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December 24, 1 p.m. Family Friendly Service (FMC)

A traditional worship service that includes a Children's Message, liturgy for all ages.

December 24, 3 p.m. Carol Service (FMC)

A traditional worship service that includes extra carols and Brass Ensemble

December 24, 5 p.m. Carol Service (FMC)

Livestream at faithfoxvalley.org

A traditional worship service that includes extra carols and special music provided by the Faith Chorale and Brass Ensemble

December 24, 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service (FMC)

A blended carol service with lit handheld candles that includes special music

December 24, 10:30 p.m. Carol Service (FMC)

A blended carol service with lit handheld candles that includes special music

December 24, 7:30 p.m. Family Friendly Service (CMC)*

Livestream at faithfoxvalley.org, Facebook, and YouTube

A contemporary worship service with lit handheld candles that includes a Children's Message, liturgy for all ages, and music provided by a Worship Band

December 25, 9:30 a.m. (FMC) WHBY.com (1150AM/103.5FM)

A traditional carol service with Communion.

All Christmas Eve services include communion.

**Please note the time change for the CMC Christmas Eve Service.*

BEYOND CHRISTMAS

Faith Ministry Center

Sunday, December 26
8 & 10 a.m.

Friday, December 31
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 2
8, 9:20, 10:40 a.m.

Celebration Ministry Center

No 5 p.m. Worship on
December 25

Sunday, December 26
9 a.m.

Saturday, January 1
5 p.m.

Sunday, January 2
9 a.m.

Online Worship

Sunday, December 26, 8 a.m.
faithfoxvalley.org

Sunday, January 2, 8 a.m.
faithfoxvalley.org

Sunday, December 26, 9 a.m.
faithfoxvalley.org, Facebook,
YouTube

Sunday, January 2, 9 a.m.
[Faithfoxvalley.org](http://faithfoxvalley.org), Facebook,
YouTube

Saturday, January 1, 5 p.m.
[Faithfoxvalley.org](http://faithfoxvalley.org), Facebook,
YouTube

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP - WAIT UPON THE LORD

The season of Advent is characterized by waiting—waiting upon the Lord for his presence to be revealed to us on Christmas. In this worship series for Advent, we look back in Scripture at those who waited upon the Lord for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child. We also look forward, contemplating how we should wait upon the Lord in this present moment of our lives, as God continues to make himself known to us. Worship opportunities are as follows:

- Tuesdays, November 30, December 7 & 14, 11 a.m.
- Wednesdays, December 1, 8 & 15, 6:30 p.m. (*Livestreamed at faithfoxvalley.org*)
- Wednesdays, December 1, 8 & 15, 5 p.m.
Families with children are encouraged to join Midweek students for Advent worship from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. These are short, family-friendly worship experiences with our midweek students serving as ushers, readers and choirs.

Weekly Themes:

Week One: Wait Upon the Lord with Faith
Week Two: Wait Upon the Lord with Hope
Week Three: Wait Upon the Lord with Gratitude

All Midweek Services will take place at the Faith Ministry Center.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

On Our Toes

When my son was about 18 months old, he liked to play a little game at home. I would run around the corner to hide from him, and he would come slowly and cautiously after me. He knew I was there, but he was not quite sure when I was going to jump out and say, "Boo!" He loved this simple little game. You could see it on his face. In fact, his whole body displayed his excitement. He would get so excited that he would wave his arms, and his feet would start jumping up and down. He would be on his toes, ready to burst with anticipation. He couldn't wait until I would appear from around the corner.

That is the posture of Advent and Christmas. John the Baptist urged the people of Israel in the days before Jesus started his public ministry: "Prepare the way for the Lord!" Jesus himself urged his disciples: "Be watchful, be ready." Be excited. Be anxious. Be ready for our Lord's appearing. If you have children and grandchildren, no doubt you've seen their excitement for Christmas. They get so worked up about opening presents that they can't sit down. They're antsy. They're thrilled, ready to burst with anticipation.

