

*Northeast Kansas
Lutheran Church Partnership
*LCMS**

NOVEMBER, 2021



*From the Pastor's Study
Pastor Kinney
Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist*

Adventide Home Traditions

(See the back page of the Newsletter for readings, prayers, and instructions)

Along with Lent, Advent has always been seasons of repentance and Scriptural study. For some ideas on what you and your family could do to cultivate a life of prayer in Advent (Starts November 28), here are some ancient Advent traditions that Christian families have practiced throughout the centuries.

First, the Advent wreath. On the first day of Advent (Nov 28), Christian families have historically set up an Advent wreath. This is a wreath of greenery adorned by a set of four candles, typically, three violet or blue colored, and one rose-colored to match the historic vestments for each of the 4 Sundays in Advent. The wreath is often set upon the dining room table and the respective candle(s) are lit for dinner and evening prayer each week. At midnight on Christmas Eve, the Advent wreath has a white "Christ candle" placed in the middle. This Christ Candle is used until Epiphany (Jan 6).



Much could be said about the Advent wreath, but we will suffice it here to say that it allows for a beautiful home tradition that teaches us about Jesus (as all good traditions do). In this tradition, we see our homes filled with growing light and warmth each week of Advent until we anticipate the celebration of the coming of the Light of the World. Though we sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, the Light of the World has visited us to guide our feet into the way of peace. In this tradition we see an image of Christ being a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, the Light no darkness can overcome, and this is the confession made by the Advent wreath.

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Another option that can be used alongside of the Advent wreath is *the Jesse Tree*. This is a way to teach the Story of Salvation to your children and to be reminded of that story yourself. Even if you don't have kids and have been a student of the Scriptures for 70 years, we are always a student of God's Word. A Jesse Tree is a depiction of the genealogy of Jesus designed in such a way as to show that He springs from the "root of Jesse," the father of King David, (Isaiah 11:1). A Jesse Tree in the home is simply the ancient Advent custom of using a collection of symbols that portray the fact that Jesus *has* come. These symbols can be hung on a small, tabletop-sized tree, or on a two-dimensional wooden tree, or on the family's Christmas tree. The symbolic ornaments, which can vary from family to family, can be store-bought or homemade. There is no rules about this but I have some examples on the back of the newsletter (even if you don't have or make a Jesse Tree, you could still do the Scripture readings). The ornaments could be painted onto wooden rounds, wood carved into shapes, embroidered onto linen rounds which are then sewn onto round hoops to hold their shape, painted on

paper, cut out from cardboard, etc. You can also look online and easily find beautiful *Chrismons* or Jesse Tree Ornaments. These symbolic ornaments can be placed on the tree after dinner or evening prayer—one per day—as the father reads the corresponding reading (see end of newsletter).

As we anticipate the celebration of God coming in the flesh, this is a great way to teach our children, and remind ourselves, about how all of the Scriptures had been pointing to Jesus for so long and that in the fullness of time, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem us (Gal 4:4). After our people had come out of Egypt, Moses told them "When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?' then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.'" (Deut 6:20-21).

So when your children ask you about why the Church does certain things, you can tell them it is because we were slaves in sin but Christ has come, born of Mary, to redeem us with a mighty hand nailed to the cross. The Church is all about catechesis and that is what traditions like these are so good at doing. They teach. This is part of the heritage we have been given to pass on to our children so that they might know who Jesus is and what He has done.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite all kids to come and join us for Sunday School!

Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at **9:15am** at **First and Zion**.

Sunday School at **St. Paul** starts after the service at **9:30am**.

The Zion Adult Bible Class and the **First Adult Bible Class** meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Please come join us!!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Military: (F) Liam Blum, Kelsey Blum, Aaron Foist; Allan Feek, Kevin Remmers; (I) Tristan Knott, Chad O'Brien, Daniel Wheeler, Paul Reynolds Jr.; (SP) Kyle Vanness, Mary Burkett, Spencer Ernst, Bert Ernst.

Care Facilities & Shut-Ins: (F) Stan Kohlmeier, LaVonne Thieme, Gerrienne & Don Heim, Rosemary Scher, Eldon Schwant; (I) Gene Rice, Emma Middendorf; (StP) Carol Bauer, Betty Allen; (Z) Judy Clay, Darlene Covert, Connie Kneisel, Lawrence Thonen, Jaynell & Donald Robidoux.

