

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Mid-week Advent Services

Wednesdays
December 3, 10, 17
Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m.
Service at 7:00 p.m.

Wouldn't it be nice to celebrate Christmas simply, without all the hype and stress? Part of the solution to the stress of Christmas is to slow down and let the church season of Advent become a "gift" to us. Instead of rushing through the weeks and weekends with the number of days until Christmas creating a sense in us that "I can't wait until the Christmas commercialism is over," why not be proactive and use this season as a time of preparation for the true meaning of Christmas—letting the Prince of Peace into your daily life?

Our theme this year is: **Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room**. Each week we will be given a theme to guide us during the coming week. Each week you will find relevant messages, quotations, and prayers as well as practical tips for simplifying the holiday sea-

son. Each worshipper will be given a 28-day guide booklet with scripture reference, words of encouragement (things to do) and a daily prayer. Each week one particular word will guide us:

Week 1 (Dec. 3)
Preparation

Week 2 (Dec. 10)
Pause

Week 3 (Dec. 17)
Ponder

Week 4 (Dec. 24)
Promise

at 11 p.m. Candlelight Service

Each Wednesday service will be preceded by a soup supper in the fellowship hall. The soups will be served between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Different groups in the congregation will serve a free-will offering for their group. Those serving will be the Youth Group, the Women of CTS, and the Board of Spiritual Oversight.

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.

You and your family are invited to attend one of our two Christmas Eve candlelight services on December 24. Our first service will be held at 5:00 p.m. and will be led by our youth. This service will include the Lord's Supper and the lighting of our individual candles. Our late service will be held at 11:00 p.m. and will conclude the fourth theme of our Mid-week Advent service with the word **Promise**. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the service and conclude with singing "Silent Night" with our individual candles illuminating the sanctuary. This evening is the holiest of nights as the promised Savior of the world is born as the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord!

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Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 7
4:30 p.m.

The Christmas program for the Sunday school is set for Sunday afternoon, December 7, at 4:30 p.m. Once again our children will share the meaning of Christmas with us as only they can. We encourage the entire congregation to attend and support our youngest members as they share in word and song the good news of our Savior's birth. After the program there will be a time of fellowship with Christmas cookies in the fellowship hall.

PASTOR STEVE'S LETTER: "EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD"

John writes in his gospel: *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14) Until God sent His Son into our world (*"the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us"*), humanity could only imagine who God was but did not fully know the "heart" of God. People, before Christ came, knew God was a holy God, jealous for their love and obedience. But often this thought brought more terror than reverent fear and love. So *"when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son."* (Galatians 4:4) God opened up His heart for the entire world to see. John later writes: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16) And then Jesus says to Thomas, *"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."* (John 14:9)

This Advent/Christmas season I want to encourage you to let these verses from scripture guide your preparation. Let these words soak into your very inmost being—the God and Creator of all things has come to earth and made Himself known to us through the invitation of the Holy Spirit. Again, John reminds that *"God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the*

world through Him." (John 3:17) A.W. Tozer writes: "In the deep recesses of (our) soul lies an overwhelming yearning toward the Creator. This is a common thread through all humanity, created in the image of God. Unless and until that desire is fully met, the human soul remains restless, constantly striving for that which is ultimately unattainable." (Experiencing the Presence of God, page 15)

However, the average person is unable to understand this passion for intimacy with God, that we fill our life with things, hoping somehow to satisfy our inward longing. We chase that which is exterior, hoping to satisfy the inner thirst, but to no avail. A comment I have heard often lately is this, "I don't know what I am going to give my child for Christmas. They already have so many toys that giving them one more doesn't seem to make any sense." I also heard a story about a young boy who was unwrapping one present after another, barely noticing and enjoying each present as he was opening them. Surprised by their son's apparent indifference, one of his parents commented, "He has lost the joy and wonder of opening his presents!"

