

# **WELCOME**

## **ELC of MOUNT HOREB**

*We welcome all to ELC. Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.*

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT ELC**

Holy Communion Celebrated 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at all services.

**SATURDAY: 5:00 pm-** (in Chapel) Modified Traditional Worship

**SUNDAY 9:00 am** Blended Service

Pre-recorded online worship available:

[www.elcmthoreb.org/home/worship/sermon-archive/](http://www.elcmthoreb.org/home/worship/sermon-archive/)

or listen to Sunday service "live" on your phone 855-514-2017

**MORNING DEVOTIONS** by Pastor John on the ELC Facebook page at 8am Monday through Saturday

## **ELC'S STAFF**

**Pastor** John Twiton

**Accompanists:** Ruth Heinecke, Barb Underwood

**Agape Preschool Director:** Amy Kellesvig

**Bell Choir Director:** Kristin Willcutt

**Custodian:** Brian Johnson

**Junior Choir Director:** Barb Underwood

**Music Team Leader:** Barb and Chris Underwood

**Office Manager:** Nancy Voss

**Organist/Senior Choir Director:** Diane Dangerfield

**Youth Director:** Brenda Martin

# A Note from

**PASTOR JOHN**

## A Season of Promise

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.*  
Jeremiah 33:14

Our Advent season this year begins with the words of the prophet Jeremiah, speaking of a day when the promise to Israel will come to be fulfilled. Jeremiah's people had endured many dark days, and longed for assurance that God would again act to bring the hope of a new future for God's people.

We certainly haven't suffered as Israel did in Jeremiah's day, and yet we know the complicated forces that push in on every side, too often robbing us of the joy that God intended, and we know deep uncertainty about the future. So, we too long for a word of promise.

This is the promise of a Savior which we celebrate this season. It is the good news we sing in our carols, and retell in the good news of Christmas. We will look at these promises in the Sundays of Advent, both in worship and in Bible Study after worship each Sunday.

Here are the themes we will encounter each week:

December 1<sup>st</sup>

The promise of truth – Jeremiah 33:14-16

December 8<sup>th</sup>

The promise of compassion – Luke 1:68 -79

December 15<sup>th</sup>

The promise of restoration – Zephaniah 3: 14 -20

December 22<sup>nd</sup>

The promise of justice – Luke 1:46-55

God's Peace,



# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 am - 11 am** – Youth, 3 years old - 8th grade, are invited to participate each week. Join us to experience the Bible stories through various engaging activities. We will begin weekly in the chapel.

*No Sunday School on December 22 & Dec 29, 2024.  
We will resume on Jan 5th.*

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - Join us on **December 15th** during our 9 am worship. Our ELC children will present “Christmas Play by Play”.

## **7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION:**

- Family Night - Dec 4th, 6:30 pm meet at Beehive
- Class - Dec 11th, 7 pm - 8:30 pm
- Christmas Party - Dec 18th, 7 pm - 8:30 pm
- No Confirmation - Dec 25th & Jan 1st (class resumes Jan 8th)

**HOLIDAY FAMILY NIGHT - DEC 4th, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm:** Everyone is invited to our Holiday Family Night at ELC. We will begin our evening caroling. Everyone should meet at Beehive (325 N 8th St). Following caroling, we will return to ELC for baking/frosting cookies and creating some Christmas cards to share with seniors in our community.

## **PARENTS NIGHT OUT/KIDS NIGHT OUT at ELC**

**Dec 13th, 5:30 pm -8 pm at ELC:** Our experienced high school youth will be offering a night of games, crafts, and treats for youth ages 3 years through 5th grade at ELC.

