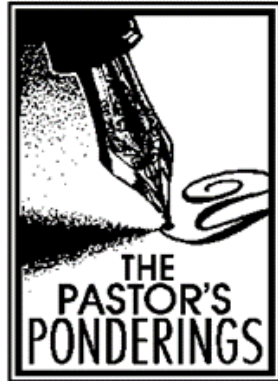




THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE OF THIS CONGREGATION

December is the time when people begin to think of wrapping up the thoughts and memories of the year now almost gone and begin looking towards the future of the next year. It may be time for all of us to stop and think about the future of this congregation. Will it continue to grow or will it limp along? With the possibility of being without a full time pastor (not every congregation that requests a call from the Seminaries may get one) how will the mission statement of HCLC come a reality? Some believe a church cannot function properly on a steady diet of Vacancy and Pulpit Supply pastors, but remember, according to Ephesians 4:11-12, **Pastors are to equip God's people to do the work of the ministry.** Now is the time to think about the church and its future and let me get personal about the future of this congregation.... How much effect do YOU have on the church? Sounds like a leading question and you're right. The movement of the church is dependent upon the individuals who make up the church. Let me share a few thoughts with you:



IF OUR CHURCH GROWS it is because your attendance is regular and you invite and bring friends regularly.

IF WE ARE AN ACTIVE CHURCH, it is because you are committed to her ministries and give your time and influence to them.

IF WE ARE A SCRIPTURAL CHURCH, it is because you insist on nothing short of Biblical preaching and teaching.

IF WE ARE A FRIENDLY CHURCH, it is because you are friendly. You take the time and initiative to meet and greet new and old alike each week.

IF WE ARE A CHURCH THAT REACHES OUT TO NEW PEOPLE, it is because you are a soul winner and YOU are interested in bringing others to Christ.

IF WE ARE A CHURCH STRONG IN ADULT EDUCATION, it is because you attend Bible Class, and/or are involved in a small group study and look for other educational opportunities to help better understand how God works with you in today's world.

IF WE ARE A GIVING CHURCH, it is because you give: not just of your tithes and offerings but of your God given abilities and time.

What kind of a church do you see for the future? May I suggest you look into the mirror and see a key individual for the future of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. **YOU ARE IMPORTANT!**

Then may I suggest you look into the Word of God and there find **A LIVING LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO LOVES YOU AND HAS GIVEN HIS LIFE FOR YOU!** You are His servant!

Don't just GO to Church... BE the Church. Now Go...Grow... and serve others. Together we can make this congregation an effective Body of Christ. It will take all of us working together, with dedicated leaders and an active participation by each of you. Our love for God must have top priority; our concern for others must be evident; and our joy to serve the Lord needs to dominate our life until the time that He calls each of us to Himself in glory. Think it over!! **YOU ARE THE CHURCH!**

Prayer for the Season

Dear Heavenly Father, Please grant us grace over the holiday season to be loving to our families and the others you entrust to us. Give us the energy we need to show hospitality and to do so with a cheerful heart. Help us find time amongst the chaos to be alone with you so that our strength can be renewed. We thank you for your Son, for bringing Him into this world to reconcile us to you and grant us forgiveness. Help us keep Him at the center of these busy days and to share this Gospel message as we are going. Thank you for your many spiritual gifts. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH



Main Street Living is an hour-long Lutheran television program that airs new episodes each Sunday morning. The Twin Cities program is broadcast at 9 am Central time on WFTC channel 29/9-2. Each Sunday, viewers enjoy a 30 minute remastered episode of "This is the Life," a popular Lutheran Hour Ministries series from the 70s and 80s. The episode is followed by a modified Lutheran worship service—led by a different local pastor each week. Main Street Living (Twin Cities) is endorsed by the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; however, the program receives no funding from the District. It is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the WFTC viewing area.

www.mainstreetliving.com/twincities

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



Thank you to all who contributed towards the Christmas lights for the exterior of our church. They are a shining beacon on the hill!

Thank you to those who decorated the church indoors and for the poinsettias, it looks wonderful!

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!

BRYCE PAUL OLSON

was welcomed into the family of Christ through Holy Baptism. He is the son of Samantha (Sami) and Brett Olson.

