

# New Life

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**December 13th, 2020**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN:

*Joy to the World*

LBW # 39

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Majestic God of all Creation, who continues to show up in the strangest places, we confess our eyes are dull, our hearing is muted. Break through our defenses as you did with those shepherds so long ago. Help us, with every fiber of our being and every act of our lives, to see and hear and join in, with your heavenly choir, the singing of your praises. Glory to God in the highest heaven. To you, God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, we pray, **Amen**.


#### First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

#### Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

#### Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:8-15

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,  praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

### SERMON

#### THE PRAYERS

##### THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. **Amen**.

**SENDING HYMN:**                   *Angels We Have Heard on High*   LBW # 71

**BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, bless us with hope, instill us with courage, and guide us in love for all people and the whole of his creation.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Upcoming Events

December 13th - Baptism of Rocco Anthony Steiner

December 20th - 2:00 pm Youth Zoom


December 24th - 3:45 pm Firelight service  
5:00 pm Firelight service

**Card Shower**


The Twins are turning “90”  
on Dec. 29th 2020  
Honor them with a card shower!

Doris Jorgenson  
Box 21  
Rothsay, MN 56579

Dorothy Jorgenson  
106 3rd Ave SW Apt. # 3  
Rothsay, MN 56579



A drive-up offering pail is located near the building’s front entrance awning.



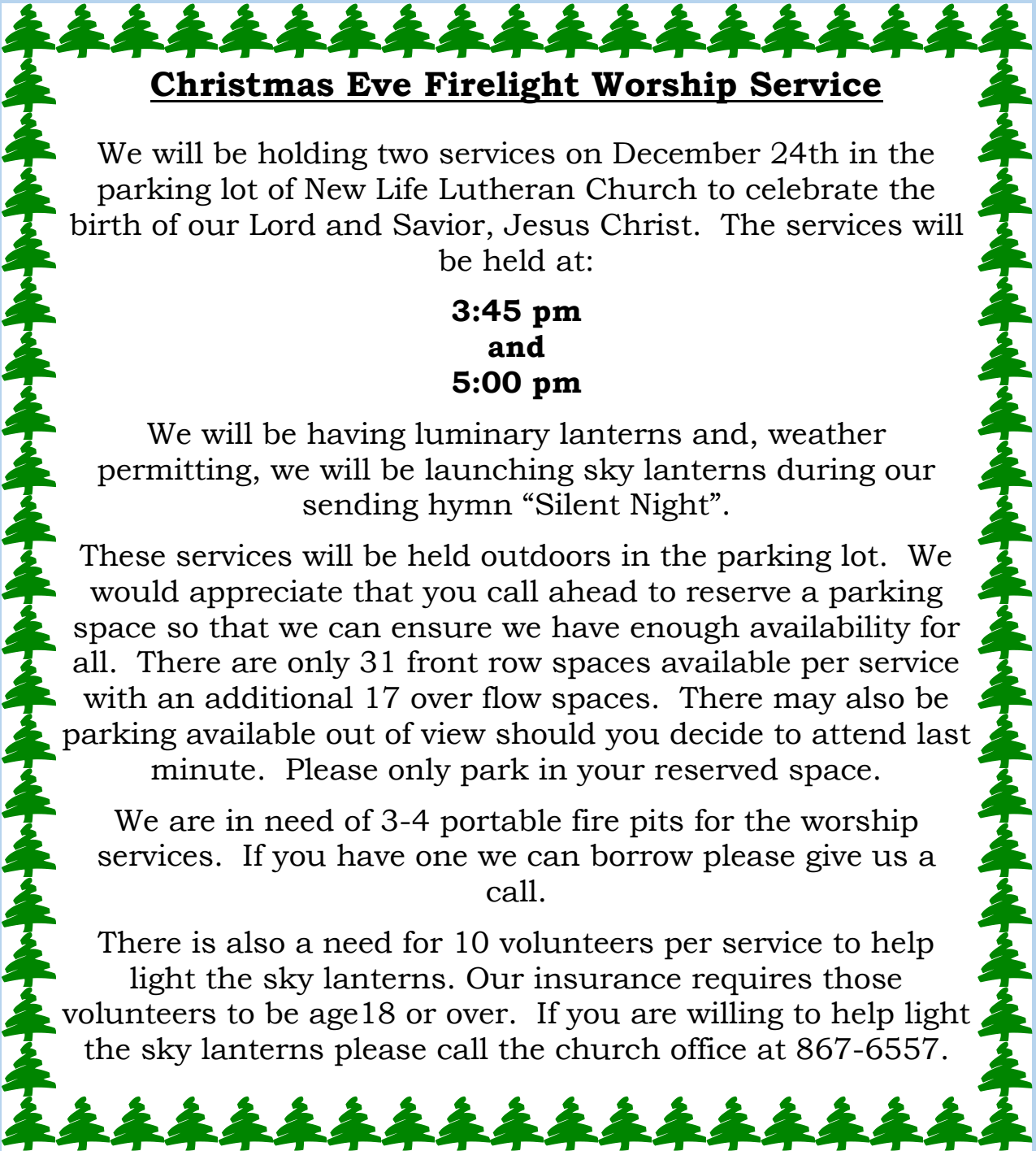
Quilts for sale! Made by the women of New Life Church! All sizes and price ranges. A great gift for Christmas. On display at the church or by appointment. If interested, you can stop by the church Wednesday afternoons or call: Elaine Balken, 218-867-2352 or Dar Rose, 218-867-2276.

**Advent Family Activity**

2020 calls for a new Advent tradition! We invite the families of New Life to pick up an advent kit from the church to celebrate the season together. Through thoughtful prompts, we will be creating swaddling clothes for baby Jesus, wrapping him in all our hopes and fears to hold him as he holds us. These kits will be available beginning Sunday, November 29th.

**Blood Drive**

Each blood donation can help up to 3 patients in need! But blood can only be stored for only 42 days. That means a continual fresh supply is crucial. In the event of an accident, serious illness, or surgery, an adequate blood supply can make the difference between life and death. Just think, it could be someone you know. The next blood drive in our area is on December 22, 2020 from 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm at the Rothsay Community Center. Call Avis Wiese at 867-2388 to schedule an appointment or click on [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org)



**Christmas Eve Firelight Worship Service**

We will be holding two services on December 24th in the parking lot of New Life Lutheran Church to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The services will be held at:

**3:45 pm  
and  
5:00 pm**

We will be having luminary lanterns and, weather permitting, we will be launching sky lanterns during our sending hymn “Silent Night”.

These services will be held outdoors in the parking lot. We would appreciate that you call ahead to reserve a parking space so that we can ensure we have enough availability for all. There are only 31 front row spaces available per service with an additional 17 over flow spaces. There may also be parking available out of view should you decide to attend last minute. Please only park in your reserved space.

We are in need of 3-4 portable fire pits for the worship services. If you have one we can borrow please give us a call.

There is also a need for 10 volunteers per service to help light the sky lanterns. Our insurance requires those volunteers to be age 18 or over. If you are willing to help light the sky lanterns please call the church office at 867-6557.

**Sky Lantern Sponsorship Form**

A \$5 or \$10 donation per lantern is suggested.

**I would like to sponsor a sky lantern for the:**  
☐ **3:45 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service**  
☐ **5:00 pm Christmas Eve worship Service**

**In memory of / In celebration of / In thanksgiving for / In hope for / other    Designation:**

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**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact info:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**All the money raised through Sky Lantern Sponsorships will be split: half will go to area food shelves, half toward a future youth mission trip.**