

Lifewire



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
December 2nd through December 23rd are the 4 Sundays of Advent. These are the first 4 Sundays of the liturgical church year. It is a time that focuses on the arrival of Jesus Christ.

advent (n.)

"important arrival," 1742, an extended sense of *Advent* "season preceding Christmas" (in reference to the "coming" of Christ), late Old English, from Latin *adventus* "a coming, approach, arrival," in Church Latin "the coming of the Savior," from past participle stem of *advenire* "arrive at, come to," from *ad* "to" (see **ad-**) + *venire* "to come," from a suffixed form of PIE root ***gwa-** "to go, come."

Related: *Adventual*.

Source: online etymological dictionary
www.etymonline.com

In our annual rhythm we prepare for Jesus to come again in the manger—the Word made flesh.

We also prepare for the coming of Jesus as the fullness of God's reign is ushered in. The Omega of Revelation 1:8:

I am the "Α and the Ω" says the Lord God who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

With any important arrival: imminent baby, friends and family coming to visit, that package that must have a signature in order to be delivered, etc., etc. there are preparations that need to be made. That is our calling during Advent.

We are invited to find ways to make room in the busy-ness of our lives to receive Jesus again in the manger. We are invited to find ways to make room in the busy-ness of our lives to receive Jesus when he comes to bring all of God's promises to completion.

With any important arrival: imminent baby, friends and family coming to visit, that package that must have a signature in order to be delivered, etc., etc. there are things happening that are completely beyond our control—early or late arrivals, missed planes, broken down vehicles, sickness, illness. etc., etc.

So we find ourselves in a place of intentional preparation realizing that there are things that are beyond our intentions and beyond our control. So we wait and we pray and we trust and we hope and we watch. And Jesus will come again. And we will be blessed. And we are called to be a blessing. May God bless our preparations and our waiting. Peace,

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Christmas by the Book

Any children/youth who are interested in being part of this year's Christmas Program, please e-mail me at kelseyhallin@gmail.com or text me at 503-910-2338 and let me know as soon as you can.

The program will be on
Sunday December 16, 2018.

~ Kelsey Hallin
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503.910.2338

Christmas by the Book Rehearsals!

Friday November 30th @ 5pm

Friday December 7th @ 5pm

Friday December 14th @ 5pm

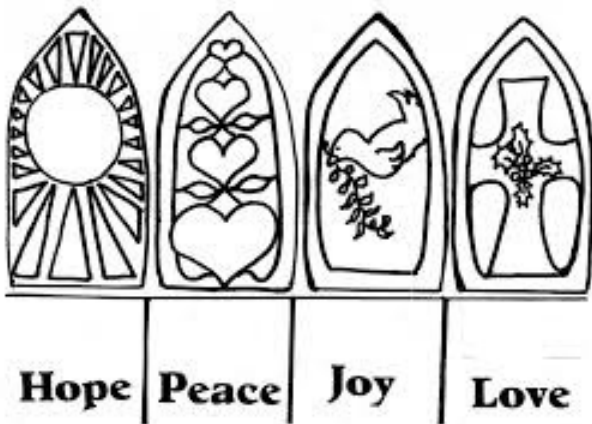
Saturday December 15th @ Noon

In the Gathering Room

Last Rehearsal:

Sunday December 16th @ 8AM

Program: December 16th @ 10AM



Play Written by Sharon Kay Chatwell, Image and Play Adapted by Kelsey Hallin

Staff Christmas Gifts

In a basket in the narthex is an envelope that may be used to make contributions for staff Christmas gifts. You may place these envelopes in the offering plate. If you make a contribution using your Sunday offering envelope, make sure you indicate what portion is to be directed to staff. We will collect contributions through **Sunday, December 30th.**



Our staff does much to enhance our worship experience and this is another way of thanking them for all that they do.

Thank you!

Charitable Giving Strategy

Looking for a way to benefit Christ the Good Shepherd and yourself at the same time?

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from IRAs are advantageous for donors who are older than 70 1/2. Although no charitable deduction is available for gifts from IRAs, the income tax that is normally owed on withdrawals is avoided. In addition, because QCDs can satisfy required minimum distributions, income tax savings can be realized. QCD rules:

- Donors must be at least 70 1/2 on the date of the gift.
- QCDs can come only from IRAs.
- Maximum of \$100,000 may be given annually.
- Transfer must come from the IRA custodian.
- QCDs can be made only to public charities, churches such as Christ the Good Shepherd or to the Christ the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund.

Consult your tax advisor as well as your IRA institutional holder to determine if you might benefit by doing a QCD.

If you have further questions, please contact me.