Thank you for reaching out and thank you for helping with Bryce's baptism. It was amazing. Bryce was born on October 20, 2022. My husband, Brett and I met in 2016. We were married at St. Michael's Lutheran Church on



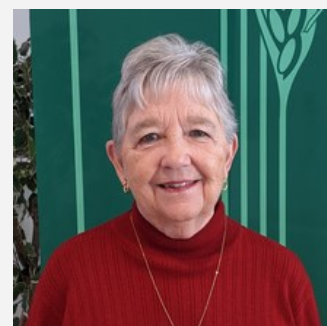
August 17, 2019. Brett works in IT for a government manufacturer and I am the CFO of a non-profit organization in Minneapolis. Brett is from Mankato and his parents are members of the Mount Olive Lutheran Church. I grew up in Eagan and was raised Catholic but we are planning on raising our children in the Missouri Synod. Brett and I moved to Prior Lake recently and discovered Holy Cross Lutheran Church on a walk with our golden doodle, Archer.

- Sami Olson

LOIS HELMS

Was welcomed into the church on October 30, 2022 and here is a little bit about Lois to get to know her.

I grew up on a farm in Cologne, Minnesota and went to Parochial School through 8th grade at Zion Lutheran Church. I was baptized and confirmed at Zion. I graduated from Waconia High School. I met my husband, Mike, through mutual friends and we married when he was in the Army. He spent a year in Vietnam. We had two sons and two daughters and have six grandchildren. I worked for a property development company for many years as assistant to the owners of the company.



I enjoy walking (weather permitting) and reading. Also getting together with family. We are retired now and moved to a townhome in Prior Lake two years ago. We are enjoying our retirement and our new home. I'm happy to be a member of Holy Cross.

- Lois Helms

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Thank you to all who contributed shoe boxes or created ones online. Thirty-two boxes were delivered and approximately 12 boxes were added to our tally online. May our boxes bless the children that receive them.

TIME OF GRACE



Straight talk about God's Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

Subscribe to **Time of Grace** (www.timeofgrace.org) resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. You will receive daily devotion emails with "Grace Moments" written devotions and "Grace Talks" video devotions.

Pastor Mike Novotny
The Core, Appleton, WI
KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am

ADVENT WORSHIP

ADVENT WORSHIP Join us every Wednesday at 7pm for Advent worship, through December 21st.

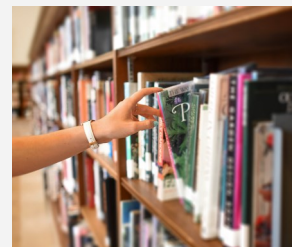


Advent Season
Worship Service

CHURCH LIBRARY

Did you Know Holy Cross has a Library?

We have refreshed the Holy Cross Library, but where is it? It's not a mystery, it's located in the Youth Room.



The Fiction section fills the double stacked shelving on the right side of the TV, alphabetized by the last name of the author. Non-fiction books fill the shelves on the left. At this time that category isn't organized but the hunt is always part of the fun, right?!!

Choose a book, sign it out in the borrow notebook and enjoy. When done just place it in the return bin. Stop in and peruse the shelves. A huge thank you to those who helped re-organize the library.

THE MASTER GREETER

Actions That Build a Friendlier Church

Pray for each other. Be open to share your prayer needs. Then, in time, others will be open to share their needs with you. Praying for each other is living on a deeper level of life. It is the level we should strive to be on



with each other. It verifies our love and care for a person. It lifts us up when we are down. To get on this level with others we must be the first to ask for prayer when we need it. In a simple way share with your friends that you could use their prayers. "It has been a tougher than normal week. I could use your prayers." When you are the first to share your prayer needs, in time others will follow your example and come to you with their prayer needs. In your conversation with people, be alert for comments that imply that a person could use your prayers. When they mention that situations are tough, tell them you will pray for them.

STEWARDSHIP AT CHRISTMAS

How often do you say "Stewardship" and "Christmas" in the same sentence?

The truth is....Advent and Christmas present many stewardship teaching moments.

Our Gifts to Others

Stewardship begins with a desire to respond in a tangible way to God's gifts to us. As we respond to the over-whelming goodness of God, our gifts enable others to hear the good news and to receive the necessities of life. Christmas reminds us that we are gifts.

God's Gift to Us

It all began with God's promise to send a Savior. When he arrived, Mary and Joseph treasured their son's birth, having no idea that his life would end on a cross. Great expectations, the excitement of new birth, wonderful possibilities—these are still essential elements of Christmas.

Spending Time Together

Some families spend special time together during Christmas holidays, time that will be multiplied in memories. The choice of activities will depend on the interests of family members, as well as on how much you choose or are able to spend. Stewardship? Yes! Stewardship of family time and togetherness.