As we journey through Advent and celebrate Christmas, it is good for us to remember that Christ's first coming is

just part of the story. We also recognize that our Lord has promised to return. "Advent" (which means "coming") points us to the anticipation of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, but it also points us to God's assurance that he will return in glory at the end of time. We live in anticipation of Christ's second advent. We ought to be "on our toes," in a sense, anxiously awaiting that coming.

Just hours before his arrest, crucifixion, and death, Jesus told his disciples, "I am going to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me" (John 14:2-3). He is coming! Isn't he?!

It is not unusual for Christians to ask the question, "Really?! Is he really coming back?" It has now been nearly 2000 years, and we are still waiting. It is easy to wonder if Jesus is true to his promise.

Back to that silly little game I played with my son, where I would run around the corner. One day I made the mistake of going a little too far. I was not standing where he was expecting me. I had gone around another corner. And when he didn't find me, my son got a little worried. He was no longer on his toes. His smile quickly vanished. He put his arms up as if to say, "Where'd he go?" He got upset and started to cry! He apparently thought I was gone and not coming back.

We cannot fall into that sort of despair when it comes to waiting for our Lord's return. We must not let go of faith and lose hope. God is faithful to his promises. He has promised to return, and we will see him when he follows through. We also have to remember that Christ's return could be at any moment. We have to stay "on our toes," ready and full of anticipation.

The book of Hebrews encourages us, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful" (10:23). No matter how discouraging this life becomes, let's stay on our toes, full of anticipation for the coming of Jesus.

Together in faith, waiting on Jesus,
Pastor Aaron Rosenau



at a GLANCE

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES AT FAITH

Are you looking to get involved in the music ministry this fall? Or do you have a talented family musician who will be visiting for the holidays? If so, please contact Steve right away at steve.moore@faithfv.org for more details. Many more opportunities for special music are available during Advent and Christmas, and can range from solos and duets to orchestra, brass quintet and choir.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Watch for the LWML Christmas giving tree in the Faith Ministry Center south lobby. Donations will be collected starting right after Thanksgiving through December 19 and will be donated to The Salvation Army, Pillars, and Harbor House. Suggested donations include any size socks, underwear, mittens/gloves, hats, scarves, pajamas, small toys, puzzles, games, colors/coloring books or other books.



Donations may be left under the tree or in the East entrance.

Thanks for making Christmas a bit happier for those needing a little extra help.

RADIO TEAM

Have you ever felt you have a radio voice, or want to develop one? Faith is currently in need of another volunteer to help with our 8 a.m. radio broadcast. Male or female voices welcome! No prior experience is needed and training is provided. Contact Steve at steve.moore@faithfv.org for more information.



spiritual MINISTRIES

COMFORT DOG MINISTRY

A Dog's Life—And Her Schedule

Hagar Comfort Dog hasn't been here in Appleton long, but she's already making lots of friends at church, in the community, and in the surrounding area. Whether she's training with her team, making a regularly scheduled visit to a local organization, caring for those during a time of need, or greeting with folks at our ministry centers, Hagar and her team are building relationships, sharing God's love, and offering hope and comfort to those she encounters. It's a ministry her team feels blessed to share.

When Hagar is wearing her blue vest, she is working. That work might be training with one of her nine handlers, visiting with someone connected to our congregation or it might be an official visit or a deployment. An "official visit" is a request for a visit that comes directly from local organizations and individuals. Some of these visit requests are for one-time visits while others turn into recurring visit opportunities, like our visits to Harbor House, Boys & Girls Club, Primrose Retirement Community, and the Appleton Area School District just to name a few. A "deployment" is also technically an official visit. However, rather than being invited directly by a local organization, Lutheran Church Charities in Northbrook, ILL notifies our Top Dog, Carrie Foster, that they have been contacted by an organization, church, or school requesting a visit from LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs. We do our best to respond and participate to these requests - or "deployments" - as Hagar and her team's schedules permit. Just in the last six weeks, we have been "deployed" to Shawano and Green Bay and have an upcoming deployment to Wausau, as well.

