



The Shepherd's Voice

December 2024

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PASTOR'S PAGE



A Merry and Blessed Christmas to You and Yours,

The celebration of Advent 2024 that begins on Sunday, December 1st, is a special season in our church year as we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin phrase "Adventus Domini", meaning "Arrival of the Lord".

It is the season marked by "anticipation", "hope", "repentance", and "preparation". These themes will be emphasized during our worship services through liturgy, music, scripture, sermons, and prayer. In addition, there is the symbolism of the lighting of the Advent Candles on each of the four Sundays reminding us of the gifts of "Hope", "Peace", "Joy", and "Love" given to us as gifts through the birth the Christ child. You will also notice that the paraments and the stoles being worn are blue symbolizing "hope" and "royalty", once again, pointing to the birth of Christ the Newborn King. If we want to share in the joy of Christmas, we need to prepare ourselves for the good news of Christmas. I invite you to join us each Sunday during Advent as well as to our Wednesday Evening Advent Services at 6:30 PM preceded by our 5:30 PM. Soup Suppers on December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Then, join us to joyfully celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve, December 24th, at our 5:00 PM Candlelight Service. Your family members, friends, and visiting guests are also invited.

As we receive all these wonderful gifts and blessings wrapped up in the birth of the Christ Child, let us joyfully share them with all whom we meet along our life's journey.

A Christmas Prayer:

God of Bethlehem: Christmas is for everyone. Every human being, every living thing. Every place. Every person. Every time. Christ is here, there, and everywhere. Everything past, present, and future. Christ is all in all. Christ is your “Yes” to us. You are, thus we shall be. Christmas is for love. Christ is love. Christmas is Christ. We thank you and welcome your divine blessings given to us and all people through the birth of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

***With Christmas Joy, Peace, and Love,
Pastor Bob***

Greening of the Church

December 13th





Church Council News

The Council met on November 14th and approved the following items:

- Approved the change in building use request for the Spanish Language Church from Mondays to Tuesday evenings.
- Approved Enduring Gifts funds to purchase new white banners (All Saints, etc.)
- Approved the request from Food For the Poor to speak on Feb. 9, 2025.
- Approved the license purchase for “I Heard the Bells” video from Sight & Sound.
- Approved the first showing of “I Heard the Bells” for December 13th at 5:00 PM.
- Approved returning to live streaming for Sunday Worship.

Executive Council Meeting

December 5th @ 9:30 AM

Council Meeting

December 12th @ 3:00 PM

Bible Quiz

When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?

- A. 1 day
- B. 2 days
- C. 3 days
- D. 7 days

An illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a white tunic and a dark blue sash. He is holding a large, golden scroll with both hands. The background is a simple, textured grey wall.

President's Message



I want to thank everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving takeout meals. Whether you donated food, helped prep, or give out the meals, your generosity was greatly appreciated. We served 24 meals this year. If there is enough interest next year, we may have a sit down dinner with the takeout option still available to those who cannot attend.

If you plan on coming to the first showing of *"I Heard the Bells"*, please signup as soon as possible. We need an accurate count for the license and to ensure we have enough room in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors too. Admission is free and we only ask you to bring a non-perishable food donation to benefit S.O.S. Food Pantry.

I was recently made aware of the Florida – Bahamas Synod's E-Spirit weekly newsletter. While the Synod's website has been a valuable tool for me since becoming President, I was unaware of the newsletter. It is chock full of information of things happening within the Synod as well as local congregation news. You can sign up for the weekly newsletter here <https://fbsynod.com/e-spirit-archive/>

Finally, I want to say a huge thank you to those serving on Council whose terms will be ending this month. Thank you to Carole Wagner, Ron O'Keefe, Vera Swade, Shelly Fortin, and Bill Mehnert for serving and for your contributions to the Council.

Grace and Peace,

Joe



Meet a Seminary Student

My Name is Dana Paulsen. I am a Luther Seminary Student, seeking ordination in Word and Sacrament.

My academics are completed and I am currently working on my CPE certification. I will be seeking endorsement and completing my year of internship in Florida beginning this spring. I recently moved to Inverness, from a rural town in northwestern Wisconsin called Luck. My 14 year old son, Josh, just started high school at CHS. He loves basketball, nature, and music. I worked as a music teacher for 25 years, giving back to the community that I was born and raised in.