Spending Money Together

Here is an idea for families who want to curb the greedy "I wants" at Christmas. The total amount of money available for the holidays is probably a parental decision based on your financial situation. Within the total amount, however, the whole family might participate in a mutual decision-making process to determine how much to spend in three areas:

1. Family "outings" (holiday concert, sports event, movie, ski trip, etc.)
2. Individual gifts
3. Gifts for outreach (to help others)

Spending Time and Money Together

Family gifts for outreach are an important part of Christmas stewardship. If this is your first year for this

meaningful part of celebrating Christmas, choose a figure like 10 percent of the total amount the family will be spending. Ten percent of \$1,000, for instance, would be \$100 to be spent for "Toys for Tots", Lutheran World Relief, or for an "adopted" family at Christmas, or for however your family chooses together to give to others. In successive years, increase this percentage a step each year. In one family, the grandparents take their grandchildren to visit several outreach ministries at holiday time. Afterward, the children help the grandparents decide to which agencies they will send a Christmas check.

You will have noticed by now that many of the examples of spending time together also involve money, and vice versa. Stewardship is like that—interconnected with all that we are and have and do-at Christmas or any time!

Still wondering about your Stewardship Pledge?

The story is told of a wise pastor who went to get a haircut. The barber, who also happened to be a parishioner, took the opportunity to tell the pastor all the reasons why the barber was not going to complete his stewardship pledge card.

"I don't think we should have to promise to give money to God. We should give what our heart tells us at the time. I like to be able to just put in the collection whatever I have that week." The pastor listened carefully and after his haircut he handed the barber \$1 for the \$20 haircut, saying, *"I like to give what my heart tells me – just whatever I have in my pocket at the time."* "Pastor," the barber protested, *"I can't pay my rent, take care of my expenses and run my business successfully if everyone would do that."* "Neither can God," the pastor replied.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR



The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 am. And it can be streamed online too, www.lhm.org. Check-out LHM's daily devotions too.

DECEMBER 4

"Paradise Restored"

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath?
(Isaiah 11:1-10)

DECEMBER 11

"Beauty We Can't See"

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We often feel our need for God's presence only when we see what it looks like when He's absent. (Isaiah 28:5)

DECEMBER 18

"Gestures of Hope"

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler shows how even the smallest acts of kindness can go a long way, by God's grace. (Isaiah 7:14)

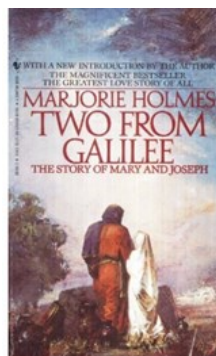
DECEMBER 25

"A Shoot from the Stump"

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A shoot springs forth from the stump of Jesse. Is it a sign of hope--or a threat? (Isaiah 11:1)

BIBLE BOOKENDERS



Bible Bookenders will now be meeting on Tuesday evenings instead of Monday evenings. Our January book is an old classic, **Two From Galilee by Marjorie Holmes**. Join us at church from 7:00-8:30 pm on Tuesday January 31st. Blessings on your reading of first and foremost God's Word, and the fun books we read and share

for Bible Bookenders. Questions? Contact Bonnie Nowak, Pat Harvey or Michele Lein.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

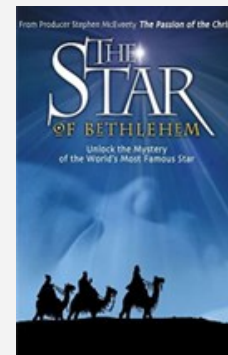


There will be a bake sale during the fellowship hour Sunday, December 18 hosted by the Women's Ministry group. If you love baking, please make

extra and donate a dozen or two of cookies or other Christmas treats for the sale. The bake sale offers a chance to load up on Christmas goodies and helps support missions! Contact Joy Anderson at 612-423-1204 if you have questions. Bakers and buyers wanted.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Bible Study series in the back of the sanctuary after worship. This Sunday the Bible Study will watch the movie "The STAR of Bethlehem". It is an excellent examination of the astrological implications that led the Three Magi to interpret the meaning of the star and then faithfully follow it. Let your mind and heart be warmed as you learn the wonders of how God works in His creation. Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start at 10:15 am.



2 MINUTE MULTIPLIER



A weekday 2-minute devotion that helps you see Jesus at work in your world.

