

**December Bible  
Study Plan**

**December 1, 2019 ~  
Advent 1**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

**December 8, 2019 ~  
Advent 2**

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

**December 15, 2019 ~  
Advent 3**

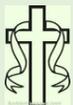
Isaiah 35:1-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

**December 22, 2019 ~  
Advent 4**

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

**December 29, 2019 ~  
Christmas 1**

Isaiah 63:7-9  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23



**Augustana Staff**

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Dan Forehand  
Deacon: Sister Nora Frost  
Treasurer: Randy Tinder  
Secretary: Kathy Nowak



# Augustana News

## December 2019

*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son,  
and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.  
Matthew 1:23*

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### **So What Is Special about December???**

*From Sister Nora Frost*

Advent begins four Sundays before December 25<sup>th</sup>, or the Sunday closest to St Andrew (November 30<sup>th</sup>), and ends midday on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The Savior's birth (Christmas) is second in importance only to the Resurrection (Easter). The last Sunday of the Church Year is celebrated as Christ the King Sunday and Advent begins a new church year for us. Advent (from Latin *adventus*, which means "coming into"), is a four week period of preparation, anticipation and reflection. The story of Jesus during Advent is the story of hope coming into the world. When the time was just right, God sent his son, Jesus, into the world. The Advent season helps us to prepare to receive Jesus not only into our homes but into our hearts because he is the hope of the world.

What are some Advent practices and traditions:

~You will notice the paraments on the altar, lectern, pulpit and the stoles worn by the Pastor and Deacon are blue (symbolizing hope in our coming King or they may be violet as a symbol of our repentance in preparation for our coming King.) The blue paraments used at Grace were given to the congregation by Sister Nora as a gift as she was consecrated to the Office of Deaconess on June 5, 1977.

~It has become common to use Advent wreaths in our churches and

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**Deadline for items for the January 2020  
Augustana News is Thursday, December 19th!**



in our homes to mark the weeks of Advent. Often the color on the third Sunday is rose (with the other three being blue or violet) to remind us that in the midst of preparing, anticipating and hoping we experience much joy. At our Deaconess Center in Pennsylvania we actually had a large circular metal wreath which held one candle for every day of Advent. It hung from the ceiling of our chapel and was lighted every day during Evening Prayer.

~Advent calendars have become an important tradition in some homes. Usually they have a window to open each day which shows or tells the story of the coming of Christmas. Unfortunately, lately you can find ones today that have a piece of chocolate, a tea bag, small toy or other non-religious symbols behind the windows.

~We gather for mid-week services. This year at noon at Grace and at 6pm for potluck and 7pm for mid-week service at Augustana. These services though reflective also heighten our awareness and anticipation for the celebration of Christ's coming in the flesh as an infant and growing into the one who would suffer and die on a cross so we might have life.

## A Stewardship Minute

December 2019

There once lived a lovely widow named Mrs. Hope; an appropriate name because she seemed always bursting with hope! She paid close attention to the needs and concerns of others, was nearly always cheerful and laughed easily. People loved to be in her presence. After her husband died she moved from their farmhouse into a home fairly close to her church, where she always helped where she could. She helped the secretary do her work, did some cleaning and kept the kitchen in good order. She did it all without fanfare, boasting or complaining. Whatever she did, she did to glorify God!

One day, the pastor walked through the sanctuary and saw Mrs. Hope waxing the pews. She sang as she worked: "Silver and gold have I none," she sang, "but such as I have I give to thee." (Acts 3:6) Those were the words that St. Peter said to a crippled beggar just before he lifted the man up to the Lord. The man was healed. This month's issue of *Stewardship* points out that Mrs. Hope was singing that she wanted to be an instrument of God just as Peter had been. Mrs. Hope was indeed a good steward of all that she had. She gave her time, her talent, her resources, her energy, her love...all for the glory of God. May God help us all to do the same! It would be the best Christmas gift we could give to the world!

**Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, help us to glorify you in all that we do and serve you with diligence and dedication. Through Christ our Lord, we pray.  
**Amen.**

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## *Where God is doing new things*

December 2019

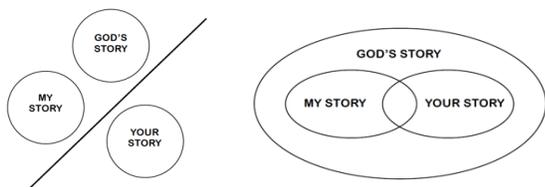
*“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!”*

(Angels to shepherds at the birth of Jesus as told in Luke 2:14)



In early November, my wife Janet, Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Heather Apel, and I heard the angels’ proclamation of peace for all people when we met in Guatemala with Bishop Izani Bruch and Marcelo Molla of the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana en Chile (aka IELCH, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile). We were gathered there for a triennial consultation with nearly 100 other ELCA synod leaders and the leaders of their companion churches from Latin America and the Caribbean.

