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**Friend deadline:**  
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# The Friend

*Come as you are to Worship, Wonder, and Work in Jesus' name!*

December 2014

**On Waiting and Prayer**  
*by Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem*

**Four year olds** can provide some incredible insight into the world. As my son Ian and I were driving around on October 31, he queried, "Will it be later soon?" While he was most likely wondering about when he'd be trick-or-treating since he was told it would happen "later," I was struck by what a deep philosophical question he asked.

Will it be later soon?

There seems to be a tug within many of us to always be seeking out the next thing, whether it is an event, an experience, an item, or whatever. We tend to be looking ahead, always seeking after that which is not yet.

Waiting and anticipation are a genuine struggle for so many. As Tom Petty sings, "The waiting is the hardest part." Even as Ian and I were driving around on October 31, we could have wandered into many stores to see all the Christmas stuff available for sale. (I've heard this ever-earlier availability of holiday accoutrements described as "Christmas Creep." I think that fits.)

The outcome of this Christmas Creep, however, is that when Christmas actually comes —or even the day

before Christmas comes—we are so sick and tired of dealing with all the Christmas stuff for so long—the decorations, the music, the lights, all of it—that we can't wait to be done with it, pack it up, turn it off, and put it away. Until next October. Or maybe September next year.



None of this is news to any of us, of course. Yet as Christians, we live in this tension of what the world around us proclaims and what Scripture and time-honored traditions of our faith proclaim. The world races to Christmas, but we wait. Heck, we even have a whole season of the church year dedicated to waiting: Advent.

The word "Advent" originates from a Latin word for "coming." Anita Stauffer writes, "Advent focuses on this 'coming' in three ways: Christ coming in the past as the baby at Bethlehem, Christ coming in the present in Word and Sacrament and in the fellowship of the church, and

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Christ coming again in the future at the end of time." Blue is the color of Advent, representing hope. Darkness is a theme of the season and, Stauffer suggests – contrary to the world around us – "Advent is a time for visual restraint and simplicity" in our worship spaces.

While the world rushes to - and past - Christmas, we patiently wait – with hope – in anticipation not only of our Christmas celebrations, but also of the coming again of Christ. So our faith leads us to walk out-of-step with the world around us. It doesn't mean that we can't listen to Christmas music or decorate our homes or anything of the sort. What it means, however, is that we engage the season of Advent by waiting and through prayer.

This season of Advent in worship, we will focus on a different prayer practice each of the four weeks. Prayer itself is a way to practice waiting, for prayer is an ongoing conversation with God and the answers to our prayers are

rarely immediate. Yet we remember, as Thelma Hall says, "Prayer is always gift."

We will embrace the gift of prayer this Advent, as we relish the waiting and savor the anticipation of the celebration of the coming of Christ. I hope that our worship experiences will assist you in keeping the rush of Christmas in its proper perspective as we commit ourselves to prayer and patience.

It will be later soon enough, so we can enjoy God's presence right now without running to the next thing. Waiting with the confident hope of the coming – and coming again – of Christ, we pray patiently in the darkness of Advent, knowing that Christmas will come in due time, that it cannot be rushed, and that waiting may be hard but it is not as hard as having nothing for which to wait. ♦



## White Hair, Wit & Wisdom

### *St. Philip's 55+ Retirees*

**Start the New Year** with a positive attitude! "While you have life...live life," this describes our entertainer, Jeanne Rogers. Plan to join us in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 8th at Noon for lunch followed by the entertainment.

Jeanne is a motivational/inspirational speaker and entertainer. Her varied background offers a wealth of experience and her passion for the future keeps her presentations filled with enthusiasm. She will share

stories, with humor, music...and demonstrate what a delight it is to be chronologically advantaged!

Beef stew will be served for lunch. The cost of only \$10.00 per person includes, lunch and entertainment. Sign up and pay in the church office by Sunday, January 4th. Please make (non-refundable) check payable to St. Philip's.

