



MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

December 2020



FROM PASTOR AARON

Dear Memorial family & friends,

Once again we're moving into the month of December – normally a time of gatherings and parties, special events in the community, special events at church – a time of celebration and joy!

Well, that might be a little different for you this year. All of us have found ourselves yielding some space to the Corona virus this year (I'm finding myself a bit tired of talking about it, but it still affects us, doesn't it?). Personally, as many or most of you know, I'm just coming off being a couple of weeks away, having contracted the virus also. And, yes, some of our normal Memorial Advent & Christmas season events aren't happening as they usually would – "Christmas By Candlelight" and the Children's Christmas service, for example.

One quick factual observation: None of this stops our Lord's coming! No world situations stopped His coming to our world in Jesus' birth at Bethlehem. No world situation will stop His return to

usher us into His eternal Kingdom at the time of His choosing! And nothing can prevail against the power of His Word to come to our hearts to lift and encourage us with the sure and certain promise of His salvation for us in Jesus Christ our Savior!

However, as I experienced to a degree during my COVID illness, it's easy to feel quite isolated during a time like this. And as we still figure out the best ways to deal with this pandemic, it's easy to be left feeling pretty alone even when you haven't found yourself ill with the disease!

People need each other! And to take it a step further, we need the encouragement of our fellow saints around the Word and promises of our compassionate and saving God! We encourage one another in the hope that rests in our Lord God. Thank you to so many who have cared about me and my family during our couple weeks away. Keep caring for one another! Thank you to many who stepped in to help!

I was grateful in my absence for a connection through our YouTube channel which carried our worship service each Sunday. If you are separated physically,

I sincerely hope you are regularly checking in! Go to www.youtube.com and search for Memorial Lutheran Church Sioux Falls. I also know that many of you regularly connect to Main Street Living on television which begins at 10:00 AM (worship service at 10:30) on KDLT-NBC on Sunday mornings.

We will journey through this – and our Lord God is present! But I urge you to keep connected to the Word! If at all possible, I encourage you to come and gather together for worship. We are important to one another! We understand that each person needs to attend to their particular situation, but do not set aside the importance of our Lord's saving connection to us!

God's peace be with you and may the hope of His promises remain strong in you! God's blessings as we continue through Advent and approach our celebration of Christmas!

Blessings,

Pastor Aaron

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). - Matthew 1:23

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule—Dec 24:

- 1:00 PM - Worship Center** - Please wear face masks. Please enter the building through the West doors.
- 3:00 PM - Youth Area** - Please wear face masks, Please enter the building through the East doors.
- 3:00 PM - Worship Center** - Face masks encouraged but not required. Please enter the building through the West Doors.
- 5:00 PM - Youth Area** - Please wear face masks. Please enter the building through the East doors.
- 5:00 PM - Worship Center** - Face masks encouraged but not required. Please enter the building through the West Doors.
- 9:00 PM - Worship Center** - Face masks encouraged but not required. Please enter the building through the West Doors.

CHRISTMAS DAY - DEC 25:

- 9:30 AM - Worship Center** - Face masks encouraged but not required.



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Serving in December

Serving Communion:

Dec 6: 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Doug Foster, Rocky Boer
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Dan Amert, Ken Tucker
11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Kasey Danley, Wayne Grothmann

Dec 13: 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Doug Foster, OPEN
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Dan Currier, Joel Quist
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Jim Schmidt, Joel Shaver

Dec 20: 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Rich Ulses, Rocky Boer
9:30 am - Dan Amert, Ken Tucker, Ken Wickre
11:00 am - Darold Danley, Kasey Danley, Mike Gilbride

Dec 25: 9:30 am - **OPEN - Christmas Day**

Dec 27: 8:00 am - Doug Foster, Rocky Boer, OPEN
9:30 am - Dan Currier, Joel Quist, Ken Wickre
11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Mike Gilbride, Paul Luetjen