A key to understand is that Hagar Comfort Dog never makes a visit and never responds in a time of crisis outside of Faith Lutheran Church without having first been invited. Asking Hagar Comfort Dog in to visit an organization, work place, residence, etc. is simple. Someone from the organization contacts our Top Dog (Carrie Foster) at comfortdog@faithfv.org or by calling Faith (920) 739-9191. From there the situation is assessed to determine whether our team can be of help. If you are part of an organization that you feel would benefit from a visit from Hagar, please contact Carrie Foster at the above mentioned e-mail or by calling the church office.

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Comfort Dog Ministry Buy One, Give One Stuffie Sale

The Comfort Dog Ministry Team now has official Hagar Comfort Dog stuffies available for purchase in our "Buy One, Give One" sale that will run through the weekend of December 18-19. By "Buying One, Giving One" for just \$30, two things happen - not only do you, the customer, get to take home a Hagar Comfort Dog stuffie for yourself or to give away to someone special in your life, but your purchase also allows our ministry team to give the "Give One" stuffie to someone who is suffering and in need who we meet while out on a visit with Hagar. Please help our Ministry Team to "Spread the Mercy, Compassion, Presence, and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need" by stopping by and "Buying One and Giving One" of our Hagar Comfort Dog stuffies. It's a gift that truly keeps on giving!

Stuffies will be available for purchase:

- December 4-5 and December 18-19 at the *Faith Ministry Center* before and after the 9:20 service.
- December 11-12 at *Celebration Ministry Center* before and after both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship times.
- Online at www.faithfv.org/stuffie-sale (you can chose to pick up your dog(s) at either ministry center).

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Holiday Blues

The joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Pastor Adam Bridgman, Pastor Jim Wiebel, Amy Cox, Joan Klaas, Mary Nimmer, Connie Place, Ken Place, or Kris Smith. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Stephen Ministry and Comfort Dog Ministry – Two Ministries. Lots of Comfort!

Recently our members of our Stephen Ministry and Comfort Dog Ministry teams met together to get to know one another, learn about each of these amazing outreach ministries, and begin to strategize how we can complement each other's activities to provide even better care. We look forward to growing this partnership, learning from each other, and seeing where God leads us as we serve him by loving, caring for, and comforting others.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS • 5K-Gr 6 Sunday School students at the Faith Ministry Center (FMC) will celebrate the Miracle in the Manger as they lead the congregation in worship on Sunday, December 19, 4:00 p.m. This service involves FMC 5K-Gr 6 Sunday School students. Family and friends are invited. Refreshments will be served following the service. Students who are participating are reminded of the rehearsals on December 11 and December 18, 10 a.m.-noon.

FMC PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE • Preschoolers (3K-4K students) in Sunday School at FMC will offer Christmas songs and recitation as part of the 9:20 a.m. worship on December 19. They need to be at rehearsal on Saturday, December 18 at 9 a.m.

CMC SUNDAY SCHOOL • Students in Sunday School at Celebration Ministry Center will be involved in telling the Christmas story during the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, December 19. Practices of songs and speaking roles will happen during large group times. Parents of these students should check their email for more information.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND JESUS' BIRTHDAY BANKS • The Sunday School students have the opportunity to give at Christmas in a special way. Students are invited to make their own Jesus Birthday Bank and attach their Christmas offering envelope to it. Families are to make their bank at home. (Think paper cup angel, cardboard tube candle, popsicle stick manger, gift-wrapped box, etc.) The banks will be brought to the altar during the processions at the Sunday School Christmas Services: FMC 5K-6 on December 19, 4:00 p.m. and FMC preschoolers on December 19, 9:20 a.m. The banks will then be placed around our FMC worship center as part of the decorations during the Christmas season. The money offered by students in the Jesus' Birthday Banks will be given to LEAVEN, a local organization that provides limited financial assistance and referrals to community resources to help people struggling to meet their basic needs.

