



Covenant Tidings

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My daughter-in-law is a marathon runner. She has run marathons in several different states over the years. Marathon runners, whether they know it or not, pay homage to the legend of Pheidippides. As the legend goes, he ran all the way from the Battle of Marathon to Athens – roughly twenty-six miles – to proclaim the Greek victory over the Persians in 490 B.C. As soon as he crossed the city’s threshold, he declared, “Rejoice, and we rejoice!” He then immediately collapsed and died.

Though the accounts do vary, the idea beautifully parallels St. Paul’s call to rejoice. “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4). We are entering the season of Advent. In our worship services over the coming weeks, we will light another candle on the Advent wreath every Sunday and remember the gifts that our Savior Jesus delivers to us – Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Is joy your first emotion, your first thought, when you think about the Christmas season. Sometimes we think of all the things we have to do in the month of December – shopping, wrapping, decorating, baking, cleaning the house and planning a meal for the big family gathering, updating that Christmas card list – and we feel less than joyful. Exhausted. Exasperated. Overwhelmed. But hardly joyful.

It’s important for us to remember that true joy, real and lasting joy, does not come from ease of life or the material things of this world. Our greatest joy comes from the victory of life over death and the deliverance from the enemies of sin and Satan that our Lord Jesus has won for us. Greater than the victory of the ancient Greeks over the Persians, Jesus came into the world as the Babe of Bethlehem to one day defeat sin and Satan at the cross. By His death and resurrection, He has won for us the gift of eternal life with God forever. There is much to do these days, but please take time to remember the joy that Jesus brings. With Paul we can say it and then say it again: Rejoice!

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Steve Voigt*

Official Acts

Wedding

Payton Wallinger & Austin Boatman

Service was held on October 12 at St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, WI.

Kenzie Peters & Mike Peterson

Service was held on October 26 at Covenant.

Ushers

9:30 a.m.

Phil Murphy	Jerry Anson
Traci Murphy	Len Ernst
Henry Weiss	Joel Johnson
Brian Maletzke	Jim Richter

Altar Guild

Kaye Maletzke	Diana Streil
Diana Lafford	Marcia Rosynek

Greeters

December 1—Tom & Jane Buck

December 8—Marcie Dawson & Diana Lafford

December 15—Darlene Peters & June Peters

December 22—Carrie Fuchsberger & Diana Streil

December 24

4:00pm—Audrey Wilde & Sandra Randazzo

7:00pm—Pamela & Annika Buck

December 25

10:00am—Linda Kopp & Lisa Frederick

December 29—Gottsacker Family

SPECIAL GIFTS

Capital Improvement	\$200
DCF Grant.....	\$1,514
Helping Hands Food Pantry.....	\$40
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$480
Special Gift.....	\$3,000
Thanksgiving Offering	
for Place of Refuge	\$25

MEMORIALS

William & Theresa Handlos Memorial—\$3,000

Marge Sinn Memorial—\$715.00

Susan Wendt Memorial—\$6,877.65

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 9:30AM

NORTHWEST CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 4:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAISE SERVICE

WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 4:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONAL SERVICE

WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 7:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 10:00AM

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Financial Update

Thank you to the members of Covenant for your faithful giving throughout the year. Your generous contributions throughout the year make our ministry together possible. The Treasurer's Report as of October 31 shows a positive cash balance. Total income to date is \$454,836 which includes offering income, childcare income, and income received from the Northwest Lutheran School lease. Offering income for the first ten months of the year is up \$10,000 over the same period last year! We have had some expenses for building and grounds that have exceeded our planned budget. These include parking lot repair and some boiler repair and maintenance. Even with those extra expenses, we still have a positive balance. Praise God!

As we approach the end of the year, please be mindful of your pledge for 2024 and make every effort to fulfill your pledge (whether you put it down on paper or simply made a pledge between you and God). Red "Catch Up" envelopes will again be available if you wish to make a gift to Covenant above and beyond your yearly pledge. Thank you for your continued faithful support of Covenant!

My Commitment to the Lord & For the Work of His Church

My pledge to God
and this congregation in 2025...

- I (we) intend and promise to worship regularly.
- I (we) intend and promise to study God's Word on a regular basis here at church and at home.
- I (we) intend and promise to pray for the mission and ministry of the Church.
- I (we) faithfully and cheerfully pledge to give the following amount for the Lord's work at Covenant Lutheran Church.
- I (we) intend to use the time and talents God has given in service to Him and others.

My (our) first fruit offering will be as follows:

_____ %

_____ per week

_____ per month

These are my (our) sincere
intentions and promises.

Name(s):



Birthdays

December 1

Jess Hardel

December 3

Eunice Bachmeier

December 5

Brynnlee Winn

December 9

Sherry Voigt

December 12

Nancy Keck

Brian Rasch

December 13

Bob Schultz

December 15

Charleigh Dills

December 16

Carrie Fuchsberger

Kathleen Witt

December 19

Diana Streil

December 21

Michael Weiss

December 22

Dan McDonell

December 23

Janice Wulz

December 24

Diane Rasch

December 25

Angela Nummerdor

December 26

Alayah Flagg

December 28

Myrtis Jones

December 29

Da'Miere Timmons

December 30

Jacquie Zeman

Sunday, November 17 was Commitment Sunday. With many people unable to attend church these days, we want to offer our members the opportunity to send in their pledge for 2025.

