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*Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!*

# The R E A C H O U T

The following is from the Worship Wordbook a Practical Guide for Parish Worship Ralph R Van Loon, S. Anita Stauffer. Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, 1995.

## Christmas

Old English: "The Mass of Christ"

The celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. When the Word became flesh (John 1:14) through the birth of Jesus Christ.

The actual date of Christ birth is not known. The fourth-century Church's decision to select December 25 as the day to commemorate the Incarnation was based on the assumption that Jesus' conception was on March 25, and hence his birth was celebrated nine months later. The celebration of the birth of Christ is preceded by The Advent season, a four-week period of preparation for the nativity of the Lord. In contrast to the subdued and austere mood of Advent, Christmas is characterized by grateful praise and festive joy.

## Austere

Adjective- severe in manner or appearance; uncompromising; strict; forbidding: an austere teacher. Rigorously self-disciplined and severely moral; ascetic; abstinent: the austere quality of life in the convent. Grave; sober; solemn; serious: an austere manner. Without excess, luxury, or ease; simple; limited; severe: an austere life. severely simple; without ornament.

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## **Christmas Cycle**

The first three seasons of the church year: Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. The Christmas cycle focuses on the Incarnation of Jesus: Preparation for his coming (Advent); his birth as the world's Savior (Christmas); and his manifestations to the world and his Baptism and public ministry (Epiphany).

## **Christmas Eve**

The Vigil of Christmas; as celebration of the Christmas festival during the late hours on December 24, usually extending past midnight.

## **Christmas Season**

The twelve-day period celebrating the Incarnation of Christ, which begins December 14 (Christmas Eve) and ends January 5 (the eve of the Epiphany of our Lord).

Four lesser festivals are celebrated during this season: December 26: St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr; December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist; December 28: the Holy Innocents, Martyrs; and January 1: The Name of Jesus.

## **Advent**

Latin: "to Come"

The first season in the church year, comprising the four weeks before Christmas.

The coming to earth of humanity's redeemer represents the focus and principal theme of the Advent season. Advent draws the worshipers' attention both toward the along-awaited birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, and to the Second Advent, when Christ will return to judge the living and the dead.

The Church has observed Advent as a period of preparation for Christmas since the middle of the fifth century.

Several themes permeate Advent readings, hymns and other music: repentance, darkness, hope, watchfulness, and preparation. The mood of this season is a combination of expectancy, soberness, and austerity.

## **Advent Wreath**

A wreath of four candles used during the four weeks of Advent. The advent wreath, which probably originated among the early Lutherans in Germany, is a symbol of waiting and watchfulness during the weeks of Advent.

## **Merry Christmas!!!**

Thank you for the happy birthday and Thanksgiving cards! Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are ready for Christmas.

The children's gifts have gone to 3 C's and the gifts for the nursing home are being collected this week. Thank you for participating in these projects!

We pray for you all to have a magical Christmas season and a blessed New Year.

***Pastor Ralph and Wendy***

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
December 5th	Second Sunday of Advent	blue	Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 1: 68-79 Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6	Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."
December 12th	Third Sunday of Advent	blue	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Isaiah 12: 2-6 Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18	Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.
December 19th	Fourth Sunday of Advent	blue	Micah 5: 2-5a Luke 1: 46b-55 Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-55	Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."
December 26th	First Sunday of Christmas	white	1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52	On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### DECEMBER

Serving in God's house	December 5	December 12	December 19	December 26
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Greg Razo Pam Nock	Nancy Crouse Sarah Deiger	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger Sandy Kuntz	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### JANUARY

Serving in God's house	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Greg Razo Pam Nock	Nancy Crouse Sarah Deiger	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Pam Nock
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
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# Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Shannon Styer  
Thomas C.  
Sherman Gumbs  
Dave Sweeney  
Karen Corey  
Mark Shaffer  
Gail & Lazarus Jaji  
Barbara Neal  
Eunice Schmucker  
Gloria Hum  
Tracy Pollack

Joe Kreidler  
Anna Gagye  
Ernie Gagye  
Bruce Holisky  
T.J. Irons  
Isaac Phillips  
Joyce Feder  
Shannon Richards  
Candi Peachey  
Landon  
Carol Rhodes

