



# 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:** Join us in watching the pageant after worship

## WEDNESDAYS

**Music rehearsal schedule:**

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

**Confirmation (grades 7 & 8):** Off until Jan. 5

## This Week:

### LIGHT THE 4TH CANDLE FOR ADVENT

**This Sunday (12/19)** is the fourth Sunday in Advent. If you have an Advent wreath at home, we encourage you to light the fourth candle with love 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](#).

### WATCH PAGEANT VIDEO PREMIERE

Join us in the East Lounge and the Music Room after worship **this Sunday (12/19) at 10:30 am** to watch the Christmas Story as told by the ILC community — and we mean the *community*. There's sure to be some-

one you know on the screen! We will also have it available to watch [on YouTube](#) live at 10:30 and anytime after.

### HANG THE GREENS

Join us this **Wednesday (12/22)** 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 and Jubilate Ringers will not meet.

### REGISTER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve Services will be at **3, 4:30 and 10 pm** both in person and streamed online. Please register in advance if you plan to attend in person. **The 4:30 service is at capacity and closed to further registration**, so we encourage you to consider the 3 or 10 pm services. All will have the same format and liturgy. You can register on [our website](#), call the church office or use [this online form](#). All services will be recorded for later viewing, too.

### PLAN FOR HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The church office will be closed at noon Friday (12/24), all day Monday, Dec. 27, at noon Friday, Dec. 31, and all day Monday, Jan. 3, to give staff their holidays.

### 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!



## BE PATIENT ON OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our offering envelope vendor is experiencing staff shortages, so we may not receive our 2022 envelopes by Jan 1. For those who contribute using offering envelopes, please write your name on blank envelopes or use any remaining 2021 envelopes. Numbers will remain the same.

## Ongoing/Coming Up:

## 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 Monday, Dec. 27, and closes at noon on Friday, Dec. 31.

## TAKE A HOLIDAY

Choir rehearsals, Sunday morning faith formation, Confirmation and Cindy's Bible study will all be on break from **Dec. 23–Jan. 2**.

## SEND IN YOUR KUDOS, NEWS, EVEN ART

Did you read about the changes coming next year to our long-form newsletter? If you haven't seen the De-

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We lift in prayer: Andrea, Brielle, Craig, David, Gordy, Hafizan, Irene, Janet, Jerry, 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.

## WORSHIP DETAILS FOR DECEMBER 26

Assisting Minister: Ray Peterson

Reader: Peg Wangenstein

Communion Assistants: Doug & Peg Wangenstein

Ushers: Doug Wangenstein & Dewey Josephson

ember/January edition of the Messenger, you can read it [on our website](#). We'll need your good news! We want to hear about awards (large and small), parts in plays, favorite books in our library, acts of kindness, beloved Bible verses and more. Send them to Emily at [eking@ilcsp.org](mailto:eking@ilcsp.org) or leave her a message.

## THE WEEK AHEAD: DECEMBER 19–25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>See Page 1 for regular programming</p> <p>10:30A Pageant premiere (EL &amp; MR)</p> <p>6:30P High school youth (YR)</p>	<p>9A NLC meeting</p>	<p>9:30A Staff meeting (GS, Zoom)</p> <p>6P Finance Team meeting (EL)</p> <p>7P Council meeting (EL)</p>	<p>4:45P Choristers (MR)</p> <p>6:30P Hanging of the Greens</p> <p>7:45P Cantorei &amp; Middle C's (EL)</p>	<p>9A Improvers</p>	<p>Office closed at noon</p> <p>3P Christmas Eve Service</p> <p>4:30P Christmas Eve Service</p> <p>10P Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b></p>

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