Acolytes:

Wed., Dec 2:
Henry Slavens

Dec 6:
8 am - Henry Woodson
11 am - Ariel Irvin

Wed., Dec 9:
Ruby Slavens

Dec 13:
8 am - Claire Sohre
11 am - Noah Miller

Acolytes:

Wed., Dec 16:
Amelia Larson

Dec 20:
8 am - Elyse Prouty
11 am - Lilly Irvin

Dec 24: TBD

Dec 25: TBD

Dec 27:
8 am - Eddie Jerke
11 am - Braylee Larson

Lay Readers:

Dec 2:
6:30 pm - Marge Rand

Dec 6:
8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Cindy Hyronemus

Dec 9:
6:30 pm - Marge Rand

Dec 13:
8:00 am - Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Nadine Bornitz
11:00 am - Cindy Grothmann

Dec 16:
6:30 pm - Marge Rand

Dec 20:
8:00 am - Larry Noah
9:30 am - Bob Seidel
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

Dec 24:
1:00 pm - **OPEN** Worship Center
3:00 pm - **OPEN** Worship Center
3:00 pm - **OPEN** Youth Area
5:00 pm - **OPEN** Worship Center
5:00 pm - **OPEN** Youth Area
9:00 pm - **OPEN** Worship Center

Dec 25:
9:30 am - **OPEN**

Dec 27:
8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - Ken Wickre
11:00 am - Paul Luetjen

Accompanists:

Dec 2:
6:30 pm - Peggy Baney

Dec 6:
8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Dec 9:
6:30 pm - Joy Johansen

Dec 13:
8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Dec 16:
6:30 pm - Peggy Baney

Dec 20:
8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Dec 24:
1:00 pm - TBD - Worship Center
3:00 pm - TBD - Worship Center
3:00 pm - TBD - Youth Area
5:00 pm - TBD - Worship Center
5:00 pm - TBD - Youth Area
9:00 pm - TBD - Worship Center

Dec 25:
9:30 am - Jan Noah

Dec 27:
8:00 am - TBD
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Power Point:

Dec 2:
6:30 pm - Maddy Peters

Dec 6:
8:00 am - Maddy Peters
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Claire Miller

Dec 9:
6:30 pm - Maddy Peters

Dec 13:
8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Wayne Grothmann

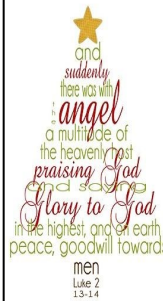
Dec 16:
6:30 pm - Maddy Peters

Dec 20:
8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

Dec 24:
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Dec 25:
9:30 am - **OPEN**

Dec 27:
8:00 am - Maddy Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride



"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world."
"And everyone went to their own town to register."
- Luke 2:1, 3

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Allen Schoenwald; Joel Quist

Sunday Ushers:

8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Jay Prouty, Matt Hieb, Bruce Weeldreyer, Rich Hartmann

9:30 am - Doug Borchert, Virgil Kouril, Mark Schoeneman, Jason Bosley

11:00 am - Jerome Heyd, Ian Mason, Weston Mason

Advent Service Ushers:

Wed, Dec 2—6:30 pm
Doug Foster, Tom Kenyon, LeRoy Zafft, Rich Ulses, Dan Peters

Wed, Dec 9—6:30 pm
Brian Johnson, Larry Hoyme, Erik Helland, Jeff Weisenbach, Allen Hulzebos

Wed, Dec 16—6:30 pm
Greg Miller, Shirley Miller, Ron Griebel

Christmas Eve Ushers:

1:00 pm - Worship Center - Ken Reuter, Dennis O'Neill, Wayne Helgager, Rich Ulses

3:00 pm - Worship Center - Doug Foster, Bart Viss

3:00 pm - Youth Area - Dan Currier

5:00 pm - Worship Center - Tim Miller, Dan Amert, Ken Tucker

5:00 pm - Youth Area - TBD

9:00 pm - Worship Center - Dan Peters

Christmas Day Ushers:

9:30 am - Worship Center - TBD

Lutheran Women in Mission

We will have our Christmas Shoppe between services on Dec. 6. Please bring your Christmas goodies to sell to church on Saturday, Dec. 5 before noon or early on Sunday morning. Christmas gift wrap at the mall: Sunday, Dec. 13, 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 19, 4-6 p.m. Please sign up at the church entryway or contact Lisa Asmus.