Also in our prayers: (F) J.M. Swart, Evelyn Goodman, Marcia Spellmeier, Don Windle, Fred Feek, Carla Bishop, Roger Riekenberg, Lisa Riekenberg, Curtis Cook, Sara Clements, Crystal Kinkler, Gabriel Cook, Melonie Creek, Darrel & Sharon Cohoon, Megan McConnauey; (IMM) Fred Meeks, Roger Pusch, Abigail McFall, Janice Backer; (St.P) Charlotte Kruse, Danny Bauerle, Chris Torrey, Vauncille Barrett, Doug Barrett; (Z) Debbie & Andy Trent, Jackie Bianchi, Sherry Hartley.

We Remember the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord, and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Nov 1-Mitch Meyer, Nov 2-Mylia Rygaard, Nov 3-Noah Rygaard, Nov 3-Amanda Davidson,
Nov 4-Mike Ogden, Nov 4-Tiffany Orton, Nov 4-Abram Schuette, Nov 6-David Bauerle,
Nov 6-Janette Thonen, Nov 6-Jackson Heiniger, Nov 7-Bertha Kruse, Nov 7-Arika Ryan,
Nov 8-Wyatt DeJong, Nov 8-Michelle Georg, Nov 11-Jaynell Robidoux, Nov 11-Bennett Sullivan,
Nov 12-Justin Lowe, Nov 13-Lawrence Thonen, Nov 14-Kennedy Kleopfer, Nov 16-Tim Davidson,
Nov 16-Richard Shefferd, Nov 18-Sharon Meyer, Nov 18-Deb Sjulín, Nov 18-Doris Kneisel,
Nov 19-Clint Meyer, Nov 22-Daniel Upham, Nov 24-Richard Clay, Nov 25-Sara Bauer,
Nov 27-Hadden Bachelor, Nov 27-Jill Sprick, Nov 29-Justin Sprick, Nov 29-Clif Heiniger,
Nov 29-Denielle Thieme, Nov 30-Eldon Mellenbruch, Nov 30-Gus Remmers, Nov 30-Ettalyn Sheik*

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

*Nov 1-Dennis & Cindy Manche, Nov 3-Darrell & Sara Bauer, Nov 5-Jennifer & Heath Ploeger,
Nov 7-Michael & Keremy Bachelor, Nov 9-Stuart & Malerie Manche, Nov 11-Matt & Sydney Bosworth,
Nov 12-Steve & Nancy Manche, Nov 12-Roger & Liz Ploeger, Nov 12-Levi & Tiffany Orton,
Nov 13-Lawrence & Donna Thonen, Nov 16-John & Carole Feek, Nov 19-Larry & Doris Kneisel,
Nov 28-Taylor & Candice Rahe, Nov 28-Ken & Joyce Meyer, Nov 29-Jeremy & Amanda Davidson*

MEETINGS

JOINT ELDERS – November 8th @ 7:00pm
JOINT COUNCIL – November 15th @ 7:00pm

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday nights at 6:30pm at
St. Paul Lutheran in Fairview

Evening Prayer Service
@6:00pm
Adult Bible Study
@6:30pm



Partnership Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study
meets on
Tuesday nights at 6:30pm.
This is held at
Zion Lutheran
in Hiawatha.
Please plan to join us!

NEW PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE

Our website, (www.neklutherans.org), contains the history of the partnership and partnership churches, a calendar of events, recent happenings and a hint of what will be happening in the future. There is an activity page to look at and new pictures are added frequently. It has past copies of the newsletters and the calendar for you to reference. Special announcements are also placed on the website. Go to www.neklutherans.org.



*If you have a smartphone,
scan this square with your
phone's camera to check out
our new website!*



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH:

LYF will meet on the first Sunday of the month
unless otherwise posted.
This will be at First Lutheran from 5:30-7:30pm.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP US UP TO DATE:

*If you have a new phone number, address, or email address,
please make sure you send it to the Partnership office.*



You can e-mail the office at
office@NEKpartnership.org or call 785-740-0268.
The office would also like the names and addresses
of any members who are at college. Thank You!

SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER

FIRST LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

Nov 7th: **Elders**–Steve Huneke & Scott Schremmer, **Acolytes**–Lily Pearson & Tinner Bachelor,
Ushers–Steve Huneke & Shaun Pearson, **Greeters**–Ken & Joyce Meyer, **Counters**–Darrell Schuette
& Steve Aeschliman

Nov 14th: **Elders**–Dwight Edelman & Shane Schuette, **Acolytes**–Paycen Schremmer & Naomi Pearson,
Ushers–Jordan Huneke & Ken Meyer, **Greeters**–Shane Schuette Family, **Counters**–Heather Lehwald
& Stan Remmers

Nov 21st: **Elders**–Patrick Cochran & Kurt Detweiler, **Acolytes**–Chloe Detweiler & Millie Stoller,
Ushers–Mike Bulk & John Feek, **Greeters**–Patrick Cochran Family, **Counters**–Patty Remmers & Jason Steiner

Nov 28th: **Elders**–Scott Schremmer & Steve Huneke, **Acolytes**–Jethro Steiner & Tyson Detweiler,
Ushers–Les Trentman & Stan Remmers, **Greeters**–Scott Schremmer Family, **Counters**–Glenna Strahm
& Allan Spellmeier

Altar Guild for November: Glenna Strahm, Sarah Strahm, Martha Pearson

Trustees for November: Stan Remmers & Matt Bosworth

ZION LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

Nov 7th: **Elder**–Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**–Remington Killman, **Ushers**–Leon Wissmann & Chad Hinton,
Greeters–Bob & Virginia Freese, **Lector**–Jessica Gigstad, **Sound System**–Leon Wissmann

Nov 14th: **Elder**–Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**–Brady Killman, **Ushers**–Bob Freese & Larry Walter,
Greeters–Bob & Virginia Freese, **Lector**–Kurt Killman, **Sound System**–Jr. & Jeanne Lowe

Nov 21st: **Elder**–Kurt Killman, **Acolyte**–Corey Dunaway, **Ushers**–Richard Clay & Clint Meyer,
Greeters–Barb Mueller & Janette Thonen, **Lector**–Leon Wissmann, **Sound System**–Bob & Virginia Freese

Nov 28th: **Elder**–Dale Strobel, **Acolyte**–Remington Killman, **Ushers**–Leon Wissmann & Chad Hinton,
Greeters–Barb Mueller & Janette Thonen, **Lector**–Richard Clay, **Sound System**–Derrick VanDusen

Altar Guild for November: Lela Middendorf, Cindy Schilling, Barbara Shefferd

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

Nov 7th: **Greeters**– Wes & Linda Duesing

Nov 14th: **Greeters**– Jeff & Leslie Brockhoff

Nov 21st: **Greeters**– Steve & Nancy Manche

Nov 28th: **Greeters**– Darryl & Helen Hoppe

Altar Committee for November: Leslie Brockhoff, Kathy Heiniger, Wes Duesing



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

American Heritage Girls Troop KS2315 are selling coffee, tea, cocoa, and cookies from Sept 30-October 28 with their paper forms. Online orders can be placed year-round at [Great Coffee & Tea for Great Causes \(givingbean.com\)](http://GreatCoffee&TeaforGreatCauses.com). Gifts from The Giving Bean make unique Christmas gifts, and ordering from the Troop supports a good cause. Please see an American Heritage Girl to place your order. The girls of Troop 2315 appreciate your support and are excited to make your Christmas season a little warmer!

American Heritage Girls are preparing for their Shoebox service project! They are packing shoeboxes November 4 to be mailed out to needy children all over the world. The Troop asks the 4 congregations of our charter organization for prayer, the \$9 shipping cost per box, and any donations. Boxes get packed for ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 and boy or girl. If you wish to donate monetarily, please make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse (not the Troop). For more information visit www.samaritanspurse.org, or speak to Jessica Giggstad or Joan Stoller about any items you wish to give.

FIRST LWML

The October 6, 2021 meeting of First Lutheran LWML opened with Brenda Meyer's devotion "Tribulation Brings About Perseverance" from the magazine "Good News" telling of a Pastor losing his tongue to cancer.

Our Bible study was "When I am Weak, He is Strong" taken from the summer 2021 of Luther Woman's Quarterly. Lorene Strahm was the leader. The song "Jesus Loves Me" had many verses from the Bible explaining each.

Vice-President Lorene asked for the minutes from the September meeting. They were read by Ruth Swart, secretary. They were approved as read. Carole Feek, treasurer, gave everyone a copy of the treasury report. She explained each item. Donations were received from the Beale family and Dwight and Vicki. Lorene told how she has made a list of who can serve at funeral dinners and what different members and friends prefer to make.

Kathy Steiner made a motion to give the preschool \$200 for their soup day. It was seconded by Karen Aeschliman, motion passed. Carole showed what she was taking to the Fall Rally, Atchison on Saturday, October 9, 2021. Several other articles and money had been donated. After this year all donations will go to the Orphan Grain Train

Lorene said she would talk to Martha Pearson, President, about our Christmas party. Carole had flowers sent to Evelyn Goodman who is in the Sabetha hospital. Our Bible study for November 3, 2021 is "Mission Compassion" page 20 Luther Woman's Quarterly Fall 2021.

