

Happy Birthday Jesus!



December

2024

We are called. God's Work. Our Hands. God's Family!

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1st Sunday of Advent 1 9 A: Mona w/HC, SS, & F 10:45 A: ABS @ SMG | 2 <i>Pastor Scott's Day Off</i> | 3 | 4 6 P: Confirmation Supper and Class at OS 6 P: Annual Neighborhood Soup Supper at Mona | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 2nd Sunday of Advent 8 9 A: OS w/Choir & SS Christmas Program followed by Breakfast 10:45 A: ABS @ SMG | 9 <i>Pastor Scott's Day Off</i> | 10 1 P: M&M BS, H: Faye 7 P: Parish Council Mtg at SMG followed by each Church Council Mtg | 11 6 P: Confirmation Supper and Class at OS | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 3rd Sunday of Advent 15 9 A: Mona w/ F (and SS?) 10:45 A: ABS @ SMG | 16 <i>Pastor Scott's Day Off</i> | 17 | 18 6 P: Confirmation Supper and Class at OS | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 4th Sunday of Advent 22 9 A: SMG w/HC & F (SS?) 10:45 A: ABS @ SMG | 23 <i>Pastor Scott's Day Off</i> | Christmas Eve 24 5 P: OS w/HC 7 P: Mona w/HC | 25 Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday Jesus! | 26 | 27 January Newsletter Deadline | 28 |
| 1st Sunday of Christmas 29 9 A: OS w/ F 10:45 A: ABS @ SMG | 30 <i>Pastor Scott's Day Off</i> | New Year's Eve 31 | | | | |
| Pastor Scott Meyer C# 507-319-0715 scottmeyer39@hotmail.com | HC=Holy Communion SS=Sunday School BS=Bible Study ABS=Adult Bible Study OS=Our Savior's SMG=Six Mile Grove | Notes: Make Birthday cake for Jesus! | | | | Wanda Hanson, Office Sec O# 507-325-2437 C# 515-290-0936 monaandsmg@gmail.com |

T.L.P. IN TOUCH

Trinity Lutheran Parish Monthly Newsletter: Mona & Six Mile Grove Lutheran Churches



2nd Graders receiving their Bibles from SMG at SMG back in September.



All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024

YOUTH

Joint Sunday School:

>Christmas Program is Dec 8th at OS during the morning worship service, 9:00 AM.

>Dec 15th Sunday School Class

>Sunday School will resume January 12, 2025.

Every Sunday at hosting church for 9:00 am worship.

Children will leave worship after the children's sermon for class.

See calendar to see where Sunday School will be.

Confirmation:

Wednesday's - 6:00 at Our Savior's on Dec 4th, 11th and 18th then will resume in January.

Youth for Christ in Austin

The building is on the northside across the street from the High School (400 3rd Ave, Austin). Contact, John Engelstad, the Director, #507-481-4894. Feel free to check it out on FB. Facebook Group: Austin Youth for Christ.

Breakfast Clubs:

Middle School on T & F from 7:30-8:15 A at Bethlehem Church, Austin. Before school, come and have some hot chocolate and breakfast to start your day right. We do fun ice breakers, play music and have a daily life message based on bible verses.

ART SLINDEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications can be picked up in the back of the church or from Carol Rector, Pam Sampson or Diane Sampson. Applicants must be a confirmed member or adult member of Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church and attending a vocation school, college or university. You must be entering the second semester of your sophomore year or beyond, except adult members.

Applications should be returned no later than January 1, 2025. High School graduates of the current year are not eligible at this time.

Happy Birthday Jesus!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

LECTORS:

| | <u>Name</u> |
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| Sunday, Dec 1 – M | Wanda Hanson |
| Sunday, Dec 8 - OS | ----- |
| Sunday, Dec 15 – M | |
| Sunday, Dec 22 - S | |
| Tuesday, Dec 24 – OS @ 5 pm | ----- |
| M @ 7 pm | |
| Wednesday, Dec 25 - <i>No Worship – Merry Christmas!</i> | |
| Sunday, Dec 29 - OS | ----- |

USHERS:

Mona: Alan Moss and Wanda Hanson

SMG: Steve & Nikki Sampson Family / Brandi Spinler Family

COMMUNION ASSIST.:

Mona: Becky Fredrickson or Nancy Mickelson

SMG: Jim Sampson, Timm Ehret and/or Teri Zimmerman

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Mona: Alan Moss and Wanda Hanson

SMG: TBD

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE:

Following worship at each hosting church.