While most parents will continue to buy and wrap presents for their children (who wants to disappoint them with no toys or entertainment gifts?), we still

wonder what has gone wrong. A.W. Tozer has hit the nail on the head: until we understand our deepest longing is to be in the presence of God's love in our hearts, we will continue to fill that desire with the exterior. Advent and Christmas is a great time to communicate why God sent His Son into our world—not to condemn but to give us life in the fullest sense. While gifts around the tree bring us joy (I remember counting how many I had), we need to tell and re-tell the story of Jesus' birth until we realize its importance for our ultimate joy and happiness. All the gifts of my youth are now buried underground in some garbage dump in Iowa. While I enjoyed those gifts while I was young, I now realize they were never given to complete my joy. No, my parents told me the Christmas story and made sure my siblings and I knew the story of Jesus' birth and why God sent Him into the world for me.

I now treasure the words of Paul most of all as I try to live by his words in Philippians 3, "7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,

but that which is through faith in Christ-- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

May the knowledge of Jesus' birth move from your present buying into the hearts of your family!!!

PASTOR MATT'S LETTER

The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
John 1:9-13

What's in the package? Can I shake it? Feels like... Christmas rolls around again and more than any other time we think of packages. Now you probably get packages throughout the year; things you have bought or that have been sent back to you because you left them visiting somewhere. There may even be throughout the year some "gift" packages that come at celebration times like your birthday or your anniversary. I know our college students longingly look forward to ANYTHING in their mail box at school so they can feel loved and remembered. We all do. So, what is in the package?

Well, if that package is the one I am thinking about right now, it is a very different package than most are probably thinking about after reading what is above. First off, it is not because of

"your" anything. It's not a package that comes because you are celebrating anything or have reached an annual date of remembrance. Second, it's not something that has been sent to you because you left something somewhere. Finally, it's not something that you have paid for to receive in return. In fact, each of these descriptions is close, only not about you.

The package *is* from someone else *for you*, but not because you deserve it or have reached a point where you should expect the package. It has been sent to you because you *have* lost something that you can't even remember having lost; and, even better, as it is given to you, you don't have to pay for it because it comes F.O.C. (Freely Offered by Christ). The gift is the one we celebrate receiving this year again at Christmastime, and, even more, it is the gift that God is offering to us when Jesus Christ returns at the end of all things.

Why am I thinking of this gift? Well, other than it is December, it is because two weeks ago I was blessed to present this gift to youth at the TEC weekend—*Responding to God's Love* is the talk. Then this past weekend I was with confirmation students at the Fall Recharge – EPIC

listening to the Bible's EPIC story in 4 parts: EPIC Beginning, EPIC Fail, EPIC Rescue, and, finally, for us to live an EPIC LIFE. It all ties in together when we open the gift that God has given, not because we deserve it, but because He loves us. Given to us because we have lost our connection to Him, and don't even remember what it was like to "walk" with Him like Adam in the beginning; because we are born in sin and can't even imagine what that would be like. Finally, it is given at a great cost to the giver, but free to us.

Summing up the last few weeks, and even the Hebrews study that we have been doing in worship and Sunday school, we have been given something amazing, but we have to open it up. We have to get into the package to see how amazing it is and to realize what an EPIC rescue was made for us so that we begin to live EPIC lives. God's amazing gift challenges us to always go deeper in our relationship with Jesus by reflecting on His unfathomable love for us that begins with forgiveness beyond compare and changes every part of our lives along the way. The more we open the package that God gives, the more our life changes because

we see in it His example of love and grace.

Imagine a gift that, when opened, doesn't just affect the receiver, but gives the receiver more to give away so others also receive. No, I'm not talking about Friendship Bread dough — because eventually that turns out bad for everyone. No, I'm talking about the Heavenly Friendship Bread given by God because He first loved us, His Son incarnate – the Word made flesh; true Friendship Bread from heaven for us to feast upon until we are full.

Go ahead — open it. Rip the top off and open it up so that you can see how much God is offering you today and every day from now on. May this gift lift you in weariness, strengthen you to grow, free you from your bondage, and give you life — today.

