolds-Smith, Bill Smith, Marilyn Weaver
Sun, Dec 5 9:45 AM

Case For Hope:

Barbara Blue, Kay Clark
Tue, Nov 9 6:30 PM

His People

Marilyn Weaver & Lou Barela
Mon, Dec 6 5:30 PM
Mon, Dec 20 5:30 PM

Joy Book Club

Jeanne Meyers & Lou Barela
Tues, Dec 7 6:30 PM

Men's Breakfast

Bruce Barling & Bill Smith
Heritage House
Sat, Jan 29 9:00 AM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wilma Rasmussen
Thurs, Dec 16 1:30 PM

Quilting for LWR

Nancy Adams
Sun Dec 5 12:00 PM

SOTH Justice Group

Rayna Velasquez
Thurs, Dec 9 6:30 PM
Thurs, Dec 23 6:30 PM

White Water

Jacquie Smith & Karen Della
Tues, Dec 14 12:00 PM



Women's Evening Bible Study



Laura Barton & Martha Pierce
Weds, Jan 12 6:30 PM

Women's Morning Bible Study

Tues, Dec 14 9:30 AM

DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30a- Ed Team	2 4:00p- Worship Team 5:30p - Mission Team	3 Office Closed Pr. Scot's Day Off	4 Office Closed Pr. Scot's Day Off
5 CHRISTMAS SUNSHINE SUNDAY 8:30a- (T) In-person Svc 9:45a- Care Callers 10:30a- (C) In-person Svc, Virtual Svc 12:00p- LWR Quilting 12-2p- Confirmation 3-6p- SHY	6 5:30p-His People	7 6:30p- Joy Book Club	8 	9 4:00p- Worship Team 6:30p - SOTH Justice	10 Office Closed Pr. Scot's Day Off Community Meals at Epiphany	11 Office Closed Pr. Scot's Day Off
12 CHRISTMAS SUNSHINE SUNDAY 8:30a- (T) In-person Svc 9:00a- Outreach Team 10:30a- (C) In-person Svc, Virtual Svc 12-2p- Confirmation 3-6p- SHY	13 	14 9:30a- Women's Morning Bible Study 1:00p- White Water 5:30p- Steering Team	15 Preschool Recess	16 Preschool Recess 1:30p- Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00p- Worship Team	17 Preschool Recess Office Closed Pr. Scot's Day Off	18 Preschool Recess Office Closed Pr. Scot's Day Off
19 Preschool Recess CHRISTMAS SUNSHINE SUNDAY 8:30a- (T) In-person Svc 10:30a- (C) In-person Svc, Virtual Svc 12-2p- Confirmation 3-6p- SHY	20 Preschool Recess 5:30p-His People	21 Preschool Recess First Day Of Winter 	22 Preschool Recess	23 Preschool Recess 4:00p- Worship Team 6:30p - SOTH Justice	24  Preschool Recess 4:00p- Family Focused Christmas Worship 7:00p - Traditional Christmas Worship	25 
26 Preschool Recess 8:30a- In-person Svc 10:30a- In-person Svc, Virtual Svc Lessons & Carols for both services	27 Preschool Recess	28 Preschool Recess	29 Preschool Recess	30 Preschool Recess 4:00p- Worship Team	31 Preschool Recess Office Closed Pr. Scot's Day Off New Year's Eve	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS	DECEMBER COUNTERS	DECEMBER READINGS
4 Sandy Gibson 7 Lisa Erickson 8 Carol Holmes 12 Ginny Kingsbury 15 Lorraine Hillendahl 15 Mary Markiewitz 17 David Barthelmess 18 Debra Papin 19 Jeanette Wylie 21 Kristine Cushing 21 Jacquie Smith 25 Chris Holmes 25 Jesus 29 Bill Smith 	Week of: 5 Martha Pierce/ Heidi Albers 12 Kari Bakken / Brian Swetland 19 Kris Golomb / Kari Holmes 26 Bruce Barling / John Moyle 	5 – 2 Advent Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 (78) Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6 12 – 3 Advent Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18 19 – 4 Advent Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalms 93 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45[46-55] 24- Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14[15-20] 26 – 1 Christmas 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52
DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	DECEMBER READERS	
20 Bill & Elaine Smith 21 Jim & Kathy Beno 31 Tiffani & Kenny Lanting 	5 8:30 AM Wilma Rasmussen 10:30 AM Rob Williamson 12 8:30 AM Hattie Chevalier 10:30 AM Pat Alvestad 19 8:30 AM Jeanette Wylie 10:30 AM Nancy Adams 26 8:30 AM Brian Swetland 10:30 AM Sue Gibbs	
DECEMBER FLOWERS		
 5 Linda & John Moyle 12 Jean & JD Hoskins 19 Bill & Elaine Smith 26 JD & Jean Hoskins		<p><i>During our worship service we will be reading the readings marked with bold print, but you are encouraged to read the others as well.</i></p>
O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...		

