**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.

**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

**\*Congratulations to Loni & Kyle Stepanek** on the birth of their baby girl, **Clara Ann Stepanek,** born 12/18/2023!

**\*Congratulations to Rachel & Grant Flicek,** on the birth of their baby girl, **Ava Grace Flicek,** born 12/19/2023!

**\*Prayers for the Family of Lucille Preheim,** as she passed away this last week Tuesday, December 19th.

**\*Eloise Hora** (Infant), we rejoice that she was able to come home from the hospital this past week before Christmas!

**\***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), **\*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!**

**"WONDERING, PONDERING, MARVELING"**

**TEXT:**  Luke 2:1-7

**NOTE:** The 4th Candle in the Advent Wreath is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE THEMES OF ADVENT:**

**I. JOSEPH and MARY – WE SEE THEIR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD!**

**Luke 2:1-5**

 **A. WHY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?**

 **B. WHAT WILL OUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BE LIKE?**

 **Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:21**

 **C. JOSEPH & MARY - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , Pondering, Marveling**

**II. PEOPLE OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - WE SEE THEIR LOVE FOR GOD!**

 **Luke 2:19; 2:33; 2:51**

 **A. Jesus Sleeping in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Matt. 8:23-27**

 **B. Jesus Walks on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Mark 6:45-52**

 **C. Jesus Heals the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Matt. 9:1-8**

 **D. Jesus Casts Out the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Matt. 9:32-34**

 **E. Jesus Comes Down From the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Mt. 9:14-29**

 **F. What About His Teaching? Mk. 12:17 / Jn. 7:15**

 **G. Jesus Before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Matt. 27:11-14**

**III. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH – WE SEE THEIR LOVE FOR JESUS!**

 **A. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is Healed. Acts 3:12**

 **B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Preaching Before the Sanhedrin.**

 **Acts 4:13**