The Kingdom has come. Merry Christmas,

Sunday School is out in deep exploration this year. As we begin a new session of “Exploring the Bible,” we are all going to be looking at the books of Esther, Ezra and Nehemiah, and what it is speaking to us still today. If you haven’t been a part of classes yet, come on in and join the exploration adventure. Head out into the wilderness of God’s Word to see what He has in store for you and where He is calling your life to join him in this Bible Adventure.

3 and 4 year olds, and Kindergarten are studying the Story Book Bible as an overview.

1st through 3rd Grade is a class group taught by Becky B. and Amanda C.

4th through 6th Grade is a class group taught by Judy C. and Susan T.

7th and 8th Grade is a discussion group led by Nate M. and Brian A.

High School and College is a discussion group led by Mary W., Greg M., Charlie S., and Linda M.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: There will be no Sunday School classes on December 28 and January 4.

Wednesday Night ALIVE! is changing for Advent. There will be no WNA! during December, but Confirmation and FLYTE will meet as usual. Our dinner and activity are being replaced by Advent suppers at 6 p.m. and Worship at 7 p.m. Come out in the bleak mid-winter time and worship, and watch, and pray as we await the coming of Christ this Advent season.

The My First Bible Class for 2nd graders and above will be Dec. 14 after Second Worship. The session will run from 12:30 p.m. to no later than 4 p.m. On that day, a light lunch will be provided and there will be learning and opportunities to engage the Bible so that we can begin to navigate it and learn from its Holy Word. At least one parent is asked to be present for this learning session so that conversation about the class and the Bible can continue at home. Each participant will receive their own Adventure Bible to use as they walk forward in their faith journey. We encourage people to bring a friend and at least one of their parents as well. Grandparents: bring your grandchildren.

Youth Group is inviting the Congregation to join them in their annual dinner and caroling event for shut-ins and widows and widowers of our congregation. We will spend Saturday, Dec. 13 preparing and packaging gourmet meals for those who are alone this Christmas season as well as a wee bag of goodies to bring holiday cheer to them. We will depart the church at 6:00 p.m. and we invite any and all of the congregation to join us as we split up to deliver meals and sing carols. Then we will join back up at the church for some winter refreshments and goodies and perhaps some games and fun. Please let us know if you will be joining us for this special evening of caring for our members.

Vibrant Faith Corner: The Vibrant Faith page on our website isn’t just for parents. Godparents, grandparents and step-parents have tools and ideas provided so that Vibrant Faith can be shared with the children in every direction. If you are a grandparent and want to grow closer in faith to your grandkids, all you have to do is start at the Vibrant Faith @ Home link on our web page. You can also go to Vibrantfaith.org to look at blogs and Learning Exchange for other things to ponder.

Exam snacks for college students will be collected from Nov. 23 through Dec. 7 and we will be packaging those up on that Sunday to mail out on Monday, Dec. 8. Please bring 15 individually wrapped snacks, beverage mixes, goodies and whatever to support our youth, and then come and help us pack them up and pray over them for success in their endeavors this exam season.

December Children’s Ministry Learning Opportunity: UNFROZEN. That’s right, we are going to be meeting together through the month of December on a Frozen-like theme, only better; UNFROZEN is going to warm you and prepare you for the coming of Jesus this Advent season and for all your days of kingdom service to come. This 4-week Children’s Ministry Event will be focused on the weekly themes: FROZEN Hearts, Let Us Go!, Do You Want to Meet a Savior? And Love Opens Doors. Music, Bible stories, skits and other activities will help us to get ready to meet a Living Savior and to cast away the cold of fear and hatred for the Love of God that offers to make all things new through this tiny baby in a manger. If you would like to be part of these weeks of sharing, help out, or have your children participate, please contact Pastor Matt or Kathy in the office as soon as possible. Children from pre-school through 4th grade are encouraged to participate. Registration is now open for this 4-week opportunity. The dates for UNFROZEN are Tuesdays, Dec. 2, 9, and 16, and Sunday, Dec. 21 after Second Worship for our final session. There will be dinner provided beginning at 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. and on the 21st lunch immediately following the Second Worship. The UNFROZEN event will be from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. on the 2nd, 9th, and 16th, and from 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. on Sunday.