While together, we crossed back and forth across boundaries established by culture, language, gender, race, and history to share stories of God’s presence and the work of God’s Spirit in each of our very different contexts and lives as individuals and as communities. We engaged these conversations under a model of accompaniment rooted in trust that in Christ God has reconciled all of us to God and each of us to one another. This, rather than an older model of global relationships that suggested that we have God and need to bring God to others. The two different models of relationship across culture and context look something like this:



The diagram on the right looks much more like the angels’ ancient message, doesn’t it? On earth, peace among those whom God favors, all wrapped in the glory and wonder of God’s goodness and grace and connected by that grace to one another.

In the Christ of Christmas God reconciles all to God and to one another. In the Babe of Bethlehem God crosses the boundaries that divide to swaddle all nations, people and creation in self-giving, life-giving love.

That’s why we agreed with our siblings of the IELCH to establish an annual day of prayer for one another on the First Sunday of Advent, beginning with this year. Because this was a late-breaking commitment to one another, more information, like sample prayers and some information about the IELCH, will be forthcoming by the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, those two diagrams and our companionship with the IELCH suggest a couple of Advent/Christmas questions to ponder as individuals and as communities of faith:

*What divisive boundaries do you see between the people around you, in your family, your congregation, your community, your world?*

*How might you and your faith community celebrate the Christ of Christmas by crossing those boundaries to live together into the life-giving, reconciling peace that radiates from the manger-borne babe?*

May profound peace and radiant joy surround and sustain you this holy season!

Bishop Bill Gafkjen

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Pictured above (left to right) are Marcelo Molla (IELCH), Jan Rosdail (W. Iowa Synod), Bishop Izani Bruch (IELCH), Bishop Bill Gafkjen, Janet Gafkjen, Pr. Heather Apel.



Pastor Dan Fugate and four youth from the Indiana-Kentucky Synod attended the ELCA National Youth Leadership Summit at Lutheridge in Arden, North Carolina, October 31 - November 3, 2019. Pictured above (left to right) are Rachel Schade (St. Thomas, Richmond, KY), Jonathan Baber (Trinity, Terre Haute, IN), Hannah Limbong (Christ, Jeffersontown, KY), and Abigail Offhaus (St. John, Fort Wayne, IN). Students learned peer ministry skills that they can use in our synod, in their congregations, at school, and anywhere they encounter those who are in need.



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**Youth having Baby Shower for Jesus**

Each Sunday during the Month of December members of the congregation are being asked to bring baby items to the church narthex and place them in the baby bed in the outer narthex. Baby items will be given to CAPS for those who may be struggling to provide even basic items for their newborn. As the youth thank Jesus for the gift of life which we have received they are asking that you help them prepare this baby shower in thanks for the birth of Jesus. Items which you may want to consider giving include:

Diapers diaper cream burp cloth body suit baby wipes baby powder teething toys toy rattle

Baby bottles baby lotion baby blankets baby boots and hats sweaters baby bag baby books

Bath toys baby shampoo baby comb/brush baby sleepers

Whatever you can bring the youth will appreciate your contribution.

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**25-Cent Sale - Grace Fellowship Hall**  
**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM (After Faith is Fun) and**  
**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-12NOON.**

Grace will be sponsoring a 25-cent sale for children of the neighbor to be able to purchase gifts for their family and friends. If you have small items which can be used for the sale, please mark them "25-cent sale" and leave them at the church. We will need items for both men and women. We will also need some wrapping paper and bows

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**Advent Devotional booklets available**

If you have not picked up a copy of your Advent booklet, please find them in the narthex. Hopefully, you will take time out of your busy day during the Advent season to sit down and light a candle on your Advent wreath (one candle for each day the first week of Advent, two for each day the second week of Advent and so on). Read the scripture verse and take some time to ponder the special verse. Read the meditation for the day taking time to reflect on what it means for you at this time in your life. Conclude by praying the brief prayer.

You will also find these devotions on the church Facebook page. One will be posted each day.

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**2020 Offering Envelopes out in Narthex at Grace and Augustana**

Please pick up your 2020 offering envelopes and help the church save \$4.00 per envelope pack to mail these to you.

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**Advent Mid-Week Services – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>**

This year Mid-Week Advent Services will be on the three Wednesday's in Advent. These services will be meditative and provide time for you to reflect on the word as well as the music of Advent. Plan to attend and why not bring a friend, family member or neighbor with you?