Thank you for supporting the LWML through your Mite offerings. December's Mission Grant focus:
Lutheran Women's Missionary League Grant #17 — Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere
KFUO Radio — \$60,000

This grant will assist radio station KFUE to reach people far and wide with the message of Jesus Christ. The station utilizes the latest technology so it can stay connected with listeners of all ages in locations around the world. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-17.

*December's mite challenge calendar: Visit LWML.org and type 'Mite Challenge Calendar' into the search box.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INSIGHTS FROM LIZ . . .

One Christmas eve...we had a huge blizzard...church got canceled and the family was snuggled in at the farm in Iowa. It was going to be a Christmas like no other! I believe I was 12 years old....so 1982. It was one of the most unique and my most favorite Christmas ever. I remember my family being out of sorts of not sure what to do when we couldn't go to church, at least I didn't have to say my speaking part for the children's program! We played numerous rounds of UNO. . . started a Christmas Eve tradition of eating homemade pizza on Christmas eve and we even got to open ONE gift! We watched It's A Wonderful Life and popped some popcorn. My parents and my brothers and I content as could be. It was different. This year may be a different too. Families may not be gathering together due to Covid 19, but that doesn't mean they can't celebrate together via electronics and such. It may be and feel just plain



different. But be rest assured, it is the same CHRISTmas child we will be celebrating, the Savior of the world. So may-be change a lot up this year, just to make it VERY different.... have ham instead of turkey....have the tree in a different spot....open presents on Christmas eve instead of day....send out New Years cards instead of Christmas cards....make some memories.... BUT keep baby Jesus the same, the main reason of Christmas. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, we will premiere the kids videos of telling the story of Jesus' birth from Luke chapter 2 and singing Away in a Manger! Cannot wait to see this project come together! So thankful for the children, volunteers and parents that helped record videos Erin Griebel is putting the videos together and I am so thankful for her expertise! There is NO Children's Christmas Service this year, so it has been interesting thinking out of the box for ideas to



"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David." - Luke 2:4

STUDENT MINISTRIES INSIGHTS FROM HAILEY JO...



As we contemplate on the things we are thankful for, I'd like to spend just a few minutes telling you how thankful I am for all of you. Thank you to my volunteer team that share in the Gospel message with our students, I draw strength and support from each of you. For my students, thank you for being my weekly joy, I treasure the time I have with each of you. May God richly bless you and bring to light all your blessings this year. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6

December 2020 Student Ministry Calendar

Poinsettias for sale (6th-12th grade)!

We are selling poinsettias to help raise funds for our National Youth Gathering trip in 2022. We have to raise approximately \$4,000/year to reach our goal.

I've ordered 30 plants to be sold (they'll double as decoration for our Christmas Eve Service). Please let me know if you'd like to purchase one or if you know someone who would like one. Once they're gone, they're gone! Pickup will be after the Christmas Eve Service or Christmas Day morning.

Advent 2020 We begin celebrating the birth of our Savior December 2nd. All regular Wednesday evening activities will be put on pause until after Christmas break. Take this time to share in devotion together and Worship as a family on Wednesday evenings.

Advent & Christmas Service Schedules:

Advent Wednesday Worship: 6:30pm
Dec 2, 9, & 16. Christmas Eve Services:
1pm, 3pm, 5pm (Masks required) & 3pm,
5pm & 9pm (Masks recommended).