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DECEMBER SS AND MW SCHEDULE • There is Sunday School every week in December except December 26. Since part of the Sunday School time includes learning songs for the Christmas service, attendance is important. Sunday School resumes on January 2. Midweek School does not meet on December 22 and 29. Midweek resumes January 5.

CHILD CARE CENTERS



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This month at Celebration we celebrate the birth of Jesus! We will share songs, stories, and our Christmas program for our families and friends. This month we will also treat our teachers to as many things as possible! Their presence is critical to the success of our classrooms, safety and joy of our children and the overall experience they have when in our care. We are looking to expand our team! If you know of anyone looking to have engaging, busy, fun filled days with young children, send them our way!

Joyful Blessings, Kelly Zdanovec, Administrative Director



601 E. Glendale Ave., Appleton • (920) 739-7772 • www.faithchildcare.com

December is a favorite month at Faith Child Care (FCC) as we prepare for, and celebrate, the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Our children's Christmas program will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14 at the Faith Ministry Center in the church sanctuary.

We will be hosting a tree for Pillars with ornaments that families can pick from and purchase the item on the ornament. The children love being able to pick an ornament and then help to purchase that item with their family. Our families were extremely generous in November when we hosted a non-perishable food drive for St. Joe's food pantry. We collected over 300+ items.

Faith Child Care is hiring a full time or part time teacher for our classrooms. If you, or someone you know, are looking to work in child care or to work in a new field, please send them our way! They can apply directly with us by emailing a resume to lori.jenks@faithchildcare.com or call Lori at 920-739-7772. Experience is not necessary.

Faith Child Care, Inc. (FCC) is seeking 1 person to serve on their Board of Directors for a 3 year term, beginning in February 2022. People with a business, human resources, education or early childhood background are especially beneficial to the Board. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. Those wanting more information about the position can contact FCC Director Lori Jenks (739-7772 or at lori.jenks@faithchildcare.com).

The staff of FCC extends God's blessings of love, joy and peace to each of you this Christmas season .

important INFORMATION

Treasurer's Report for October 2021

	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Total Budget
OFFERINGS:	\$186,981	\$633,384	\$615,381
OTHER INCOME:	14,057	51,941	46,080
TOTAL INCOME:	201,039	685,324	661,461
TOTAL EXPENSE:	129,002	605,765	649,207
VARIANCE:	72,037	79,559	12,254

CHECKING & SAVINGS

WHAT WE HAVE—OUR ASSETS	\$2,087,875
DESIGNATED FUNDS—OUR LIABILITIES	\$1,932,520
VARIANCE (WHAT WE OWE)	\$155,355

Endowment Values as of 9/30/2021:

Perpetual: \$283,871

Contributions YTD: \$41,828

Worship Arts: \$92,493

Contributions YTD: \$3,100

Expansion: \$3,142

Contributions YTD: \$1,825

October Third Week Offering

\$1,274.65 will be given to support the ministry of Celebration Lutheran School.



CONSIDER THE ENDOWMENT FUND IN YOUR YEAR-END GIVING!

You may remember that, at this time last year, we were in the middle of a thank-offering celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Faith Forward Endowment Fund. That generated \$32,697 from 342 families, which we project will more than double over the next 25 years. While we're not doing a formal campaign this year, we invite you to include the Endowment Fund as you make year-end gifts to causes you hold dear. It's an investment for the future to help move Faith congregation forward.

This year's endowment distribution of \$9,200 was used to enhance our online worship and Bible class experiences by upgrading our livestream staging and production equipment at both ministry centers.