“I pray that everything may go well with you, and that you may be in good health, as I know you are well in spirit.” — 3 John 2

Kill Germs in Your Kitchen

Get ready to cringe because a recent study by NSF International, the most respected health and safety research organization, discovered the top 10 germiest places in your kitchen. What’s shocking is five of these are in your refrigerator next to the food you put in your mouth!

What kind of germs? Salmonella, E. coli, yeast and mold were found in moist and dark areas of your fridge—literally setting up their own breeding ground. They’re not even stopped by the cold temperature inside! Here’s exactly where to clean in your refrigerator:

Water dispenser: Check the manual, but most manufacturers recommend disconnecting the water supply and using vinegar to flush the system once a year. Let the vinegar sit in the line for 10 minutes, then reconnect and turn on the dispenser to flush out the vinegar.

Door seal: Wipe this area clear of sneaky germs monthly using a damp soapy cloth and then wiping dry.

Icemaker: Disconnect monthly, remove if possible, wash with warm soapy water, and then dry.

Meat containers and veggie containers: Every month, mark your calendar and clean these germ-harboring trays with warm soapy water. To minimize odors, baking soda can be added to the sink while you’re washing them. Dry with a clean towel and replace.

Neck and Head Pain Relief

Have a headache or stiff neck? Before you pop another aspirin, try these stretches to relieve tension and relax your muscles:

Head stretch: Keeping a straight posture, align your left arm behind your back.

Reach over the top of your head and cover the left side of your head with your right palm. Gently pull your head toward your right shoulder. Hold for 10 seconds and breathe. Release and repeat on the other side.

Front to back stretch: While sitting up

straight and pulling your shoulders down away from your ears, tilt your head straight back, eyes toward the ceiling, and hold for 10 seconds. Next, tuck your chin down toward your chest and hold 10 seconds.

Shoulder shrug: Raise your shoulders up toward your ears and hold for 3 seconds. Slowly release and relax. Perform 10 times.

Neck roll: Start with your eyes facing forward. Slowly tilt your head forward, then leading with your chin, roll your head all the way around your neck in a circle. Do 5 times, then roll your neck slowly in the opposite direction 5 times.

Collect family health information

The holiday season offers many opportunities for families to share a meal and their family health history. This information can help your doctor decide which tests and screenings are recommended to help you know your health risks. The updated Surgeon General’s “*My Family Health Portrait* (<http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory>) tool can help you and your family collect and organize family health history information, and allows you to easily share this information with your doctor.

Tips to Light Up Your Holidays

Follow 12 recommended tips for self-care this season. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy the holidays.

Wash hands often to help prevent the possibility of spreading germs and getting sick. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.

Bundle up to stay dry and warm. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, mittens, hats, scarves, and water-proof boots.

Manage stress. Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out. Find support, connect socially, and get plenty of sleep.

Don’t drink and drive or let others drink and drive. Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger.

Be smoke-free. Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. It’s common knowledge that smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but nonsmokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke, also referred to as secondhand smoke.

Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your children in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to their height, weight, and age. Use seat belts on every trip, no matter how short the trip. Get exams and screenings. Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.

Get your vaccinations, which help prevent various diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year. Vaccination is especially important for people who are at high risk for complications from flu, and for people who live with or care for someone who is at high risk.

Monitor the children. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children’s reach. Dress your children warmly for outdoor activities. Develop family rules on safe behavior—on using electronic media, for instance.

Practice fire safety. Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so don’t leave fireplaces, space heaters, stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.

Prepare food safely. Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, and cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate them promptly.