Questions: Contact Retzers at (763)-574-9559, Schonebaums at (763)-786-2483 ♦

## Call Committee

### *November Update*

**The Call Committee** met for the first time Monday, Nov. 17. The members had an opportunity to get to know each other better. They were joined by Pastor John Hulden from the Bishop's office. Pastor Hulden walked the group through the upcoming process and the rough timeline. During December the committee will be working on creating the Ministry Site Profile. This document will be submitted to the Bishop's office and will be used to help prepare a list of possible candidates. It will also be used by the candidates themselves to help decide whether they are interested in St. Philip's. A similar document was produced when Pastor Joel was called, but much has changed since then, and a new one is necessary. Before this document is finalized, Bishop Ann Svennungsen will join the congregation for a conversation about St. Philip's, its vision, and its needs.

Candidates names will come from 3 sources: 1) members and friends of the congregation, 2) the Bishop's office, 3) and candidates who are interested can submit their own names. All names submitted by members, friends, or the candidates themselves will first be vetted by the Bishop's office. Once the Bishop's office has all the names, they will prepare a short list of likely candidates for the Call Committee. The interview process will then begin. When the Call Committee has reached a consensus, a name will be presented to the Board of Administration. If the Board approves the

committee's recommendation, the name will be presented to the entire congregation which will vote whether to extend the call or not. If a call is extended, the candidate has 30 days to accept or reject. If the candidate accepts, details of the call and its beginning point will be worked out. Hopefully, a new pastor will be in place in 6 – 8 months.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact any member of the committee, or you can send your comment/question through this blog site. For updates and information about what the committee is doing and how things are going visit, [splc2015call.wordpress.com](http://splc2015call.wordpress.com)

Members of the committee

Katie Bergeron, Leif Ronken, Cody Retzer, Gina Paton, Heather Koshiol, Mike Youngberg, Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem ♦

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~ Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem



# DECEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Joy Circle <b>1:00 pm</b> Prayer Group <b>1:30 pm</b> Chair Yoga <b>1:30 pm</b> Genealogy <b>5:50 pm</b> Yoga <b>6:00 pm</b> Girl Scouts <b>6:00 pm</b> Worship Band <b>6:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 pm</b> Befrienders	<b>2</b> <b>Friend Deadline</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:00 pm</b> Tuesdays Together	<b>3</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Work Crew, WOW <b>9:00 am</b> Quilters <b>6:30 pm</b> Gr. 6-8 Confirmation <b>6:30 pm</b> High School Youth Grp. <b>6:30 pm</b> Family Prayer Advent Class <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Lunch Bunch <b>6:30 pm</b> Bells of Praise	<b>5</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Women's GA <b>6:30 pm</b> Small Group Book Club	<b>6</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> Saturday Evening Worship
<b>7</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Worship <b>9:30 am</b> Sunday School Adult Forum <b>10:30 am</b> Worship	<b>8</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Glory Circle <b>10:00 am</b> Kinshope <b>1:00 pm</b> Prayer Group <b>1:30 pm</b> Chair Yoga <b>5:50 pm</b> Yoga <b>6:00 pm</b> Worship Band, Boy Scouts, and Youth Committee Meeting <b>6:30 pm</b> Benevolence <b>7:00 pm</b> So Write!	<b>9</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:00 pm</b> Tuesdays Together <b>4:30 pm</b> Worship Planning <b>6:30 pm</b> Property & Grounds <b>6:30 pm</b> Parish Fellowship	<b>10</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Work Crew, WOW <b>10:00 am</b> Women's Book Club <b>6:30 pm</b> Gr. 6-8 Confirmation <b>6:30 pm</b> High School Youth Grp., Family Prayer Advent Class, Garden Committee <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 am</b> Men's Book Discussion <b>9:30 am</b> 55+ Civil War Christmas <b>6:30 pm</b> Bells of Praise	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Women's GA <b>7:00 pm</b> Middle School Christmas Movie Night	<b>13</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>10:00 am</b> Kinshope <b>10:30 am</b> Pagent Rehearsal <b>5:00 pm</b> Saturday Evening Worship
<b>14</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Worship <b>9:30 am</b> Adult Forum <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School <b>7:00 pm</b> Gr. 9 Confirmation Meeting <b>4:30 pm</b> Christmas Concert <b>7:00 pm</b> Service of Light	<b>15</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Prayer Group <b>1:30 pm</b> Genealogy <b>1:30 pm</b> Chair Yoga <b>5:50 pm</b> Yoga <b>6:00 pm</b> Worship Band <b>7:00 pm</b> HR Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Library Com. Meeting <b>11:00 am</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:00 pm</b> Tuesdays Together <b>6:30 pm</b> Apple iOS Group	<b>17</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Work Crew, WOW <b>9:00 am</b> Quilters <b>6:30 pm</b> Gr. 6-8 Confirmation <b>6:30 pm</b> High School Youth Grp. <b>6:30 pm</b> Family Prayer Advent Class <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>18</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> North Metro Photo <b>7:00 pm</b> Winter Warm-Up Readers	<b>19</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> High School Christmas Gathering <b>6:00 pm</b> Women's GA <b>6:30 pm</b> Small Group Book Club	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Comfort & Joy Quilting <b>9:30 am</b> Pagent Rehearsal <b>9:30 am</b> Preschool Christmas Tree Decorating <b>5:00 pm</b> Saturday Evening Worship
<b>21</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Worship <b>9:30 am</b> Adult Forum <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> Equal Exchange Coffee <b>10:30 am</b> Worship	<b>22</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Prayer Group <b>1:30 pm</b> Knitters & Crocheters <b>5:50 pm</b> Yoga <b>6:00 pm</b> Worship Band <b>6:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 pm</b> So Write!	<b>23</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:00 pm</b> Tuesdays Together <b>3:00 pm</b> Global Missions Team <b>6:45 pm</b> Board Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Work Crew WOW <b>2:00 pm</b> Christmas Eve Worship <b>10:00 pm</b> Christmas Eve Worship	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Christmas Day Worship	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Women's GA	<b>27</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> Saturday Evening Worship
<b>28</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Worship <b>9:30 am</b> Adult Forum <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> Worship	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Prayer Group <b>6:00 pm</b> Worship Band <b>6:30 pm</b> Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:00 pm</b> Tuesdays Together	<b>31</b> <b>Office Open 1/2 Day</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Work Crew; WOW			