Ron Mohr

Save
the
Date



Outreach Meeting

December 1 @ 10:00 AM

First 5

December 2 @ 10:00 AM

Guest Worship Leader

Manuel Borbon

Prayer Shawls

December 6 @ 1:00 PM

Habitat for Humanity Build

December 8 @ 8:00 AM

Greening of Sanctuary

December 8 @ 10:00 AM

FLY ~ Caroling @ St. Mark's

December 9 @ 3:30 PM

U Matter Meeting

December 10 @ 7:00 PM

Executive Meeting

December 11 @ 5:45 PM

Newsletter Deadline

December 12

Endowment Meeting

December 15 @ 11:00 AM

Chick Flick Saturday

December 15 @ 2:00 PM

Council Meeting

December 18 @ 7:00 PM

Newsletter Prep

December 19 @ 10:30 AM

Office Closed

December 24 & 25 for Christmas

Mutual Ministry

December 27 @ 5:30 PM

Luther Fest 2019

A BEER AND CHEESE PAIRING
TO BENEFIT LUTHER HOUSE CAMPUS
MINISTRIES AT OSU

February 24
1:45 - 4:30 PM

BOULDER FALLS CENTER
605 MULLINS DRIVE
LEBANON, OR



Chick Flick
Saturday
JOIN US!!
SATURDAY
December 15th
@ 2:PM

For a movie in the
Gathering Room!

Movie HINT: "A time to relive
Christmas in the 50's."...
Together we'll enjoy a movie
and some Fellowship

Prayer shawls are tangible reminders of
God's love for you.

Wrapping up in a prayer shawl is like getting a
hug from God.



Prayer
Shawl Ministry

Join us THURSDAY
December 6th, 2018
At 1:00 PM in the
Gathering Room

Shawls are available in the narthex or
at the office during the week.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE VOTE

PLEASE join us at the meeting being
held in the Gathering Room after wor-
ship service on **December 2.**
We will vote on the topic of the wor-
ship schedule for the coming year to
determine worship times.

Alroy and Wanda Wendt
Donor Advised Fund

A check for \$1,818 was received from
the InFaith Community Foundation who
manages the Wendt Donor Advised
Fund. These funds are to be directed to
the Christ the Good Shepherd
Endowment Fund for scholarships. In
addition, grants of similar amounts were
directed to two colleges where Alroy
and Wanda received their teaching
degrees. These gifts will be perpetual.
Even though these two are not with us
any longer, their future gifts will make an
impact on the lives of students for years
to come.

New Member Classes
will be held in
January.



Please let
Pastor Karl
know
if you are
interested.

Forms are in the Narthex
All are welcome!

HEAR & THEIR

by Joan Mathias

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December 2018

SARAH BOCK, daughter of LORRAINE and JEFF BOCK, and THOMAS EMERY were married September 8th. The ceremony took place on the beautiful grounds of the Newell Pioneer Village near Champoeg State Park. David Dornack, the pastor of Tom's church, was the officiant. The weather was perfect with just a hint of a breeze to keep things comfortable. Even the mosquitos and yellow jackets took the day off and left everyone alone. Sarah and Tom honeymooned in Hawaii where they enjoyed a luau and snorkeling in the ocean. They have set up household in Keizer. When they're not working on remodeling projects around the house, Tom works as a software developer for the County Roads Program and Sarah works in a law office.

RUTH AAS enjoyed the company of her daughter, BEVERLY STICKLES of Leavenworth, WA, in early November.

PAULA DAVIS, ILENE WHELDEN and SHARON KEMNITZ attended the Sunday, November 4th, Evensong Concert Series, *Handbell Festival Concert* at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There were nine handbell choirs from Salem, Eugene, McMinnville, Lake Oswego, Beaverton, and from the Portland area. The well-known Cathy Moglebust, (b. 1958), the festival conductor, lives in Brookings, South Dakota. She is one of today's most popular handbell music composers, and has approximately two hundred published compositions and arrangements to her credit, many of them reaching best seller status.

KARL HESTER and AARON PALMQUIST spent an enjoyable evening Friday, November 9, at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in Portland for two movie showings as part of MST3K Live (Mystery Science Theater 3000). *"The Brain"* and *"Deathstalker 2"* were the cinematic offerings that were up for consideration. This live show is in celebration of the 30th anniversary of MST3K.

November 11th, Veterans Day, ANNA CHRISTIE, ANNE CLEMENS, PAULA DAVIS, SANDY ELIAS, SHARON KEMNITZ, and LESLIE O'BRIEN attended the Willamette Master Chorus (WMC) concert, *"The Armed man"*, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the armistice of WWI.

GWEN CARR traveled to Los Angeles to participate in the 40th Anniversary Celebration of First Lutheran Church of Carson. She had been a founding member and the first Council President. This was a two day celebration filled with worship, fellowship, and reconnecting with old friends. One of the highlights for Gwen was singing with a mass gospel choir of past and present choir members. While in the area she visited family and friends and rode back on the train with her sister Enid McGraw, who visited Salem for a week.

The Northwest Senior Theatre, located on the Alpenrose grounds in southwest Portland, was the scene of the November 14-17 production, *"T'was the Daze Before Christmas 2018"*. PAT WOLFE and NADINE HEIDELBERG were in attendance for the extremely hilarious show. The audience roared with continuous laughter throughout the various scenes, such as "Santa's Naughty Elves" and "Champion NST Swimmers". The tour group of twenty-four enjoyed the retired professional performers, (55 and older, the majority in their 80s and 90s), singers, dancers, actors, musicians and production folks who put on a great show. Lunch for the tour group was at Gustav's Pub and Grill, enjoying a variety of German cuisine, including wiener schnitzel, red cabbage, mashed potatoes and German bread. Dinner was topped off with yummy apple strudel.