12Noon service each Wednesday at Grace

6PM Potluck each Wednesday at Augustana

7PM service each Wednesday at Augustana

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**Saint Nicholas Day – December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone has heard of Jolly Old St. Nicholas and we have thought that is just another name for Santa Claus. If that is what you have thought, you would be only partially correct. Although Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, (ca 342) has become one of the most popular saints on the Christian Calendar, nearly nothing is known about his life. He was a Bishop of Myra on the south-west coast of Asia Minor (Turkey) during the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Beyond those bare facts nothing is really for certain. There are many legends of how he aided the poor, children, maidens, travelers, sailors and merchants. He was known to be a guardian against thieves and violence.

Because of his popularity he was impersonated by a man with a white beard, in the vestments of a bishop, who was kind to children. In Holland, even after the Reformation, Sinter Klaas in Bishop's vestments and riding on a white horse, visits children on the eve of his feast day (the evening of Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>). The popular figure was brought to New York by the Dutch and combined with the English Father Christmas. His day was moved from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> and his Bishop's clothing was replaced by secular clothing. He retained his cheerful colors, the name Santa Claus, and the association with gift-giving. In 560 the Emperor Justinian dedicated a church to Nicholas in Constantinople.

Lutherans, Roman Catholics and Episcopalians commemorate St. Nicholas on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and remind ourselves that just as Nicholas was faithful in the care and nurture of God's people and was generous in giving gifts to those in need we too should follow his example and may grow in grace that people might see Christ in and through us.

Do a small deed of kindness on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and bring a smile to the face of someone who will be surprised and wonder what you are up to.

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**Education during December**

Children will have Sunday School during the month of December. Children will leave for class immediately following the children's sermon. The Adult class being taught by Greg Smith will end Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Education classes for Adults will resume in January.

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**Saint Lucy's Day Commemorated December 13  
Celebrated during the sermon on Sunday, December 15**

Saint Lucy's Day, also called the Feast of Saint Lucy, is a Christian feast day celebrated on December 13<sup>th</sup> in Advent, commemorating this 3<sup>rd</sup> century martyr under the Diocletianic Persecution. It is recorded that Saint Lucy brought "food to aid Christians hiding in the catacombs": using a candle-lit wreath on her head to "light her way and leave her hands free to carry as much food as possible". Saint Lucy's Day is celebrated by Lutherans, Roman Catholics and Episcopalians as well as a few other denominations and is done so most commonly in Scandinavia and in Italy. In Scandinavia where Saint Lucy is called Santa Lucia in Norwegian and Danish and Sankta Lucia in Swedish, she is represented as a lady in a white dress (a symbol of the Christian's white baptismal robe) and a red sash (symbolizing the blood of her martyrdom) with a crown or wreath of candles on her head. This has long been a tradition at Augustana and typically someone sings the Santa Lucia Song in Swedish. Saint Lucy and her court are then in place after the reading of the history and singing of the songs to share cookies and coffee with all in attendance.

On Sunday morning, December 15<sup>th</sup> Santa Lucia and her court will share the story during the sermon time and will then offer coffee and cookies during the fellowship time after the service.

In the ELCA which is the successor church to the hundreds of Scandinavian and German congregations, St Lucy is treated as a commemoration on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

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**Blue Christmas Service – December 21<sup>st</sup> -4PM at Grace**

Perhaps the concept of a Blue Christmas is new to you. There have been several churches in the Elkhart area doing this service for 30 plus years. The idea behind the service is to provide a quiet, contemplative service as a way to care for those who are sad or struggling during the Christmas season when everyone all around seems to be caught up in joyous celebrations. In the northern hemisphere this service is often offered on the Longest Night around the 21 or 22<sup>nd</sup> when we experience the most darkness before the days start to grow longer. We have a number of people in our congregations who are struggling with different kinds of pain and loss at the moment. Many have experienced the death of a loved one.

Numerous people in our community have said that they don't feel very Christmassy this year. This service will provide those for whom Christmas is a difficult time the opportunity to hear not only about the baby in the manger but about the God who comes to us in the midst of our messy and often pain filled lives.

Please invite others to join you as you come to this service. Invite those who are grieving, who have experienced significant loss, those who are alone, & those who have difficulty rejoicing during this season to come with you

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**Christmas Eve Service Schedule:**

**3:30PM – Family Service/Youth and children – Augustana**

**7:00 PM – Candlelight, Carol and Communion – Grace**

**11:00 PM – Traditional Candlelight, Carol and Communion – Augustana**



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**Sunday - 9 AM Worship looking ahead:**

**January at Augustana**

**February at Grace**

**March at Augustana**

**April at Grace**

**Be watching for information on mid-week Lenten services and Holy Week and Easter Services.**

**It is hoped that the consolation teams will have most of their work done and reported to the congregation providing us with some clear decisions to make moving forward.**

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**Plan ahead: Church Office will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day**

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December 15th - St. Lucia at Grace during sermon.