**Donation:** \$10 per child and \$5 for additional children (family rate).

**Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend. Sign up with the link/QR code. <https://forms.gle/RvndCmPgS7zggTGv5>**

HOLIDAY PARENT'S NIGHT OUT /  
KIDS NIGHT OUT  
REGISTRATION



**KRUMKAKE MAKING AT ELC - Dec 14th; 1pm - 3 pm** - Middle and high school youth are invited to help make Krumkake, a Norwegian waffle cookie. They will be sold for our bake sale on Dec 15th.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS Cont.**

**BAKE SALE:** Our ELC youth will be hosting a Bake Sale on December 15th, after worship. Come and pick up some Christmas goodies to share! If you are interested in baking some goodies for our bake sale, please contact Brenda. We appreciate your support of our youth.

**CHRISTMAS CD'S** - Two Christmas CD's that were created by The Cambridge Road Ensemble (Paul & Ruth Heinecke) are for sale in the Narthex. Thank you to Paul & Ruth for donating their CDs to the youth. Each CD sells for \$5.00 each. (Lots of music for \$10) CDs will be available after worship in December. Another opportunity to support our youth!

**TROLL WAY PIZZA (TIME TO ORDER)** - Our youth are taking orders for our delicious "church-made" pizzas after worship services  
**Dec 15th - Jan 12th.**



Orders may be placed online, using the link below or the QR Code. Pick up day for these unforgettable pizzas will be on February 2nd, in Fellowship Hall. (After worship service) One great way to stock up on pizzas before the Super Bowl. Funds raised will support our youth programming.

TROLL WAY PIZZA  
ORDER HERE



<https://forms.gle/u1t8fKgJR5owPuVJ9>

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025 -**

**FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT** - We will have a bowling night on **January 15th, 7 pm - 8:30 pm** at Norsk Bowl. Everyone is invited. Please bring \$5 per person. Pizza will be provided.

*Blessings to all,*

*Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director*  
[brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org)

# AGAPE

Holiday greetings from Agape,

As we get ready for the upcoming Christmas season, the preschool will be busy with the anticipation and excitement that takes over during this month. The energy and spirit brought into the building is magical.

All of the students will learn about holiday traditions experienced throughout the world including an extra special baking unit. We all look forward to the wonderful scents and smells coming from the gingerbread baking and the spices in the sensory bin. Yummy!

Ms. Wendy will be teaching winter, Christmas, and other festive songs from a variety of cultures for the holiday season. The 3K classes will have special lessons about the upcoming birth of baby Jesus.

All of us at ACP wish you peace, comfort, and joy as we ring in 2025.

Merry Christmas,  
Amy Kellesvig  
Director

## Upcoming dates:

Dec 23 – Jan 1	Preschool closed for Winter Break
January 2	4K classes resume, 3K classes resume
January 3	Toddler Time Resumes
January 24	No school – No 3K or 4K Classes (end of first semester)
January 28	Butter Braid Frozen Pastry Fundraiser begins



**Agape**  
Christian Preschool

# TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET	10/31/24	9/30/24	12/31/23
General Fund	652	(2,009)	9,486
Building Capital Fund	21,568	18,104	10,271
Designated Funds	73,731	74,642	109,292
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95,951</b>	<b>90,737</b>	<b>129,049</b>

CASH FLOW	October 2024	YTD 2024
General Fund Income	31,532	313,676
General Fund Expenses		
Mission and Outreach	1,834	20,425
Personnel	19,066	220,084
Congregational Life	1,203	12,515
Facilities and Administration	6,768	69,486
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>28,871</b>	<b>322,510</b>
<b>Net General Fund Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>2,661</b>	<b>(8,834)</b>
Other Income		
Building Capital Fund	3,659	37,550
Benevolence	735	9,448
Designated Funds	341	11,924
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>4,735</b>	<b>58,922</b>
Other Expenses		
Building Capital Fund	0	29,716
Benevolence	1,496	9,386
Designated Funds	491	46,635
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>85,737</b>
<b>Net Gain (Loss) from Other Expenses</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>(26,815)</b>
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS)</b>	<b>5,409</b>	<b>(35,649)</b>

# TREASURER'S REPORT Cont.

Thank you to everyone whose gifts, monetary and otherwise, help us worship and serve God here at ELC. We are all stewards of a great many blessings, and it's gratifying to see how many people use those gifts for the glory of God.

