

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024



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Visitors: Please see the statement on Holy Communion on pg. 16.***

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Text: para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924; Basque, c. 18th cent. Text:
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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

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.

P 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Hymn: 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

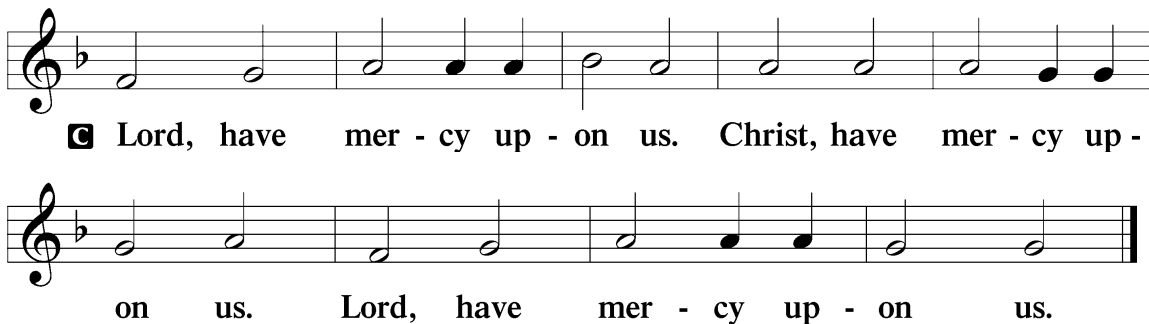
- 1 My soul now magnifies the Lord;
My spirit leaps for joy in Him.
He keeps me in His kind regard,
And I am blest for time to come.
- 2 For He alone who shows such might
Has done amazing things to me.
His mercy flows; His name like light
Remains in time perpetually.
- 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great.
He scatters those of proud intent
And casts them down from high estate,
Then gives the low His nourishment.
- 4 He feeds the hungry as His own;
The wealthy leave with empty hands.
He gives His help to Israel;
His gracious promise always stands.

Text: Luke 1:46-55; adapt. Stephanie K. Frey, 1952

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Kyrie

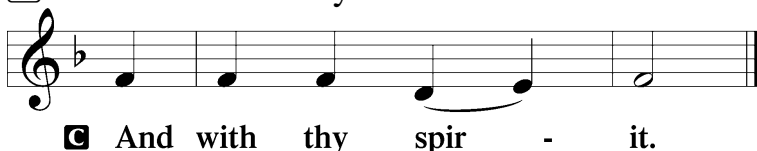
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

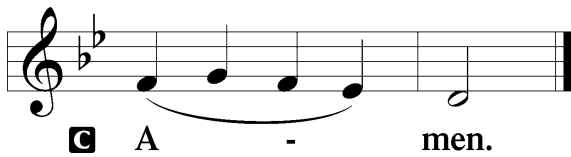
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

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.



Sit

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Handbell Anthem: “Once In Royal David’s City”

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

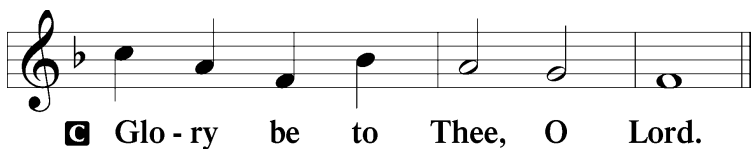
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Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–56

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



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.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the wooden box at the back of the Sanctuary.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



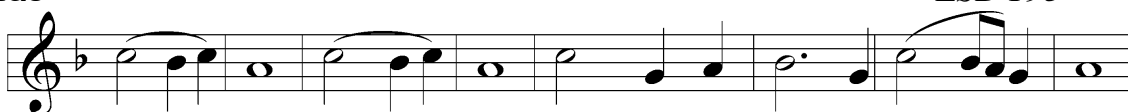
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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- C** 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.
- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