## Healers

Jerry Jensen, Congregation President

**Carole and I** recently spent a long weekend in Portland, Oregon where we visited our daughter Kari and family. We also wanted to celebrate our grandson Sevrin's second birthday which is on December 2nd. While we were there we had the opportunity and pleasure of babysitting Sevrin while his parents took advantage of the opportunity to get some things done without Sevrin in tow.

Sevrin took a nap for 1 to 1 1/2 hours each day during which time I went for a walk in Kari's neighborhood which is similar to the Uptown area of Mpls. While on my walks I stuck mostly to the busiest streets which had a mixture of the usual houses, small apartment buildings, neighborhood schools and churches and interesting small businesses. On my walks I passed by many of the types of businesses usually associated with Portland.

There were many coffee shops, ethnic restaurants, craft brew pubs, food carts, bicycle shops and a few yoga studios and tattoo parlors. There were also surprisingly to me many alternative "Healers" who sought to treat workmens' compensation injuries, other injuries, chronic pain, stress, anxiety and disorders of the body, mind and soul. Some identified themselves as unspecified doctors, others had unfamiliar capital letters after their names, and others were simply "certified". Advertised techniques included manual therapies, hypnosis, natural

treatments and a variety of unfamiliar far eastern sounding techniques provided in a holistic integrative manner. Health and wellness and nutritional counseling services were also widely advertised. Even beauty salons, barber shops and yoga studios advertised that they provided these services. The healers not only advertised that they could cure your ills but often advertised that their treatments would "transform your life".

