

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 22, 2024



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

2024 THEME: JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

*For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5 (ESV)*

THE PREPARATION

*We prepare our hearts and minds by confessing our sins and humbly turning to our God who alone is able to forgive our sins. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”
(II Corinthians 5:17)*

A NOTE ABOUT SAFETY: We desire to remain a warm and friendly congregation while providing a safe and secure place to worship. To that end, we have a few tips for your participation with us today.

- If you see something, say something. If you happen to notice something out of the ordinary, please mention it to our safety team (yellow badges) or elder (golden badges).
- In the event of any safety emergency, please call 911. More phone calls received by law enforcement will help ensure a prompt and accurate response.

A REMINDER: Please turn your cell phone to mute or to vibrate during the worship service. Thank you.

AS WE GATHER

The Advent season of preparing for the promised Savior to be born as one of us soon reaches its climax. Though in our homes and lives we may be wondering if we have done all we have needed to get ready for our own celebrations, we give thanks that at the center of our coming Christmas observations the Lord has prepared all we need. In this last Sunday of Advent and in the days ahead of anticipated Christmas joy, may we find peace in the preparations done freely for us out of grace, mercy, and perfect love centered on the Savior we soon welcome, who was born for us and all the world.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME & TOLLING OF THE BELLS

1. The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.
2. Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.
3. Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.
4. Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see His face.
5. The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!



God, the blessed
and only **Ruler**,
the **King** of kings
and **Lord** of lords.

1 Timothy 6:15, NIV

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

John 1:5, 9; 3:16; Psalm 36:5–9

P We light the fourth Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P The fourth Advent candle has been known as the angel candle and the candle of love. As our Advent season soon ends, we await the angelic message of the good news of a Savior. We have come to know the love of the one true God this season and always as we have prepared to celebrate His birth. We know God's promises come to fruition in Jesus, who later made known His Father's love in His being born into this world; in His life, ministry, teaching, preaching, healing; and ultimately in His dying and rising. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

C **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

P Guided by the light of love, we respond with the psalmist: "Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

C **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD.**

P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

C **They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

P For with You is the fountain of life;

C **in Your light do we see light."**

HYMN OF ADVENT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357 sts. ref, 6-7

6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -

clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 32:5; 80:7; 124:8

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

C **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P We have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed.

C **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to be born in our flesh, to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins.

C **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and the Holy Spirit. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Those that believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C **Amen.**

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...



Hebrews 10:22

† Service of the Word †

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you.**

[Timothy 4:22]

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2–5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of
the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he shall be their peace.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



He will stand and
shepherd his flock
in the strength
of the LORD ...

Micah 5:4, NIV

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵ When Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),
⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah,
⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

“My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in
God my Savior ...”

Luke 1:46



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

LSB 356

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady.”
Gloria!
2. “For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee;
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady.”
Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”
Most highly favored lady,
Gloria!
4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
“Most highly favored lady.”
Gloria!



*“Greetings, favored one!
The Lord is with you!”*

Luke 1:28, NRSV

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk

(Please stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

For those worshipping online, please visit www.lccross.org to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6>



For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card.

OFFERING HYMN Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LSB 793 sts. 1–3

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Philippians 1:3–11

P Let us pray for the church, for the people of God, and for all people according to their needs.

We await to celebrate our King, who has come, promised to be born among the small clan of Judah in Bethlehem, fulfiller of the old covenant promise, and bringer of life and grace in the new covenant in which we now live. We await our King, who promises to return, to restore and renew what was broken, and to bring life and light everlasting. Be with us as we soon close this Advent season of anticipation and preparation, rejoicing in the everlasting King who has come and will come again. Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Almighty King, Your ways are not our ways nor are Your thoughts our thoughts. In days of doubts and despair that arise, in cases of confusion, and in times of trial and tribulation, remind us of Your kingdom in which we have been called and Your eternal kingdom to come. Be with those who struggle, [*including . . . April (friend of Cherie Usowicz), Anne (friend of Cherie Usowicz), Jeanette (sister of Augusto Vazquez), Kevin (friend of Rene & Sue Richard), Beth Thompson Schall (daughter of Susan Thompson), Phil Woodruff*].