During this time, I experienced many different types of ministries. I have worked with children and family ministries most of my life. Along with 2 years volunteering at the Luck Nursing Home focusing on memory care through music ministry. Music is a powerful tool and I will be continuing that ministry here in Florida. God continues to provide new opportunities for ministries that I care deeply about. Behavioral and mental health, recovery, and women's prison ministry are just to name a few.

I am looking forward to joining Intern Rick in providing a Eucharist service in surrounding Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities. Josh and I are grateful for this opportunity to be near our family and to create new relationships through faith.

Dana



WELCA NEWS


As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

Our December circle meeting will be a luncheon at La Pergola on Tuesday, December 17th at noon. If you'd like to come, please RSVP to me at sthennessey1@charter.net by Friday, December 13th.

We are still working on the book club idea. Any suggestions welcome!

Nancy Gomes and Sally Hennessey attended the Fall Gathering at Warren Willis Conference Center from November 8-10. Our own Anne Storan was also there, of course, presiding for her last year as President of the Florida-Bahamas SWO. The weekend was filled with moving worship, good workshops, great fellowship, and too much food. A highlight was 550 United Methodist youth, who we cheered as they left their worship service in the auditorium and we waited to go in for ours. This was reversed when they waited for us to leave so they could go in. It was so encouraging to see that many youth excited about their faith in Christ!

Sally Hennessey, Unit Leader

O Lord, let my
New Year's resolution
be to 
follow you
more closely
and to
trust in your
loving guidance.



Thy word is a
lamp unto my
feet, and a light
unto my path.

PSALM 119:105, KJV



Fellowship

Our Fellowship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 9th, 2024, at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

We would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank you” to the many people who have volunteered to help with setting the buffet table, serving coffee, and cleaning up in our Fellowship Hall before and after Sunday worship this year. They are: Margot Berger, Maggie Bregar, Sue Buldiger, Janet Burfeindt, John Colson, Cherie Earl, Nina Giglio, Amy Gilbert, Nancy Gomes, Ginny Gopadz, Aagot Green, Roberta Hall, Patrick Hennessey, Carol Herbst, Pat Howard, Jackie Imes, Richard Imes, Yolanda Jacobs, Dianne Johnson, Linda Kranauer, Barb Lauer, Beth Lauer, Sharon Maxwell, Eloise Mongardi, Karen Monsen, Margaret Ohsiek, Pat Ouwerkerk, Marcia Reichert, Betty Sanger, Ann Serafin, Cara Stickler, Tom Stickler, Judy Teague, Martie Zacharczyk, and Dale. If I have omitted your name, please accept my apology.

During the months of December, January, and February, we will be offering hot chocolate as well as tea and coffee after worship on Sunday. On December 7th, children will be baking cookies for our congregation.

We would also like to thank our generous congregation who have baked and provided desserts for our buffet table this year. It is most appreciated!

Elaine Giammasi, Chair
John Giammasi, Co-Chair

If you would like to order a magnetic name tag please contact Donald Marchetti at (401) 568-8017 or 11thhourssigns@gmail.com Cost is \$5.00.



Serving Our Savior

Update from October / November 2024

Families served: 427 / 415

People served: 1,119 / 1,131

Pounds of Food: 57,360 / 24,815

Average pounds per person: 51.3 / 21.9



DONATE NOW!



SCAN TO DONATE



352-462-0901
SOS Food Pantry
PO Box 640774
Beverly Hills, FL 34464
email sos4food@gmail.com



Can goods always needed

Reverse Advent Calendar- Good Shepherd's Reverse Advent Calendar which supports our SOS Food Pantry will start the 1st of December. We will collect donations of canned goods for each day of December until Christmas day. A flyer with a list of the canned goods needed will be on the table in the Narthex. Please do not bring in your donations until the week of Christmas. You can put your donations on a designated table in the back of Fellowship Hall. On Christmas day we will donate the contents to the SOS Food Pantry. (See attached list at end of Newsletter) Make copies and share with your friends and neighbors.



Craft 'n Share



We will not meet on December 11, 2024 as previously printed. Have a good Christmas all!

WE WILL MEET NEXT January 22, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Bring your lunch; beverage and dessert will be provided.

We welcome Nancy Justiano's return to Craft and Share. She has graciously agreed to Chair Craft and Share starting in 2025. On November 14th, Nancy, Ann Serafin, and Maggie reviewed the Craft Closet and began to donate excess items from Craft closet. We still have a large bin of 4 ply and even baby yarn in the closet. See blue bin marked "YARN".