Needed: Kids to participate in readings and processing and recessing.

Cookies for after the service to represent that St. Lucia brings light and food.



All through December baby donations will be accepted at Grace in a "pack and play." Diapers, wipes, towels, wash clothes, shampoo, soap, lotion are just a few examples. These donations will then be delivered to CAPS of Elkhart



### Update on Lenten Booklet

Thanks to everyone who agreed (willingly or not so willingly) to participate in the preparation of the 2020 Lenten Devotional Booklet.

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Mark 1:1-13 Linda Iavagnilio  
 Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Mark 1:14-28 Melody Robertson  
 Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Mark 1:29-45 Sharon Windmiller  
 Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> – Mark 2:1-17 Gerald Croop  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mark 3:1-19 Eva Brewer  
 March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mark 3: 20-35 Diana Erickson  
 March 4<sup>th</sup> – Mark 4:1-20 Amy Shelly  
 March 5<sup>th</sup> – Mark 4:21-41 Mary Olson  
 March 6<sup>th</sup> – Mark 5:1-20 Barbara High  
 March 7<sup>th</sup> – Mark 5:21-43 Valeria Corson  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> – Mark 6:14-34 Brenda Miller  
 March 10<sup>th</sup> – Mark 6:35-56 Chloe Cornwell  
 March 11<sup>th</sup> – Mark 7:1-23 Keith Johnson  
 March 12<sup>th</sup> – Mark 7:24-37 Dave O’Neil  
 March 13<sup>th</sup> – Mark 8:1-21 Bill LeFever  
 March 14<sup>th</sup> – Mark 8:22-38 Susan Todt  
 March 16<sup>th</sup> – Mark 9:14-32 Dawn Frutig  
 March 17<sup>th</sup> – Mark 9:33-50 Ruth Veamo  
 March 18<sup>th</sup> – Mark 10:1-12 Gunnar Erickson  
 March 19<sup>th</sup> – Mark 10:13-31 Tim Swinehart

March 20<sup>th</sup> – Mark 10:32-52 Judy Brouwer  
 March 21<sup>st</sup> – Mark 11: 1-19 Bonnie Rice  
 March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mark 12:1-12 Ed Frutig  
 March 24<sup>th</sup> – Mark 12:13-27 Greg Smith  
 March 25<sup>th</sup> – Mark 12:28-44 Heidi Moyer  
 March 26<sup>th</sup> – Mark 13:1-23 Maralee Macumber  
 March 27<sup>th</sup> – Mark 13:24-37 John Metz  
 March 28<sup>th</sup> – Mark 14: 1-11 Janet Ermis  
 March 30<sup>th</sup> – Mark 14:32-52 Deb Rowland  
 March 31<sup>st</sup> – Mark 14:53-72 Cheryl Mann  
 April 1<sup>st</sup> – Mark 15:1-15 Riley Wolschlager  
 April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mark 15:16-32 Amy Wolschlager  
 April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mark 15:33-47 Abby Wolschlager  
 April 4<sup>th</sup> – Mark 16:1-20 Natalie Wolschlager  
 April 6<sup>th</sup> – Hebrews 2:1-18 Nichole Metz  
 April 7<sup>th</sup> – Hebrews 3:1-19 Jane Jamison  
 April 8<sup>th</sup> – Hebrews 4:1-16 Pastor Dan  
 April 9<sup>th</sup> – Hebrews 5:1-14 Chris Kidd  
 April 10<sup>th</sup> – Hebrews 6:1-20 Judy Duck  
 April 11<sup>th</sup> – Hebrews 7:1-22 Nancy Tinder  
 April 12<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 28:1-10 Shamaya Bell

Please take time to read through the scripture passage for the day that you have chosen, then in **100 words or less** tell us what you believe the passage is trying to tell us or what meaning the passage has for you. Perhaps something new came to your mind when you read the passage. This should be a summary of the verses rather than simply reflecting on the text verse by verse. Then write a one to three sentence prayer which further summarizes how you hope God will bless us through this day of Lent. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Nora at 574-226-1412.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Dogs welcome in 1-mile stroll!**

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 3:05PM 1 Mile Sweater Stroll  
 4:15PM Awards & Entertainment

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*Present: A.J. Diller, Keith Johnson, Heidi Scupham, Janet Ermis, Bonnie Rice, Doris Koontz, Maralee Macumber, Don & Dee Smith, Sr. Nora Frost, Randy Tinder and Kathy Nowak*

Sister Nora led the joint councils in opening devotions, then Grace and Augustana councils met separately to discuss each church's business.