Help us to see Your mighty work even among our wayward world of sin and sorrow and the perfect plan of salvation imparted through the Savior we await. Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Ever-present King, we lift up those who have been placed in authority over us in our community, state, nation, and world. Guide and direct their decisions that they be pleasing to You and for the benefit of all, including the marginalized, the voiceless, and the outcast. Where there is violence and warfare, grant peace. Where there is distress, bring stability. Where there is terror, bring comfort. Where there are opportunities for us to bring compassion and concern through our voices and actions, compel us to do so faithfully. Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord *LSB 352 sts. 1-4*

1. Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
2. What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.
3. Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.
4. As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.



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SILENT PRAYER & CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Faith & Fellowship

You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School. Please stop by and enjoy.

2025 FLOWER / ETERNAL LIGHT CHART



Sign ups for the 2025 Altar Flower / Eternal Light are now available on the Narthex hallway bulletin board! Please be sure when signing up that you note your name on the chart next to the date which you are signing up for *AND* that you grab one of the available order forms to the right of the chart. Once you have completed the order form, return it and your payment (**checks made payable to the Ladies Parish Guild**) in the flower box located on the Narthex table. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE OPEN DATES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

Please sign up for a Sunday in January to designate a beautiful bouquet today!

Our Youth Sunday School classes will be closed for the week of 12/29. Classes will resume Sunday, January 5th at 9:00am! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to our Youth and their families this Christmas!

...Co-Chairs, Abby & Marita

Pastor: Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk ~ Winter Assistant Pastor: Rev. Jerry Menk
Organist: Stephen Kopp III ~ Flute Soloist: Raymond Stolarczyk

Handbell Co-Directors: Bill & Ronna Trueman ~ Vocal Choir Director: Arnie Piering
Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman
Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

December 22, 2024

Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by
David Aiken in remembrance of

Robert & Corinda Aiken and Charles & Marilyn Gordon.

The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by David Aiken to
celebrate the birthdays of:

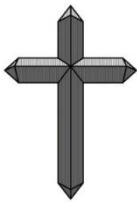
David R. Aiken (12/23), Kevin E. Aiken (12/26),

Alan M. Aiken (1/3) & Brian K. Aiken (1/26)

And by the Curley-LaFave family in memory of Ann and her daughter, Cherylann Visel.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Bell Tollers	Wayn Nelson, Barb Powell
Elders on Duty	David Aiken, Mark Keck
Greeters/Ushers	Kay Helgerson, Richard & Judy Davis
Altar Servers	LCC Altar Guild Members
Safety Team	David Aiken, Mark Keck
Streaming Team	Gloria Cvelbar, Kay Helgerson, Wayn Nelson



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IF YOU HAVE any comments, questions or suggestions, please contact:

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In case of Emergency you may reach	<u>Pastor Stolarczyk:</u>	<u>Cell: 941-979-7490</u>
	<u>Pastor Menk:</u>	<u>Cell: 941-327-9453</u>

IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Dale Kuhn, Dale Sawicki, Millie Tyczka, Ken & Mary Werring

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Anne	Friend of LCC; recovery & healing
Chuck Anderson	Recovery & healing
Fran Boatwright	Recovery
Val Korman	Hospice Care
Ro Miller	Recovery & healing
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
Dale Sawicki	Peace & comfort
Phil Woodruff	Safe travel & healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Karen	Daughter Ann LaFave; battling cancer
Kevin	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Cate Bocassi	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Mack Gonzales	Battling cancer
Robert Jeffery	Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia
Todd Kliez	Battling cancer
Rev. Peter Kolb	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Audrey Kowalski	Friend of Dorothy Christman; terminal cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
Kathy Sanders	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Lisa Sayers	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Barb Sullivan	Friend of LCC; diagnosed with cancer
Carmen Torres	Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
Lori Truelove	Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
Connie Warner	Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
 USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
 US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
 USAF Sr. Airman

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
 Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Shawn Golembieski

US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
 US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
 USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
 USAF A1C Riley Latarski
 Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz
 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
 USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell
 US Army PFC Parker Woodruff

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
 Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort Bragg

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT & WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2024

Week Of: 12/08/24		
On-Site Attendance 36 / 168	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 28,450*
	Expense:	\$ 13,846

Week Of: 12/15/24		
On-Site Attendance 44 / 143	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 26,623*
	Expense:	\$ 13,846

**Includes Mid-Week Advent 12/04 service collection*

**Includes Mid-Week Advent 12/11 service collection*

SIGN UPS ARE OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS!