In January, we hope to start making Adult Clothing protectors for a local Assisted Living facility.

We have good supply of fabric but could use a bathroom hand towel for the backs. If you are out shopping, consider picking up a couple. Dollar stores have inexpensive supply.

In October, 5 of us met and we made 15 eye glass/pen holder cases from men's ties for our shut-ins for Christmas gifts. They were inserted in a Christmas Card. They are in Library/Intern Rick's office for our Eucharistic Ministers to deliver as they make their visits.

Another project is making pillowcase dresses which we will ship soon to the Michigan facility who forward them on to Africa or where needed. We have assembled pillow case dress kits and have a pattern if you would like to sew at home. We thank Diane Kolm for sewing several to be mailed.

Also thank you to our home crafters. We gave out several prayer shawls to bereaved families. We have two large bins of Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes for members or friends who are ill or in a rehab facility. If you know of someone who needs one, they are in the south closet next to Quilter and Craft and Share closet (the far north closet by rear windows in Fellowship Hall.) Please sign them out on clip board saying who they are going to and who delivered them.

Thanks,
Maggie Bregger

Next meeting January 22nd

Worship and Music

December 3rd @ 1PM - Meeting

Choir will meet at 7 PM after Advent Service.

Choir and Bells will be on break from Dec 17th to Jan 6th. Bells start on Jan 7th and Choir starts on Jan 8th.



Readers for December 29th
Lessons and Carols service:

Hark
the
Herald Angels
sing



Margo Berger
John Giamassi
Brenda Landfried
Pat Mainster
Kent Meltesen
Ann Serafin
Martie Zacharczyk

Health Ministry

Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Donna Pease, John Colson, and Leith Masters. We will provide blood pressure screenings on the last Sunday of the month after worship.