We closed our meeting with all saying The League Pledge.

Ruth Swart, Secretary

ZION LWML

The regular meeting of Zion Lutheran LWML was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. President Lela Middelendorf called the meeting to order with 3 members present in person and 2 members present by phone. Opening devotions were based on 1 Corinthians 4:3-4, "Only One Interest" relating to criticism.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read, and a treasurer's report was given.

Sharon and Lela attended the Zone Rally at Atchison and delivered hygiene kits and supplies for hygiene kits. Fourteen quilts were delivered to the Topeka pickup for Lutheran World Relief. Other quilts will also be delivered to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Wichita.

Discussion was held on the preference of utilizing sign-up sheets for opportunities to serve as greeters and on the chancel committee. It was decided to put up sign-up sheets rather than assigning the opportunities.

Breakfast was served to 8 pastors at their circuit meeting in September.

We then held a discussion on moving our regular monthly LWML meeting to the 2nd Sunday morning of the month at 10:00 a.m. before church. A motion to do so was made, seconded and passed.

The meeting was closed with Praying the Psalms based on Psalms 143. The next regular LWML meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m. at prior to worship services.

Anne Arnesen, Secretary

ST. PAUL DORCAS

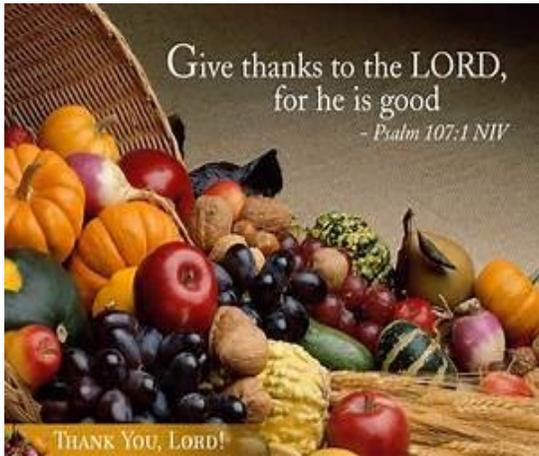
The St. Paul Dorcas Society held their October meeting on Sunday Oct. 3, 2021 after church in the church basement. Cindy Manche read a LWML devotion entitled "Jesus' Servants," based on Galatians 5:13b, "Through love serve one another."

President Nancy Manche called the business meeting to order. Roll call was answered by 11 members and 3 guests. The September minutes were unavailable. The treasurer's report was accepted as given. There was no unfinished business.

In new business, Nancy made several announcements. The LWML NE Zone Fall Gathering will be held at Trinity, Atchison on Oct. 9, 2021. Our society will hold the Spring Rally for the Zone. We are also on the nominating committee for the Spring meeting. The treasurer of the Zone has served two terms. The LWML Christian Life Retreat registration deadline is Oct. 2, 2021. Nancy thanked all who helped with the LWML Sunday. Kathy Heiniger shared an idea for a funeral banner. Kathy also suggested having a Christmas tree with donated hats and gloves. Since we did not have the nursing home birthday party, we discussed other ideas for the residents. We will look into this at a later date. We will discuss meeting times for next year at our next meeting. Sadie Meyer has consented to be one of the LWML YWR for the NE Zone. We closed with our mite offering and society offering and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

After the meeting we assembled and packed 50 school kits, 34 health kits, and 29 quilts. Linda Duesing and Cindy Manche served coffee cake.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Manche



***Joint Partnership
Thanksgiving Eve Service***

***Wednesday evening,
November 24th***

***at St. Paul Lutheran
7:00pm.***



2021

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



*JOINT Thanksgiving Eve Service –
Nov. 24 at St. Paul - 7:00pm*

*Joint Advent 1 - Wednesday, December 1
at Zion - 7:00pm*

*Joint Advent 2 - Wednesday, December 8
at First - 7:00pm*

*Joint Advent 3 – December 15
at Immanuel – 7:00pm*

*Children's Christmas Program, December 19
will be held at First at 5:00pm.
There will be a light supper after.*

Christmas Eve Services, December 24

***St. Paul & Immanuel - 6:00pm
Zion & First - 8:00pm***

*Joint Christmas Day service
will be held at Zion starting at 10:00am*

*Joint New Year's Eve service
will be held at First starting at 6:00pm*

St. Paul Preschool

We have had a wonderful learning experiences this month. We took a field trip to see Van's trains and to Mulberry Pumpkin Patch. We have had fun learning about the wild west and now we are learning about Fall and all the fun things going on in the fall.