You'll find more details about the Endowment Fund – and a link to our updated endowment brochure – on the Faith website: www.faithfoxvalley.org/endowment.

Thanks for considering making an investment in the future of Faith!

Your Faith Forward Endowment Fund Action Team

Dave Buss, Jim Dreyer, John Krause, John Larson, Dan Newman, Rich Redman, Mark Savides, Don Schleicher, Tim Schwan

OCTOBER 2021 RITES AND RECORDS

Transfers out

Don Schinke

Marriages

Nicholas Pokorny and Tiffinee Toole

Aaron Laubenstein and Hollin Burton

Tyler Raschke and Shelby Sommer

Nathaniel Quesada and Sydney Mory

New Members Received

Wendell and Marlys Kuehn

Leann Johnson

Deaths

Doris "Dory" Lythjohan

Claude Radtke

Baptisms

Rylan Paul Wiedoff

Mabel Lynn Liebzeit

Milana Lea Trefethren

Lucas Anthony Current

Caroline Rose Hartmann

upcoming EVENTS

MISSION: PUERTA ABAJO WRAP-UP MEETING

Monday, December 6, 6 p.m.

Faith Ministry Center Fellowship Hall, faithfoxvalley.org

Join us as the Puerta Abajo leadership team updates the congregation with how we'll be wrapping up our relationship with Puerta Abajo and what our next steps will be with mission work.

QUILTS & CARDS

Thursday, December 2, 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 16, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Faith Ministry Center, N12

We will be assembling quilts for those needing shelter at Harbor House. All supplies are available. Helping hands are always appreciated and fellowship abounds. Come join us as we warm hearts and bodies with these beautiful quilts.

The card makers need help to finish the over 200 Christmas cards for the residents at Brewster Village. All supplies are at the ready. Use your creativity to share God's message of love, peace and joy and the gift of a Savior this Christmas.

LWML

BIBLE STUDY

The next LWML Bible study will be held on Monday evening, January 11, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Music Media room at the Faith Ministry Center. All ladies are welcome. Watch for more details in the January newsletter.

church COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES HELP NEEDED

Can you help out with greeting or ushering for Christmas Eve services? Service times at FMC are 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:30, and 10:30 p.m.

Greeters - Greeters should arrive 15 minutes prior to service to welcome members and guests, hand out worship folders, and assist with questions. We encourage families to serve together.

Ushers- Ushers should arrive 15 minutes prior to service. Ushers can make visitors and members feel welcome before, during and after the service by engaging them in conversation. Ushers will also hand out bulletins, assist with communion distribution, and help people find a seat when necessary.

Are you curious if you have the gift to serve as an usher or greeter? This is great opportunity to sign up and find out if God has gifted you to serve. Sign up at faithfoxvalley.org/ChristmasEveHelp.

If you are currently serving as an usher or greeter, thank you! Please consider offering your help on Christmas Eve.



THE GIFT OF PASTORING

You are invited to join Jesus in His mission at Faith. God's plan and design is for us to use our gifts, talents, and time to help change the lives of others. This month we will examine the Gift of Shepherding.

In Ephesians 4:11, Paul uses the Greek word "poimen" in his spiritual gifts, meaning pastor. However, that translation appears only once in Scripture, even though the word "poimen" appears sixteen more times in the Bible. The other times it is used, it means shepherd. In this document, we will be talking about the GIFT of shepherding, not the POSITION of pastor.

As a gifted shepherd, you have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by overseeing, training, and caring for the needs of Christians. You are usually very patient, people-centered, and willing to spend time in prayer for others. You tend to be a "Jack of All and Master of ONE", meaning that you likely possess one other dominant gift such as an evangelist, prophet, teacher, or exhorter. You are often authoritative and prefer to lead rather than follow. You are expressive, composed, and sensitive, and your pleasing personality draws people to you.