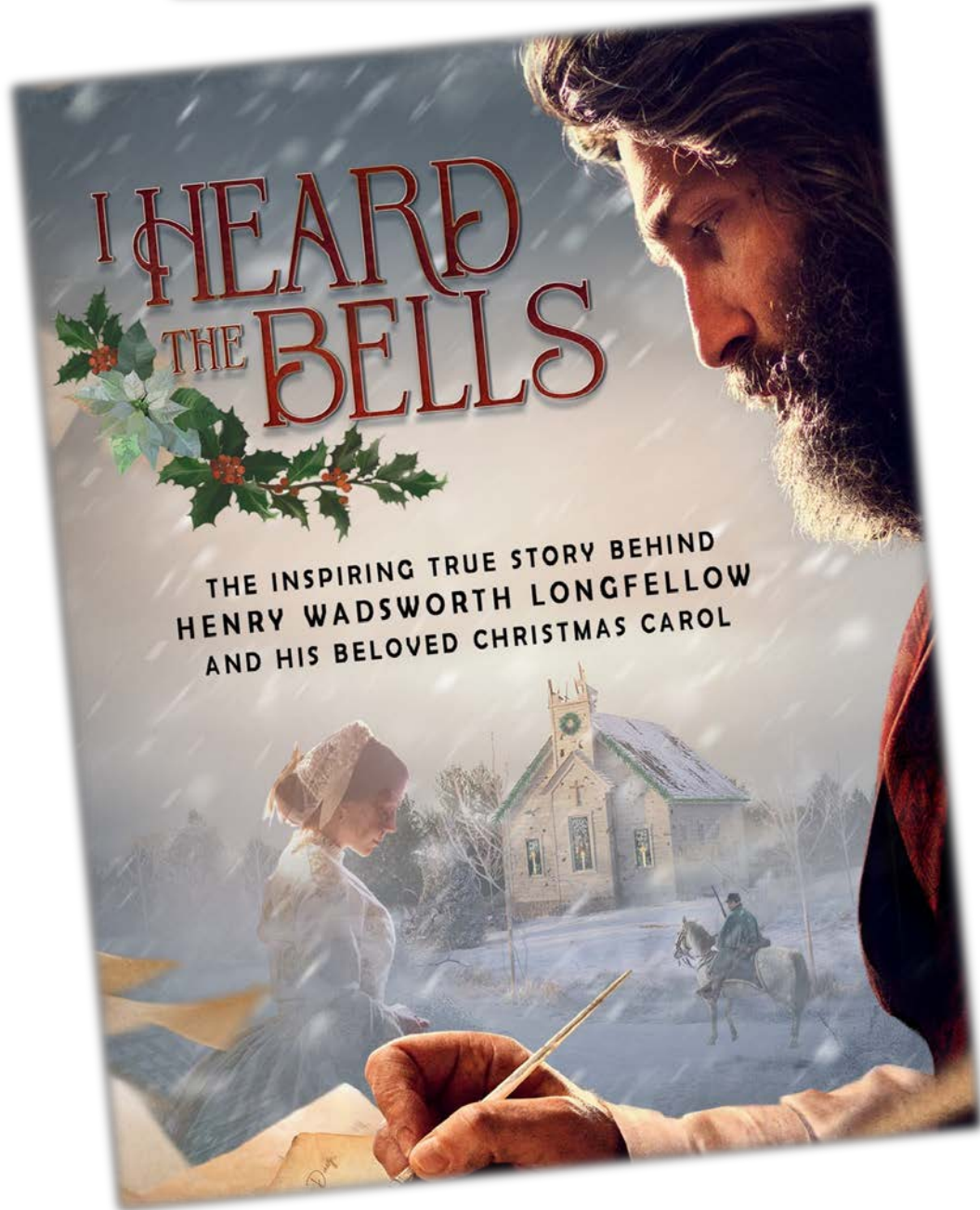


Health Ministry



Outreach

**JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP TO WATCH
DECEMBER 13, 2024 - 5:00pm**



Please sign up in the Narthex.
One name per line.

Special Dates

1 - First Sunday of Advent

8 - Second Sunday of Advent

13 - Greening of the Church

15 - Third Sunday of Advent

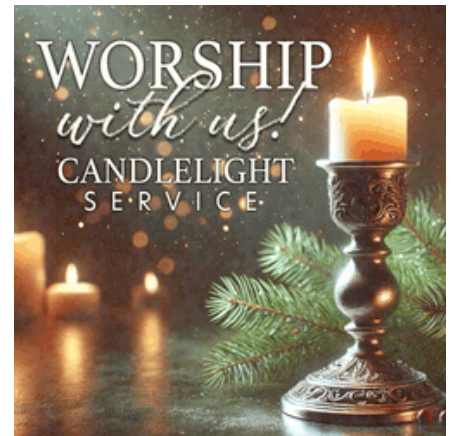
21 - First Day of Winter

22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

24 - Christmas Eve

25 - Christmas Day

31 - New Year's Eve



Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM
 Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe

First Thursday @ Noon
 Lunch @ Angelotti's

December 2024



Wednesdays @ 9 AM
 A Time for Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10A Worship  First Sunday of Advent	2 1:30P Social Ministry Meeting	3 11A - WELCA Board Meeting (Cattle Dog) 1P - Worship & Music Meeting 6:30P - Bells	4 7:30A - SOS 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 5:30P - Soup 6:30P - Service 7P - Choir	5 7:30A - SOS 9:30A Executive Council 1P Outreach 2P Stewardship	6 8:00A - Workday on Grounds 	7
8 10A Worship Sunday School  Second Sunday of Advent Equal Exchange Coffee & Tea	9 1:30P - Fellowship	10 6:30P - Bells	11 7:30A - SOS 5:30P - Soup 6:30P - Service 7P - Choir	12 7:30A - SOS  3:00 P Council Meeting	13 8:00A - Workday on Grounds  Greening of the Church 5P - "I Heard the Bells" Movie	14
15 10A - Worship Sunday School  Third Sunday of Advent	16	17 Noon - WELCA Luncheon at LaPergola	18 7:30A -SOS 5:30P - Soup 6:30P - Service 7P - Choir	19 7:30A - SOS  10A-11:30A Citrus Hills POA Meeting	20 8:00A - Workday on Grounds 	21  
22 Worship Sunday School  Fourth Sunday of Advent		24 5P - Service 	25  We send joyful greetings as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please join us to worship our newborn King and Savior!	26 7:30A - SOS  10A Christian Education	27 8:00A - Workday on Grounds 	28
29 10A Worship Sunday School 	30	31				

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Jim & Amy Gilbert	12/19/70
Kevin & Cindy Towne	12/19/87
Nate & Sauny Williams	12/29/62



