



Covenant Findings

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH |
DECEMBER 2025 – VOLUME 61

FROM THE PASTOR

In the early 1900's in the United Kingdom, at a time when alarm clocks were expensive and somewhat unreliable, you could hire a human alarm clock to ensure you didn't oversleep. This person's job consisted of going around to people's homes and knocking on their doors or windows until they finally got out of bed. One well known waker-upper used a fishing pole to tap on people's windows. Another, named Mary Smith, was known around London's East End for using a pea shooter to shoot dried peas at her client's windows until they finally woke up.

People today still have a hard time waking up. Most parents will remember trying to wake up a sleeping teenager to get ready for school or get started on Saturday chores. My father used to sing to wake us up. It was really more of a yell. "Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory!"

In Matthew 24 Jesus shares signs of the end of the age, things like famine and earthquake, wars and rumors of war (Matt. 24:6-7). He says that no one knows the day or hour when He will return (Matt. 24:36). His warning can be summed up in two words – Wake Up! Jesus spoke these words just a few days before his arrest and crucifixion. He was headed to the cross where He would give His life as the payment for our sin. He would rise on the third day to complete our salvation and give us eternal life. Now he looks ahead to the time when He would return on the Last Day.

As we enter a new church year and the season of Advent, we remember that Christ is coming. We prepare our hearts to receive Him at Christmas. We remember His first coming in Bethlehem where He was born to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We also remember that He will come again to judge the living and the dead, to bring His church, His kingdom, to its final glorious fulfillment.

Because we don't know when Christ will come again, because we don't know when our last day on this earth will be, we must always be ready. We must always be watching. We are ready for that day when we put our hope for heaven in Jesus. We are ready when we live each day by faith in Jesus Christ. That's the message of Advent. Be ready. Be watching. Be faithful. Christ is coming at an hour when you least expect him. So wake up!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve Voigt

Official Acts

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 Lafford
Marcia Rosynek
Diana Streil

Greeters

December 7—Diana Lafford & Pat Holz

December 14—Dale & Leann Meyer

December 21—Pastor Steve & Sherry Voigt

December 24

4:00pm—Audrey Wilde & Sandra Randazzo

7:00pm—Marcia & Keith Rosynek

December 25

10:00am—Lynda Kopp & Lisa Frederick

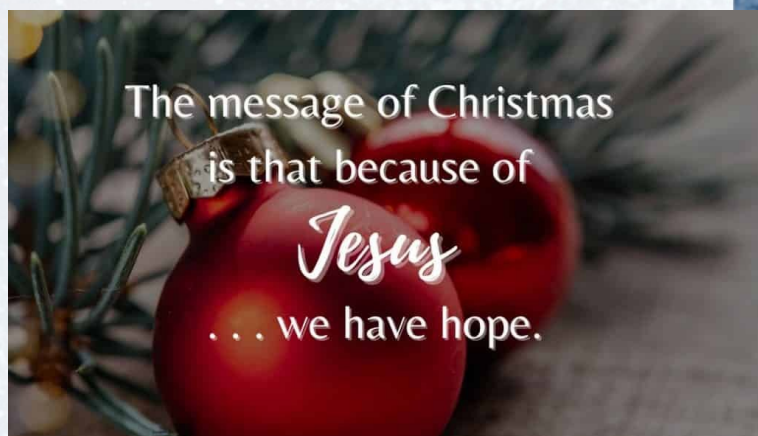
December 29—Tom & Jane Buck

SPECIAL GIFTS

DCF Grant.....	\$1,050
Helping Hands Food Pantry.....	\$130
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$260
Special Gift.....	\$12.20
Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$55

MEMORIALS

Betty Rasmussen Memorial—\$10,000



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 9:30AM

NORTHWEST CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 1:30PM

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

Church Info & Staff

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PASTOR: Steven Voigt

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Karen Winefeld

CHURCH SECRETARY:

Alyssa Gottsacker

FACILITY MANAGERS:

Steve Dasher & Jim Richter

CECC Info

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Director: Joely Douyette

Financial Update

Thank you to the members of Covenant for your faithful giving throughout the year. Your generous offerings make it possible to maintain our facility and to do ministry together and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our church and community. The Treasurer's Report as of October 31 shows a positive cash balance. Total income to date is \$351,566 which includes offering income, childcare income and income received from the Northwest Lutheran School lease agreement. We have also received nearly \$4,000 in interest income this year as our Treasurer has negotiated a higher interest rate on the church's money market account.