Memories

Worked on the Christmas newsletter last weekend. Sorting photos from '22. Digital family photo albums offer an abundance of options. New puppy. Australia trip with koalas. Curious George and the man in the yellow hat Halloween costumes. Wedding in Roanoke. A 1 year old grandson and 84 year old great grandfather joint birthday party. A simple equation. Of sorts. The memories determine the photos which determine the newsletter copy. The difficulty lies in choosing the memories.

Which memories do we want to share? Everything flows from that. We tend to go public with happy memories. (See above.) Sad ones shared only if they're milestones. Of the deaths or divorces genre. Small sad stuff don't warrant the world knowing.

What happens when lots of small sad builds up? Who gets it? Keeping it to yourself converts it to anger. Or depression. Letting it out prevents it from ruining the future. With whom do you share the sad? Sibling? Spouse? Friend? King David regularly brought his sadness to God. He never ignores us. Nor tunes us out.

*I cried out to God for help;
I cried out to God to hear me.
When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;
at night I stretched out untiring hands,
and I would not be comforted.
I remembered you, God, and I groaned;
I meditated, and my spirit grew faint.
You kept my eyes from closing;
I was too troubled to speak.*

- Psalm 77:1-4

If sadness already sits by you as you read this devotion, stop and tell Jesus the details. Give him your groanings. Distresses. Dismays. The troubles that try to take you out. You may not want to put them in a newsletter for far and wide. Totally understand. Neither would I. God's love invites you to give them to Him. A tried and true option. Sounds like a good idea to me.

Rev. Bill Woolsey
President and Founder
FiveTwo Network

Sign up to receive the 2 Minute Multiplier emailed to you! www.fivetwo.com/2mm

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request on Sunday, please fill out the form in the pew and put it in the offering plate. Pastor will include them in Prayer of the Church during the service. You can also email weekly prayer requests, and any prayers that should go out to the whole congregation, to megan@holycross-pl.org.

FREE WILL MONEY



What does free will money buy? We thank you for donating during Sunday coffee hour. Your giving provides the LWML with more buying power. Coffee, creamers, cups and napkins too. All these we are able to buy for you! Treats and juice our members supply, but for the coffee and stuff on your generosity we rely.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY – NEWSLETTER ARTICLE, DECEMBER 2022

Anxiety vs. Trust

Jesus, in His Sermon on the Mount, teaches those who follow Him that worrying about the necessities of life is idolatry: worshipping a false god. Worry and anxiety show what we care about. Our anxiety reveals what we love and what we're devoted to. It reveals what we trust in.

This is why our Lord begins this section with an overarching principle: "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24).

But you say: "I must eat and drink. I must have clothing to wear and have a home in which to dwell." Yes, all these things you need. And Jesus says that your Father in heaven will ensure that you have them. He demonstrates this with a simple argument: your Father in heaven feeds the birds of the air, who neither sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns. He clothes the lilies of the field, who neither toil nor spin but are arrayed more luxuriously than Solomon in all his glory. If, then, your Father in heaven feeds the birds, if He clothes the lilies, how will He not also feed and clothe you, when you are worth more than they are? (Matt 6:25–33).

Do you know that you are worth more than them? You are worth infinitely more. You are worth the price of the eternal Son of God. Did the Son of God come down from heaven and become a lily? Did he descend and take on the form of a bird? No! He came down from heaven and became a man: flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone (Gen. 2:23). He is one of us, our brother. And what did He do when He became flesh to dwell among us? He gave His holy, precious blood, through His innocent suffering and death, that you might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom forever.

God became man in Christ Jesus. He lived the life we failed to live, and He died the death we deserved. He was raised again on the third day overcoming sin and death ... for us. He was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification. So, if your Father in heaven has given His Son to die for us in order that we might live with Him eternally, how will He not also give us all things to support this body and life?

To be anxious about the necessities of life, to devote yourself to food and clothing, to care about these things and find security in them, is to serve another god. It is to deny that you will live forever because Jesus, the Son of God, is risen from the dead and lives and reigns for all eternity. It is to believe that the God who created you, redeemed you by the death and resurrection of His Son and sanctified you by His Spirit, will not keep His promise to sustain you in this life.