Eat healthy, stay active. Eat fruits and vegetables, which pack plenty of nutrients and help lower the risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least 2½ hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.

Birthdays

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| 12/3 | Claudia Atkinson |
| 12/4 | Jeanne Nicholson |
| 12/5 | Peg Hoffman |
| 12/7 | Pastor Matt |
| 12/8 | Haleigh Roberts |
| 12/11 | Sharon Boelman |
| 12/12 | Jessica Piske |
| 12/13 | Andy Lutz |
| 12/17 | Cody Loughrey; Marilyn Woolard |
| 12/19 | Shirley Theil |
| 12/23 | Don Burke; Benson Metschke |
| 12/24 | Elizabeth Cyboron |
| 12/25 | Marilyn Nickols |
| 12/28 | Richard Sinkbeil |
| 12/29 | Janet Hrouda; Richard Olson |
| 12/30 | Darcy Metschke |
| 12/31 | Micah Bahnfleth; Marietta Bjorklund |

Anniversaries

Pastor Matt and Becky Bahnfleth — Dec. 27
Leonard and Fern Zechmann — Dec. 29

Congratulations and best wishes to everyone celebrating this month. May God bless you now and all year long!

DONATIONS FOR RESCUE MISSION

Facial tissue, toilet tissue, paper towels, cleaning products, disinfectants, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, diapers (all sizes), deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, shampoo, band-aids, Tylenol, antibiotic ointment, coffee, creamer, sugar, disposable plates and cups, sugar, salt, pepper, flour, cornstarch, ketchup, mustard, chili powder. Any of these items can be dropped off at any time during the year. Books can also be donated to the Rescue Mission throughout the year to be sold at their annual book sale/fundraiser.

Christ the Servant needs volunteers at both the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services to greet, usher, acolyte, lector, assist with communion, and serve coffee during the Fellowship hour. For more information or to sign up, please see Kathy in the church office or call 379-1775. Training will be provided. Thank you!

BAKING UP CHRISTMAS

Mark your calendars for the 1st annual Women of CTS Cookie Exchange on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring a friend and 3 dozen cookies each. Following the cookie exchange we will be having pizza, then decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. Those who would like to stay and help are welcome. We're looking forward to a day of fun, fellowship and laughter!

MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels from January 12 through 23. Let Becky Bahnfleth know if you can help.

The Teen Mom Infant Childcare Program is looking for women to mentor the young girls in our program. If you are interested in becoming part of our ministry, please call Liz at 379-2477 Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 12:30, email lizarmitage3@gmail.com, or leave a message at the church office, 379-1775.

PIECEMAKERS QUILTING

The quilting ladies of Christ the Servant have just completed 19 quilts for the year. Nine were sent to Lutheran World Relief, six quilts went to Tanzania, two seniors received quilts, one was given to the Norfolk Rescue Mission, and one was given to the Orphan Grain Train.

Thanks to all who donate material for tops and backs, blankets, mattress pad and sheets for insides. Thanks to all who sew tops/backs and hem our quilts, especially Wanda Muhs, who makes the beautiful tops for the seniors' quilts.

Ladies who help tie our quilts are Arlis Lind, Marilyn Woolard, Delores Olson, Marilyn Nickols, Barb Timperley, Marie Shafer, Wanda Muhs, Ailene Sievers and Doris Hoffart.

We welcome more people to come help us tie these quilts on the first Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