At this month's annual meeting the congregation approved the 2025 budget. The full version is available in the annual report, and a summary is listed below.

## 2025 Budget

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Est	2025 Proposed
Mission Outreach	\$ 40,457	\$ 26,209	\$ 25,297	\$ 24,904
Personnel	\$ 239,779	\$ 240,044	\$ 257,849	\$ 252,388
Congregational Life	\$ 16,145	\$ 17,634	\$ 15,233	\$ 18,925
Facilities	\$ 79,375	\$ 74,645	\$ 87,330	\$ 88,300
Total	\$ 375,756	\$ 358,532	\$ 385,709	\$ 384,517
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (46,040)	\$ (8,718)	\$ 6,954	\$ 1,433

We also voted to authorize spending of up to \$75,000 from the building capital fund, for a new roof, new hot water boiler, and for water mitigation in the basement. We've raised \$21,568 for the building capital fund, and we've received commitments for an additional \$25,000. We're about 62% of the way there.

Designated fund expenses last month included \$295 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and \$198 for music. Income included \$300 for the kitchen, \$187 for youth, and \$102 unspecified.

Respectfully submitted by Ben Brothers, November 19, 2024

# BENEVOLENCE

## How YAGM showed me life in Senegal as 'Daba'

*This article is written by ELCA member Cecilia Hook, who will share more about her experience abroad during services on Dec. 14-15 and informally at our coffee hour after Sunday's service.*

For years prior to my time in Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM), people were telling me about how the program seemed like a good fit for me. And for a long time, I wasn't sure about that. Yet, in 2022, after my final year working at Sugar Creek Bible Camp, I was trying to figure out what was next for me.

As I applied for jobs and looked into different programs around the world, YAGM came to mind. Still skeptical, I decided to look into it. Young Adults in Global Mission is an ELCA-run exchange and volunteer program for young adults ages 21-35. Although I had heard so many good things about the program over the years, I was surprised by and impressed with the model of accompaniment YAGM follows. This model seemed to fit how I wanted to show up in the world. It focuses on walking alongside, listening, and learning from the ELCA's global companions.

After going through the recruitment and application process, I found myself heading to Senegal as one of six in the 2023-2024 YAGM-Senegal Cohort. We spent September together learning about Senegal, practicing languages new to us, and finding community within our cohort. Then, we made our way into our new Senegalese families, communities, and volunteer placements. We were even given new Senegalese names as we were welcomed into these communities. I was now not Cecilia or Ceci but Daba, meaning Wednesday in the Serere language.

It was a lot of new things, fast – a big challenge, but one that I am so glad I had the opportunity to face. I was welcomed despite my language barrier. From the most amazing host family someone could ask for, to the women at the market who helped me practice my tongue at speaking Serere, to my work family, my language tutor, and every one of my neighbors, I was met with beautiful hospitality and community. I learned to challenge myself and be open to the world in new ways. I also learned about how to accept and share community, care, and hospitality in ways I never had experienced before.

YAGM, yes, is a global exchange volunteer program. In my volunteer placement, I got to work alongside Senegalese people as they worked to strengthen the local languages, and I got to learn about community-run preschools. This was amazing work I witnessed and played a small part in.



# BENEVOLENCE Cont.

However, what Young Adults in Global Mission is truly about is creating community and understanding across cultures, across the globe. For that, I am truly grateful.

There are a few ways to support YAGM:

**Connect:** To learn more about this organization, visit the YAGM website ([elca.org/our-work/global-mission/young-adults-in-global-mission](http://elca.org/our-work/global-mission/young-adults-in-global-mission)), and "like" their Facebook page.

**Serve:** YAGM invites ELCA young adults ages 21-35 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, year-round. Candidates can express a preference for destination, but YAGM determines placement according to need and availability.

**Give:** You can give financially by,

- **Mail:** Send a check to ELC and note "Benevolence" in the memo
- **Online:** Visit the ELC website and click "Give"
- **Digitally:** Download the **VANCO MOBIL FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP**, or text "Benevolence" to 608-400-0183 with the amount you wish to give.