The pastors have talked to us all about Adam and Eve, Joseph and his beautiful coat and Noah and the Great flood. The students have enjoyed Pastor Kinney staying and doing projects with us.

I just received word today that we have been approved for the grant I applied for. This will help to update a lot of things in our preschool to help us compete with other preschools. This was a great opportunity for us, as this will help keep our school supplied for many years.

Thank you everyone for your continued prayers and support, it is greatly appreciated.



First Preschool

October has been a fun and busy month in Preschool! We have worked hard on several art projects to make our room ready for fall. Pastor Dunaway and Pastor Kinney taught us Bible stories about Moses.

We are very blessed and thankful for the volunteers that serve in our classrooms. We have several moms that help us!

We are excited to have *Donuts with Dads* this month and look forward to our Halloween parties.

Thank you for your continued support!

Denise Huning & Keremy Bachelor





**FIRST LUTHERAN
CHURCH
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

SOUP DAY



**AT: MAIN EVENT
16 MAIN STREET, SABETHA**

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

**11:00 AM–1:30 PM
4:30–7:00 PM**

Free-will offering

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>1 9:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>2 Election Day 6:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>3 1:30 First LWML 6:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>4 Week 1 Visits 6:15 AHG mtg.</p>	<p>5 Pr Dunaway Day Off</p>	<p>6 Pr Kinney Day Off 9:00 Meetings & Counseling w/apt 9:00 Private Confession</p>	
<p>7 Daylight Saving Time Ends <i>All Saints' Day</i> 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study 9:30 St. Paul Dorcas First Elder's mtg. 5:30 LYF mtg.</p>	<p>8 9:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Joint Elders</p>	<p>9 9:00 Circuit 6:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>10 6:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day Week 2 Visits 7:00 St. Paul Council </p>	<p>12 Pr Dunaway Day Off</p>	<p>13 Pr Kinney Day Off 9:00 Meetings & Counseling w/apt 9:00 Private Confession</p>
<p>14 25th S. after Pentecost 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study St. Paul Congregational mtg. (after service) 10:00 Zion LWML</p>	<p>15 Articles Due For Newsletter 9:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Joint Council</p>	<p>16 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Zion Council</p>	<p>17 6:00 Prayer Service 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>18 Week 3 Visits 6:15 AHG mtg.</p>	<p>19 Pr Dunaway Day Off</p>	<p>20 Pr Kinney Day Off 9:00 Meetings & Counseling w/apt 9:00 Private Confession</p>
<p>21 Last Sunday of Church Year 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study 12:00 Zion Elder's mtg. 7:00 First Men's Group</p>	<p>22 9:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>23 6:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>24 Week 4 Visits 1:00 AC Home w/communion 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p>25 Thanksgiving Day </p>	<p>26 Pr Dunaway Day Off</p>	<p>27 Pr Kinney Day Off 8:00 Zion Men's Group 9:00 Meetings & Counseling w/apt 9:00 Private Confession</p>
<p>28 First Sunday in Advent 9:15 Zion Bible Study 9:15 First Bible Study & Breakfast 9:30 Fellowship @St.Paul</p>	<p>30 6:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>30 6:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>				

Advent Wreath

First Sunday of Advent. Light the 1st candle

Scripture (John 1:1-5; Psalm 71:2-15)

Prayer: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent. Light 1st and 2nd candles in order.

Scripture (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Prayer: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Third Sunday of Advent. Light the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (rose) candles in order

Scripture (Isaiah 9:2-7, 40:3-5, 7:14-15):

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent. Light all the candles in order

Scripture (Luke 1:24-33, 2:1-6)

Prayer: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Jesse Tree

Day	Story of Salvation	Reading/Ornament
December 1	Creation	sun, moon, stars, animals, earth (Genesis 1:1-31; 2:1-4)
December 2	Adam and Eve	Tree of Life, man, woman (Genesis 2:7-9, 18-24)
December 3	The Fall of Man	Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, serpent, bitten apple (Genesis 3:1-7 and 23-24)
December 4	Noah	ark, animals, dove, rainbow (Genesis 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6-22)
December 5	Abraham	knife (Genesis 12:1-3)
December 6	Isaac	bundle of wood, altar, ram (Genesis 22:1-14)
December 7	Jacob	ladder (Genesis 25:1-34; 28:10-15)
December 8	Joseph	well, multi-colored tunic (Genesis 25:1-34; 28:10-15)
December 9	Moses	baby in basket among reeds, Commandments (Exodus 2:1-10)