DECEMBER 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 UNFROZEN 5:45-6:15 dinner 6:15-7:45 p.m. "Frozen Hearts" 6:30 The Journey | 3 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation 5:30 Prayer group 6:00 Advent meal 7:00 Advent service 8:00 Choir practice | 4 9:00 a.m. Piece-Makers Quilting 6 p.m. Women of CTS meeting 6:30 Way of Life (parsonage) | 5 Girl Scouts overnight | 6 10 a.m.-noon Women's Gathering/Cookie Exchange 4:30 Christmas program practice |
| 7 <i>Advent 2</i> 8 8:30 Worship 9:40 Sunday school 10:45 Worship 4:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program Packing exam snacks for college students | | 9 UNFROZEN 5:45-6:15 dinner 6:15-7:45 p.m. "Let Us Go!" 6:30 The Journey | 10 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation 5:30 Prayer group 6:00 Advent meal 7:00 Advent service 8:00 Choir practice | 11 9:00 a.m. Agape Prayer Circle 6:30 Way of Life (parsonage) | 12 "Celebrate the Child" with Jonathan Swenson—meal from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., performance at 6:45 p.m. | 13 |
| 14 <i>Advent 3</i> 15 8:30 Worship 9:40 Congregational Meeting 10:45 Worship 12:30-4 p.m. My First Bible Class (includes lunch) | | 16 UNFROZEN 5:45-6:15 dinner 6:15-7:45 p.m. "Do you want to meet a Savior?" 6:30 The Journey | 17 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation 5:30 Prayer group 6:00 Advent meal 7:00 Advent service 8:00 Choir practice | 18 6:30 Way of Life (parsonage) | 19 5:30-8:30 p.m. Girl Scouts | 20 Youth Group meals/caroling for shut-ins and widows/widowers |
| 21 <i>Advent 4</i> 22 8:30 Worship 9:40 Sunday school 10:45 Worship UNFROZEN 12:00 lunch 12:45-2:15 "Love Opens Doors" 5:30, 6:30, 7 p.m. Board meetings | | 23 | 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 5 p.m. Family worship service 11 p.m. Candlelight service | 25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> <i>(office closed)</i> Pastor Matt on vacation thru Jan. 5 | 26 | 27 Fellowship Hall reserved (K. Rogers) |
| 28 <i>Christmas 1</i> 29 10:00 a.m. One Service Only (no Sunday school) | | 30 | 31 | Jan. 1 <i>Happy New Year</i> <i>(office closed)</i> | Jan. 2 Kathy (vacation) | Jan. 3 |

8:30 a.m. service

| DATE | GREETERS | USHERS | ACOLYTE | LECTOR | COMMUNION |
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| Dec. 7 | Mary Lund | Steve & Julie Freese | Usher | Richard Hillrichs | Duane & Barb Timperley |
| Dec. 14 | Marilyn Nickols | Mike & Nell Finkral | Usher | Duane Timperley | Doug & Pat Witte |
| Dec. 21 | Roger & Karen Peters | Wendell Hahne, Roger Young | Katelyn Anderson | Brian Anderson | Linda Miller, Michelle Anderson |
| Dec. 28 | ONE SERVICE, 10:00 A.M. | | | | |

10:45 a.m. service

| DATE | GREETERS | USHERS | ACOLYTE | LECTOR | COMMUNION |
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| Dec. 7 | Roger & Trish Bowers | Warren Bennett, Jim Meyer | Usher | Connie Atkinson | Linda & Amanda Cyboron |
| Dec. 14 | Aaron & Ginger Beckman | Greg Moen, Dallas Puls | Usher | Tara Bahnfleth | Bob & Andy Lutz |
| Dec. 21 | Linda & Amanda Cyboron | Lonnie & Margaret Svitak | Usher | Greg Moen | Gary & Mary Weich |
| Dec. 28 ONE SERVICE ONLY | Bill Thoendel & Lu Carter | Steve Morton, Chuck Nicholson | Katelyn Hall | Jo Roberts | Ron & Korrie Hall |

Coffee Servers

Dec. 7 Rich & Kay Jaeger
 Dec. 14 Galen & Susan Thompson
 Dec. 21 Dean & Doris Hoffart
 Dec. 28 Mike & Nell Finkral