As a shepherd, you want to see others learn and grow, and you protect those under your care. You like to present the whole Word of God and not the same materials more than once. You study what is necessary to feed your group and focus more on relationships than tasks. You are a peace-maker and diplomat, and you are very tolerant of people's weaknesses. You remember names and faces and like helping others more than having others help you. You are faithful and devoted, and you can attend to whatever needs come up.

You would probably make a wonderful Sunday school teacher or small group leader because, along with teaching, you like to shepherd and minister to the daily needs of your students. This type of shepherding is on a small scale, much like a pastor who shepherds a whole congregation on a large scale.

As a shepherd, you need to remember to involve others in your projects and not try to do all the work yourself. You need to hold people accountable and not be overly protective of your "flock". Keep people from relying too heavily on you and learn how to say no. How can you bring your faith to life?

This gift of shepherding is a great help in many areas. You may serve as a Sunday school teacher, small group leader, or a nursery worker. Your gifts are best suited to serve in these areas:

FMC nursery
Children/Youth education
Small Group leader
Stephen Ministry

Sunday School Instructor
Middle School Confirmation – Adult Leader
High School Small Group – Adult Leader

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As you progress in your spiritual journey and seek to do the work you are called to do, you can sometimes get stalled by not knowing how to proceed. If you are not quite sure of God's plan and design for you but have already seen spiritual gifts in your life. Then you are encouraged to take the next step and discover God's plan for you by taking the on line gift assessment at freeshapetest.com.

Contact Denis Ashauer at 920-739-9191 ext. 1123 to learn more where your gift of mercy can be used in ministry at Faith for the benefit of the kingdom of God.



THIRD WEEK OFFERING

On the third weekend of each month, Faith is giving away all "loose plate" offerings to world mission partners, area charities and other non-profits. Offerings received December 18-20 will support the work of Harbor House.

Harbor House is the singular agency in Outagamie and Calumet Counties committed to the awareness and prevention of domestic abuse. As passionate advocates, they constantly seek to start, drive, and shape the conversation around domestic abuse and the services needed to break the cycle. They do everything in their power to keep individuals and families safe through knowledge and connection.

To learn more about Harbor House and their programming and services, please visit harborhousewi.org.

library NEWS

As we change our calendars to December, we, as Christians, always want to remember the true meaning of the season, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your Faith Library Committee feels a responsibility to ensure your library has materials to enjoy and learn from during this most sacred season. The children can find DVDs on a rack labeled "Christmas", and books in a tote "brimming over" with Christmas titles. A few suggestions from the DVDs are *Read and Share Bible-Christmas*; *Once Upon A Stable-The Greatest Christmas Gift*; and a heart-warming movie for the entire family, *Mr. Christmas*.

In the children's tote #NF7, "Christmas", we chose titles that share the Christmas story from different people's perspective. From Mary's perspective, *Mary's First Christmas* (232.92 Wan), by Walt Wangerin, Jr., and *Three Wise Women of Christmas* (232.92 Mac), by Dandi Daley Mackall, which includes Elizabeth (John the Baptist's mother), Mary (the mother of Jesus), and Anna, who was 84 years old when she saw Jesus in the temple. From Joseph's perspective, *Joseph's Christmas Story* (232.92 Dre), by Nicole E. Dyer, and *Fear Not, Joseph!* (232.92 Sti), by Julie Stiegemeyer. From the innkeeper's perspective we have *Jesus' Christmas Party* (232.92 All), by Nicholas Allen.

For our adult patrons, we have a few more Advent titles, *Watch for the Light, Readings for Advent and Christmas* (242.33 Plo), by Plough Publishing House, and *Contemporary Advent Mediations Inspired by Handel* (242.332 Mel), by Jim Melchiorre.

In *One Silent Night, Women's Stories of Christmas* (242.335 Cha), the author Janice Chaffee, tells true stories of women of faith in various stages and situations of life.