Mike Alexander  
Camilla  
Darla Allen  
Brynn Peters

Serving in the military:  
Alyssa  
Bryce Liberty  
Jakeb Fry  
Lyndsey Miller

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

## **December 5**

Diane D'Amico  
Mike D'Amico  
Roman DeMaiolo  
Steven DeMaiolo

## **December 12**

Nancy Deiger  
Sarah Deiger  
Tara Detchon  
Sue Deutschlander

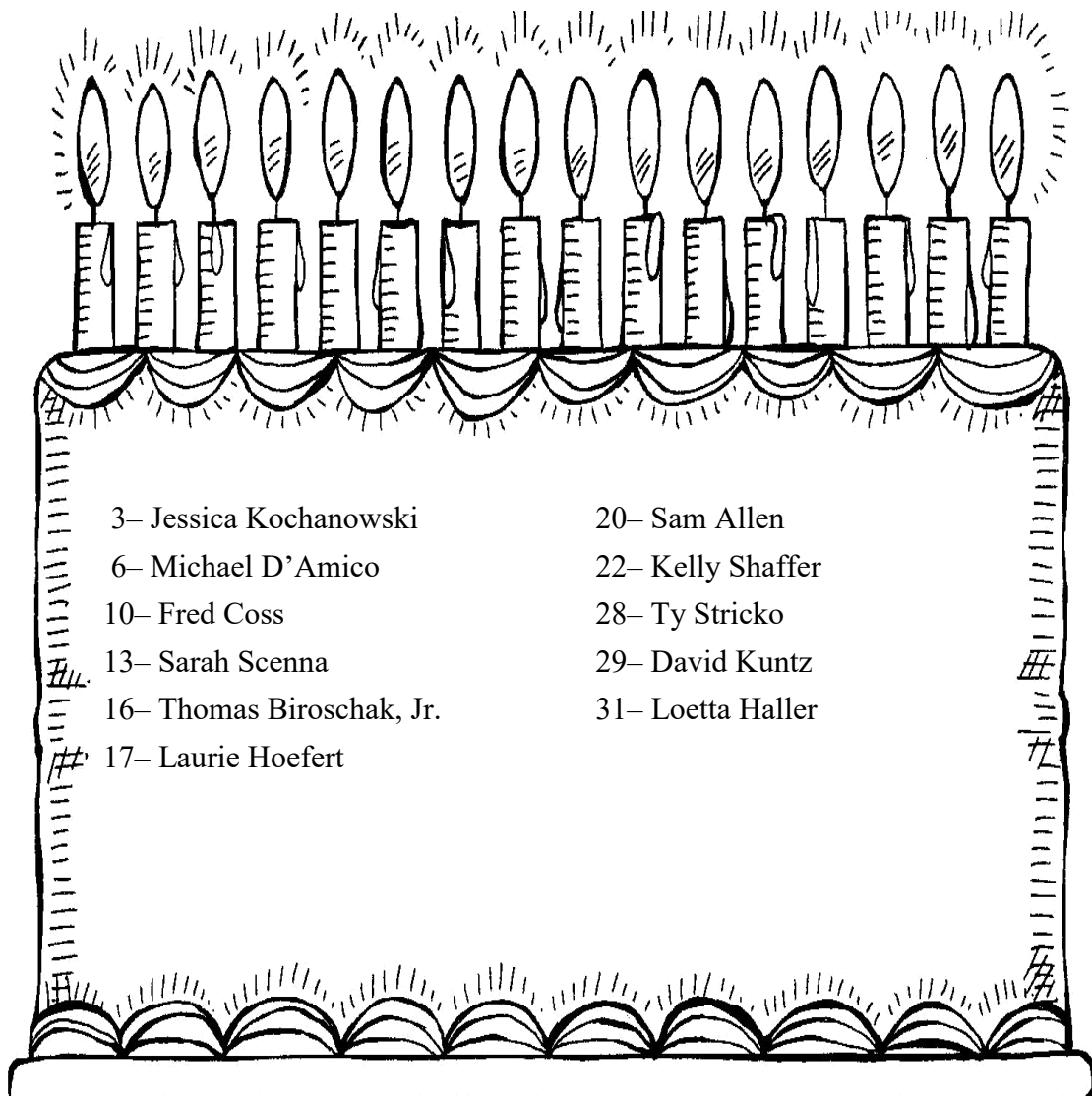
## **December 19**

Deb Dulovich  
Joe Dulovich  
Dee Duncan  
Jim Duncan

## **December 26**

Ryan Dunnigan  
Sarah Dunnigan  
Pastor Ralph Edwards  
Rebekah Edwards

29– Joe & Deb Dulovich



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2021

present: Sarah, Nancy, Kevin, Jeff, Greg, Lauren, Andy, Mike, P. Ralph, Wendy

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed new members Lauren Herubin and Michael McMurray.

## Pastor's Report –November– 2021

Area of Focus Last Month:

- \* I had 25 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- \* I had 20 contacts by phone for significant help.
- \* We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.
- \* Over the past month, I have presided at 16 worship services and prepared 7 sermons.
- Oct 1 Pastor and Wendy out of town
- Oct 2 Neal Wedding
- Oct 3 Desmond's Benefit
- Oct 4 Rulli and Ginter tour of Camp Frederick
- Oct 5 Encompass Training
- Oct 8 Interview Naomi -piano
- Oct 8 Fish Dinner
- Oct 9 Rally in the Valley
- Oct 10 Jeff Waldele set box and wire for electronic sign
- Oct 11 Interview with Tom Smotzer -piano
- Oct 12 Greg to dig trench for electric lines for sign
- Oct 12 Jeff Waldele lay out wiring
- Oct 16 Men of Faith Prayer Breakfast
- Oct 16 Blessing of Animals
- Oct 17 Fall Festival at Camp Frederick
- Oct 21 Clergy picnic Chief's assoc.
- Oct 21 Interview with Nathan Gostey -piano
- Oct 23 Cory and Sarah Wedding
- Oct 31 Reformation Sunday
- Oct 31 Nate to play piano at worship services

## Secretary's November 2021 Report

Attended fall festival and Christmas festival planning meetings

Attended benefit for Desmond

Changed paraments

Organized clothing shed and completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council and took meeting minutes

