

ST. JOHN AMELITH CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

Prepare The Way

Thanksgiving Day Divine Service @ 9:30am

Mid-week Advent Events

Wednesday, December 3, 10, and 17

Advent Supper @ 5:00pm

Evening Prayer Services @ 6:00 pm

Bible Study @ 6:45pm

Children's Christmas Program

December 17 as part of the Mid-week Service

Christmas Eve Divine Service @ 6:00 pm

Christmas Day Divine Service @ 9:30 am

New Years Eve Divine Service @ 6:00 pm

Advent Devotions are
available in church!

Online giving
through our
Vanco app is
available by
scanning this
QR code



Other Important Dates

12/1

6pm_Advent Decorating at
church all are welcome!

12/7

Church Youth Group cookie
walk at 11am after church

12/14

Caroling

12/16

Bookmobile

12/18

United Financial School Visit

12/22-1/2

Christmas Break

1/5

School Resumes

Pastor will begin his adult instruction (Didache) class in January. It will run for 5 weeks and then resume after Easter. The class studies the Lutheran confessions of faith and is a great refresher for members and a great way to join our church. You can reach out to Pastor or Molly if you are interested. Pastor's email is jgauthier@amelith.org

From The Pastor

“Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me... Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” Hebrews 10:5, 7

As we settle into a new Church Year and look forward to celebrating Christmas. A recent surprise has emerged among the mathematical world. Those who like to work with numbers toss around plenty of strange ideas. However, a recent report admits to a mystery about creation. How did they come to this conclusion? In no better way than using math as an article describes, “The researchers use several mathematical theorems to show that you can't just use computation to get a complete and consistent description of the world. To put that simply, even if you knew everything there was to know about this world of pure information, there would still be things about the universe you couldn't work out. This might seem very strange, but it is actually something that mathematicians have suggested for a very long time.”¹

Our world lately has received a lot of talk about algorithms, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and some believing our universe is a simulation. The sad fact is these computing methods all have limits. They do not truly honor creation fully as God has given it to us. This takes us back to the truth of why Advent prepares us for Christmas. We are literally putting math to good use. It is honoring the coming of our Lord. Typically, this is done in the four Sundays prior to Christmas at church, but also with using an Advent Calendar or wreath at home.



As the writer from Hebrews shares, “Christ came into the world.” It was necessary because those sacrifices of the Old Testament were insufficient, but “a body have you prepared for me.” What no one can calculate (though I figure mathematics has tried) comes as an answer from God into His creation. Modern day drama over human-like consciousness by machines is as impossible as the non-computational fact of creation. Yet, the Father and the Son having created all things were conscience of humanity. In love God has calculated what salvation meant for a sinful world. Jesus born of the Virgin Mary alone could carry out not a program, but a promise. “Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.” The Word of old is in agreement with the Word made flesh to put an end to sin, death, and Satan.

Advent calls us to repent over false dreams (idols) of AI and simulations no less than how we are sinners in thought, word, and deed. The Christ child is Lord and Savior who by His perfect life, humble sacrifice, and glorious resurrection won the victory. He still works in the world to deliver forgiveness and will come in glory to deliver a fallen creation out of darkness. The mystery none can calculate of the Gospel is to find it in baptism and the power of God’s Word. St. Paul says, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). If the mathematical world can recognize more at work so let us not buy into a lie that would make us less than human. Even more than what we think, the truth is how God already thinks of us in His Son. Jesus provides a new humanity that is life in Him and eternal salvation by faith in Him is incalculable.

Come Lord Jesus!

Pastor Gauthier

¹ <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-15245283/Mathematical-proof-debunks-universe-simulation.html>

Hello from Mrs. Molly

As we enter the advent season, I find peace in knowing that Jesus is the reason for the season! It brings peace because I know that if the elf doesn't move every night, or the perfect present isn't purchased, or I burn the cookies, or my social meter hits overdrive, or my kids fight all break; it's ok! I will tell myself this over and over because the anxiety will still find me during my weak moments and that is ok too 😊

I am so excited as I watch the children prepare for the Christmas program and can't wait for you all to experience Jesus working in our church and school!

So mark your calendars and plan to attend on the 17th. We will have a kid friendly dinner at 5pm, with mid-week service/children's program at 6pm.

May the peace of the season comfort you!

Mrs. Molly

Molly's 6-7 monthly bible verse.

Using the 6/7 trend to share the Word!

"And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." Luke 2:6-7



Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser!

We raised \$305.69!

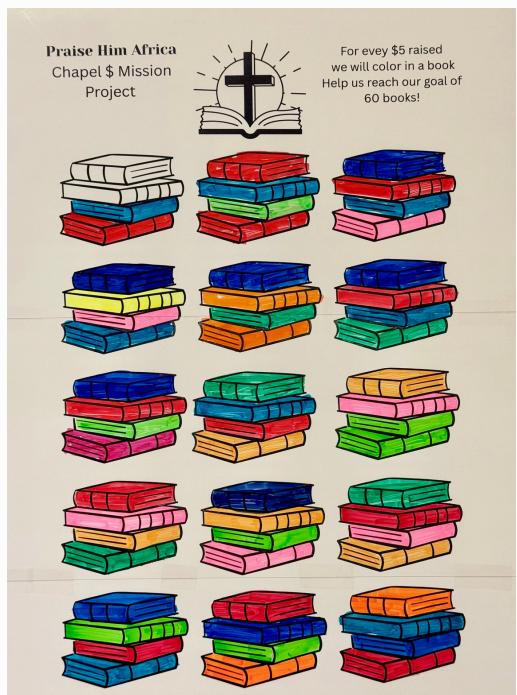
Chapel Service

Every Wednesday in December at 8:30am we will have chapel in the "big church". Everyone is welcome!

Offering

We have almost reached our goal and we have 3 weeks left! Every \$5 we collect in our mission offerings to "Praise Him, Africa" a Lutheran teacher or student in Africa receives a song book teach kids in Africa about Jesus and to praise Him.

We start a new chapel offering mission in January!



December Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Decorating Volunteers	2 December Anniversaries	3 December Birthdays	4 Board of Ed Chairperson	5 School Principal	6 December Altar Guild Servers	
7 Sunday School Teachers	8 SJA Teachers	9 Shared Time Teachers	10 Finance Team	11 Preschool Staff	12 Auditorium Committee	13 Youth Group
14 Carolers	15 Stewardship Committee	16 Before/After Care Staff	17 Amelith Children	18 Youth Group Chairperson	19 Head Trustee	20 Outreach Committee
21 Confirmand Students	22 Congregational Vice Chairperson	23 Head Elder	24 Elders	25 Pastor	26 Treasurer	27 Fund Development Team
28 Congregational volunteers/officers	29 Board of Ed	30 Trustees	31 Organists			

Every day, let us include the person/position/event mentioned in our prayers. You can pray for them, the job they do, those who receive or in whatever way you are led!