Thank you for your support of Benevolence!

Adam Mertz

[adammertz2@gmail.com](mailto:adammertz2@gmail.com)

## BENEVOLENCE 2024 Missions

**January:** Divine Savior, our sister church in Puerto Rico - \$2074

**February:** Compassion International - \$1258

**March:** ELC youth programming - \$859

**April:** Reconciliation in Christ (RIC) - \$1167

**May:** Neighbors Helping Neighbors - \$864

**June:** Solace Hospice, a new service for people of lesser means - \$749

**July:** Lutheran Disaster Response - \$1114

**August:** Felicia's Closet, helping domestic abuse victims rebound - \$774

**September:** Saba, International - \$792

**October:** Madison Area Jail Ministry \$713

**November:** Accessible local health care: Our Lady of Hope and Community Connections

**December:** Young Adults in Global Mission

# **COUNCIL**

## **2024 Council Members**

Mark Mostrom	President
Dianne Hirsch	Vice-President
Kathy O'Donnell	Secretary
Matt Anderson	
Chris Coffin	
Dave Edwards	
Gary Hastings	
Claire Hurda	Youth
Andy Mullendore	
Carl Sieg	
Barb Underwood	
Ben Brothers	Treasurer

## **Committee/Ministry Members**

Audit Committee	Dawn Haag, Sean Cannon
Endowment Committee	Ann Baumgartner, Kate Hook, Jody Morey, Deb Schneider
Personnel Ministry	Jody Morey, Jim Mavis
Nominating Committee	Polly Rosborough, Vicky Rosenbaum, Peter Walton, Sonya Wittman

## **Synod Voting Members**

Diane Bartz, Jim Mavis, Ellen Walton

## **Synod Voting Members (Youth/Young Adult)**

Eric Albrecht

## **Sugar Creek Delegate**

Nicole Espe

# PROPERTY

Unbeknown to many of our members, there was a massive heating system failure Friday October 18. It turned out to be a very warm weekend and following week, so the building stayed fairly warm.

A technician from Alpha Systems has been on site the past four weeks checking, repairing, checking, repairing,..... The system is heating, but a few more fixes are still waiting.

One of the problems he found is the METAL air filters in the two air handling units (one for the chapel, and one for the sanctuary) accumulated *decades* of dust and dirt! He recommended replacing the existing metal filters with modern filters that can be easily replaced on a scheduled basis.

Saturday November 16 a fantastic group of helpers tackled the replacement of 16 filters in the sanctuary unit and 4 in the chapel unit. John and Brenda Martin, John Rosenbaum, Ken Sinner and Conrad Richer braved the tunnel area to facilitate the replacement in the sanctuary unit. They discovered that the fixtures for the chapel unit were slightly larger and wouldn't hold the modern filters. The decision was made to attempt to clean the metal ones until other adjustments could be made. The two John persons took care of the cleaning. The 16 metal filters were taken to the recycle area behind Immanuel Church.

Sincere thanks for their aggressive work which will give cleaner air in the building and reduce the pressure on the entire heating system.

There are a couple of remaining items that will be addressed in the near future.

And a document to identify what maintenance needs to be done on a regular basis is being developed

# PRAYER list..

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Greg Mueller (Steve's Brother), Jon Larson, Pauline Blum (Mary Meister's Aunt), Vern Schuetz (dear friend of Steve & Diane Mueller), Ruth Ann Nemet, Margaret Twiton, Paul & Lois Kerscher (Amy Thompson's parents), Paul Baum, Dolores Kahl, Sara Kittleson, Terri Naylor (Dennis & Mary Lokken's daughter), John Scheele & family (Char Smith's Brother in Law) Linda Stoenner, Ken Rabideau (Helen Ladwig's Brother in Law), Steve Mueller, Joyce Fargo, Alycen McKinney, Cara Mavis, Joan Schraepfer ( Rita Schraepfer-Derke's Sister in Law), Todd Collins, Norm Hefty, Lincoln Kuhn, Mary Jane Ellis (friend of Bonny Kellogg), Bonnie Bender, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, Brock Howe, Jeannie U'Ren, Mike Olson, Carol Johnson