4 - Jaqueline Imes	11 - Bob Lackner Dylan Nelson	20 - Frank Romanelli
6 - Carol Lee Johnson	12 - Cindy Gaertner	21 - Joann Frost
7 - Gail Sotrines	13 - Karen Robidoux	23 - Judy Fischer
9 - Janet Burfeindt Anne Storan	15 - Shirley Storsteen	25 - Chris Bahner Faye Lowe Ester Page-Wood
	19 - Maggie Kirkeby	26 - Lainey Sorrell-Fowler





Let us remember:

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| Benefiel, Larry & Karen | Hassinger, Doug & Donna | Lauer, Barbara | Mongardi, Eloise |
| Brit-Busler, Elizabeth | Jimenez, Jeanette | Lawrence, Ivalee | Page-Wood, Jeremy |
| Cashman, Dan | Johnson, Carol Lee | Lepore, Linda | Pawelko, Diane |
| Clark, Dawn | Kauth, Gerry | Masters, Leith | Peterson, Gloria |
| Costa, Denise | Koch, Michael | Meltesen Family | Wagner, Carole |
| | Krenauer, Linda | | |

Those who are shut in or residing in assisted living homes:

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| Chacon, Carol | Frost, Joann | Hartsfield, Sylvia | Lowe, Faye | Moll, Bob |
| Philipp, Dick | Pufahl, Jean | Whitcomb, Ray | | |

All who serve our country in the military:

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| Burba, Jake | Jackson, Brad | Radosevitch, Eric |
| Ceballos, Jason | Johnston-Garcia, Christian | Springer, Dennis |
| Corsino, Mykael | Luchay, Alan | Stroble, Jeramy |
| Day, Kenneth | McCann, Jim | Swain, Jr., Terry |
| Harrington, Bryan | Miller, Tyler | Thomas, Peter Chris |
| Heinz, Karinne | Much, Jason | Thompson, David |
| Hickman, Richard | Piott, Trenton | Timpe, Chris |
| Hicks, Nathan | Posa, Codymicheal | |
| Holman, Evan | Radloff, Steven | |



Relatives and Friends:

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| Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew | Campano, Thomas | Fratto, Joseph | Iudiciani, Georgia |
| Balastieri, Casey | Cato, Cecelia | Garling, John | Johnson, Jim |
| Barber, Steve & Kitty | Cipollone, Elaine | Gifford, Judy | Kraft, Carter |
| Beeftink, Paul | Crooks, Candi | Goetter, Lisbeth | Koch, Dennis & Linda |
| Bluver, Linda & son | DeVenuto, Lisa | Goetter, Thomas | Lahera, Andy |
| Blyth, Ruby | Dortin, Rachel | Goforth, Jeffrey | Lavaja, Jim |
| Brace, Quin | Drake, Matthew | Goodloe, Ernestine | Lewellen, Emily Anne |
| Brugger, Tristan | Farmer, Tom | Graves, Janice & Declan | Lobenthal, Jean |
| Burkhardt, Faith & Dina | Fidwell, Eloise | Hertel, Karl | Loftin, Tracy |
| Cahoone, Bill | Fowler family | Hunt, Jim | Longworth, Kathy |

Lublemon family	Pach, Barbara	Sbani, Carol	Welch, George
Lundsford, Victoria	Page-Wood, Jake	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Wells, Emmarie
Magnotta family	Parruche, Linda Ama	Sillen, Rita	Wierzel, Rosalee
Magrum, Corbin	Pope, Jeff	Small, Brenda & Steven	Williams, Dorothy
Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Pope, Rick	Smrdel, Terri	Wilson, Karen
McHugh, Mark	Queen, Max	Stewart, Sam	Wizard, Joe & Dana
Meidl, Nancy	Rajotte, Keith	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wolff, Jack
Mena, Steve	Ralph, Bruce	Thatcher, Jean	Wood, Harper
Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Rambaldini, Jim	Thompson, Lori	Woods, Donna Jean
Nine, Tim	Riccio, Gino	Traywick, Edward	Woolf, Nick
O'Berry, Darlene	Robertson, Jeanine	Tuegel, Chuck	Wright, Matthew
O'Keefe, Chris	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Vulkelich, Alejandra	

Please take this prayer list and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact gslchernando@gmail.com for any updates.

Newsletter Editor

ALL submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to gslchernando@gmail.com.