High School Connect (9th-12th grade):

No HS Connect until January 6th! Join us every Wednesday for Worship, at 6:30pm. Our Christmas party is December 6th, look for invitations coming in the mail!

Middle School Connect (6th-8th grade):

No MS Connect until January 13th! Join us every Wednesday for Worship, at 6:30pm.

celebrate. We had folks help color-fy the windows in the worship center. I will also be handing out some goodie bags to kids on Christmas Eve. May you have a wonderful time preparing for and celebrating Jesus—Merry CHRISTmas!

SS Update

Sunday School is running well, thanks to the volunteers that dedicate themselves to come share Jesus with the kids. We are back into our Gospel Project lessons, and in November, we looked at God's Wisdom and the books of Wisdom. In December along with the Christmas story, we'll be starting out with the stories of Elijah and Elisha. So thankful for the physical space that we have so we can spread out and do our thing! Be sure to thank a SS teacher! Help me let them know they are valued!

NO Club 345 Or Zingers During December

We will meet back up the beginning of January!



9:20 Sunday Bible Study (For 6th-12th gr):

Students are welcome to join us for Bible Study every Sunday morning. Doors open at 9:10am with games and music! Did I mention DONUTS????

6th Grade Early Communion: Parents sign you and your student up to take our Early Communion Class, "Means of Grace" by emailing me. Our first class begins in January.

Confirmation Classes: There are no Confirmation Classes in the month of December. Sign up for January classes: Apostles' Creed, Means of Grace, Lord's Prayer and Changes and Choices.

Important Dates

- Sunday Bible Study (6th-12th gr)
Sundays at 9:30am
- Advent Worship: Wednesdays, 6:30pm
- Christmas Eve Service Thursday,
See times listed
- Christmas Day Service Friday, 9:30am
- New Year's Eve Service Zion Lutheran Church, 6:30pm
- High School Connect: See you Jan. 6
- Middle School Connect: See you Jan. 13

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Tues, Dec 1

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9:30 am Kindermusik
4:30 pm Just for Kix
6:30 pm Card Ministry—Music Rm

Wed, Dec 2

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
5:30 pm Tone Chimes Practice
6:30 pm Advent Worship

Thurs, Dec 3

9 am Adult Bible Study
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix
5 pm TOPS
7 pm Elder's Meeting

Friday, Dec 4

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat, Dec 5

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies

Sun, Dec 6—Welcome New Members

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)
9:30 am Advent Bible Study—cafe
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Short Communion Service
4:30 pm Asmus Sm Group

Mon, Dec 7

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix

Tues, Dec 8

8 am Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9:30 am Kindermusik
4:30 pm Just for Kix
6:30 pm Heart to Heart Meeting
6:30 pm Zoom Conversation/Devotion/Prayer

Wed, Dec 9

10 am Lois Circle—café
5:30 pm Tone Chimes Practice
6:30 pm Advent Worship

Thurs, Dec 10

9 am Adult Bible Study
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix
5 pm TOPS—café
6 pm Private Event—Worship Center

Friday, Dec 11

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat, Dec 12

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies

Sunday, Dec 13

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)
9:30 am Advent Bible Study—cafe
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Short Communion Service

Mon, Dec 14

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix

Tues, Dec 15

8 am Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9:30 am Kindermusik
4:30 pm Just for Kix

Wed, Dec 16

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
5:30 pm Tone Chimes Practice
6:30 pm Advent Worship

Thurs, Dec 17

9 am Adult Bible Study
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix
5 pm TOPS—café
7 pm Church Council
7 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, Dec 18

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat, Dec 19

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies

Sunday, Dec 20

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)
9:30 am Advent Bible Study—cafe
9:30 am Adult Bible Study—James Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Short Communion Service
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

Mon, Dec 21

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix

Tues, Dec 22

8 am Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9:30 am Kindermusik
4:30 pm Just for Kix
6:30 pm Lydia Circle