**Our partner congregation** IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño,

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## MEMORIALS

*Grace Aavang*

*Ann & David Baumgartner  
Bob & Sharon Schiefelbein  
Bonny & Ron Kellogg  
Terri & Wayne Meyer  
Helen Kahl  
Diane Bartz  
Leroy Collins  
Mary Stamm  
Diane & Steve Lienhardt*

*Amy Hall*

*Mark & Becky Mostrom  
Helen Kahl*

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 a.m. at Sjolind's  
Chocolate House, 219 E Main



**BABY CAP MAKERS** will meet once in December, **Tuesday, 12/3, 9:30 am in the Faith Room**. Ruth will make a final 2024 run with caps to Unity Point Meriter by the second week of December, so turn in any finished caps! [ruthheinecke@gmail.com](mailto:ruthheinecke@gmail.com).

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on **Monday, December 9 at 7pm** in the Matthew room.

**SARAH CIRCLE** will meet for an Advent evening visit at the home of hostess Chris Coffin on **Tuesday, Dec 10th at 6 pm**. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and don't be afraid to stop by later than 6. You can contact Connie Curran ([curranconnie@hotmail.com](mailto:curranconnie@hotmail.com)) with any inquiries concerning details of this meeting.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet at **10:30 am at Church parking lot to car pool to North/South in Verona for 11 am lunch on December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Will sign cards at the restaurant. Reservations should be made with Helen K. by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ELC SEWING GROUP** We meet every **Thursday morning from 9:00 am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to see how those beautiful quilts are made, please stop by. We'll be happy to show you how it's done. We also invite anyone interested in joining our group for the fun of fellowship and working on this stewardship project. All equipment and supplies are provided so come as you are.  
*We will not meet on December 26<sup>th</sup>.*

## Christmas at **ELC**

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. Concert

6:00 p.m. Chili Supper

Free-will offerings for the evening will go to  
**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS Cont.

**CONGRATULATIONS!! THE QUILT RAFFLE  
WINNER  
IS ELLEN COOK.**



*John Topper & Ellen Cook*

**John generously donated a beautiful quilt  
made by his late wife Linda.**



## Volunteers Needed in January!

ELC is partnering with Neighbors Helping Neighbors of Mt. Horeb during the month of January. Please consider signing up to help support this important community organization.

Folks are needed to help sort, fold, and organize donated clothing. We also need people to work during open hours at the Clothes Closet. The specific dates and times for the open hours are from 9:50 am- noon on Jan 11th and 25th. Time slots for sorting clothing during off hours have been set for Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings, however these time slots can be adjusted to almost any time that works for you.

A link to the Sign Up to volunteer is below. As mentioned above, additional dates and times are available, please call the church office. Once you have signed up, additional details will be sent to you via email.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BAEAE22A1F85-46921513-clothes>



**Monday -Thursday 9am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm**  
**Friday 9am to Noon**

**Nancy will be on vacation**  
**from Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY Thursday, December 19th for the January issue.**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** on Friday, January 3rd at 9am to assemble the December newsletter. **Newcomers are welcome.** The assembly process usually takes about 2 hours. Please, come and enjoy the fellowship!

### **CHURCH E-MAIL LIST**

If you would like to be added to our email list and receive weekly updates and other special announcements, please sent us your email address to [elc@mhtc.net](mailto:elc@mhtc.net) You can you unsubscribe at any time.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES TO THE CHURCH OFFICE!** Betsy Baguhn does a fabulous job of turning them in for ELC credit. This is a great way to help offset the cost of printing our bulletin and newsletter.