Stephanie

December Deadline is **December 16th**



SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY

Susan Fowler

USHERS

December 1st & 8th

Cara and Tom Stickler

Susie Steinour

December 15th

Harv Johnson

Lois Lenhart

Vera Swade

December 22nd

Sue Buldiger

Lois Lenhart

Ann Serafin

December 24th

Harv Johnson

Gladys Kean

Dennis Moore

December 29th

Sue Buldiger

Dennis Moore

Ann Serafin

MEDIA CENTER

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

Dan Cashman

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LECTORS

December 1st

Marty Zacharcyzk

December 4th

Sue Okimoto

December 8th

Vera Swade

December 11th

Pat Mainster

December 15th

Shelly Fortin

December 18th

John Giammasi

December 22nd

Ann Serafin

December 24th

Tom Krenauer

December 29th

Brenda Landfried

DEACON in Training

John Colson





God's work. Our hands.

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PSALMS SCAVENGER HUNT

Each day, enjoy reading the psalm. Then search for the answer and try the activity below.

1 Psalm 1
Find: What two contrasts appear in this psalm?
Activity: Write one way you can "delight in the law of the Lord" today.

2 Psalm 8
Find: According to this psalm, what is mankind's place in creation?
Activity: Spend 5 minutes outside observing nature and reflecting on God's creation.

5 Psalm 27
Find: What does David say about his source of strength and confidence?
Activity: Memorize Psalm 27:1 and recite it when you feel afraid today.

4 Psalm 23
Find: In this psalm, what are three ways God shepherds us?
Activity: Reflect on how God has been your shepherd in the past week.

3 Psalm 19
Find: What two ways does God reveal himself in this psalm?
Activity: Journal about one aspect of God's creation that reveals his glory to you.

6 Psalm 32
Find: What is the main theme of this psalm?
Activity: Pray a prayer of confession. Then reflect on the joy of being forgiven.

7 Psalm 34
Find: Who does the Lord hear?
Activity: Share with someone a testimony of how God has been good to you.

8 Psalm 37
Find: According to this psalm, what 4 things can you do instead of worrying?
Activity: Choose one action from Psalm 37 to focus on today.

9 Psalm 42
Find: What imagery does the psalmist use to describe his longing for God?
Activity: Write down one way you can draw closer to God when you feel distant.

10 Psalm 46
Find: How does this psalm describe God's protection during times of trouble?
Activity: Spend 5 minutes in silence, meditating on the phrase "Be still and know that I am God."



15 Psalm 84
Find: What does the psalmist say about people who dwell in God's house?
Activity: Write down one way you can cultivate a heart of worship today.

14 Psalm 73
Find: What does the psalmist realize after feeling envious of the wicked?
Activity: Reflect on a time you needed God's strength and how he provided it.

13 Psalm 65
Find: How does this psalm describe God's abundant provision?
Activity: Write down three things you're thankful that God has provided.

12 Psalm 63
Find: In this psalm, what does David say he will do?
Activity: Sing or listen to your favorite hymn or worship song.

11 Psalm 51
Find: In David's prayer of repentance, what are three things he asks of God?
Activity: Write your own prayer of repentance to God.

16 Psalm 91
Find: According to this psalm, what are some ways God protects his people?
Activity: Pray for God's protection over yourself or someone you know.

17 Psalm 100
Find: What instructions does this psalm give for worshipping God?
Activity: Create a gratitude list. Then thank God for each item.

18 Psalm 101
Find: What actions and attitudes can we follow from this psalm?
Activity: Take time today to bless the Lord by recalling his goodness in your life.

19 Psalm 111
Find: What does the psalmist say is the beginning of wisdom?
Activity: Think of times in the Bible when God saved his people.

20 Psalm 121
Find: What does this psalm promise about God's care for you?
Activity: Reflect on how God has "kept" you in difficult times. Then share that with someone.



24 Psalm 150
Find: What instruments and ways of praising God does this psalm mention?
Activity: End the scavenger hunt by creating your own joyful praise to God. Worship in whatever way feels natural to you—sing, dance or play an instrument.

23 Psalm 146
Find: Based on this psalm, who are some people God takes care of?
Activity: Start your day with a song of praise to God.

22 Psalm 139
Find: What does this psalm say about God's knowledge of you?
Activity: Pray, thanking God for knowing you and your life intimately.

21 Psalm 136
Find: What does this psalm promise about God's care for you?
Activity: Reflect on one specific way God has shown you his enduring love.





