



# News & Notes

*A community growing in Christ, living in grace and serving in love.*

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

**Worship with us:** 9:30 am, with Holy Communion, in person or via livestream [on the website](#) or through YouTube and Facebook (including on your Smart TV). A recording will be available after the service.

**Coffee Hour:** You're invited to remain inside for fellowship, but without coffee and treats

**Faith formation:** We will not meet this Sunday.

## WEDNESDAYS

### Music rehearsal schedule:

4:45 pm Choristers (grades 2-6). Music Room  
6:45 pm Jubilate Ringers (handbells). Sanctuary  
7:45 pm Cantorei and Middle C's. East Lounge

**Confirmation (grades 7 & 8):** 7 pm. Youth Room

## This Week:

### LIGHT THE 3RD CANDLE FOR ADVENT

**This Sunday (12/12)** is the third Sunday in Advent. If you have an Advent wreath at home, we encourage you to light the third candle with joy in your heart. If you would like guided meditations for celebrating this season, we recommend #AdventWord. Images and meditations can be experienced via the [AdventWord website](#), [direct daily emails](#), and [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

### BRING IN WILDER PRESCHOOL GIFTS

Please drop off your wrapped Wilder gifts, with family number indicated, by **this Sunday (12/12)** in the Snelling entryway. Contact [Kelley Wells](#) with questions or to request help getting gifts to church.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF SONG

Outdoor Christmas caroling is **this Sunday (12/12) after worship**. Meet in the Music Room to get your route and carol books. All ages can join in.

- Faith formation won't meet so families can carol.

## REGISTER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve Services will be at **3, 4:30 and 10 pm**. Due to our 100-person cap in the sanctuary, and limited additional seating planned in other areas of the building, we are asking that you please register for the 3 and 4:30 services. You can register on [our website](#), call the church office or with [this online form](#).

## GO DEEP INTO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Join Pastor Cindy on **Thursday (12/16) at 7:30 pm** on Zoom for Bible study. Use [this Zoom link](#) to participate. The group will not meet on Dec. 23 or 30 but will celebrate Epiphany together on Jan. 6.

## FILL CHRISTIAN'S TOY BOX

In memory of their son Christian Osen, the Osen family collects toys and activities for the young patients of Children's Hospitals & Clinics of Minnesota. The boxes are outside the church administrator's office, ready to collect new, unwrapped gifts or gift cards for delivery **Tuesday (12/14)**, Christian's birthday. You can also give online at [www.givemn.org/story/Christian-S-Toy-Box](http://www.givemn.org/story/Christian-S-Toy-Box).

## GIVE AS YOU ARE ABLE

You can make your offerings using this QR code or mail your offering to the church. We are so grateful for your gifts!



## Ongoing/Coming Up:

### WATCH PAGEANT VIDEO PREMIERE

Join us in the East Lounge and elsewhere **after worship on Sunday, Dec. 19**, to watch the Christmas Story as told by the ILC community. We will also have it available to watch on YouTube.

### HANG THE GREENS

Join us on **Wednesday, Dec. 22**, as we decorate the church building for Christmas. There are many tasks for all ages. We'll meet at **6:30 pm** in the Gathering Space to assign tasks.

- Choristers and Cantorei will meet at their regular rehearsal times, and Middle Cs will join Cantorei.
- Confirmation will not meet.

### NOTE: YEAR-END GIVING DEADLINE

If you plan to mail a donation to the church to be included in the 2021 accounts, be sure it is postmarked no later than **Dec. 31**. If you wish to bring gifts in person, the church office will be closed Dec. 27 and closes at noon on Dec. 31.

### KEEP SAFE HOUSE IN PRAYERS

Thank you to all who donated toward the Christmas meal for Safe House emergency youth shelter. We

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We lift in prayer: Andrea, Brielle, Craig, David, Gordy, Hafizan, Irene, Janet, Josie, Karen, MaryAnn, Matt, Natalie, Nathan E., Nathan L., Ricky, Sarah, Stephen, Susan, Tim, Tom, Wanda

Our partner congregations Mkimbizi and Magubike Lutheran churches of Tanzania and brothers and sisters in Christ in Guatemala.

### ALTAR FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER 12

Altar flowers are given by Karen and John Osen in loving memory of their son Christian Olaf.

### WORSHIP DETAILS FOR DECEMBER 19

Assisting Minister: Shawna Boll

Lessons & Carols: Ani Hoiland, Matt Jungwirth, Russ Edhlund, Jackie Kelly

Communion Assistants: Jackie Kelly, Russ Edhlund

Ushers: Doug Wangensteen & Dewey Josephson

raised enough and have money left over to use for an Easter meal. Please keep these young people in your hearts this season. You can learn more about this program and others at [lssmn.org](http://lssmn.org).

THE WEEK AHEAD: DECEMBER 12-18						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>See Page 1 for regular programming</b></p> <p>10:30A Caroling (offsite)</p> <p>6:30P Riverside Innovation Hub meeting</p>	<p>9A NLC meeting</p> <p>6:30P Troop 90 (FH, LLSS, GS)</p>	<p>9:30A Staff meeting (GS, Zoom)</p> <p>5:15P Leadership Team meeting (Zoom)</p> <p>7P Property Team meeting (GS)</p>	<p>10:45A TOPS (WL)</p> <p><b>See Page 1 for regular programming</b></p>	<p>9A Improvers</p> <p>6P Troop 57386 (FH)</p> <p>7:30P Bible study (Zoom)</p>	<p>4:30P Como piano recital</p>	<p>8A Winged Heart Yoga (EL)</p> <p>10A Al-Anon (WL)</p>

Abbreviations: YR: Youth Room EC: Education Commons WL: West Lounge EL: East Lounge LC: Lower Commons GS: Gathering Space FH: Fellowship Hall