Minutes from the October Council Meeting- Keith Johnson asked if there were any questions or concerns on the minutes. Janet Ermis moved to accept the minutes; Heidi Scupham seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pledge/Giving report - Keith Johnson asked if there were any questions or concerns on the report. Doris Koontz moved to accept the report; Janet Ermis seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Treasurer's report- Keith Johnson asked if there were any questions or concerns on the report. Janet Ermis moved to accept the report; Heidi Scupham seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pastor Dan's report – Report was reviewed by Council.

Sister Nora's report – Report was reviewed by Council. Sister Nora had also asked to take off for the first week of December to visit friends which the council supported.

**Finance Committee** – Keith Johnson reported that the committee met today, and they expect to have a preliminary 2020 budget for the December council meeting. It is expected to reflect the same expenses as the 2019 budget.

**Stewardship Committee** – Keith Johnson noted that the stewardship committee met and that there will be no temple talks, and only one letter going out in January with a Time & Talent sheet and a pledge card.

**Parish Education Committee** – Heidi Scupham reported that Diane Erickson has done Sunday School classes in November. The Sunday School classes in Grace will be led by Stacy Fann and Emily Moyer. Also, in December the youth project will be to have a "Baby Shower for Jesus," requesting baby items be brought to the church and then at the end of the month donate the items to a local children service. The Santa Lucia Festival will be held during the December 15<sup>th</sup> worship service, Lilly Ganczak will act as Santa Lucia.

**Worship & Music Committee** – AJ Diller reported that the committee is planning through Epiphany.

**Social Ministry & Evangelism Committee** – Bonnie Rice reported that the committee has not recently met, but they did give the remaining Monday Night Meals food to the Grace Food Pantry.

**Endowment Committee** – Don and Dee Smith reported that there will not be a meeting until the end of December when it is time to distribute new scholarship funds.

**Memorial Committee** – Janet Ermis noted that there was no meeting held or scheduled.

**Property Committee** – Keith Johnson asked Kathy Nowak to give a summary of the projects that Dave Ermis has been working on, and other projects that have come up. Kathy reported that Dave has completed what he is able to do on the list other than a "Not an Exit" sign that is

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on order. There are several items that need a professional electrician and plumber. Kathy will contact these people and let Keith know when they can come to quote the projects.

Old Business:

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New Business:

\*Diane Erickson proposed a project for the youth of both churches. The council reviewed it, but thought it would be best tabled until consolidation teams had time to look at it.

\*Secretary Kathy Nowak requested the Friday after Thanksgiving off as a vacation day.

Augustana and Grace Councils came back together for further consolidation work, including committee reports.

Sister Nora closed with devotions.

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Giggles

Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.

The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

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When the very unlikely pastor was announced as the new bishop, reporters at the news conference clamored for a quote.

"I feel like a mosquito at a nudist camp," the still shocked minister said, "I know what to do, but I don't quite know where to start."





## KID'S PAGE

### Snowman Word Search

COAL SNOW  
CARROT STICKS  
SCARF TOP HAT



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E O Y C Q V B  
T O R R A C T  
S K C I T S O  
M D D C Q G P  
C S N O W R H  
K F R A C S A  
F C M L V W T

Lenny: What does Santa say at the start of a race?

Jenny: I don't know.

Lenny: Ready, set, Ho! Ho! Ho!

Trey: What do you get when you cross a snowman and a dog?

Brandon: I give up.

Trey: Frost bite!

Will: Where do snowmen keep their money?

Bill: Beats me.

Will: In a snow bank!

### December Craft-Button Snowflakes

#### Materials:

- \*Popsicle sticks
- \*a variety of buttons
- \*glue gun and glue sticks
- \*ribbon or fishing line