392 God Loves Me Dearly

Text: August Rische, 1819–1906; tr. composite

340 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

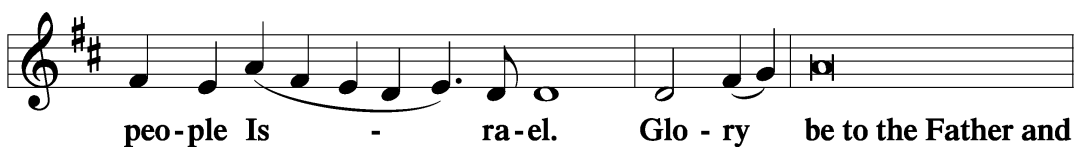
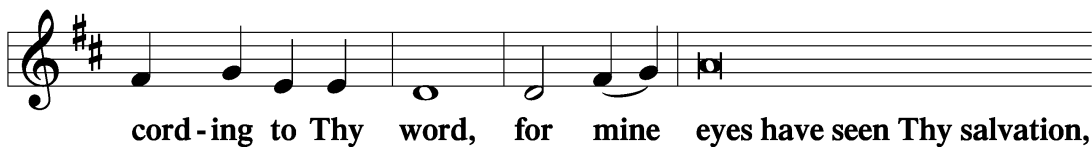
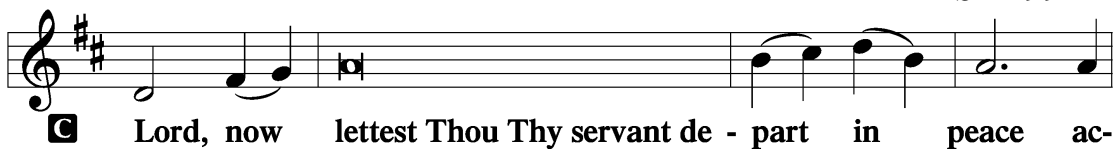
358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

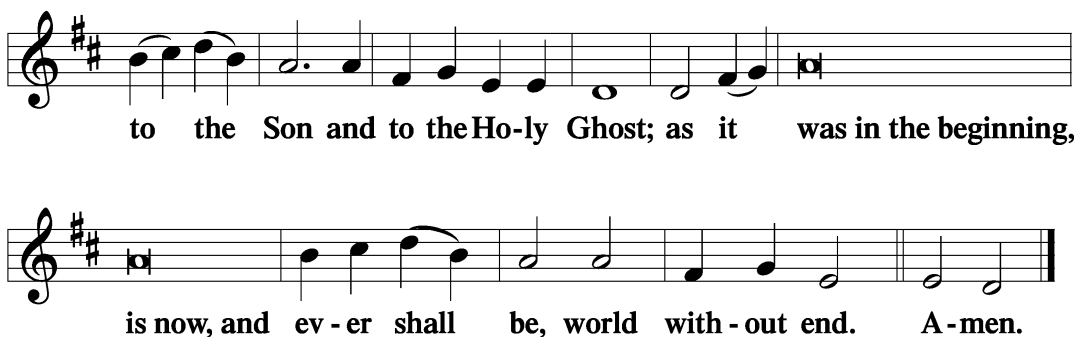
Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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Nunc Dimittis

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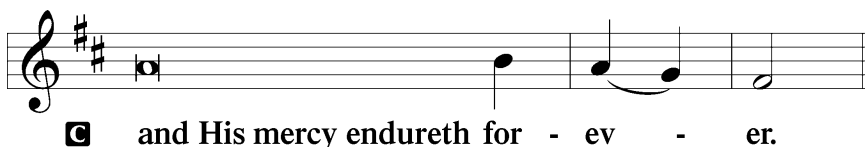




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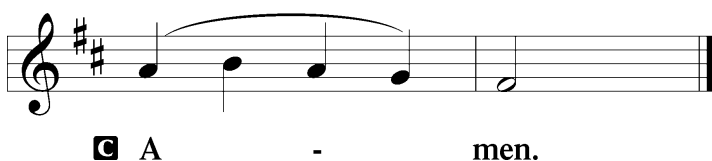
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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

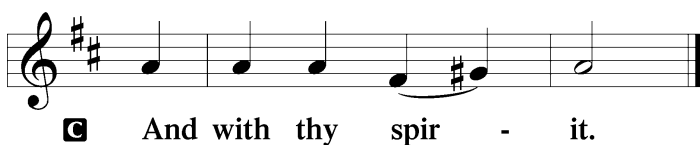


A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



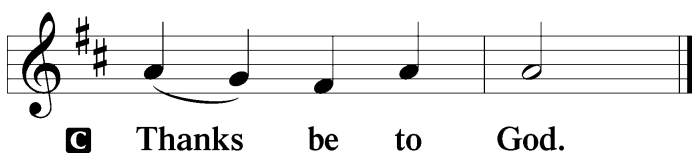
P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

LSB 202

- [P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



[C] A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Closing Hymn: 933 My Soul Rejoices

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Postlude: Recording of “*Tocata and Fugue in D minor*” by Johann Sebastian Bach, played by Kristen Neustadter, in memory of her passing on this day one year ago.

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Worship Times: Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time.

Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, “Busy Bags” are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

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Ushers

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Monday: Steve Hamann & Jim Hamann

Communion Assistant

Michael Gregurich

Altar Guild

Joanne Thompson & JoAnn Noffke

CD Recording

Keith & Laurie Magyar

Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God in memory of Kris Neustadter by
Redeemer's ringers and singers.

Prayers

For Chuck Newberg who has been placed on Hospice care.