*Thank YOU for the giving of YOUR time
and having a Servant Heart!*

Away in a Manger

Joy to the World

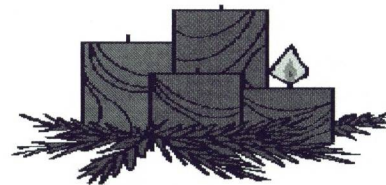
FROM THE PASTOR...

December 2024

"The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

- Jeremiah 33:14-16

This is the Old Testament reading for the First Sunday of Advent. It talks about promise, it talks about the coming days, it talks about a future salvation. In other words, it's all about hope!



The following is the reading which would normally accompany the lighting of the first Advent candle. It starts by explaining the significance of the candles and the Advent wreath, and then it gives us the meaning of the first candle, which is called the 'hope candle.' I cannot imagine a time when the world needed the hope of a Savior more than today!

Today we begin our celebration of Advent. On these four Sundays before Christmas, we rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ.

To help us celebrate, we will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World. The evergreens remind us that He is life and brings life to us. All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

Each Sunday we will light an additional candle. Then on Christmas Eve, we will light all the candles, including the Christ candle. As we do, we will rejoice that Christ has come to us. He is Immanuel...God with us.

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope. Hope is our assurance that God will finish all He has started. Hope is our confidence that He will do all He has promised. All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is our hope, today and forever! Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Amen

Please find the time to pray for hope during this Advent/Christmas season. And please join us for worship!

Pastor Scott

PRAY

Prayers of Healing and Strength to:

Ruby Alph Ted Condradt Colleen Crouch Carol Ekle
 Barb Fossey Theresa Groesbeck Margie Harrison Denny Helgeson
 Bob Johnson Andres Knudsen Troy Murphy Emily Nelson
 Verdon Olson Don Ransom Jack Rector Jerry Sampson
 Lexi Trocinski Fabiola (Oaxaca)
Palliative Care: Brian Barber, Darlene Meling

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders. "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Christopher Slindee Thomas Frank Kelly Fredrickson
 Riley Wondra Adam Dublinske (M) Skyler Thomas (NG)
 Ed Dreyer (M) Gage Thompson (AF)

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of the Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(NG=National Guard), (M=Marines), (AF=Air Force), (A=Army), (N=Navy)

Missions to pray for:

- >Pastor Samuel, his family and church members in Oaxaca.
- >Friends of Ngong Road children and their families – Lenny Kamanda, Josephine Wairimu, Monica Wanjiku, Sharon Mideva, Victor Nyarega, Faith Mumo, Emily Wanjiku, Godfrey Otieno and Swinny Mbone.
- >Peace and Power, Marie Sandvick Center, Lyle Food Shelf, Good Earth Village, Haiti

Prayers for guidance:

Pastor Scott ~ Parish Council ~ Church Councils ~ Sunday School Teacher ~
 Members of Six Mile Grove, Mona & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

Sympathy and Prayers

...to the family of Phyllis Helgeson
 ...to the family of Blanche Stadheim

Oh, Come All Ye Faithful
 Hark the Herald Angels Sing
 Silent Night

"Peace on Earth" Ornament

Make this Earth ornament as a reminder to pray for the peace Jesus will bring when he returns.