Communion Bread: Arlis Lind

Altar Guild: Julie Freese, Nell Finkral

Membership Care Team

Jo Roberts, Linda Miller

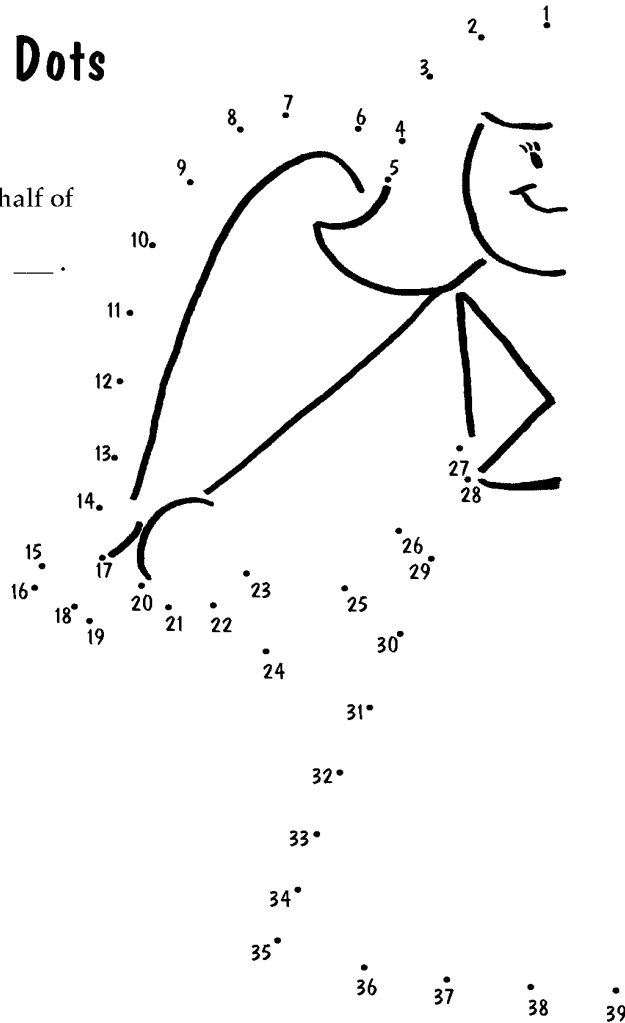
Counting Teams

1st Dean and Doris Hoffart
 2nd Meg Donovan and Nell Finkral
 3rd Marsha Burke and Rhonda Piske
 4th Darcy Metschke and Korrie Hall

Connect the Dots

Connect the dots.

Then draw the other half of
this _____.



Angels

Here are some Bible verses that tell us some things that angels have done and can do for us. Can you match the verse and action?

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| 1. Heb 1:14 | a. gave directions to Peter |
| 2. Luke 1:11-20 | b. rolled back the stone |
| 3. Acts 12:7-10 | c. gave instruction to Philip |
| 4. Mat 2:13 | d. spirits in divine service |
| 5. Luke 22:43 | e. appeared as strangers to whom we should show hospitality |
| 6. Mat 28:2 | f. brought good news to Zechariah |
| 7. Acts 8:26 | g. appeared to Jesus and gave him strength |
| 8. Heb 13:2 | h. guard us and bear us up |
| 9. Ps 91:11-12 | i. appeared to Joseph in a dream |

Answers:
 1. d 4. i 7. c
 2. f 5. e 8. c
 3. a 6. b 9. h

One Service Time during Christmas/New Year's

December 28 and January 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Once again during the Christmas season, as families are traveling for the holidays, we will be having only **ONE** service at 10:00 a.m. on December 28 and January 4. There will be no Sunday school on these two Sundays. We will resume our two service times (8:30 and 10:45 a.m.) on January 11.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 14 at 9:45 a.m.

Our annual congregational meeting to approve our budget for the coming year (2015) is set for Sunday, December 14, at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Copies of the proposed budget will be placed in your mailboxes and those which are not picked up by December 7 will be mailed the next day.

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Sunday Service Times:

8:30 a.m.—Traditional worship
9:40—Sunday school for all ages
10:45—Contemporary worship

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