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#### THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

## Saturday, December 6

9:00 AM – Women's Breakfast and Gift Exchange

### Sunday, December 7 (Second Sunday in Advent)

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM - Coffee Hour

11:05 AM - Children and Youth Christmas

Program Rehearsal

11:15 AM – Sunday School

12:10 PM - Choir Rehearsal

1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM\* -Worship, YouTube

### Tuesday, December 9

10:00 AM – Women's Ministry Meeting

6:30 PM - Church Board Meeting

#### Saturday, December 13

9:00 AM - Men Meet at Volcano Coffee

#### Music Notes



Here are links to some songs for this week:

"He Is Our Peace"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf-D3Ysigz8&list=RDLf-D3Ysigz8&start radio=1

"Peace, Perfect Peace"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibqgZxWa6bM&li st=RDibqgZxWa6bM&start\_radio=1

"His Name Is Life" (chorus)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIPAvyICWbU&lis t=RDdlPAvylCWbU&start radio=1

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7 hM1h0aYU&li st=RDS7 hM1h0aYU&start radio=1

### Sunday, December 14 (Second Sunday in Advent)

9:30 AM – Children and Youth Christmas Program

at Julian Estates 9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM - Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM - Coffee Hour

11:05 AM – Children and Youth Christmas

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\*Always the goal, but may be impacted by technology issues beyond our control

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Full Lectionary for December 7, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent (Peace)

**Parament Color Is Blue** 

1st Reading Isaiah 11:1-

**Psalm** Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Romans 15:4-13 Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Full Lectionary for December 14, 2025;

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent (Joy)

**Parament Color Is Blue** 

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm Psalm 146:5-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading James 5:7-10 Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

December 6, Saturday, 9:00 am Women's Ministry Breakfast & Gift Exchange

December 7, Sunday, 9:30 am Worship Service, Second Sunday of Advent

11:05 am Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal

11:15 am Sunday School

<u>December 9, Tuesday, 10:00 am</u> Women's Ministry Meeting

6:30 pm Church Board Meeting

<u>December 13, Saturday, 9:00 am</u> Men Meet at Volcano's Coffee Shop

<u>December 14, Sunday, 9:30 am</u> Worship Service, Third Sunday of Advent

Children & Youth sing at Julian Estates

No Sunday School classes

Deadline for Poinsettia sign-ups

Deadline for Angel One gifts to be in church office

**Deadline for donating to the Food Drive** 

<u>December 21, Sunday, 9:30 am</u> Worship Service, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Children & Youth Christmas Program during worship

**Women's Ministry Annual Bake Sale** 

No Sunday School

<u>December 24, Wednesday, 6:00 pm</u> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

<u>December 28, Sunday, 9:30 am</u>

Worship Service
No Sunday School

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The Children and Youth will be presenting a Christmas Program at Julian Estates on December 14<sup>th</sup> and at Living Word Church on December 21<sup>ST</sup> during the worship service.

Sunday, December 7 - 11:05 to 11:15 am Rehearsal, classes follow

Sunday, December 14 - 9:30 am Children and Youth Program at

Julian Estates - no Sunday School

Sunday, December 21 - Children and Youth Program at Living Word during Children's Time no Sunday School

Sunday, December 28 - No Sunday School

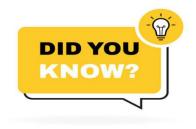
#### IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP IF YOU WISH TO PROVIDE A POINSETTIA

to decorate the church during the Advent-Christmas season in memory, in honor, or in celebration of a loved one! **Each plant will be \$15.00.** Sign up on the clipboard in the narthex with your name and the number of plants you wish to purchase and the amount paid. Please place your check or cash in the envelope on the clipboard. **The deadline for sign up is December 14**<sup>th</sup>. Please take your plant(s) home after the Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> or on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.



Thank you to Ron and Sharon Johnson, Dan Owen, Ardis Kilber, Lorraine Stargel, Ann Vonderau, Sharon Hurd, and Nancy Martin for decorating the church on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Season! It looks beautiful and very festive!

<u>THE ANGEL ONE FOUNDATION</u> is asking for help this Christmas Season for children of families in need in our local area. Our congregation has been given the names of 6 children to provide a toy or two for each child. More information is on the table in the narthex indicating gift ideas and the ages of the children. If you wish to participate in this project, <u>please sign your name next to a boy or girl and their age as shown.</u> Please do not wrap the gift(s). **Gifts are due by <u>Sunday,</u>** <u>December 14<sup>th</sup>.</u> Thank you for blessing a child with a gift this Christmas.



AN ADVENT CALENDAR, from the German word Adventskalender, is used to count the days of Advent in anticipation of Christmas? Since the date of the first Sunday of Advent varies, falling between November 27 and December 3 inclusive, many reusable Advent calendars of paper or wood begin

on December 1. Others start from the First Sunday of Advent. The Advent calendar was first used by German Lutherans in the  $19^{th}$  and  $20^{th}$  centuries and has since then spread to other Christian denominations.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE BLUE TUB by the sign-up table in the narthex? Women's Ministry is requesting non-perishable food items to give to the Graham-South Hill Food Bank. Due to an increase of people in need, the Food Bank needs hot and cold cereal, rice, healthy snacks, pancake mix or other types of box mixes, baby items (diapers, wipes, formula), bar soap, dish soap and dry laundry detergent. (They divide the laundry detergent into smaller containers). (The Food Bank receives canned goods, peanut butter, pasta, bread, etc. from various outlets.) The collection of items will continue until Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



#### PRAYER ROOM

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise."

James 3:18 (ESV)

Watch over those who put themselves in harm's way to protect us and grant peace of mind to the families who love and miss them. We praise you for continuing to protect:

Andrew Thompson (Griswold) Elijah Lundberg, USMC Yuma, AZ

Josh Jepsen, USAF Utah Owen Daubenspeck, USAF Spokane (Owen)

Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost loved ones recently:

Holly and Grace Reichl in the passing of her father and grandfather **Sarah DeBord** and family in the passing of her aunt

Relieve pain for all who suffer in any way and restore them to good health of body, mind, and spirit. Encourage them and strengthen their caregivers:

Maurice Hedlund Darlene Luberts

Jeff Brennan Carolyn Martin Terry (and caregiver Ron)
Bill Marsh Yvonne Olson Cheryl Hedlund's aunt, Sue

Debbi Zavadil Wallace Duggan David Martin (son of Bob and Nancy Martin)
Duane Claiborne Lori Schmidt Sue Doll (sister-in-law of Duane & Valerie)

Kitty Jepsen Lena Duggan Johnny Beck (son of Sharlene Parker and brother of Toni

Sherman)

Carol Brennan Amy Cruver Tina (daughter of Judy Williams)

Julie Mendoza (Heidi Sturdivant)

Grant discernment, wisdom, and courage to leaders within the church and world. Raise servants to accomplish Your will. May Your will be evident in all decisions and actions.

Living Word Members Living Word Leaders Persecuted Christians Victims of War in Ukraine and Israel/Middle East Elected Government Officials

Prayer and praise for healing and continued recovery:

Bonnie Socey Cheryl Hedlund Jan Williams (sister in law of Judy Williams)

Sharon Johnson Steve Vonderau

Thank you, LORD, for hearing and answering our prayers – even when you do so differently than we would prefer. We pray in the holy and mighty name of Jesus, our LORD. Amen

Names in Bold are new additions. Please let the office know if you wish your request to remain on the list.

Otherwise, requests are removed after a month.