# December BIRTHDAYS

<b>1</b>	Addison Klaetsch	<b>15</b>	Evan Stange	<b>22</b>	Lucas High
	Todd Nesheim			<b>23</b>	John Anderson
	Lindsey Steintl	<b>16</b>	Michael Eggers		Caroline Boettcher
<b>4</b>	Dan Huseth		Jim Ekenberg		Bob Faliveno
			Steven Helwig		Dawn Haag
	Kris Sveum		Kate Hook		Lindsey LaBorde
<b>5</b>	Steven Doty		Weston Kahl		Madlyn LaBorde
	Carol Johnson		Josephine Sailor		Lincoln Pokallus
	Susan Kaletka		Xander Strube	<b>24</b>	Brooke Anderson
	Pete Walton				Brenda Fritz
		<b>17</b>	Barb Iverson		Edna Williams
<b>7</b>	Jillian Meister		Jeffrey Kahl	<b>25</b>	Siri Amundsen
			Grace Rollins		Ella Kahl
<b>10</b>	Dan Allen		Becky Stube		Steve Stensby
	Amanda Baum		Jeannie U'Ren		Holly Thompson
	Jerilyn Faltz		Emilie Van Galen	<b>26</b>	Bonny Kellogg
	Joseph Scudder			<b>27</b>	Karen Bunke
	Aiden Scudder	<b>18</b>	Deb Segebrecht		Jeff Paske
	Jane Topper		Rachel Smith	<b>29</b>	Brian Johnson
			Willy Watson		
<b>11</b>	Staci Baum				Nicholas O'Connell
	Dennis Dreger	<b>19</b>	Chris Coffin		Samantha Olson
	Connor Heiting		Garrett Klassy		Amy Thompson
	Anna Landen		Jordan Sadowski	<b>30</b>	Brett Farnsworth
	Nathan Zelle				Anna Ollendick
		<b>20</b>	Erik Berg		Olivia Schrank
<b>13</b>	Mary Lokken		Craig Kittleson		Gary Topper
	Nancy McKinney				John Van Ooyen
		<b>21</b>	Hunter Stamm	<b>31</b>	Gwen Olson
<b>14</b>	Hudson Kahl		Cole Stamm		
			Adam Kosa		

**If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.**



# WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

	NOV/DEC 30/1	DEC 7 & 8	DEC 14 & 15	DEC 21 & 22	DEC 24/25	DEC 28/29	JAN 4/5
ACOLYTES	<i>Sunday</i> Caleb Gaulke Taylor Symons	<i>Sunday</i> Leah & Logan Aeschlimann	<i>Sunday</i> John Henry Lee Brooklyn Kreul	<i>Sunday</i> Evelyn Rameker Parker Woolard	<i>Christmas Eve</i> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Serv 5 pm</b> Gabe Sadler Willie Wyse <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Serv 8 pm</b> Colby Johanning Scarlet Ploessl	<i>Sunday</i> Charlie Collins Mason Dudley	<i>Sunday</i> Ellie Woolard Lucas High
COMM ASSIST	<i>Sunday</i> Diane Bartz Helen Kahl Kim Kelliher	NC	<i>Sunday</i> Helen Kahl Kerstin Edwards <b>Available</b>	NC	<i>Christmas Eve</i> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Serv 5 pm</b> Diane Bartz <b>Available</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Serv 8 pm</b> Kerstin Edwards <b>Available</b>	NC	<i>Sunday</i> Diane Bartz <b>Available</b> <b>Available</b>
READERS	<i>Saturday</i> <b>No Service</b>  <i>Sunday</i> <b>Available</b>	<i>Saturday</i> Bonny Kellogg <i>Sunday</i> Diane Bartz	<i>Saturday</i> Ann Baumgartner <i>Sunday</i> Amy Sinner	<i>Saturday</i> <b>Available</b>  <i>Sunday</i> <b>Available</b>	<i>Christmas Eve</i> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Serv 5 pm</b> Jim Cook <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Serv 8 pm</b> <b>Available</b>  <i>Christmas Day</i> <b>10 am</b> <b>Available</b>	<i>Thursday</i> <b>Available</b>  <i>Saturday</i> <b>Available</b>  <i>Sunday</i> <b>Available</b>	<i>Saturday</i>
USHERS	<i>Sunday</i> Jim & Shannon Hadac	<i>Sunday</i> Jim Cook John Rosenbaum	<i>Sunday</i> Wayne & Mary Knudson	<i>Sunday</i> Dennis Lokken Irv Steinhauer	<i>Christmas Eve</i> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Service 5 pm</b> Doug Nesheim Gerald Stamm <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Service 8 pm</b> John & Carol Nielsen	<i>Sunday</i> Betsy Baguhn Jody Morey	<i>Sunday</i> Jim & Shannon Hadac
ALTAR GUILD	<i>December</i> -Mary Lokken, Teresa Schult, Diane Twiton, Kerstin Edwards <i>January</i> -Cathie Field, Sara Hellenbrand, Laura Miller, Sharon Schiefelbein, Amy Kellesvig						
COUNCIL DUTIES	<i>December</i> -Dave Edwards <i>January</i> -Mark Mostrom						

