

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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## Church Mission

" Bringing Christ  
to the people...  
...the people to Christ "

## Church Slogan

Living, Loving,  
Leading, and Laughing;  
that's Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church

## Our Ministers

The people

## Our Pastor

Rev. Wally Seibel

## Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

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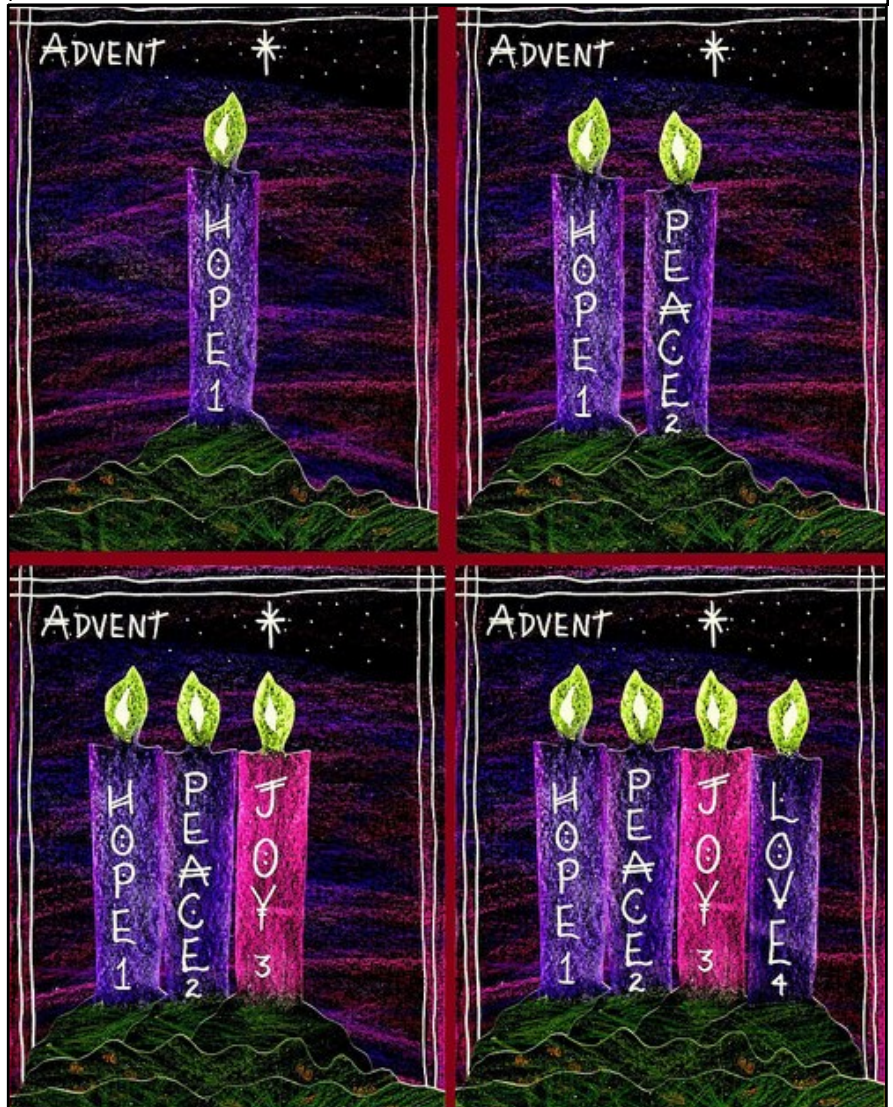
## Member Goals

*As disciples of  
our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
we strive to grow in  
faith through daily prayer  
and bible reading,  
attending worship  
services, tithing,  
and serving others.*

December 20, 2020

Worship Service

9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.





### **TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS**

Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

\* Because of COVID-19, we are not providing child care during today's service. Please have your family sit together.

\* We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us. Our communion today is different than usual so that we can be in compliance with proper "social distancing."

\* We begin communing children in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will offer a communion class to prepare 5<sup>th</sup> graders to receive this sacrament once we are able to offer in person classes again.

\* Let us know if we can be of assistance to you! If so, please let one of our ushers know.

### **WORSHIP SERVERS**

#### **9:00 A.M. Worship**

LMC: Bob Tardiff  
Ushers: Launa Tardiff and Ed Lattier  
Reader: Pending  
Music Leader: Sherry Towns

#### **10:30 A.M. Worship**

Usher: Pending  
Reader: Pending  
Music Leader: Sherry Towns  
Projectionist: Toby Fite

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 20, 2020 ~ WELCOME

It is a joy to worship together.