I started wondering why the people of Portland had so many illness of the body, mind and soul that they needed all these healers? Didn't God give us a tremendous Christmas gift when he sent His son Jesus Christ into the world to live among us, to later suffer and die on the cross and be resurrected from the dead overcoming sin, death and the power of the devil? That is enough healing and transforming for me! In the future if I am on a walk in Portland — I think I will stop at a coffee shop! ♦

### October 2014

	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>	\$677,275	\$627,389
<b>Expense</b>	(\$675,080)	(\$685,380)
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$2,195	(\$57,991)

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~ Jerry Jensen



## St. Philip's Disaster Relief

### Adult Forum

**The Disaster Relief** will present the Adult Forum on Sunday, December 7 at 9:35 in the Chapel. This is an opportunity to hear about the 2014 trips to New Jersey and Colorado, personal stories from some of the team members, and other information as the journey continues for the St. Philip's Disaster Relief.

### Lasagna Dinner and Silent Auction

Mark Sunday, February 8 on your 2015 calendars! This is the date of the SPDR lasagna dinner and auction – the annual fundraiser for the disaster relief ministry. Your support is greatly appreciated. Dinner tickets will be available for purchase in January. Watch for more information in future St. Philip's publications. ♦

## Events & Opportunities @ St. Philip's

### Worship DVDs Available

A DVD of the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday worship is available through the church office. All sermons are available on the church website. The DVDs are free. ♦

### December Yoga classes

Sue Montague, CYT, RYT, will teach Christian Yoga classes at St. Philip's in the Lounge (or Room 1 due to conflicts). The 4 week session will be held on the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. The cost is \$20 for chair classes (or \$5 per time) and \$25 for the evening class (or \$7 per time. Drop-ins always welcome! ♦

### Old Cell Phones & Glasses Help Others

We now have a home for those old cell phones. After you delete your personal information, deposit them in the St. Philip's office. They will be donated to a women's shelter and used for 911 calls or recycled for parts. We are also collecting eye glasses that will be used by those who would otherwise go without corrective lenses. Questions: contact Carol Baumgartner, 651.464.6049. ♦

### Hotel Items Put to a Good Use

You know those small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and lotion that you get when you stay at a hotel? We have an opportunity to put them to good use serving those who don't readily have access to these items. Please bring them to the church office and we'll be sure they get to those who need them! Questions: contact Carol Baumgartner, 651.464.6049. ♦

### Mitten & Hat Makers

"I didn't think my little girl would be able to have mittens and a hat this year" - a mother said with a tear of happiness in her eye. "The quality of these mittens are great". "These are so warm and beautiful - can you bring some more to our school?" Time and time again, we hear the above words. Sewers, your work and time into this

special project is greatly appreciated. January through March 2014, 25 headbands, 53 hats and 80 pairs of mittens were delivered. Please call Arlene Hamernik, 763.571.6091, eahamernik@gmail.com or Jan Spitzer, 763.786.2016, janspitzer1@yahoo.com for fleece fabric, patterns or questions. ♦

### Lunch Bunch

The next event will be on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 1:00pm at Old Country Buffet's party room. Meet us there!

### Call Committee

The Call Committee met for the first time on Monday, November 17. Pastor John Hulden from the Bishop's office met with the committee to explain the process and likely timeline. During December the committee will be working on the Ministry Site Profile. Once the profile is completed, a list of candidates will be compiled. Hopefully, a new pastor will be in place in 6 - 8 months. Watch for updates as the Call Committee continues its work. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee if you have comments or questions. More about the ongoing work of the committee can be found on the blog site splc2015call.wordpress.com. ♦

### Christmas Choir

Come and join the Christmas Choir! We meet one hour each Wednesday for 6 weeks before the St. Philip's annual Christmas concert. This is a great time to sing some beautiful Christmas music, meet new people and join in a great effort to bring Christ's Christmas message to a hurting world. Join us for rehearsals starting on October 29th. Please contact Stephanie Phelps Johnson at Stephanie6504@yahoo.com or by cell phone at 612-281-7169 if you have any questions. ♦