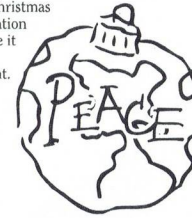
What you will need:

1. Clear glass ornament
2. Blue and green acrylic craft paint
3. Sponge
4. Scissors
5. Black permanent marker (Sharpie) or black puffy craft paint
6. Paper plate
7. Glitter (optional)



What you need to do:

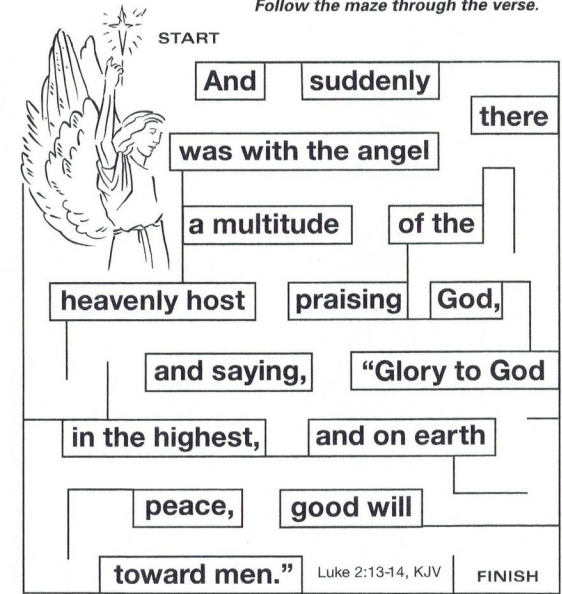
1. Cut the sponge into 2 rectangles, about the size of your tallest finger.
2. Pour a little paint onto a plate. (Add glitter if you want your ornament to sparkle.)
3. Use one sponge for blue and one for green.
4. Dab the paint onto your glass ornament one color at a time. Use green for land and blue for ocean to make the ornament look like our planet Earth.
5. When the paint is dry, use the marker or puffy paint to write PEACE on the ornament.
6. Use your ornament as a Christmas decoration or give it as a present.



Peace on Earth

Do you remember what King Herod did when he heard about the birth of Jesus? He was so troubled that he issued a decree ordering the death of all male children younger than 2 years old. Jesus was not born in a time of peace, but we can look forward to His return and believe what the heavenly host proclaimed.

Follow the maze through the verse.



CHURCH INFO

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: *fellowship follows worship except Christmas Eve*

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| Dec 1 | 9:00 am | Mona w/HC |
| Dec 8 | 9:00 am | OS w/SS & Choir Christmas Programs |
| Dec 15 | 9:00 am | Mona (<i>yes this is correct</i>) |
| Dec 22 | 9:00 am | SMG w/HC |
| Dec 24 (<i>Xmas Eve</i>) | 5:00 pm | OS w/HC |
| | 7:00 pm | Mona w/HC |
| Dec 29 | 9:00 am | OS |
| Jan 5 | 9:00 am | Mona w/HC |

SMG CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- >Church Decorating for Christmas on Thursday, Dec 5th at 1:00 pm.
- >Shut-ins Delivery will be on Wednesday, Dec 4th. What time we will start is yet to be determined. Please contact Diane Klouse if you would like to help.

COUNCIL MTG'S

- Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at SMG, 7:00 pm
- Mona Council mtg will meet following TLP mtg.
- SMG Council will meet following TLP mtg.
- Small Group Council will meet Tuesday, Dec 17 at OS, 7:00 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & CHOIR CONCERT

will be Sunday, December 8th at 9:00 am at OS.

MONA COLLECTING FOR:

The Mona church is taking donations for the Lyle Food Shelf, Adams Food Shelf, St. Ansgar Food Shelf, Mitchell County Food bank and the Ronald McDonald House until December 31st. Mona will match up to \$2000 for this Total amount will be divided among the 5 projects. Please mark food in memo on checks.

ANNUAL REPORTS

All reports must be turned into Wanda no later than Thursday, January 10th. You can drop them off at the office, call me and I will come and pick them up, hand them to me at church, put them in my mailbox at either church, or email them to me. Need reports/letters from Parish & Church Presidents, Parish/Church Treasurer's, Drive-in, Sunday Schools, , Bible Study Groups,

Women's Groups, and Pastor, Thank YOU for your prompt attention to this in advance!

TLP ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26th at SMG following worship will starts at 9:00 am. Light lunch will follow meetings.

SMG ADULT BIBLE STUDY (*AKA ABC=Adult Bible Class*)

Every Sunday at 10:45 am in the Dining Hall at SMG. All are welcome!

YOU ARE INVITED!