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

### OPENING HYMN ~ O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

LBW 45, v. 1-3

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him Born the king of angels:	The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!	<i>Chorus</i>
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Chorus:

<i>Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</i>	Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest:	<i>Chorus</i>
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### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: As we await the fullness of Christ's coming, let us acknowledge our sins and failures before God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Our indifference toward your coming,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our desire to control time and seasons,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our failure to be alert to signs of your presence in our midst,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our lack of compassion for people you came to save,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins, and the grace to know joy in the Savior's coming.

**C: Amen.**

### **GREETING**

P: From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty: grace, light, and peace be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **KYRIE**

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. With your great might, give us your help, that whatever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished by your grace; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Please Sit

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

P: Just as the angels announced peace and goodwill at the birth of Jesus – at the end of time, Christ will come with the angels to usher in His eternal peace, in which He will reign forever and ever. We pray that His kingdom would come here and now, among us, by faith.

In peace we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath. We read in Luke, Chapter 2:

*Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" Luke 2:13-14)*

*Light four candles.*

## **OH COME, OH COME, EMMANUEL**

LBW 34, v. 4

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer   and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
our spirits by your advent here;               Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,        Shall come to you, O Israel.

## **FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16**

<sup>1</sup>When the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you." <sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

<sup>16</sup>“And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 89:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.”**

<sup>5</sup>The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O Lord,  
and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

### **SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:25-27**

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN’S SONG ~ AWAY IN A MANGER**

LBW 67, VERSE 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay    Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
Close by me forever and love me I pray.    And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Please Stand

## **GOSPEL VERSE ~ ALLELUIA, LORD**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL ~ LUKE 1:26-38**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy — the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SONG BEFORE SERMON ~ SING OF MARY, PURE AND LOWLY**

WOV 634, V. 1 & 2

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,  
Virgin Mother, wise and mild.  
Sing of God's own Son most holy,  
Who became her little child.  
Fairest child of fairest mother,

God the Lord who came to earth,  
Word made flesh, our very brother,  
Takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,  
In the home at Nazareth.

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Toil and labor cannot weary,  
Love enduring until death.  
Constant was the love he gave her,

Though he went forth from her side  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,  
Till on Calvary he died.

Please Sit

## **SERMON ~ PASTOR WALLY SEIBEL**

Please Stand

### **SONG OF THE DAY ~ SING OF MARY, PURE AND LOWLY**

WOV 634, V. 1 & 3

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Virgin Mother, wise and mild.  
Sing of God's own Son most holy,  
who became her little child.  
Fairest child of fairest mother,  
God the Lord who came to earth,  
Word made flesh, our very brother,  
Takes our nature by his birth.

Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit,  
Glory to the three in one.  
From the heart of blessed Mary,  
From all saints the song ascends,  
And the Church the strain re-echoes  
Unto Earth's remotest ends.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**





and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **LAMB OF GOD**

P. 92 LBW

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

(COMMUNION SONGS ARE FOR 10:30 SERVICE ONLY)

### **COMMUNION SONG #1 ~ WE ARE CALLED**

Come, live in the light,  
Shine with joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called  
To be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom  
Of the city of God.

*Chorus:  
We are called to act with justice;  
We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.  
Come, open your heart!*

Show your mercy to  
All those in fear!  
We are called  
To be hope for the hopeless,  
So hatred and violence  
Will be no more.

*Chorus*

Sing, sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day  
When all will be one God will reign,

And we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers  
United in love.

*Chorus*

Ending:  
We'll walk humbly with God.  
We'll walk humbly with God.  
We'll walk humbly...  
Humbly...  
Humbly with God.

## **COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and  
storm.

What heights of love, what depths of  
peace;  
When fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease.