## Life Events

### December Anniversaries:

<i>Joel and Karen Wight Hoogheem</i>	12/4
<i>Rodney and Sylvia Strand</i>	12/6
<i>Thomas and Karla Blomberg</i>	12/10
<i>Kevin and Karen Burkey</i>	12/11
<i>Steven and LaVerne Poniatowski</i>	12/12
<i>Donald and Charlotte Fauteck</i>	12/14
<i>Charles and Bunny Nara</i>	12/14
<i>Nila and Bud Carpenter</i>	12/17
<i>Steven and Lynn Holter</i>	12/19
<i>James and Janice Kugler</i>	12/20
<i>Douglas and Sandra Rudolph</i>	12/20
<i>Douglas and Miriam Haugland</i>	12/21
<i>Dana and Dana Rejoice Sabiya</i>	12/21
<i>Heather and Jeffery Stokes</i>	12/21
<i>Kenneth and Cynthia Knoepke</i>	12/22
<i>Lee and Margo Tech</i>	12/26
<i>Scott and Trisha Wehr</i>	12/28
<i>Burton and Judith Ferrier</i>	12/30
<i>Roger and JoAnn Kaye</i>	12/31

### Sympathy:

*To the family of Patricia (Pat) Vant*  
*To the family of Anna Mae Feigal*  
*To the family of Lyle Elverud*

### Baptism:

<i>Lyla Kaye Kruse</i>	11/23
<i>Kensington Hall</i>	11/30

## Thank You

Thank you to the Pastors Joel, Jan and Eva and to Ron Seekamp for the magnificent prayers and comfort.

Thank you for the many cards and concerns from the St. Philip's friends as Larry journeyed through his last days.

And thank you to the memorial service kitchen servers. They did such a great job.

*Betty Pray, Cheryl and David*

## Endowment Fund

Endowment Fund  
Yesterday  
Today  
Tomorrow

Three reasons to support the St. Philip's Endowment Fund

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Memorials  
Contributions were received in memory of:

Darlene Martin  
Don Bratt  
Betty Sonnenberg  
&  
Larry Pray

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Gifts in memory of someone, to celebrate a special occasion, or in simple gratitude, should specify "Endowment Fund."

For more information on the St. Philip's Endowment Fund, visit the website at

[www.splcmn.org](http://www.splcmn.org).

Select the "Ministries" tab and click "Endowment."

Thank you for your support.

♦

## Coats for Kids

With \$1,000 from the Benevolence Committee designation and \$1,000 designated from the Garage Sale proceeds along with a \$500 donation from the Walmart Fridley location we were able to purchase

- 80 boys and girls jackets
- 35 snowpants/bibs
- 10 pairs of boys boots
- 10 pairs of girls boots
- 30 knit hats
- 20 pairs of knit gloves
- 10 hooded sweatshirts for middle school

This was a special project and we are so thankful and appreciative of the congregational support for this mission to our local children who are in desperate need of warm outdoor clothing. These coats, with a noted insert in the pocket said, "given with love from St. Philip's Lutheran Church", were delivered to three local elementary schools and two middle schools on October 27 ahead of our predicted snow and cold snap.

## Greetings from Sara

Sara Quarberg

Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

**Here we are** in December already! Christmas has always been my favorite holiday. And, no, it's not because of the presents or cookies! I love Christmas because it always brings community together. This community happens in our families, in churches, homeless shelters, parks and even the shopping malls. And this community gathers because of one reason – no, not Santa Claus. As much as marketing tells us that Christmas exists to celebrate Santa's visit from the North Pole, we truly gather because of this gift that we have been so graciously given in Jesus Christ. God blesses us with God's self in three beautiful ways. Through the Holy Trinity, we see a profound example set before us of how to be in relation with one another. I love how each of the three parts of the Trinity are different, yet the same. I wholeheartedly believe that one of God's greatest gifts to us is the presence of each other. So in this Christmas season, celebrate Jesus. Celebrate each other. Celebrate the profound privilege we share to be amongst others who believe in this loving and relational God who loves us so much.

This marks 6 months for me as a part of this wonderful St. Philip's family. We've seen a lot of transition throughout this short time! But, God continues to lead us to become an even closer community focused on God's Word and to be intentional about why we are here. The youth program has seen some small transition, too, in these past 6 months. We will continue to move as the Spirit leads us and I am very excited about the direction we are going! Christmas blessings to you all!!