We would love to have you join us for the Coffee Club. Gatherings will be the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am for Coffee, Conversation and Christian Study at Our Savior's Lutheran in Lyle.

WELCA / CIRCLES

- >SMG WELCA – No meeting
- >Naomi Circle – No meeting
- >Mona Bible Study – Dec 10 at 1:00 pm, H/L: Faye
- >Mona LL – Wednesday, Dec 4, Annual Neighborhood Christmas Soup Supper
- Christmas Party Jan 4th at the church

CHRISTIAN ENTERTAINMENT

- Steven Curtis Chapman in concert on Feb 20, 2025 at NIACC in Mason City, IA. Call for tickets 641-422-4188 or www.niacc.edu/boxoffice. Ticket prices start at 25.00.

Hark! The Angels Sing

The First Noel

The Bells of Christmas

What Child Is This

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Easter 4/20/25 Early service OSL 7 am with breakfast. Late service 10 am Mona

5/25 - start of summer outdoor service

6/29/25 Joint worship at Lyle park

Lent services 7 PM, will we have fellowship prior to service?

MISSIONS

OAXACA 2025

The dates for the Oaxaca 2025 trip are Tuesday, February 11 through Wednesday, February 19th. At this time five individuals have purchased tickets and two are pending, waiting for their passports. Consider joining us!

The proposed project has changed. Pastor Israel's congregation, Garcia Abundant, is unable to commit to the construction of their facility at this time. Even without their project, our group will have a very busy week. Some of our activities will be: 1) We will be guests at a family blessing celebration; 2) we will assist and provide food, blankets and care packages to the 120 or more of the patient's visitors at the hospital ministry breakfast; 3) we will assist and provide coffee and bread to 150-200 men who come to the city from mountain villages seeking daily or short term employment; 4) we have been invited and will be honored guests at the annual New Generacion Pastor's Conference on February 16th. At the conference we will present Bibles, children's gift bags and we will present the monetary gifts--from your contributions—to the receiving congregations; 5) we will visit a congregation who recently purchased land for their future worship space—possibly our 2026 project; and 6) other things as time allows!! We look forward to seeing our Oaxaca Family!! Plan to join us.

Questions?? Call Monica at 507-438-2291 or Jan at 507-438-8627.
(Participants pay all their own expenses.)

Go Tell It on the Mountain

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you who prayed for Scott Willert. He is now back to work and is doing well.

Thank YOU to all of you who have served food on Sunday mornings for Fellowship.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

COMMUNITY

Lyle's 3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, Nov 30, 2024 at the City Park at 5:30 pm.

Santa and Mrs Claus will be available along with Hot Chocolate and Cookies.

Women's Connection

You are invited: Dec 9th from 9:30-11:30 am at the Eagles Club #703.

Cost: \$13.00. Special Feature and Music: Austinaires. Guest Speaker: Lori Meyer.

Merry Christmas! Bring a friend! Men are welcome too!

We meet on the second Monday of each month. This time together is enjoyable, inspiring and fun! We hope to see you there!

(107 11th St NE, Austin, MN)

Can Drive: At HOME First = Helping Others Means Everything

Please deposit your empty aluminum pop cans into the fenced trailer at Mona Lutheran Church. Thank YOU!

Cans for Cancer

Collecting aluminum cans though out the year with a collection box behind the Lyle Legion. Please donate your empty aluminum cans to a very worthy cause.

LYLE FOOD SHELF/PANTRY

>The food pantry at Our Savior's is *grateful* for your support, please help us keep our shelves full. **Needed:** Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Soups, Canned Meat (chicken, tuna, etc). Cash is always appreciated also.

>Typically the last Saturday of the month (Dec ? – watch and listen for more info) at Our Savior's in Lyle, they will hand out food bags at 10:00 am

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry

Mower County Fair Grounds host's Ruby's Pop-up Pantry the third Thursday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Doors open at 4:00 PM

Pub Theology

Different Brews ~ Different views ~ Beer, Conversation & God

All perspectives welcome!

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at Worth Brewing Company.

(835 Central Ave, Northwood, IA)

Hosted by First Lutheran and Northwood UMC