December 10	Samuel	lamp, temple (1 Samuel 2:21, 3:1-20)
December 11	Jesse	tree stump with flower (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
December 12	David	harp (1 Samuel 17:12-51)
December 13	Solomon	temple, scales of Justice, sword and baby (1 Kings 3:5-14, 16-28)
December 14	Joseph	carpenter's tools, flowering staff (Matthew 1:18-25)
December 15	Mary	Lily, blue veil, pierced heart, (Genesis 3:15, Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)
December 16	John the Baptist	scallop shell, locusts, honey (Mark 1:1-8)
<p>On December 17, the Church begins to intensify the preparation for Christmas with the use of the "O" Antiphons. The symbols for the Jesse Tree from December 17 to 23 are based on these "O" Antiphons (LSB 357)</p>		
December 17	Jesus is Wisdom	oil lamp, open book (Isaiah 11:2-3)
December 18	Jesus is Lord	burning bush, stone tablets (Ex. 3:2; 20:1)
December 19	Jesus is Root of Jesse	Tree stump (Isaiah 11:1, 10; Rev 5:1-5)
December 20	Jesus is Key of David	key (Isaiah 22:22)
December 21	Jesus is Radiant Dawn	Rising Sun (Isaiah 9:2)
December 22	Jesus is King of the Gentiles	Crown (Psalm 2:7-8; Isaiah 2:4; 9:7)
December 23	Jesus is God with us (Immanuel)	Chalice and host (Isaiah 7:14)
December 24	Jesus is the Light of the World	Candle, Flame (John 1:1-14)

Other Traditions (can be found anywhere online if interested)

Day	Name	Tradition	Readings
December 6	St Nicholas' Day	Gift Giving/Almsgiving	Matt 6:1-4
December 13	St Lucy's Day	Sweets/Lights/Candles	Matt 5:14-16

The Jesse Tree is a time-honored Advent tradition that traces the Old Testament lineage of Jesus through images and symbols.

The idea of a Jesse tree stems from a prophecy in the Book of Isaiah: "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." (Isaiah 11:1)

Jesse was the father of David, one of Israel's greatest kings. When David died, God's people waited for another king to emerge from his family line. Many generations later, Jesus was born.

These 19 Jesse Tree symbols represent key biblical figures and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The symbols can be cut out and hung on a branch or tree, or used as two-dimensional ornaments pasted on a large tree drawing.

The symbols were created by local graphic designer Lawton Mak.



Apple

The apple reminds us of the forbidden fruit that Adam and Eve ate in the Garden of Eden.



Ark of the Covenant

The Ark of the Covenant held the Ten Commandments. It also is a name we call Mary.



Bethlehem

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a small town whose name means "House of Bread."



Sword of Judith

With the help of God, Judith saved the Israelites from the Assyrian army. Her faith precedes Mary's.



Altar of Holocaust

The Altar of Holocaust is where Moses made a sacrifice of burnt offerings to God.



Crown and Scepter

We remember during Advent that Jesus is our king.



Jacob's Ladder

Jacob dreamed of a ladder with angels that extended from heaven to earth.



Jonah and the Whale

Jonah was stuck in the whale for three days, prefiguring Jesus in the tomb for three days.



Tablets of the Law

The laws (Commandments) were given by God to Moses at Mount Sinai.



Burning Bush

God revealed himself to Moses through a burning bush.



Paschal Lamb

The Jews sacrificed a lamb as a symbol of their release from slavery. Jesus is the "Lamb of God."



Manna

As the Israelites traveled to the Promised Land, God provided manna to nourish them each day.



Noah's Ark

Just as Noah saved animals and humans from the flood, Jesus saves us from death and destruction.



The Temple

The temple is God's dwelling place, where he makes his presence known to his people.



Key of David

Jesus is considered the "Key of the House of David," who opened the door to heaven.



Pillar of Fire

The Pillar of Fire guided the Israelites during the night, as they made their way through the desert.



Root of Jesse

Jesse was the father of David. Jesus the Savior is the flower foretold to bloom from Jesse's line.



Star of David

The six-pointed star represents the royal house of David.



The Sun

The sun represents the dawn of creation, as well as the light of Christ.