

The Trumpet

Newsletter for Faith and Moe Lutheran Churches

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Greetings to all—

If anyone would have said in January that all this with CoVid would have happened, I would not have believed them. It seems like we are in a bad movie.

Our motto through this all has been and will continue to be: BE SAFE. Thankfully most have recovered from CoVid, we still have one in ICU fighting it. It is not something to ignore. Larry's uncle recently passed away from it and many know someone who has been affected by it.

Our council has not taken worship decisions and other building decisions lightly. They have been very responsible about thinking of the entire community. They have voted to *stay online worship only through mid-December*, then they will revisit the best way to have worship and be safe.

As the few weeks have turned into several months now, I encourage you to not lose heart. Please stay connected via the livestreams at 11:00 on Sundays on our website, 9:00 on Sundays on Facebook and Amery Cable station on Thursdays. I will continue sending weekly emails to update on a weekly basis.

As we come into December we are entering a new church year starting with Advent. It is a time of waiting and anticipation for the new Messiah. Many of the Advent Scriptures were looking for hope—hope for a new baby, hope for a new world, hope for Christ's return, hope for a change.

Advent is a time for us to focus on what the Christ-child's birth means to us. We will be looking at different texts from Isaiah that will help us see what it can mean to us. As we light the Advent wreath we draw nearer and nearer to Christmas.

As we travel through these next 4 weeks, may we ask ourselves this

- *How can the Christ-child melt my heart? What am I harboring in there that this Jesus could change?*
- *How can Jesus bring peace, joy, love and hope into my heart again?*
- *How can I draw closer to Christ as Christmas approaches?*

Let's make this Advent a time for us to grow in our confidence of the birth of the Son of God and Son of man in the form of a baby born in Bethlehem.

WORSHIP:

Sunday worship will be online at least through December 5th.

COUNCIL MEETING:

Joint Council Meeting at Moe at 6 p.m. on December 9th. Agenda items: discussion of worship plans and next year's budget.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Thanks to the many generous folks who have sent in offerings, both churches have been able to meet their financial obligations. You can continue to maintain our churches through this difficult time, by going online on the website and making an online donation or mailing it to Clayton Parish P.O. Box 40 Clayton, WI 54004 and Pastor will get the donation to the treasurer.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:

At this time the council is holding off a final decision on what to do with Christmas Eve worship. We know it will look very different than previous years. We will figure out a meaningful and safe Advent and Christmas, so we can Be Safe.

BIBLE STUDIES AND MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: There will be no breakfast or Bible Study this month. 😞

ADVENT WORSHIP

There is a PDF attached to this email that contains a daily devotional to use as we go through Advent starting with this Sunday, November 29. It will coordinate with our Sunday worship. God is with us—Immanuel.

OUR WEBSITE

cllutheran.org is our website. It has links to online giving on the bottom of the homepage. There is a link to all our worship services under the worship tab- Worship Services of current and past worships. Thank you to Billee Asp for continuing to update our site.

THANKS

To Lisa Moriak, Wayne and Billee Asp for painting the trim of the parsonage garage. It looks nice. Thanks to Bruce Ward and Jim Lee for fixing the bathroom plumbing issue at the parsonage.

ADVENT WREATH

I asked people to email me pictures of their Advent wreaths, I have not gotten any yet. I have given you a couple ideas you can do below:

Toilet Paper Tube Advent Wreath



For each wreath you need five toilet paper tubes. Paint three purple, one pink and one white. After they are dry, glue the tubes to a quality paper plate, putting the white tube in the middle and the others around the outside. Print a leaf page on green construction paper. Print the flames on yellow construction paper. Cut the leaves out and glue two between each candle. Cut the flames out and staple them to craft sticks. Now you can "light" the candles by putting the craft sticks in the tubes.

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What you need

One flat Styrofoam disk per wreath, enough green silk pine picks to cover the top of the Styrofoam, gold metallic ribbon-enough to cover outer edge of Styrofoam, glue, 3 purple candles, 1 pink candle, 1 white candle.

What you do

Glue the ribbon to the outer edge of the disk. Push the white candle into the center of the disk. Push the other candles evenly around the white candle, towards the outer edges of the disk, as shown in the picture. (You might want to place a bit of glue into the candle holes for added stability.) Push the pine picks into the disk, around the base of the candles to cover the top of the Styrofoam.

Optional decorations: Drape a strand of faux pearls on top, add to that small, white-tipped pine cones. This makes for an elegant coffee table display during the Christmas season.

SEND ME A PICTURE OF YOUR ADVENT WREATH TO SHARE IN UPCOMING WEEKLY EMAILS!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL – There is an Advent devotional I found online that has been written with Isaiah as a focus. It is attached as a PDF file with this email. If you have problems opening it, please let me know and I will get you a copy another ways. There are devotions for each day starting Sunday, November 29 as Day one (the day number is highlighted on the top). November 30, day 2; December 1, day 3 and so on. Our Sunday worship will also focus around this devotional. May the light of Christ brighten our darkness this season.

Christmas Carol Picture Puzzle

Each numbered box contains pictures that are clues to its title.
Write the number next to the carol it matches.

Merry Christmas

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| ___ Angels We Have Heard on High | ___ O Holy Night | ___ I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day |
| ___ Caroling of the Bells | ___ Little Drummer Boy | ___ Do You Hear What I Hear? |
| ___ Away in a Manger | ___ Silent Night | ___ I Saw Three Ships |
| ___ While Shepherds Watched | ___ Mary, Did You Know? | ___ Go Tell It on the Mountain |
| ___ Joy to the World | ___ What Child is This? | ___ Hark the Herald Angels Sing |
| ___ O Little Town of Bethlehem | ___ The Holly and the Ivy | ___ We Three Kings of Orient Are |

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