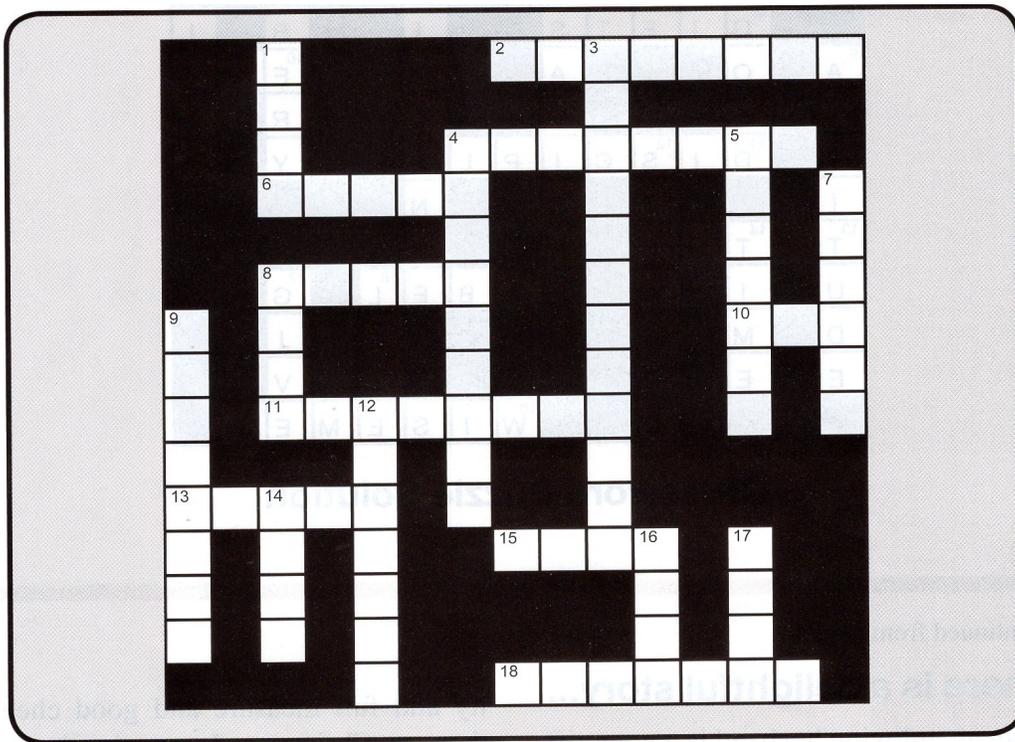
#### Instructions

1. **Glue four Popsicle sticks** together to make the snowflake shape, one on top of the other.
2. **Arrange the buttons on the snowflake** so you get an idea of where you want them to go. Once you have decided, glue them on the snowflake. Use as little or as many as you wish! Remember, each snowflake is unique!
3. **To finish**, tie a piece of fishing line or ribbon on the snowflake so you can hang them! These look lovely displayed in a window where they can catch light.



This window snowflake crafts for kids is so easy to make, that children may want to make several. And because they are so inexpensive to whip up, that shouldn't be a problem! This snowflake craft for kids is simple enough to do with a large group of children, or low-key enough to do at your kitchen table with just your own kiddos. Happy crafting!

## Stewardship Crossword



### ACROSS

2. Used to pay church expenses.
4. The focus our hearts, become our \_\_\_ (Matthew 6:21).
6. Incense brought to the baby Jesus as a gift by the wise men.
8. God is the giver of all good and perfect \_\_\_ (James 1:17).
10. The first female steward in the Garden of Eden.
11. Follower of Jesus.
13. 10% of our increase belongs to God.
15. He made the first animal offering recorded in the bible.
18. They worshipped the baby Jesus with their gifts.

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1. The first male steward in the Garden of Eden.
3. Perfume brought to the baby Jesus as a gift by the wise men.
4. Christ, God's greatest gift to mankind (Luke 2:10-11).
5. An unfaithful steward is guilty of this sin (Malachi 3:8).
7. A gift from God (e.g. singing, writing, teaching).
8. Precious metal brought to the baby Jesus as a gift by the wise men.
9. How we receive God's gifts.
12. Caretaker of god's property.
14. Gift from God measured in hours, minutes and seconds.
16. Our motive for giving.
17. It is more blessed to \_\_\_ than to receive (Acts 20:35).

[answers on page 14]



## **The Season of Advent**

From the fourth Sunday before Christmas to December 24.

Preparations for Christmas take place during December, in a time of growing darkness. This preparation is called Advent. The word means 'coming'. The deepening darkness of Advent can remind us that one day our lives will end and so will the world. But wondrously, Christ will bring creation to a new birth. In this season of waiting, with John the Baptist we muster the strength to struggle against injustice. With expectant Mary, in peace we await Christ's holy birth.



### **Festival of St. Lucia - December 15th**

at Grace, during worship in lieu of sermon and hymn of the day

### **Wednesdays in Advent - December 4th, 11th, 18th**

Mid-week Advent Services will provide time for prayer, readings, and song around the themes "Do Less," "Wonder," and "Hope."

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December 4th: "Do Less" - "What can you let go of, or erase, from your 'to-do' list in order to be more present with Christ this Advent?"

December 11th: "Experience Wonder" - "How can we experience wonder for God's works and be fed by wonder in the midst of this busy season?"

December 18th: "Hold on to Hope" - "How can we hold on to hope in the midst of the world's troubles."

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12:00pm - worship at Grace;

6:00pm - potluck meal at Augustana; 7:00pm - worship at Augustana

### **Blue Christmas Worship - December 22nd**

4:00pm - at Grace

### **Christmas Eve - December 24th**

3:30pm - Children/Family Worship at Augustana

7:00pm - Candlelight, Carol and Communion Worship at Grace

11:00pm - Traditional Candlelight, Carols & Communion Worship at Augustana

Year-to-Date Noisy Offering:  
\$476.50



## Church News

### Coming Up in December and January

Sundays in December - worship at 9AM at Grace. Christmas Worship Services - 3:30PM at Augustana; 7PM at Grace; 11PM at Augustana. Sundays in January - worship at 9AM at Augustana.