Jesus says, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). God's kingdom is His rule among us. His rule among us comes when our Father in heaven gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. This is what we ask God to do for us in the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Your Father in heaven knows what you need — food and clothing, house and home — and He promises to give it to you. Chief of the things you need is His grace and mercy in His Son, Jesus Christ. So, seek after that. And those who seek will find. And all the necessities of life, our Lord says, will be added to you.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



The Youth Sunday School class, taught by Michele Lein, will be continuing their study on Martyrs of the church. They will begin a new study in January. Our Middle school students will study the prophecies of Jesus, the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Magi. In January students will study the sacrifices and priestly duties in the Old Testament followed by a review of Jesus' life. They have also been studying the order of the books of the Bible and learning the 10

Commandments and making a study guide. Teacher, Bonnie Nowak commented, "I am very thankful for the attendance of students and the support of the parents. I feel this class is a gift to me, and I take seriously the sacred trust that has been given to me to help instruct our young people". Our youngest group, the "Littles" have learned that God created the world and all the animals, plants, etc. and Adam and Eve. And as we look at our world today, we can still see the wonders of God's creation and thank him for all of his blessings. We learned of God's great love and plan when he directed Noah to build that really big boat, the ark!! This month we will learn of God's promise to send a Savior and of Jesus' birth. We have a great time coloring and working on themed crafts. Teacher, Pam Hunter enjoys her time with her little guys!

CONTACT UPDATE



Has your address, phone, or email changed? Have your adult children moved away from home? Check with Megan in the church office and see what we have on file for you and your family, or you can pick up a form to fill out in the commons area. There are some members and guests that we do not have an email or cell phone number for. Help us have accurate information in case we or other church members need to contact you.



- Dinah Gilberts** December 4
- Ben Huston** December 7
- Mui Cheng** December 9
- Earl Drangstveit** December 9
- Vivian Jobst** December 11
- Karly Oak** December 19
- Jason Kruse** December 20
- Lois Helms** December 25
- Carol Albrecht** December 26
- Bo Brunner** December 28
- Nivedita Fulbert** December 30

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 4 - Advent 2

"The Coming One: A Saviour From Sin"

Matthew 3:1-12

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7

Romans 15:3-13

Matthew 3:1-12

December 7 - Midweek 2

An Angel Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of the Fear of the Unknown

December 11 - Advent 3

"Being Prepared"

Matthew 11:2-15

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146

James 5:7-11

Matthew 11:2-15

December 14 - Midweek 3

Gabriel Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of the Seemingly Impossible

December 18 - Advent 4

"The Road to Bethlehem"

Isaiah 7:10-17

Psalm 24

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

December 21 - Midweek 4

A Multitude of Angels sing an message of Hope and Joy for the World

December 24 - Christmas Eve HC 4 and 7 pm

"Divine Vulnerability"

Luke 2:7

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm 110:1-4

1 John 4:7-16

Luke 2:1-20

December 25 - Christmas Day

"Incarnation, Not Information"

Luke 2:1-20

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 2

Hebrews 1:1-12

John 1:1-14

January 1 - New Years Day

"Circumcision and Naming of Jesus"

Luke 2:21

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 8

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 2:21

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



Advent is the first season in the Christian Church Year. The word, Advent, from the Latin **adventus** ("coming"), marks the beginning of the Church year, comprising the four weeks before Christmas. It is a season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. Scripture readings for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life. In this triple focus on past, present, & future, Advent symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides a basis for Kingdom ethics, for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us as God's people.

FROM THE GADE FAMILY

Pastor Gade and Diane, wish all of you, the family of God at Holy Cross, our extended spiritual family, a blessed Christmas and a very grace-filled New Year! One of God's spiritual "Christmas" gifts which lasts all year, is the privilege of serving in His vineyard with each of you. Truly we are all blessed by the presence of Immanuel, "God with us" and we pray that this blessing will fill all our lives in this holy season and throughout the coming New Year.

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Early Christians said The candles represented Jesus, the Light of the world (John 3:17-21.) The evergreen wreath reminded believers that our Savior God grants new and everlasting life in Jesus. The wreath was a symbol of victory, for a garland wreath placed on victors in contests

1st CANDLE – (blue or purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep His promises *made to us. Our hope comes from God. St Paul writes "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 15:12-13)



2nd CANDLE – (blue or purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or PREPARATION CANDLE** – God kept His promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. *"As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: 'A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.'*" (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! *"An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:7-15)*

4th CANDLE – (blue or purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angles announced the good news of a Savior. God sent His only Son to earth to save us, because He loves us! *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."* (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for His death, His death was for our birth! *"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!'"* (John 1:29)

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

If you or someone you know is in a crisis or emotional distress, call 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline! This free and confidential lifeline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. It is comprised of a national network of more than 200 local crisis centers, combining custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Men's Tuesday morning bible study is every **Tuesday from 8-9am**. Please join us!

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