Kid's Corner



Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue

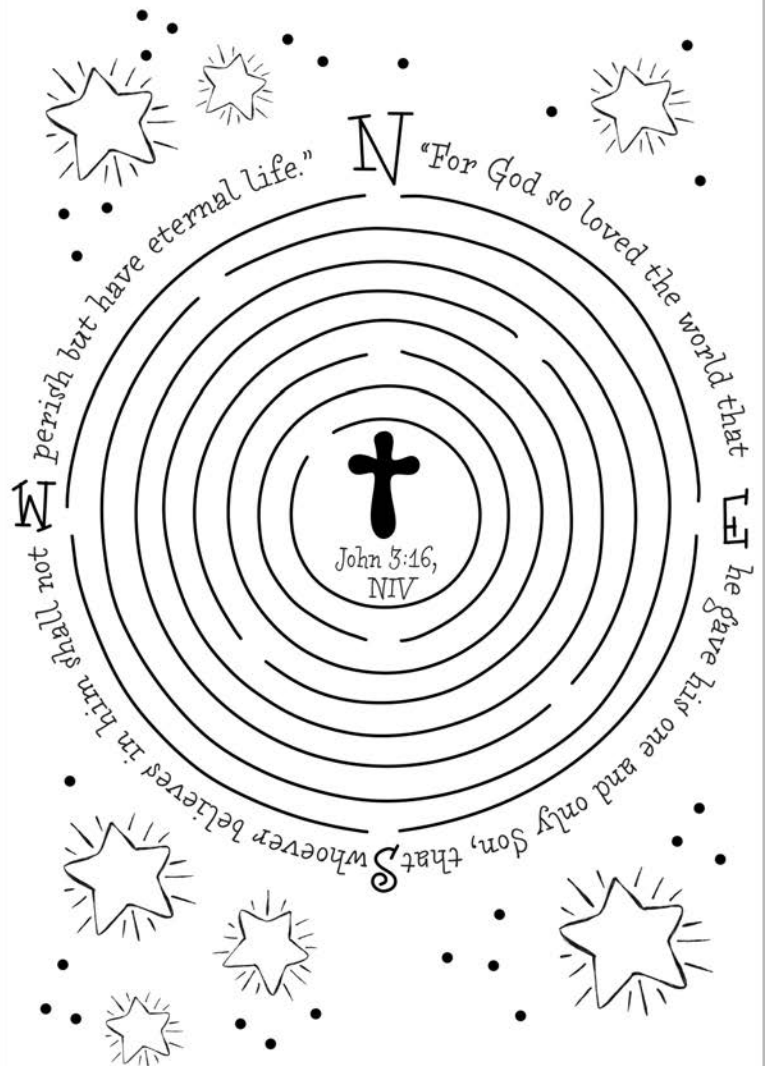


What you do:

1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.

Puzzle!

Complete the maze to help people from all directions hear the good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read John 3:16, NIV.

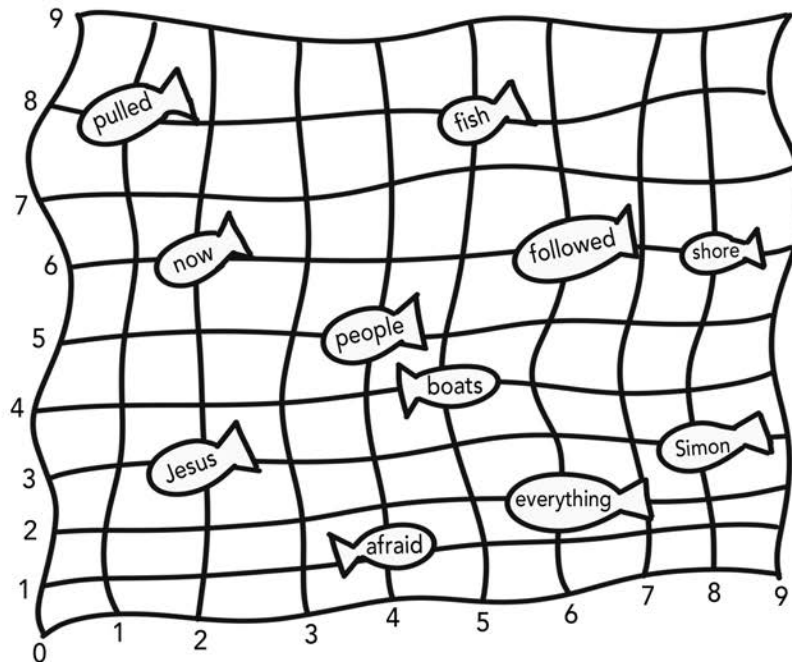




FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then Jesus said to _____, "Don't be _____; from _____
(2, 3) (8, 3) (4, 1) (2, 6)
 on you will _____ for _____." So they _____ their
(5, 8) (4, 5) (1, 8)
 _____ up on _____, left _____ and _____ him.
(5, 4) (8, 6) (6, 2) (6, 6)