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

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**Old Business:**

- P. Ralph reports that the sign has been installed and is up and running. The top will be put on this week. LED3 will provide training hours to teach Wendy and P. Ralph how to put the information on the sign. Council is invited to learn also.

**New Business:**

- P. Ralph and Andy motion to hire Nathan Gostey as our new pianist. Kevin seconds. Motion carried.

- Sarah will ask the congregation for staff gifts this year. She and Nancy will collect them and distribute the gifts to the staff.

- Andy lets council know that the printer in the library is not working. Kevin and Nancy will look for a replacement and price cartridges for it.

Kevin led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.



**Treasurer's Report Ending October 31, 2021**

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$11,233.03	\$145,599.65	\$48,460.35
Expense	\$15,516.56	\$162,480.70	\$31,579.30
Net Total	(\$4,283.53)	(\$16,881.05)	\$16,881.05

## **Congregational Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2021**

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

### **Council nominees for 2022:**

Sarah thanks Jeff Waldele, Peggy Manchester, and Sue Deutschlander for their service on council. She asks for nominees for council.

nominees for 2022:

Lauren Herubin and Michael McMurray

Loetta motions to allow council to accept another volunteer for council. Janet seconds.

Motion carried.

### **Representatives for Good Hope nominees for 2022:**

Sarah reviews the list of Representatives for Good Hope and asks for any changes. No changes are reported.

Camp Frederick:

Sandy Kuntz and Wendy Edwards

Shepherd of the Valley:

Pastor Ralph Edwards and Andy Tesyk

South Range Council of Churches and Community:

Art & Barb Gray, Andy Tesyk, Mike D'Amico, Eugene Hostetter

Synod Assembly:

Pastor Ralph Edwards, Andy Tesyk, Sarah Deiger

Community Day Camp:

Nancy Crouse, Pastor Ralph Edwards, Wendy Edwards

Loetta motions that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous affirmative vote for both ballots as presented. Greg seconds. Motion carried.