We have had some expenses for building and grounds. The cost of property insurance has gone up significantly this year. New parking lot lighting was installed on November 12. The church carpet was cleaned on November 19. The new boiler system was installed in March but most of that expense was covered by special gifts and memorials. Even with these additional expenses, we still have a positive cash balance. Praise God!

As we approach the end of the year, please be mindful of your pledge for 2025 and make every effort to fulfill your pledge. Red "Catch Up" envelope 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 2026...

- 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 5

Brynnlee Winn

December 9

Sherry Voigt

December 12

Nancy Keck

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 23 was Commitment Sunday. If you are unable to attend church in person, please take this opportunity to send in your pledge for 2026.

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 7.

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 14, to insure deliver before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARD OUTREACH

DECEMBER 10 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, Dec. 6
9am-4pm

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

Lake Country Lutheran High School

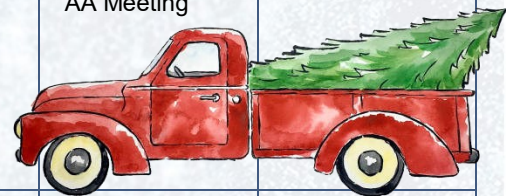
401 Campus Drive • Hartland

{on the corner of Hwy 83 & Hwy 16}

Christmas
Begins
with
Christ

December 2025

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



Our Dear CHRIST Enters In



Many times in the hustle and bustle of home life, the spiritual blessings of Advent and Christmas get buried in all the trappings of the season. What if our goal this year was to simply let our dear Christ enter into our homes and into our lives? We look at what happens when Christ enters in and makes our hearts his home.

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O GATES! AND BE LIFTED UP, O ANCIENT
DOORS, THAT THE KING OF GLORY MAY COME IN. Psalm 24:7



Advent Midweek

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

Wednesday, December 3

Family Tree: Jesus enters into a unique family tree that demonstrates to us how blessed we are to be a part of the family tree of God because of him.

Wednesday, December 10

Home Hurts: In this broken world, our homes are not immune from hurt. But Jesus enters in to comfort and heal us when we encounter pain and suffering.

Wednesday, December 17

Baby Names: We contemplate the name *Jesus*, which was given to him at his birth. It is a reminder to us of his reason for entering in to our world: He came to save us.

Christmas Week

Sunday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m.

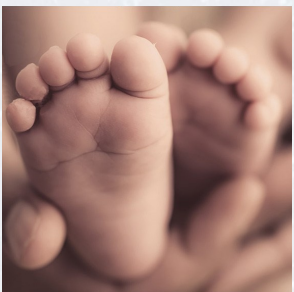
Company Comes: We prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus just as we get ready when company comes to our homes.

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

Great Joy: When we celebrate that Christ has entered in at last to make his home with us on earth that we might have a home with him in heaven.

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

In Our Hearts: When we welcome the Christ Child into our hearts, homes, and lives, fondly remembering the precious events of this special day, as Mary did, in word and song.



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.

Rev Richard Bartholomew

1169 County Road D
Almond, WI 54909

Jetta Bobholz

N114 W15947 Hilbert Ln.
Germantown, WI 53022

Marion Braatz

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Sussex, WI 53089

Mario & Karen Carini

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Loretta Centgraf

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Milwaukee, WI 53216

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Milwaukee, WI 53222

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Marcia Hottinger

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Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

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Milwaukee, WI 53222

Myrtis Jones

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Herb Onasch

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Rev. Kermit & Bertha Ratcliffe

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Dennis & Pat Wallinger

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Fox Lake, WI 53933

Joanne Wiedenhoeft

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