December 1 - Adult Education after worship.

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Baby Shower for Jesus, bring baby items to Grace on Sundays.

December 3, 10, 17 - Bells Practice at 6PM and Choir Practice at 7PM at Grace.

December 4 - Breakfast Club meets at the Golden Egg at 9AM.

December 4, 11, 18 - Advent Worship at Noon at Grace. Wednesday Worship at 4PM at Grace.

Potluck (6PM) and Advent Worship (7PM) at Augustana.

December 10 - "25-cent Sale" at 6PM at Grace (after Faith Is Fun).

December 14 - Men's Breakfast at 8:30AM at Tradewind's.

"25-cent Sale" from 10AM to 12PM at Grace.

December 15 - The Festival of Sankta Lucia during worship at Grace.

December 16 - Joint Grace/ Augustana Council Meeting at 6:30PM at Grace.

December 22 - Blue Christmas Worship at 4PM at Grace.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship: 3:30PM at Augustana; 7PM at Grace; 11PM at Augustana.

December 24, 25 and January 1 - Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day ~ Church Office Closed.

January - Prayer Group on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month; Noisy Offering and Blood Pressure checks on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.

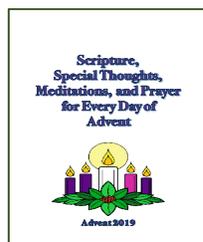
January 7, 14, 21, 28 - Bells Practice at 6PM and Choir Practice at 7PM at Grace.

January 8, 15, 22, 29 - Wednesday Worship at 4PM at Grace.

January 20 - Joint Grace/ Augustana Council Meeting at 6:30PM at Augustana.

Available throughout the Advent season...

*Scripture, Special Thoughts, Meditations, and Prayers for Every Day of Advent*



The food pantry at Grace is in dire need of food items.

Please bring items to church to be distributed at Grace on Tuesdays at 10am.

<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement</b>	<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date Offerings to General Fund</b> [as of 11/24/2019]
\$122,836.00	\$105,651.79
<b>November Monthly Budget</b>	<b>November Offerings to General Fund</b> [as of 11/24/2019]
\$16,942.00	\$12,299.64
<b>November Weekly Budget</b>	<b>September Average Weekly Attendance</b>
\$4,235.50	116

[Fiscal Year runs Feb.1 thru Jan. 31]

# Congregation Care Corner



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*December Anniversaries*  
*Jon & Ann Howard 12/17*  
*Andy & Heidi Scupham 12/20*



*December Birthdays*  
*Melanie Watson 12/6*  
*Tim Ball 12/7*  
*Christine Jeffirs Moore 12/11*  
*Janie Williams 12/12*  
*Deb Ludlow 12/14*  
*Andy Mills 12/15*  
*Timothy Cunningham 12/18*  
*Brenda Miller 12/24*  
*Jerry Duck 12/27*  
*Marilyne Mann 12/29*

*Unto Us  
 a Child is Born*



And she shall bring forth a son,  
 and thou shalt call his name  
 Jesus: for he shall save his people  
 from their sins.

~Matthew 1:21



*Prayer List*

Russ Anderson; Dick & Mary  
 Cassel; Carolyn Caton-Pindell;  
 Tyler Conley; Gary & Cathy  
 Davis; Barbara Dills; Eunice Edmonds; Amy Garl;  
 Brynleigh Iavagnilio; Gina Iannarelli; Stephanie  
 Iavagnilio; Betty Johnson; Sadie Knepper; Amy  
 Miller; Kathy Miller; Olivia Noelle Mills; Marie  
 Moberg; Janet Moyer; Gretta Peterson; Wini  
 Rogers; Harry Rombke; Juanita Schumaker; Thom  
 Swanson; June Williamson

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To add someone's name you may email requests to  
[secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net](mailto:secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net) or drop off new  
 requests to the church office.