Our **2025 Church Directory** will be rolling out soon! To make sure we see all of our members bright and smiling faces in the 2025 copy... **pictures will be offered on Sunday, January 12th & the 19th from 9:00am-9:30am and again immediately following the late services.** Please be sure to sign up for a time slot soon and get ready to smile big for the new directory!

Our next planned Potluck Luncheon will be – January 26th – we will be welcoming in our newest members with a Bring Your Own Dish Potluck! Sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex and be sure to notate your planned dish on the sign up. If you are unsure of what to bring, please reach out to Pat Siegmann at 941-408-3539 and she can certainly help! However, a dish is NOT required to attend this lunch!



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

- Mon. Dec 23** Altar Guild Communion Set Up @ 9:00am – Sacristy/Sanctuary
- Tues. Dec 24** Christmas Eve Worship Services @ 3:00pm, 5:00pm & 7:00pm
- Wed. Dec 25** Christmas Day Worship w/ Holy Communion @ 10:30am
*Please note the church office will be closed
Dec 24 & 25 in observance of the Christmas Holidays.*
- Sun. Dec 29** Commemoration of the Faithful Departed service - 7:30am & 10:30am
- Wed. Jan 1** *Church Office will be closed in observance of the New Year holiday*
- Thurs. Jan 2** Altar Guild Communion Set Up @ 9:00am – Sacristy/Sanctuary
LWML Ladies Parish Guild Meeting @ 1:00pm – FMC
- Mon. Jan 6** Christmas Décor Removal @ 9:00am – Sanctuary
- Tues. Jan 7** Church Council By-Law Meeting @ 2:00pm – OFH
- Wed. Jan 8** Board of Elders Meeting @ 3:30pm – OFH
- Thurs. Jan 9** Shepherding Leaders Meeting @ 9:00am – FMC
- Sat. Jan 11** Removal & Storage of LCC Nativity @ TBD
Stephen Minister Supervision Meeting @ 9:00am- FMC
- Sun. Jan 12** Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
Directory Picture Day – see sign up for times – OFH
- Tues. Jan 14** Board of Christian Education Meeting @ 3:30pm – FMC
- Mon Jan. 20** *Church Office will be closed in observance of holiday*
New Member Orientation Night @ 6:00pm – Sanctuary
- Tues. Jan 21** Church Council Meeting @ 6:00pm – OFH
- Thurs. Jan 23** Charlotte County Tennis Association Meeting @ 2:00pm – FMC
- Sun. Jan 26** New Member Welcome Sunday!
New Member Welcome Potluck following the late service - FMC

WEEKLY RE-OCCURRING CAMPUS EVENTS:

- † **AA Meetings:** Meets weekly in the FMC @ 7:00pm
Monday (Women Only)
Tuesday & Wednesday (Open to all)
- † **Christian Education & Fellowship:** Every Sunday in the FMC @ 9:00am
- † **LifeLight Bible Class:** Life of David meets Thursday in the FMC @ 10:00am
- † **Handbell Choir Rehearsal:** Meets every Thursday in the Sanctuary @ 4:30pm
- † **LCC Garden Committee:** Meets every Wednesday in the Prayer Park @ 9:30am
- † **Raise Right Fundraising Team:** Meets every Sunday in the FMC
Operates at 9:00am & following the 10:30am services
- † **SON-Seekers Bible Study:** Meets every Monday in the FMC @ 11:30am
- † **Vocal Choir Rehearsal:** Meets every Thursday in the Sanctuary @ 5:45pm
- † **Youth Confirmation Class:** Meets Tuesdays in Pastor's Study @ 6:30pm