### **Budget Proposal for 2022:**

P. Ralph thanks Kelly and Wendy for getting the budget proposal out to the congregation in a timely manner. Janet asks why Good Hope pays taxes since we are tax exempt. Kelly explains that property taxes still need to be paid for the church, shed, and parsonage. Sarah thanks Kelly for making the budget format understandable.

Andy motions to accept the proposed budget for 2022. Nancy seconds. Motion carried.

### **For the Good of the Church:**

- Pastor Ralph states that the electronic sign is partially installed. The data will be hooked up Tuesday and the top will be put on next week. He also says there are two poles that need to be pulled out and asks for someone to do this. The sign has a sensor inside to brighten it during the day and dim it at night.

- Wendy will be training to put the data on the sign and looking for volunteers who also want to learn this.

- Kevin thanks Jeff Waldele and his friend Jeff and Greg for installing the electric lines to prepare for the electronic sign.

- Kathy says she will have the gift tags for the nursing home gifts out next week.



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- Art and Barb Gray put out gift tags for the 3 C's for children's Christmas gifts. They will also make sure the food pantry is open next Sunday so we can deliver the Harvest collection.
- The adult Sunday school will start up again as soon as someone is willing to lead it. It is very difficult to get volunteers right now.
- Loetta opens a discussion about communication. It is agreed that as Lutherans we are always reforming and evolving. Kathy says that attendance is down at all churches right now. P. Ralph told the Bishop that he has no doubt about the direction Good Hope is heading as a congregation. We have joy, laughter, and fun, and we love God above all else. He suggests calling neighbors and asking if they are going to church. Tell them they are missed. The church is run by the people and it is up to us to move forward in faith. Your ideas are always welcome.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## **\*Mark Your Calendar\***

**December 8, 15, 22:** Advent worship at 7pm. You may attend in person or on zoom.

**December 17:** Fish fry dinner 3:30 –7pm. Drive through only \$13.

**December 19:** Blue Christmas worship at 7pm. in person or on zoom.

**December 24:** Christmas Eve worship at 7pm and 11pm in person or on zoom.

## **\*\*Special Notes\*\***

Giving envelopes for 2022 will be available starting Christmas Eve in the Narthex.

You may pick up your poinsettias after the 11pm worship on Christmas Eve or at the Saturday or Sunday worship.

We are collecting hard candy for Teen Challenge such as Jolly Ranchers or Starlight mints until Christmas Eve. Pastor Ralph and Wendy will take the candy to the residents on Christmas day. The men and women there are appreciative for the candy and the visit from Good Hope!

Bible study is being held on Wednesdays at 6pm. You may attend in person or on zoom. If you wish to attend by zoom, please let Wendy or Pastor Ralph know.

## **\*\*\*Thank You\*\*\***

The dinner team thanks all who brought desserts for the Krautfest! Once again you donated enough for all! Proceeds from the dinner were \$1,092.

Thank you for your donations to the Harvest Fest! The SRCCC received a truck load from Good Hope on November 21st.

Thank you to all who stayed to participate in the Hanging of the Greens. The church looks amazing with all the new decorations that were brought in!

### Our Use of Mission Support This Year:

- ♦ Through Candidacy and First Call we supported and welcomed 5 first call pastors into our Synod. We helped 12 congregations find settled pastors, 5 of those congregations had not had a settled pastor in over 2.5 years.
- ♦ Along with the Disciplining and Evangelizing Table, we developed the Dandelion Project where 11 congregations are learning and growing into vibrant, vital congregations.
- ♦ We mobilized your Deans who attended ordinations and funerals and presided at Installations.
- ♦ We supported our pastors and deacons with spiritual direction and coaching subsidies helping them to be stronger leaders among you.

We thank you for your generous support!

To the Faithful at Good Hope -

Thank you for your gifts so far this year of \$1500. Our work and ministry together - and your part in it - are making Christ known!

