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Here is the latest news for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church!



Prepare the Way

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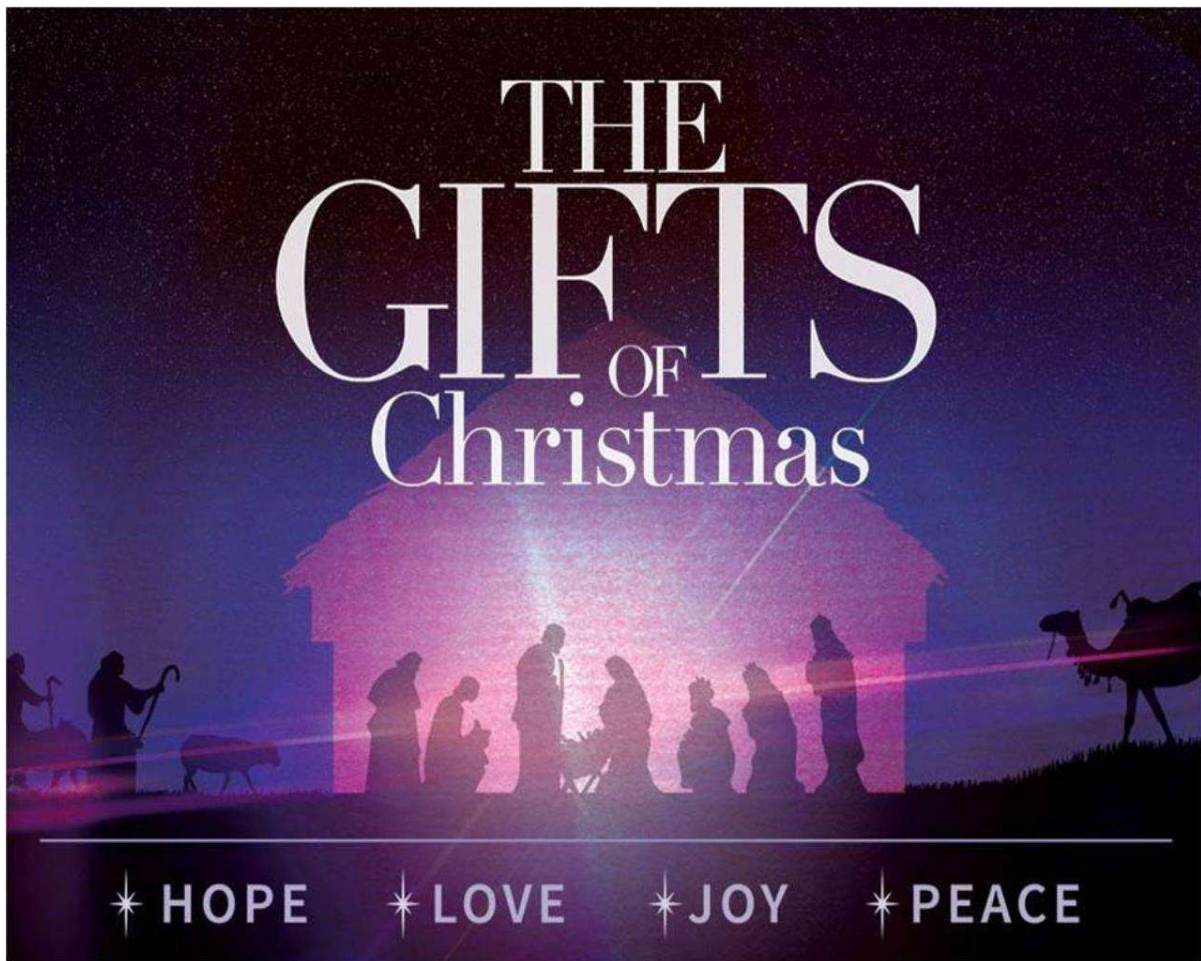
Pastor Wally's Letter



Advent Service, Wednesday, Dec. 16

December is a very busy month. It is so easy to get preoccupied with the hustle and bustle of the holiday season....so many presents to buy when you have no idea what they would like.....so many presents to wrap.....so many holiday goodies to cook. It's hard to fit it all in, and it can leave you feeling stressed and like the days are flying by without meaning.

If you need a respite from your busy-ness and a renewed focus on the real meaning of Christmas, please come to Wednesday's Advent service! It is one of the most beautiful services of the year! Beautiful music from the harmonic voices of Blaine and Karen Davis, a powerful sermon, and a service focused on the joy of Christ's birth, His blessings to us, and Mary's joyful obedience to serving God through Immaculate Conception. It will uplift you and help you remember the true reason for Christmas!



Christmas Eve Service Schedule

We will have Christmas Eve Services which will be conducted by Pastor Wally on December 24. Come join us for a wonderful time of celebrating the meaning Christmas and God's love for us. We will have an outside service at 4:30 p.m. around the Pavilion. Weather permitting. If the weather is bad, the 4:30 service will be moved indoors. We will also have an inside service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Normal safety protocols of masks and social distancing are requested.



White Gift Service

The 4:30 pm Christmas Eve service will be a “White Gift” service. While the origin of the service is unknown, the tradition is to bring a gift for a new born baby, wrapped in white. The gifts serve as a reminder that Christmas is a time for giving. The white is for the purity of our new born king.

A table will be set up in the narthex to place the gifts on for those who wish to drop off early or not attending the 4:30 Christmas Eve service. The gifts will be donated to a charity that helps newborns, such as St. Paul’s or WIC.



Drive Thru Communion

We will be offering “drive thru communion” on December 24th. Knowing that some people are not comfortable with attending either worship service on Christmas Eve, we would like to make it possible for you to receive communion on that day. Pastor Wally will be at the passenger drop off located at the south entrance to the church from noon to 2 pm Christmas eve. The elements (bread and wine) will be placed on

a Styrofoam plate to be handed to those in the cars, so that we can observe proper sanitary conditions.



Sunday School News

- Sunday, December 20—We will be practicing during the Sunday School class time for this year's Christmas Sunday School presentation. I hope all children can attend and be a part of the presentation on Christmas Eve.
- Thursday, December 24—We will only do a "cameo appearance at the outside 4:30 service, but it is a chance for little ones to dress in period clothes and be a part of the Christmas festivities.
- December 27 and January 3—We will NOT have Sunday School on these Sundays. Sunday School will resume on January 10.



Service Survey Results

In summary, what came from the surveys is that the majority of both the Outdoor and Inside Service attendees seem happy with where they are meeting and the times of the service. The other takeaway was that a vast majority of those attending outside are willing to attend an outdoor service in some pretty cold weather.

At this time, no changes are planned to either Service. The Outdoor Service will continue to meet outdoors but move inside for rain.



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