

# **Upcoming Events**

### **Sunday 12/1**

10:30 AM First Day of Advent/ Brunch with Jesus

### Tuesday 12/03

4:30 РМ Confirmation

### Thursday 12/05

6:00 рм Bibles and Beer 7:00 рм Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday 12/07

2:00 PM Christmas Decorating and Potluck

### Thursday 12/12

4:00 PM CCC Holiday Show 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday 12/17

4:30 рм Confirmation 6:30 рм Church Council Meeting

### Thursday 12/19

6:00 рм Bibles and Beer 7:00 рм Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday 12/24

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

### Wednesday 12/25

Christmas Day Office Closed

### Thursday 12/26

Day After Christmas Office Closed

### Friday 12/27

9:45 AM Sack Lunch Ministry

# Table Talk December 2019

# Something to Chew On:

#### The Jesse Tree

"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." – Isaiah 11:1

This year Amanda and I are beginning a new Advent devotion with Ethan called The Jesse Tree. I had never heard of a Jesse Tree devotion until my brother-in-law introduced us to it. The Jesse Tree tells the story of Jesus' lineage beginning with Adam and Eve. Each day there is a reading accompanied by an ornament. The ornaments are hung on the tree throughout Advent culminating in the Christ ornament on Christmas Day. I'm excited to share the Jesse Tree Devotional with you on Sunday mornings in Advent! A special thank-you to Sue, Dave, Diana, Jason, and Nancy for helping construct the tree!



# **First Day of Advent**

Sanctuary

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am
The Advent wreath with its 4
candles reminds us of the 4 weeks
we wait for Jesus and that God's
love for us will never end.



## **Brunch with Jesus**

### Sanctuary

Sunday, December 1, 10:30am
Come satisfy your hunger at Jesus' invitation in this informal worship gathering. Jesus will meet us in our neighbor gathered around food and drink. He will meet us in the meal he gifted to his disciples. He will meet us in conversation around the ancient stories of our faith. Jesus is not dead but alive!
So come, you who are hungry, and receive the bread of life.



# Christmas Decorating and Potluck

### Sanctuary

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm
Come join us as we celebrate the season by decorating our own sanctuary. Starting at 2:00pm on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Come and help us deck the halls and stay for a potluck dinner with us.



## **Bibles and Beer**

St. Timothy's Basement

Thursdays 6-7pm
Bibles and Beer continues this fall with an eye to ancient Israel's history! Scandals, political intrigue, and amazing acts of faith fill the pages of First and Second Kings. As Martin Luther once said, "It is better to think of church in the alehouse than the alehouse in church!"

Non-alcoholic options provided.

Donations appreciated but not required for participation.



## **REVERSE ADVENT BAGS**

Sanctuary

Due Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm

Join us for our annual Reverse
Advent food collection, as we
gather non-perishable for the
Niles Township Food Pantry.
Come by the Church offices during
the week or on Sunday to get your
own Reverse Advent Bag and add
one item to your bag each day
counting down the days to
Christmas. On Christmas Eve at
our 4:00pm service, we will bless
all the donations we have
received and prepare them for
delivery to the Niles Township
Food Pantry the following week.



# **SACK LUNCH FRIDAY**

**Fellowship Hall** 

Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am
Join us as we serve our North Shore
Community. Lunch packing begins
at 9:45am and we go to the
community house at First
Congregational Church in Evanston
at 11:00am. Come out and see the
work God is doing in our own
community.