Thurs, Dec 24—Christmas Eve*

1 pm Worship
3 pm Worship—two services
5 pm Worship—two services
9 pm Worship

*Note times, locations, and face covering requirements on p. 1

Friday, Dec 25—Christmas Day—OFFICE CLOSED

9:30 am Christmas Day Worship

Sat, Dec 26

9 am Painting classrooms
11 am Private Event—garage

Sun, Dec 27

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Short Communion Service

Mon, Dec 28 - OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs Dec 31

7 pm New Year's Eve Worship at Zion Lutheran

Friday, January 1—New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED



Sunday Online Worship: <https://m.facebook.com/MemorialLutheranSF/> or
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFmxj3Ubt55Snc3XqGJqQ>

Painting Classrooms with the Trustee Team



Season's Greetings! Are you interested in helping the Church trustee team with indoor painting?

- We need a crew of four people to help paint on **Saturday, December 26th** from 9am-1pm in the **red classroom**.
- We also need a crew of four people to help paint the **purple classroom** on **Friday, January 1st** from 9am-1pm.

We ask that you wear masks the entire time and we suggest wearing paint clothes during these service events. Please RSVP to Kathy at the church office or text Ellie at 605-360-1174 at least a day in advance. Thank you!



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY:
Sundays at 9:30 am in Café Logos
Each of the four Advent short videos, capture events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. Then Pete Briscoe will open up Scripture to bring us back to the roots and heart of our faith in Christ.

"5 He (Joseph) went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child." - Luke 2:5

Stewardship Minute

GIVING

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you.

- Deuteronomy 16:7 (ESV)



CALL THE OFFICE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING
PICKUP WILL BE FOLLOWING THE 5PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.

SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN NEWS! (PRESCHOOL—12TH GRADE)



Meet Our High School Boys Basketball Coaches

We are pleased to introduce Head Coach Michael Nettik and Assistant Coach Adam Sturm, who will coach our inaugural high school boys basketball team during the 2020-2021 school year. Visit bit.ly/sfls-hs-boys-basketball-coaches to read a full Q&A with the coaches and get the schedule for the upcoming season.

SFLS Earns K-12 Accreditation

After months of study and preparation, Sioux Falls Lutheran School has earned the South Dakota Department of Education's Certification of Accreditation for Kindergarten through 12th grade, with no deficiencies. Learn more online at bit.ly/sfls-accreditation-2020.

NO Advent Meals This Year

Due to Covid 19 making it difficult to safely do the meals, the campers will skip a year of this fundraiser. Thankfully, we have all our funds yet from last year since camp did not happen this past summer. If more funds are needed, we will ponder ideas in the spring.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION:

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service -Please wear face coverings in the hallways while entering and leaving the building. Face coverings are encouraged, but optional during the service.

9:30 am Blended Worship Service - Please wear face coverings in the hallways while entering and leaving the building. Face coverings are encouraged, but optional during the service.

11:00 am Contemporary Worship -Face coverings are encouraged but optional for this service. This service is also Livestreamed on facebook & Youtube. Visit our website, www.memoriallutheran.net, for the link or <https://m.facebook.com/MemorialLutheranSF/> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFrmxj3Ubts5Snc3XqGJgQ>

12:30 pm Shortened Communion Worship Service - Please wear face coverings in the hallways entering & leaving the building, as well as during the service. Please register for this service at www.memoriallutheran.net.