ALEX BLUME, grandson of SHARON KEMNITZ, recently graduated from FAA Enroute School and started his new job November 19th at FAA Control Center in Miami, Florida, as an Air-Traffic Controller.
Congratulations Alex!

Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward
men.

..... Luke 2:14 (KJV)

The Marion Polk Yamhill Foster Parents Association has once again asked us to help them provide holiday gifts for their children. The **Holiday Wish Tree will be up Sunday, December 2** and ready with tags for your taking. Please **remove one or more tags, purchase the gift(s) listed on the tag, and return them unwrapped with tags attached by Sunday, December 9.** That gives you only one week to shop, so don't delay. If you have questions, contact **Laura Drager** via phone or email: **503-581-4486** or draggers@spiretech.com.



Thanks for supporting local foster children in our community!

Please join us at 10:00 AM Saturday, December 8 and help us with **Greening the Sanctuary.** Our Christmas Trees will be delivered on Tuesday, December 4 so this is the perfect opportunity to get our holiday decorations taken care of. We hope to see you Saturday!



DECEMBER Habitat Build Date ~

Arnoldo and Amalia Hernandez and their children, Katelyn 10, Aiden 5, and Delilah 3 currently live in the Four Corners neighborhood and will be building their new home in the Samaritan Lane area.

UPCOMING build date is

December 8th from 8:00 AM to Noon.

Please use this link in your Internet browser:

<http://vhub.at/3JMVMR>

to sign up to help this family with their dream of home ownership!!



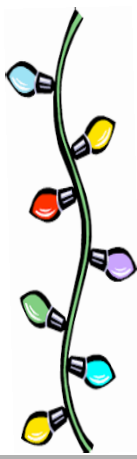
CGSLC RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

DEAR FRIENDS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF \$152.45 ON NOVEMBER 12, 2018 TO MAKE AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP A REALITY FOR THE HERNANDEZ FAMILY.

PROGRESS ON THIS FAITH BUILD IS GOING WELL, THANKS TO YOUR HELP. THE HERNANDEZ FAMILY HAS BEEN OUT THERE WORKING ALONGSIDE VOLUNTEERS AND IT IS EXCITING TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF THE BUILD.

YOU ARE A VITAL PARTNER AND ARE EMPOWERING THIS FAMILY TO BUILD STRENGTH, STABILITY AND SELF-RELIANCE THROUGH SHELTER. THANK YOU!



**10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship**

Congregational
Vote



Potluck
to
Follow

**10:00 AM
Contemporary
Worship**

**10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship**

**Children's
Christmas
Program**

**10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship**

**Choir
Cantata**

**10:00 AM
Traditional
Worship**

**Candlelight
Service**

**10:00 AM
Contemporary
Worship**

**Casual
Christmas**

**Service
Date
& Time**

December 2
10:00 AM

December 9
10:00 AM

December 16
10:00 AM

December 23
10:00 AM

December 24
9:00 PM

December 30
10:00 AM

Music

Diane
Hawkins
& Choir

PraysN

Diane
Hawkins

Diane
Hawkins
& Choir

Diane
Hawkins

PraysN

Greeters

Sharon
Kemnitz

Jeff &
Lorraine Bock

Dwayne &
Colleen Aas

Anna Christie

Available

ALL
MEMBERS!

**Worship
Assistant**

Carlene
Shultz

Heidi Dupuis

Twila
Anderson

Available

**Lector and
Assistant**

Ron Mohr

Gwen Carr

Michael
Dupuis

Chuck
Palmquist

Available

Ashley
DeLaRosa

Assistant

Heidi Pramuk

Lesa MacLean
Laura Drager

Chuck
Palmquist

Sara
Palmquist

Available

Nancy Ostrem
Caleb
Stratemeyer

**Van
Driver**

Chuck
Palmquist

Dallas
Groshans

Virgil
Anderson

Jack Johnson

Available

Available

Altar

Ushers

Team 1

Team 2

Team 3

Team 4

Team 5

Team 1

Counters

AJ DeLaRosa
Lesa
MacLean

Chuck
Palmquist
Dean
Hatzenbihler

Cris
Hatzenbihler
Available

Chuck
Palmquist
Available

Available

Dean
Hatzenbihler
Virgil
Anderson

Flowers

**If you are unable to fulfill your duties for a particular Sunday, you are solely responsible to find a replacement as soon as possible and then notify the office by phone or e-mail so that the information can be accurately printed for the Sunday bulletin.*



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Sunday Worship Schedule:

FIRST Sunday 10:00 AM Alternating Contemporary & Traditional Worship w/ Communion, First 5 and Potluck

OTHER Sunday's 8:45 AM Contemporary AND 11:00 AM Traditional Worship both w/ Communion

Sunday School 10:15 AM between worship services

Bible Study Schedule:

9:30 AM Wednesdays in the Gathering Room

10:30 AM Thursdays at Lancaster Village

Remember, Only one Sunday Worsdhip
for the month of

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