Anniversaries

December 2

Bob & Sue Patten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poinsettias for Christmas

Covenant is offering a wonderful opportunity for you to help decorate our church this Christmas season. We are now accepting orders for beautiful poinsettias, which will add a vibrant touch to our sanctuary and contribute to the festive atmosphere.

Poinsettias Plants - \$13
(colors: red, white, pink, & jingle bell)

Orders are due on
Sunday, December 8.

Mission of Christ Helping those in Need

Please prayerfully consider showing God's love this Christmas by helping provide food for needy families. We will be collecting donations through Sunday, December 8, to insure deliver before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARD OUTREACH

DECEMBER 11 AT 9:30 AM

Help is needed to address Christmas cards to our Northwest Lutheran and Covenant Child Care families.

If you have any questions, please contact
Karen Winefeld, 414-739-4782.

WINTER COAT & CLOTHING COLLECTION

Share the love of Jesus with those in need. There is a great need right now for winter clothing, jackets, coats, hats, mittens, scarves and warm blankets for people in inner city Milwaukee.

Please bring your donations to Covenant and place them in the bin in the narthex. They will be delivered to Mission of Christ Lutheran Church to keep families warm this winter.

A Lake Country CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, December 7TH

9 AM - 4 PM

local artists • unique gifts • specialty vendors
handmade finds • coffee bar
concessions • raffles
and more!

Lake Country Lutheran High School

401 Campus Drive • Hartland

{on the corner of Hwy 83 & Hwy 16}

Christmas
Begins
with
Christ

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Bible Study 10:45am Sunday School First Sunday In Advent	2	3	4 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Advent Worship & Comm. Service 5:30pm Advent Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:30pm Dartball	5 10:00am Bible Study	6 7:30pm AA Meeting	7 9am-4pm Lake Country Holiday Fair
8 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School 10:45am Bible Study 10:45am Voters' Meeting Second Sunday In Advent	9	10	11 8:30am Chapel 9:30am Christmas Card Outreach 1:30pm Advent Worship 5:30pm Advent Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:30pm Dartball	12 10:00am Bible Study	13 7:30pm AA Meeting	14 9:00am Christmas Decorating *TBD Watch Announcement for time Sunday School's Prog. Practice
15 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Children's Christmas Prog. 10:45am Sunday School 10:45am Bible Study Third Sunday In Advent	16 1:00pm Prayer Team	17	18 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Advent Worship 5:30pm Advent Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:30pm Dartball	19 10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Northwest Christmas Program	20 7:30pm AA Meeting	21 
Northwest Christmas Break						
22 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School 10:45am Bible Study Fourth Sunday In Advent	23	24 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship (Praise) 7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship (Traditional)	25 10:00am Christmas Day Worship	26	27 7:30pm AA Meeting	28
Covenant Early Childhood Center Closed—December 23-27						
Northwest Christmas Break—December 26 to January 6						
29 9:30am Worship 10:45am Brunch First Sunday After Christmas	30	31 				
Northwest Christmas Break						

THE WORD MADE FLESH



We are reminded that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his divine nature to us through the description of physical substances we experience on earth.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" John 1:14



Advent Midweek

(Services at 1:30 & 6:30pm)

Wednesday, December 4

Bread of Life (John 6:35): Jesus is born in Bethlehem, the House of Bread, to nourish and strengthen us in our faith and feed us with his Word of truth to fill our lives.

Wednesday, December 11

Salt of the Earth (Matthew 5:13): Jesus calls us to flavor the earth and to savor the good things that come from him through his birth.

Wednesday, December 18

Rock of Ages (Isaiah 51:1): Jesus is our rock, a solid foundation on which to build a life of joy.

Christmas Week

Sunday, December 22 at 9:30 a.m.

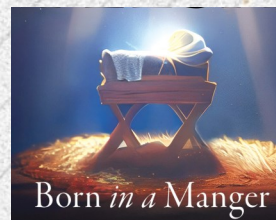
Light of the World (John 8:12): Jesus brightens our lives through his birth, dispelling the darkness of sin to bring forgiveness to light.

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Born in a Manger (Luke 2:7): The humble birth of Jesus as he rests in a manger of straw, through he is the Son of God. Jesus is the Word Made Flesh who is God With Us.

Christmas Day, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Crowned with Glory (Philippians 2:10): The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay is our King of Kings forevermore. The Word Made Flesh reigns over heaven and earth, and we are loved and forgiven members of the Kingdom of God to life everlasting.



Cards for our Members & Former Staff

Christmas can be a lonely time for many people, especially for our senior members who often miss out on many of the holiday festivities. Here is a list of members and former staff members who might appreciate a note. Please send a card to let them know they are in our thoughts over this special holiday.

Eunice Bachmeier

4541 N 71st St.
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Rev Richard Bartholomew

1169 County Road D
Almond, WI 54909

Jetta Bobholz

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Germantown, WI 53022

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Sussex, WI 53089

Mario & Karen Carini

9410 W Melvina
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Loretta Centgraf

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Milwaukee, WI 53210

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Milwaukee, WI 53216

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Cedarburg, WI 53012

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Jim & Mary Miller

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Wauwatosa, WI 53225

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Milwaukee, WI 53223

Gertrude Suckow

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Gail Tatro

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Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Dennis & Pat Wallinger

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Carol Wenzel

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Joanne Wiedenhoef

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