My Comforter, my All-in-all;  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Till He returns or calls me home

*Please Stand*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his  
grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ "GLORY TO GOD"**

*( Sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" )*

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise;

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord fill you with joy and hope, as we look to His coming among us. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG ~ ~ HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### Chorus:

*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,

Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

### *Chorus*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth,  
Born to give us second birth.

### *Chorus*

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

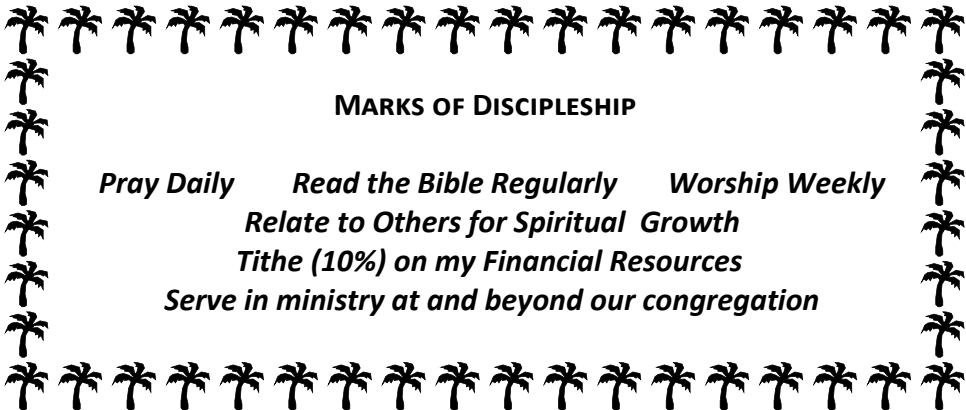
C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE ~ DR. JAEYONG LEE

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Christmas Eve Services**

We will gather in person and on-line for Christmas Eve Services 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, which will be streamed. Normal safety protocols of masks and social distancing are requested. Knowing that not everyone is comfortable (or should) gather together, drive through communion will be offered from noon to 2 at the drop off point. CHRIST THE LORD HAS BEEN BORN! GOD'S GIFT TO US!!

### **Christmas Eve White Gift Service**

We are doing something different this year, called 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 white is for the purity of our new born king. At the 4:30 service, please carry the gift with you for giving at the outside service. For those not attending the 4:30 service, there will be a table set up in the narthex as a place to set your gifts. The gifts will be donated to a charity that helps newborns, such as St. Paul's or WIC and serve as a reminder that Christmas is a time for giving.

### **OSLC Pastoral Call Committee**

Please keep this committee in your prayers asking they have insight and wisdom when it comes to finding a new pastor. The members of the committee are: Kimberly Butler, Carmen Nazario, Bill Hebb, Alan Cumming, Blaine Davis, and Roger Stai.

### **Important Sunday School News!!**

- TODAY, 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.

### **Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes in their boxes are on a table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up.

### **Drive-By Communion**

We will be offering “drive by communion” on December 24th. Knowing that some may not be comfortable with attending either worship service, or may not be able to attend, we would like to make it possible for you to receive communion on Christmas Eve.

Pastor Wally will be at the awning, where you can drive up under the awning on the south side of the church from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.. So that we can adhere to safety standards and so that you do not have to open any packets, the elements of bread and wine will be placed on a disposable plate and handed to those in the vehicle.

### **Pastor Wally's Availability**

Pastor Wally plans to be at the church 3 days a week, Sunday, Tuesday (arriving between 10 and 11) and Wednesday. He will be working from his home office other days. This schedule can change with pastoral needs of our church community, such as when there is a death in our family or extended family that we provide care to. Pastor Wally has rented an apartment in Tyler so that he can be available when needed. Please remember that he is available and would love to get to know each of us better, so give him a call to set up a time to come by and just visit awhile.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (DECEMBER 20—DECEMBER 27, 2020)

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: VARIES DUE TO COVID-19.

*IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 903-561-1865 AND IF NO ONE ANSWERS, LEAVE A MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED.*

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### SUNDAY—December 20

Worship Service, Outside 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service, Inside 10:30 a.m.

### MONDAY

No Activities Scheduled

### TUESDAY

Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
 ACA Meeting 6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

No Activities Scheduled

### THURSDAY

Drive by Communion 12—2p.m.  
 Christmas Eve Service 4:30 p.m.  
 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY

**Christmas Day**

### SATURDAY

No Activities Scheduled

### SUNDAY—December 27

Worship Service, Outside 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service, Inside 10:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP		WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE	
Monthly Budget	\$ 23,058	Worship Average as of March 15, 2020	130
Prior December Offering	\$ 4,397	Attendance December 13	
Offering, December 13	2,496	9:00 a.m. Service— Pending	
Other Offering	<u>1,825</u>	10:30 a.m. Service— Pending	
Total December Offering	<u>\$ 8,718</u>		
2020 Congregational Offering to date	<u>\$ 238,858</u>	Worship Average Since Returning on May 31, 2020	