### Here are a few upcoming ministry events:

Annual Youth Bake Sale is happening again on December 21st. Come enjoy the Christmas Pageant and buy some Christmas goodies made with love from your St. Philip's youth! All proceeds from fundraising will go towards summer camp, mission work and youth ministry. We will also donate 10% of what we raise to an organization or need that the youth will decide upon! Thanks in advance for your support!

We have a couple of Christmas gatherings for the middle and high school youth. Check the bulletin boards and the Facebook page for more information! If you haven't 'liked' us on Facebook yet, you should! (Search for 'St. Philip's Youth Ministry').

30 Hour Famine will happen in February of next year. We will partner with a couple other churches from our area while volunteering at Feed My Starving Children and engaging in meaningful activities at St. Philip's for the evening. Our fast will end at the Communion table together on Sunday morning. ♦

## Children & Family Ministry

Carly Tappe, Director

**Luke 2:11** – “to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”  
Sunday School

This month our Sunday school students will be hearing the Christmas story in various ways, and preparing for our Christmas Pageant. More information about the Pageant can be found below. Advent Family Prayer Groups Wednesdays during Advent join us for Family Prayer Groups. Each week we will be discussing prayer and different ways we can pray with our families. Come 1 week or all 3! For families with children in Kindergarten - Grade 5. All classes meet in Room 1 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

**December 3** - Praying the High Five

**December 10** - Prayer Labyrinth

**December 17** - Family Prayers

### Christmas Pageant

This year's pageant is titled “Bethlehem Bound.” It follows Ramona and Marty on their way to Bethlehem to compete in BETHLEHEM STAR, a singing competition. One thro way they meet 4 groups of travelers that help them remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Our preschoolers will start off the pageant by singing 3 songs followed by our actors and Grades 1-5 students in “Bethlehem Bound.”

Please see the schedule below to find out about additional rehearsals for each group. **Here is an outline of the December Schedule:**

**Dec 7** – Regular Sunday School for children ages 2-Grade 5

**Dec 13** – Pageant Rehearsal for Grades 1-5 and actors – 10:30am – 12:00pm followed by pizza and The Polar Express (pick-up at 1:30pm)

**Dec 14** – Regular Sunday School for children ages 2-Grade

**Dec 20** – Pageant Rehearsal for Preschool 9:00 – 9:30am followed by Family Christmas Tree Decorating in the Fellowship Hall (Trees are made out of ice cream cones covered with green frosting)

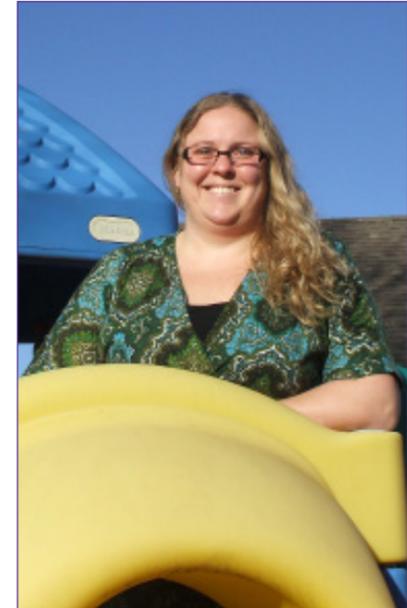
**Dec 20** – Pageant Dress Rehearsal for Grades 1-5 and Actors 9:30 – 11:00am

**Dec 21** – Pageant Performance during 10:30am worship service.

**Dec 24** – Christmas Eve Services at 2,4 and 10pm

**Dec 25** – Christmas Day Service at 10am

**Dec 30** – No regular Sunday School  
Jan 7 – Regular Sunday School classes resume. ♦



“... in this Christmas season, celebrate Jesus. Celebrate each other. Celebrate the profound privilege we share to be amongst others who believe in this loving and relational God who loves us so much.”

~Sara Quarberg