*Altar Flowers  
 for December*



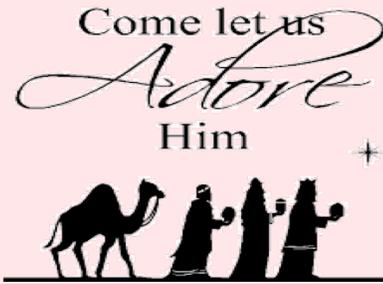
*December 1 ~  
 Grace Member  
 December 8 ~*

*In Honor of Jack Frost by Sister Nora Frost*

*December 15 ~  
 Grace Member  
 December 22 ~  
 Grace Member  
 December 29 ~  
 Grace Member*

DECEMBER 2019  
SERVER'S SCHEDULE

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*Assisting Minister:*  
Garrett Ganczak (3:30pm)

Scott Watson (11pm)

*Communion Assistant:*

Lily Ganczak (3:30pm)

Bonnie Rice (11pm)

*Altar Guild:*

Heidi Paston & Bonnie Rice

*Counter:*

Chris Mills

December 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve 3:30PM Service

*Greeters:* Jillian Scupham & Olivia Knepper

*Ushers:* Brenda Miller & Reese Metz

*Servers:* Keegan & Liam Peterson

*Lector:* George Scupham

*Nursery:* Nancy Tinder

*Sound:* Chuck Miller

December 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve 11:00PM Service

*Greeters:* Jerry & Judy Duck

*Ushers:* Brooke Watson & Deb Rowland

*Servers:* Dorothy Moyer & Jack Watson

*Lector:* Melanie Watson

*Nursery:* Emily Moyer

*Sound:* Mark Moyer

*Reminder: If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement - and let the church office know who the replacement is. Contact information: [secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net](mailto:secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net) or 574.294.3823. Thank you.*

# December 2019



Today in the town of David  
a Savior has been born to you;  
he is the Messiah, the Lord.

~Luke 2:11

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Advent 1 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Grace After Worship: Fellowship; Adult Education <i>Baby Shower for Jesus</i>		6PM-Bell Practice at Grace 7PM-Choir Practice at Grace	9AM-Breakfast Club meets at Golden Egg 12PM-Advent Worship at Grace 4PM-Worship at Grace 6PM-Potluck and 7PM-Advent Worship at Augustana			
Advent 2 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Grace w/ installation of Grace Council After Worship: Fellowship <i>Baby Shower for Jesus</i>		6PM-25¢ Sale at Grace (after Faith Is Fun) 6PM-Bell Practice at Grace 7PM-Choir Practice at Grace	12PM-Advent Worship at Grace 4PM-Worship at Grace 6PM-Potluck and 7PM-Advent Worship at Augustana			8:30AM-Grace/Augustana Men's Breakfast at Tradewinds 8AM to 12PM- 25¢ Sale at Grace
Advent 3 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Grace w/ Festival of Sankta Lucia After Worship: Fellowship <i>Baby Shower for Jesus</i> 2-5PM-Advent Open House at Pastor Dan & Kim's House	6:30PM-Joint Council Meeting at Grace	6PM-Bell Practice at Grace 7PM-Choir Practice at Grace	12PM-Advent Worship at Grace 4PM-Worship at Grace 6PM-Potluck and 7PM-Advent Worship at Augustana			
Advent 4 22	23	Christmas Eve 24	Christmas Day	26	27	28
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Grace After Worship: Fellowship 4PM-Blue Christmas Worship <i>Baby Shower for Jesus</i>		Church Office Closed 3:30PM-Children & Family Worship at Augustana 7PM-Traditinal Worship at Grace 11PM-Candlelight Worship at Augustana	Church Office Closed			
Christmas 1 29	30	New Year's Eve 31				
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Grace After Worship: Fellowship <i>Baby Shower for Jesus</i>						

# December

2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Bible Study	2 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew	3 10:00am Food Pantry 10:40am Susanna's K. 4:45pm Confirmation 5:30pm Faith is Fun! 6:00pm Bell Choir	4 12:00 noon Advent worship/GLC 4:00pmWrship/Grace 6:00pm/Potluck/Aug 7:00pm/Worship/Aug	5 Church Office Closed	6 Church Office Closed	7 
8 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship COUNCIL INSTALLATION 2:30pm Recital	9 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew	10 10:00am Food Pantry 5:30pm Faith is Fun! 6:00pm 25¢ SALE 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	11 12:00 noon Advent worship/GLC 4:00pmWrship/Grace 6:00pm/Potluck/Aug 7:00pm/Worship/Aug	12 Church Office Closed	13 Church Office Closed	14 8:30am Men in Tradewinds 10:00-12:00 am 25¢ sale
15 9:00am FESTIVAL OF ST. LUCIA at Grace 10:00am Fellowship 2:00-5:00pm Open House @ Pastor Dan's	16 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew 9:30am Clothing Room 6:30pm Church Council at Grace	17 10:00am Food Pantry 5:30pm Faith is Fun! 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	18 12:00 noon Advent worship/GLC 4:00pmWrship/Grace 6:00pm/Potluck/Aug 7:00pm/Worship/Aug	19 Church Office Closed	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 4:00pm @ Grace/ BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP	23 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 3:30pm - Worship @ Augustana 7:00pm - Worship @ Grace 11:00pm - Worship @ Augustana	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 	26	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	30 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew	31				

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