This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00 am Worship

Fellowship

Monday, December 23rd

9:00 am -12:00 pm Office Open

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Office Closed

3:00 pm Worship

5:00 pm Worship

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas

9:00 am Worship

Thursday, December 26th

Office closed

Friday, December 27th

Office closed

Saturday, December 28th

Office closed

Sunday, December 29th

9:00 am Worship

Fellowship

Advent/Christmas

Schedule

- *Christmas Eve Worship:
Tuesday, December 24th at
3:00 and 5:00 P.M.*
- *Christmas Day Worship:
9:00 A.M. on Wednesday,
December 25th.*
- *New Year's Eve Worship:
Tuesday, December 31st at
5:00 P.M.*

Last Week Attendance: 141

Last Week Offering: \$5,208

Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHRISTMAS SERMON: PRINCE OF PEACE

Our Christmas Eve/Day sermon is "Prince of Peace"—a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn why we long for peace in this world but fail to obtain it. We will also learn how Jesus, the "Prince of Peace," gives us peace with God through His sacrifice for us, which also results in believers being at peace with one another.

Hearing Problems?

New hearing devices are available to use for both worship and bible study. Please ask an usher for help.

Cards to Shut-Ins

If you would like to send cards of encouragement for Advent and Christmas to any of our shut-ins, a list of names and addresses is available at the Welcome Center desk.

Executive Board Vacancy - Director of Spiritual Growth

We currently have a vacancy on the Executive Board for the Director of Spiritual Growth. This position provides assistance to the Pastor and helps coordinate an ongoing ministry of spiritual growth for the congregation at Redeemer - with the support of the entire board. The board meets once a month for about an hour, so the time commitment for this position is not significant - yet it, along with all the positions on the board, provide a great service to Redeemer. We ask that you prayerfully consider if this might be a role that you can fill, and if you have any questions, please contact Pastor, Michael Gregurich or any member of the board.

Dorothy Zimmerman 100th Birthday

Dorothy Zimmerman will be turning 100 on January 3rd. If you would like to mail her a card, her address is:

Dorothy Zimmerman
800 East Grant Street
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

2025 Offering Envelopes

2025 offering envelopes are now available. Please pick your packet up as soon as possible. Do not use them until January 2025. Any offerings that you want posted for 2024 need to be in the church office by December 30th.

Kwik Trip

Kwik Trip cards are restocked and available for purchase. Plan ahead, Kwik Trip gift cards make great gifts and stocking stuffers. Thank you for continuing to support this preschool fundraiser!

Thrivent Choice

If you are a member of Thrivent and have Choice Dollars to designate for 2024 you have until March 31st to contract Thrivent and direct your dollars to Redeemer, our preschool or any charity of your choice that Thrivent supports.

Greeting Cards

Boxes of Christmas cards are now available at the Redeemer card rack, located in the fellowship hall.

Happy New Year!

Join Family Ministry (all ages welcome) as we count down the New Year! Please invite your friends and neighbors. If you are interested in bringing items for supper sign up at the Welcome Center. We are also looking for donations of noisemakers and decorations which can be put at the welcome center.

5:00 pm: Church

6:00 pm: Supper (Salad, Lasagna, Breads, Fruit, Dessert, Drinks)

6:59 pm: NYE countdown!

Epiphany Bonfire

Please join us for a special bonfire at Redeemer Lutheran on Friday, January 10th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.. We will be remembering the visit of the Magi to Jesus by burning real Christmas trees.

Hot chocolate and s'mores will be served for all to enjoy!

In the event of strong winds, the event will be moved to Saturday, January 11th. We are aiming to collect and burn 100 Christmas trees this year! Feel free to drop off your real Christmas tree in the back of the parking lot.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Olson at 920-410-2294 (call or text). We look forward to seeing you there!



Youth Gathering Shoe Drive - Thank You!

We cannot thank the congregation enough for all your support through our first ever shoe drive! With your help bringing in shoes, sharing on social media, and telling friends and neighbors, we were able to collect 52 bags of gently used shoes. While we haven't heard what that equates to for funds, we are very excited with this outcome. And we truly couldn't have done it without you. Thank you again for supporting the trip to the National Youth Gathering next July!

January Book Club

Book club will be meeting at church on Saturday, January 25th at 10am. The books with discussion questions are available for sign out at the welcome center. All interested readers are welcome. Any questions, call Lisa Battin 920-323-6456.

Bible Study Updates

There will not be Tuesday Bible Study on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. Class will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 7th.

Pastor Huehn Out of Town

Pastor Huehn will be gone Dec. 26-28, returning sometime in the afternoon on Sat. Rev. Bill Kilps has agreed to cover any emergencies if they should arise. His cell is: 920-901-5776.

Holiday Office Hours

Monday, Dec. 23: Office open 9am-12pm

Monday, Dec. 30: Office open 9am-12pm

Otherwise the office will be closed for the holidays.

Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, Jan. 2nd

8:00am-1:00pm