Luke 5:10-11, NIV

Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, now, fish, people, people, pulled, boats, shore, everything, followed



The Season of
Advent
READING PLAN

Hope

- ◇ Day 1: Jeremiah 29:10-14
- ◇ Day 2: Romans 15:8-13
- ◇ Day 3: 1 Peter 1:3-12
- ◇ Day 4: Hebrews 10:19-39
- ◇ Day 5: Psalm 33
- ◇ Day 6: Titus 2:11- 3:8

Joy

- ◇ Day 13: Philippians 4:4-9
- ◇ Day 14: Psalm 16
- ◇ Day 15: James 1:2-18
- ◇ Day 16: Psalm 30
- ◇ Day 17: Luke 2:8-20
- ◇ Day 18: John 15:1-11

Peace

- ◇ Day 7: Isaiah 9:1-7
- ◇ Day 8: John 14:1-7, 25-31
- ◇ Day 9: John 16:25-33
- ◇ Day 10: Romans 5:1-11
- ◇ Day 11: Ephesians 2:11-22
- ◇ Day 12: Colossians 3:1-17

Love

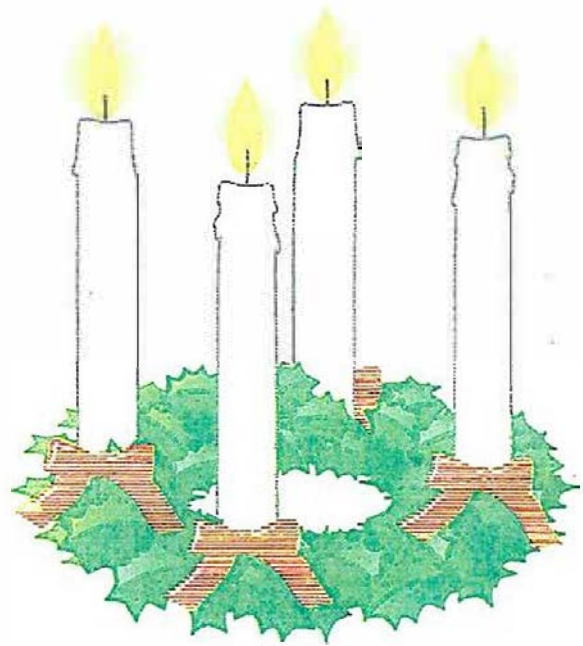
- ◇ Day 19: Micah 7:18-20
- ◇ Day 20: Romans 8:31-39
- ◇ Day 21: John 3:16-21
- ◇ Day 22: 1 John 4:7-21
- ◇ Day 23: Philippians 2:1-11
- ◇ Day 24: 2 Thessalonians 2:13 – 3:5
- ◇ Day 25: Ephesians 2:1-10



ADVENT CALENDAR

Please collect the items listed below and place them on the designated table in the back of Fellowship Hall the week of Christmas. We will donate the contents to SOS Food Pantry.

- December 1 – box of cereal
- December 2 – peanut butter
- December 3 – stuffing mix
- December 4 – boxed potatoes
- December 5 – hamburger helper*
- December 6 – canned fruit
- December 7 – canned tomatoes
- December 8 – canned tuna
- December 9 – dessert mix
- December 10 – jar of applesauce
- December 11 – canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 – cranberry sauce
- December 13 – canned beans
- December 14 – box of crackers
- December 15 – package of rice
- December 16 – granola bars
- December 17 – package of pasta
- December 18 – spaghetti sauce**
- December 19 – any “cream of” soup
- December 20 – tomato soup
- December 21 – diced tomatoes
- December 22 – can of mixed vegetables
- December 23 – can of carrots
- December 24 – can of peas



*This product does not need to be a name brand product. Store brands are perfectly acceptable.

** Please, for safety and storage reasons, make sure this spaghetti sauce is packaged in a can or plastic jar.