Peace,

Bishop Barbins




Dear Pastor + Church families,  
Thank you for your most generous donation of \$2,260.00 to South Range Council of Church and Community.

Your loving donation will go towards providing necessary food items as well as family care products.

This month each family will also receive food items they need to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner. The clients are grateful!

Thank you for being a special part of our mission.  
**THANK YOU**  
May God bless your compassion.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!   
Give thanks to the Lord for He is so good. His love endures forever.  
Psalm 118:1

Sincerely yours,  
South Range 3C's



**Camp Frederick**  
Love God, Love People, Love Creation

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November 1, 2021

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Dear Congregation,

**Thank you** for your gift of \$150.00 received on November 1, 2021 for Camp Frederick. We are grateful and humbled by your faithful stewardship of God's good gifts. *Your prayers and gifts make a difference!*

As we thank you for your financial support, we do ask for your prayers. Please regularly include our year-round staff, our summer staff and all our guests in your prayers.

Finally, we ask that you spread the word in your church family about summer camp and about the facilities which are available for rent here at Camp Frederick. We have found that "word of mouth" is by far the best way to advertise what we have here.

Thank you again for including Camp Frederick in your giving plan.

Blessings of peaceful grace,

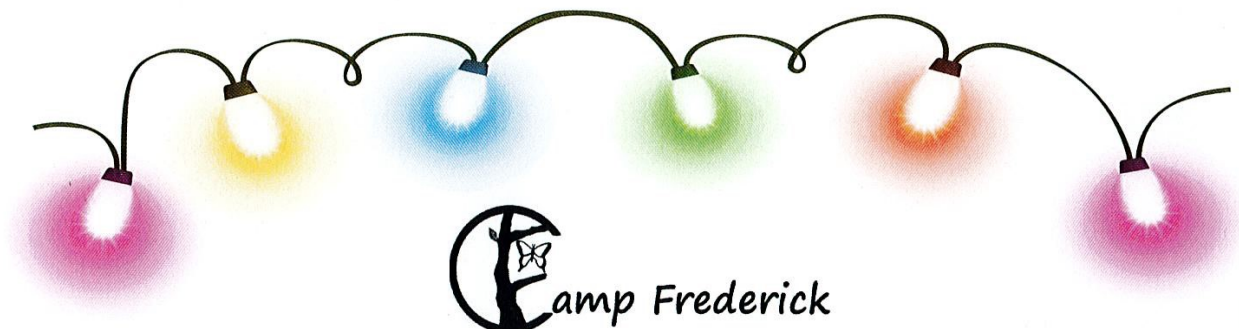
Matt Miller, Director

*THANK YOU SO MUCH!*

Camp Frederick exists as a place apart where lives are changed through spiritual growth as people experience the love and joy of Jesus Christ

*In compliance with the IRS rulings, this is your notice that the entire amount of your donation is tax-deductible, since "no goods or services were provided in exchange for the donation."*





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# **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

**DECEMBER 11, 2021 4-8PM**

**Come to Camp for a evening of Christmas  
Festivities including:**

- \* Live Nativity \* Santa's House \* Games**
- \* Cookie decorating for Kids \* Live Carolers \* Crafts for kids**
- \*Thousands of Christmas lights on buildings and trails**

**\$10.00 per car**

**Concessions Available in  
Lodge.**

**Call camp Office for  
more information**

**330-227-3633**



## **Electronic Sign**

The electronic sign was installed the week of November 15th. It is up and running! Pastor Ralph and Wendy were trained by LED 3 to put information on the sign. We are still learning the program and hope to be training others soon. The goal of having this sign is to get as much information about Good Hope out to the community as possible. It's great to be able to put more than 2 events up at a time!

Thank you to Joe and Alice Kreidler for getting this project started! Thank you to all who have contributed! It really brightens up our corner!

We still need about \$2,000 to finish paying the invoice. If you wish to help with this, please make your check to Good Hope and write capital improvements in the memo. For cash, you can write capital improvements on the envelope. Thank you!



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**Worship Services**

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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