We remember the following persons in our prayers. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office (707-448-8599) and you will be put on our prayer chain. If your need is over and you no longer wish to be on the prayer chain, please let us know that as well. Those asking for our prayers (unless otherwise requested, names will appear here for a month):

- ✎ Elda Dehnhostel; Ron & Sandy Gibson and Ron's sister Gail; Elsie Jacobson, Ari Krass; Rick Meyers; Pat Pauling and the family of Ruclare Pauling; Bill & Elaine Smith; and Howard Williams
- ✎ Ray, Tess Lund, Marlene, Deana, Carol
- ✎ Anyone undergoing medical tests, treatment, or suffering loss.



ACTIVITIES and MORE



PUZZLE

What's in a name?

An angel told Joseph what to name Mary's baby. Solve the puzzle to discover the name's meaning.

Directions: Begin at the circled H below and follow the arrows. Circle every other letter, and then place them in order to complete Matthew 1:21.

"S_e w_ll __ve b ir__
to _ s_n, and __u a_e to
gi_e _i_ the __me J__us,
b_c_u__ he _ill s__e his
__op_e f_o_ t__ir s_n_."

MATTHEW 1:21, NIV

START HERE

A I N G F I P **H** S C I B E J H A

Answer: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21, NIV



EVERGREEN—These trees, which keep their green leaves year-round, are symbolic of Christmas, eternal life and God's everlasting love. In the Bible, evergreen trees are called the "cedars of Lebanon," suggesting growth (Psalm 92:12), height (Amos 2:9), fragrance (Hosea 14:6) and steadfast faith.

SIMPLE SYMBOLS

Create personalized initial ornaments for family and friends.

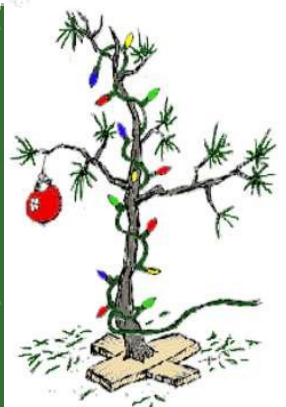


What you need:

- Small twigs (various shapes and sizes)
- Hot glue
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. After gathering twigs, arrange them to create uppercase letter shapes. Cross, bend and break twigs, as needed.
2. Glue "letters" together at the intersections.
3. Cut an arm-length of yarn and wind it around twigs to add color to each letter.
4. Create a loop of yarn and tie it to the top of the ornament for hanging.





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OUR MISSION:

**To proclaim the message of
Christ through joyful worship,
quality education and loving
service.**

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DECEMBER 2021

Sunday In-Person Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

(Traditional Hymns)

Sunday In-Person & Virtual Worship Service (on Facebook) at 10:30 a.m.

(Contemporary Music)

*You can also find us on YouTube following the 10:30 a.m. service later
that Sunday.*