# Puzzle!

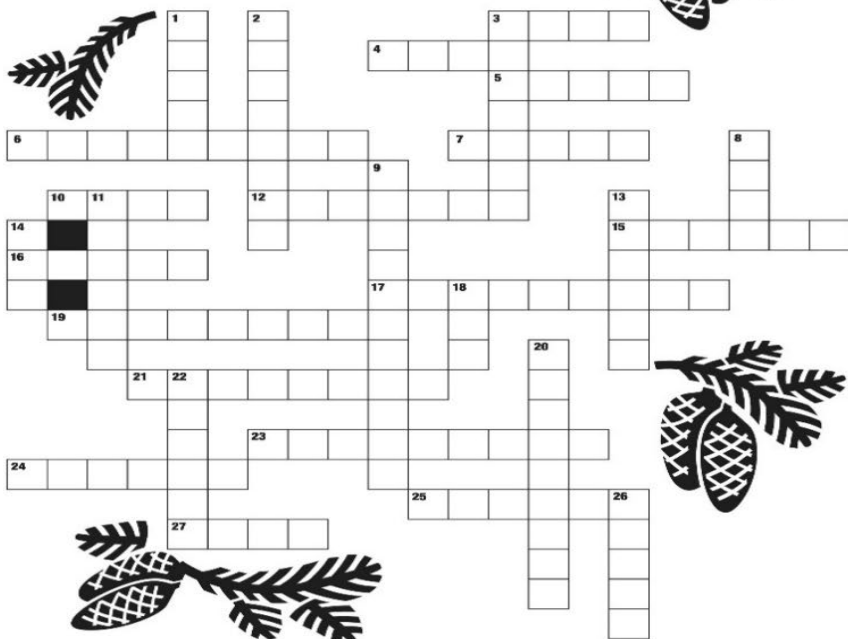
Take a break from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

## DOWN

1. song
2. keeper of sheep
3. Anointed One
8. a gift of the magi
9. red plants
11. coming
13. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
14. 12th month (abbrev.)
- 18 . B&B
20. a form of holy
22. heavenly messengers
26. he ordered the slaughter of the innocents

## ACROSS

3. wise men
4. author of the most famous Christmas account
5. red-suited gift-giver
6. of Ephrathah
7. presents
10. Gabriel came to her
12. has a red nose
15. "Messiah" composer
16. northern little helpers
17. patron saint of children
19. made flesh
21. home for Mary
23. tree decorations
24. crib
25. he was a carpenter
27. a nova



Answer: DOWN 1. carol, 2. shepherd, 3. Messiah, 8. gold, 9. poinsettias, 11. Advent, 13. Christ, 14. dec, 18. inn, 20. mistletoe, 22. angels, 26. Herod; ACROSS 3. magi, 4. Luke, 5. Santa, 6. Bethlehem, 7. gifts, 10. Mary, 12. Rudolph, 15. Handel, 16. elves, 17. Saint Nick, 19. incarnate, 21. Nazareth, 23. ornaments, 24. manger, 25. Joseph, 27. star