



# ALL THINGS ADVENT

## WHAT IS IT?

The season of Advent prepares our hearts to hear the story of the Father sending his Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us from the powers of sin, death and the devil. The word Advent is from the Latin for “*coming into*.” The season of Advent is a season of hope *coming into* the world.

## IN WORSHIP

The first Sunday of Advent is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will light the Advent wreath each of the four Sundays of the season, marking the passing of time until Christmas, as our anticipation mounts for the coming Christ child. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex for individuals, couples or families wanting to read the wreath lighting liturgy during worship.

## MIDWEEK SERVICES

Midweek Advent soup suppers will be held in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:15pm. A worship service will follow each of those meals in the Fireside Room Chapel at 7:00pm. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex for those wishing to bring soup, bread and dessert each week.



## Christmas Banquet

Resurrection Lutheran will be hosting a Christmas Banquet on **Friday, December 8, 2023**. Social hour will begin at 5:30pm with a banquet meal being served at 6:00pm. Sign-up in the narthex and indicate how many seats you would like reserved. A free-will donation will be taken the night of the event.



Held on the night of the Winter Solstice, which is the longest night of the year, Blue Christmas invites worshippers to come together to acknowledge that Christmas is not a happy and bright time for everyone. Instead of joy and excitement, feelings of grief and heartache fill the holidays. It could be many things: mourning someone who has died or who may die soon, coping with the aftermath of divorce, job loss, sickness, loneliness — any of the unfortunate tragedies life sometimes serves up. This service is meant to provide a safe place to grieve and be comforted by God’s eternal love and light. Join us **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30pm for a time of scripture, song, prayer and the ultimate hope that God is with us in the midst of all life’s circumstances.

## Christmas

AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

**Christmas Eve Candlelight**  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> | 5:30pm



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Come, one and all, to help get the Resurrection Lutheran Church Sanctuary ready for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Decorating will take place on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am.

## December Worship Assistants

	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up
<b>December 3</b>	Ron and Sue Brooks	Jim Lambert Carolyn Rewitzer	Jim Lambert	Pat and Karen McGregor	Ron and Sue Brooks
<b>December 10</b>	Brad Matthes Kevin Leffel	Don Peterson Pastor Aaron	Mike Youngerberg		
<b>December 17</b>	Daryl and Rita Schoemaker	Doug and Sue Mayer	Chuck Kindgren	Mike and Vicki Youngerberg	Darlene Korstad
<b>December 24</b>	Don Peterson Doug Mayer	Jerry and Joyce Roust	Sharon Litynski		
<b>December 31</b>	Brad Matthes Rebecca Blum	Dave and Helen Schauer	Ruth Heilman		

### December Milestones

#### Birthdays

9<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Heinze  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Bruce Krahmer  
27<sup>th</sup> – Michal Clobes

#### Anniversaries

18<sup>th</sup> – Ross and Ruth Heilman

### Financial Report

October Income	\$25,356.00
October Expenses	(\$23,079.42)

#### *Account Balances as of October 31, 2023*

Checking Account	\$9,634.76
Savings Account	\$15,430.88
Edward Jones CD	\$32,361.14
Building Loan	(\$190,607.16)

Monthly offering amount needed to make our budget commitments: \$20,475.00

## Read the Bible in 2 Years

### *Daily Reading Plan*

November 27<sup>th</sup> – 1 Peter 1:1-25  
November 28<sup>th</sup> – 1 Peter 2:1-25  
November 29<sup>th</sup> – 1 Peter 3:1-4:19  
November 30<sup>th</sup> – 1 Peter 5:1-14  
December 1<sup>st</sup> – 2 Peter 1:1-2:22  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2 Peter 3:1-18

December 4<sup>th</sup> – 1 John 1:1-10  
December 5<sup>th</sup> – 1 John 2:1-27  
December 6<sup>th</sup> – 1 John 2:28-3:24  
December 7<sup>th</sup> – 1 John 4:1-21  
December 8<sup>th</sup> – 1 John 5:1-21  
December 9<sup>th</sup> – 2 John 1-13

December 11<sup>th</sup> – 3 John 1-15  
December 12<sup>th</sup> – Jude 1-25  
December 13<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 1:1-20  
December 14<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 2:1-29  
December 15<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 3:1-22  
December 16<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 4:1-5:14

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 6:1-8:5  
December 19<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 8:6-9:21  
December 20<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 10:1-11  
December 21<sup>st</sup> – Revelation 11:1-19  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Revelation 12:1-17  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Revelation 13:1-18

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 14:1-20  
December 26<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 15:1-8  
December 27<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 16:1-21  
December 28<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 17:1-18:8  
December 29<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 18:9-24  
December 30<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 19:1-21

January 1<sup>st</sup> – Revelation 20:1-15  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Revelation 21:1-27  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Revelation 22:1-21



# WOW

WOMEN OF THE WORD  
DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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*“God sent more than **miracles**  
and **messages**. He sent his **Son**.”*

Max Lucado

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a special time in our lives. CHRISTMAS is coming, not slowly, but quickly! Stores are filled with all sorts of Christmas finery and ideas for special gifts. Yes, Christmas will be upon us within a few weeks and suddenly just when we thought we would be early with our preparations, we are almost late!

We have set the date for putting together Christmas treat gifts for our homebound members. It will fit in nicely on a busy Wednesday, December 13th at 4:00pm. We will meet downstairs at the far tables in the dining room. Since items will already have been laid out, we should be able to finish in an hour. Some items have been brought in already and hopefully crossed off on the list on the bulletin board. Mostly what we need now are the “cookie treats.” It would be helpful if you could package your cookies in baggies. Depending on size, perhaps 6-8 in a bag would be best. You can place them on a table in the designated area. If you are unable to bag them, that’s ok. We will have some baggies and willing helpers. We can do it together.

Our Advent soup suppers and worship services are coming up and the sign-up sheet is out in the narthex on the Welcome Center desk. We usually start out with 5 crockpots of soup, crackers, breads and a dessert treat such as cookies or bars. We have good cooks in our Church family and it’s fun to taste the different soups that are brought. Suppers will start at 6:15pm and worship services will be held in the Fireside Chapel at 7pm.

I talked briefly in our last letter about the Fall cleaning that was put on hold until next Spring. However, we have an emergency now, and need some help to put the downstairs fellowship hall kitchen back in order after some lil’ visitors left their markings in our drawers. A date will be announced soon, and we will gather as a small group to get things back in order.

As we look forward to the new year and new beginnings, perhaps you will be writing out your 2024 New Year’s resolutions and would like to add a new way of serving as the WOW Coordinator. It’s quite a rewarding adventure. There are some ways this role could be divided up into smaller parts, such as one person serving as a Funeral Coordinator and another as the Missions Coordinator. Please think and pray about it and let me know at our January meeting. I will be eager to discuss any of this with you beforehand if you’re interested.

As we prepare now for this special time of Christmas, doing the myriad of things we seem compelled to do, remind yourself to rejoice and praise Him, who gave us the gift of all ages: His dearest treasure, His Son.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year,

Karen Jaeck

*WOW Coordinator*