**Announcements**

**Coffee Hour:** We are looking for 7 volunteers to bring 2 dozen goodies for Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 14th. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you are able to help.

**W.O.C. Business Meeting:** The Women of the Church Annual Business Meeting will be held after church on Sunday, January 14th.

**2024 VBS Dates:** Mark Your Calendars – The Dates for VBS will be May 27-31, 2024. The VBS Program will be Sunday, June 2nd, 2024.

**Inclement Weather:** We are coming to the time of year when weather conditions may affect our ability to have worship services. If services need to be canceled, we will attempt to notify the congregation through the Prayer Chain, the Sunday School Phone Tree, and the Church Website.

**Cards For Sale:** The Women of the Church have boxed cards for sale in the Social Hall for all occasions – Sympathy, Christmas, Baptism, Get Well, Birthday, Thank You, and All Occasions. The price is on the back of each box, and there is also a box on the cart to put your money in. Thanks!

**Addresses for those in the Military:** Please consider sending them a special greeting for Christmas!

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**CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM @ 7 PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE @ 10 AM**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

**\*The Family of Maynard Streyle,** as he passed away on 12/08/23, and his funeral service was this past Friday, 12/15/23.

**\*Eloise Hora** (Infant), as she recovers from a heart surgery in Ann Arbor, MI. We pray for her healing and a good recovery.

**\*Josh Wilcoxon,** as he recovers from shoulder surgery this past week.

**\***We pray for all of our **Care Center Residents and Assisted Living Residents** as well as the **Staff**who work so hard in caring for them.

**\*Jan Nebelsick, \*Jackie Scott** (Jayme Kocourek’s Mom), **\*Leland/Lori Goehring, \*Lucille Prehiem, \*Kayla Settje, \*Bruce Kunze, \*Eloise Hora**(Baby)**, \*Dustin Christensen,  \*Kathy & Jerome Nusz, \*Kobee Sherman,**as these individuals are in various stages in their battle against cancer and/or other health struggles.  We praise the Lord for His Power that is mightily at work within each one, and giving them strength!

**\*Travis Gramkow**(U.S. Navy - Virginia), **\*Aaron Helgerson**(U.S. Navy - Rhode Island), **\*Katie (Schultz) Paulsen**(U.S. Air Force - Texas),**Patrick Ireland**(U.S. Army Chaplain - Ft. Bliss, TX), **Tyler J. Brandt**(U.S. Army - Georgia), **\*Logan Schmidt**(U.S. Navy - Ft. Travis, CA), **\*Troy Heckenlaible, Derek Fischer, Dan Wonnenberg, Katie Huber, Trevor Bertsch, Chad Boettcher**(Army National Guard), **\*Lee Heckenlaible, Carmen Taylor, Brett Andersen, Evan Wintersteen**(Air National Guard), **\*Corbin Auch, \*Travis Brandt, \*Jayme Schaaf**(U.S. Army)**, \*Jake Haider**(U.S. Army - Florida),  **\*Alex Olson** (U.S. Navy),**\*Alex Ulmer**(U.S. Marines), **Cameron Christensen** (U.S. Army - Belgium, Germany) **- we pray for God's protection over all who serve in our Military!**

**"GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY"**

**TEXT:**  Luke 2:8-20

**NOTE:** The 3rd Candle in the Advent Wreath is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Candle. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the color of JOY!

**THE THEMES OF ADVENT:**

**I. JESUS BRINGS THE JOY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Luke 2:8-10 –**

 **A. WHAT IS THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF GREAT JOY?**

**Luke 2:11 –**

 **SAVIOR:**

 **CHRIST: The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; The Anointed One**

 **LORD: *“kurios”*** - Supreme \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; God, Lord!

**II. JESUS BRINGS JOY IN THE MIDST OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Luke 2:8 – *“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”***

(See Psalm 30:5; Acts 16:25)

**Luke 2:12-15**

**III. JOY LEADS TO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !**

**Luke 2:16-20**

 **A. JOY TO THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTE:** First written by Isaac Watts in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The words are taken from Psalm 98, which is actually a call to rejoice and celebrate the Righteous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God in the Millennium!

**Before There Can Be a \_\_\_\_\_ Coming,**

**There Had to Be a \_\_\_\_\_ Coming!**