We also want to remember those who grieve with *A December Grief: Living With Loss While Others Are Celebrating* (248.8 Smi), by Harold Smith, emphasizing God's ability to transform the holidays into a time of grace and healing.

For our Large Print readers, *Christmas Jars* (LP 813.54 Wri), by Jason Wright, tells the story of a rising newspaper reporter, Hope Jensen, and the secret behind the "Christmas Jars". Thomas Kinkade/Katherine Spencer have two Christmas titles, *A Christmas Star*, and *Because It's Christmas* (LP813.54 Kin).

Your Faith Library Committee hopes these suggestions will encourage you to visit your Faith Library and check out some materials. The doors are always open when the church is open.

God's richest blessings to you and yours for Christmas and the coming New Year.

WOMEN REJOICE RETREAT: WORTHY OF LOVE

February 18-20, 2022, The Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

Guest Speaker: Michele Olson (Check out Michele's web site at www.LakeGirlPublishing.com)

"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love." Psalm 33:18 Do you ever wonder if you are being overlooked? We, as women, all seem to have that in common ... the feeling of being overlooked! Jesus has the antidote for those feelings that can hinder us from having a thriving, vibrant life, or even wreck what was a perfectly good day!



Get ready for a weekend of rediscovering your faith and renewing friendships. Plan to join us February 18-20 at The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. Registration forms are available online at womenrejoice.org. Registration deadline is Monday, January 10. We hope to see you there!

NEW THIS YEAR! A breakout session just for teens. Each teen girl who attends with an adult will receive \$100 scholarship toward the cost of the retreat.



YOUR SOURCE FOR
FAITH YOUTH
MINISTRY
INFORMATION

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Service Opportunity & Youth Christmas Party

For Students in grades 7 thru 12

Sunday, December 19, 2020

Come to serve and stay to play as we help set up and serve cookies and beverages to the elementary students after the Children's Christmas Worship. **Arrive at 3:15 p.m. to help.** The Youth Christmas Party for students in grades 7 thru 12 will be in the Youth Room and **will begin at approximately 5:45 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.** There will be Christmas-themed movies, games, and plenty of food for everyone! **Feel free to bring your favorite board game or card game to play.** RSVP to Mike Henning in the church office by noon December 19.



Winter Retreat at Camp Luther

Initial plans are being made by our Youth Ministry Action Team to host a winter retreat at Camp Luther on **February 25-27, 2022** for students currently in grades 7 thru 12. Some of the activities being planned for the weekend include but are not limited to: cross country skiing, snow tubing, broomball, game night, movie night, campfire devotions, downhill skiing/snowboarding at Ski Brule, and more. Final details and more information will be sent out in the middle of December. Please contact Mike Henning in the church office with any questions.

MIDDLE/HIGH
SCHOOL YOUTH

CHRISTIAN GROWTH
OPPORTUNITIES

Middle School Sunday School

Celebration Ministry Center:

A combined 7th thru 12th grade class will meet from 10:20-11:20am.

Faith Ministry Center:

A combined 7th thru 12th grade class will meet from 9:20-10:20am.

High School Sunday School

Celebration Ministry Center:

A combined 7th thru 12th grade class will meet from 10:20-11:20 a.m.

Faith Ministry Center:

A combined 7th thru 12th grade class will meet from 9:20-10:20 a.m.

fly CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Foundations/Youth Advent worship @ 6:30pm WYN @ 7:30pm	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Foundations/Youth Advent worship @ 6:30pm WYN @ 7:30pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Foundations/Youth Advent worship @ 6:30pm WYN @ 7:30pm	16	17	18
19 Youth Christmas Party 5:45pm- 8:30pm. See other side for more details	20	21	22 -No FOUNDATIONS -WYN for MS and HS 6:30-8:00pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2022

5 - WYN ELEVATE Youth Worship
@ 6:30pm
FOUNDATIONS @ 6:30pm
12 - FOUNDATIONS @ 6:30pm
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