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son."
- Luke 2:6-7a

December Birthdays



1 Preston DeGraw
Julia Perkins
Warren Reed
2 Fran Hendren
James Kerr
Bob Seidel
Elsie Slavens
3 Rocky Boer
Stacey Landis
Jane Steffen
Mary Steffen
4 Karen Christian
Ken Newman
Joel Shaver
5 Luci Webb
6 Cheryl Cooper
7 Calvin Johnson
8 Katelyn Fehrs
Evelyn Heiman
9 Clinton Henry
10 Aleah Fleming

10 Brenton Newman
Bill Wittrock
11 Hailey Hackney
Angie Sonnenschein
13 Eugene Frerichs
Donna Gue
Cathy Hey
Barb Munch
14 Avery Alderman
Kelby Krabbenhoft
Liz Peters
Tyler Roerig
16 Kristie Hoyme
Myah Miller
Shelley Miller
Kerry Schmidt
Julie Viss
17 Brenna Bessman
Brady Bessman
Sharon Harless
Cooper Quist

17 Scott Ruml
18 John Cooper, Jr
Erin Quist
Nicholas Tucker
19 Hudson Connelly
Steve Perkins
Kieran Weigelt
20 Henry Anshutz
21 Corey Christensen
Darin Friese
22 Emersyn Bialas
Camden Christensen
Laurie Clark
23 Megan Hannisch
Merry Miller
Grayson Sandeen
24 Madonna Steensma
Marianne Wittrock
25 Wayne Grothmann
Bonita TerEick
26 Steve VanWesten

27 Cheri Balk
Melissa Jones
Tyson Konz
Audrey Kouril-Rud
Jayson Whaley
Noah Wood
28 Blakely Durfee
Lewis Jerke
Parker Stansbury
29 Emmitt Deeter
Jean Glaser
Marge Rand
30 Vince Berry
Liz Christensen
Doug Greenwood
Elyse Prouty
Jessica Stuck
31 Jeanne Buchholz
Andy Holz

December Anniversaries



1 John & Aubrey Cooper
Rich & Vicki Ulises
12 Pete & Janie Illing
17 Paul & Bonnie Haugen
20 Bryon & Lorelei Reynolds
22 Ted & Heidi Jerke
28 Wayne & Madonna Steensma
29 Jack & Ashley Sandeen
30 Nick & Dana Deeter
Rex & Kay Stockwell
31 Paul & Melinda Wood

As the scripture says, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife, and the two will become one." - Ephesians 5:31

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WHERE DID THE TIME GO?

Well, 2020 is just about over. I always ask where did the time go? I know where it went...just like every other year...it goes faster and faster!! This year was especially peculiar with the pandemic and all the staying away from public places that everyone practiced. I find myself laughing sometimes when I am out running errands. I don't always recognize someone with his or her mask on. We both look at each other and say, Oh, yeah that's you!! Have you ever pulled your mask down past your nose so someone can recognize you?? This gives all that is negative some humor. I'm thankful for the humor.

We just finished our New Member Orientation Classes with 4 families joining our church! I'm also thankful for this. Not that the classes are over, but that during this "keep the distance" time, we still had people who are interested about what

we have to offer them here at Memorial! They will all be assets to our family! We will be welcoming them on Dec. 6, along with the New Members that were in the Spring Orientation Class.

In those classes we talked about the gifts that God has given us to glorify Him. We all have those gifts and we need to be able to use them to the best of our abilities. The most precious gift we have received is the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ. What an awesome gift to celebrate and be thankful during the month of December and all year long.

As a foot note: We still have positions open for power point operators during the 8am and 9:30 services. This is not hard to do. If you are just a little bit curious, please call the church office and talk to Kathy. You will be shown what to do and actually you would have one of the best seats in the Worship Center. (Besides the front row of course!) This would NOT be an every Sunday job.

I pray that you and your family stay healthy and celebrate the birth of our Savior with all the spirit that is in you! God bless you!

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Director of Ministry Involvement

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- Relevance in Ministry
- Relationships in Ministry
- Passing the Ministry Forward
- Our Community as much as we care about ourselves



For
unto
us a
CHILD
is born
unto
us a Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders;
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

*"She wrapped Him in
cloths and placed Him in
a manger, because there was
no guest room available for
them." - Luke 2:7b*