

New Life

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Advent

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: *It Came upon a Midnight Clear* LBW #54

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Precious God, Light of all creation, guide us to always seek you, as you did with those Magi so long ago. You have given us all that we are, all that we have. Help us to follow your guiding light wherever it leads. As was the case with those wisemen of old, help us to hold nothing back. In Jesus' name, in the Father's love, and in the Spirit's power, we pray, **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-10

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-10

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

SERMON

THE PRAYERS

HOLY COMMUNION

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: *The First Noel* LBW #56

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.

There will be NO parking lot worship service
on **December 27th.**
Instead, please join us online.

Upcoming Events


December 20th - 2:00 pm Youth Zoom
December 24th - 3:45 pm Firelight service
 5:00 pm Firelight service
December 27th - There will be NO parking lot worship. Join us online!
January 6th - 5:30 & 7:00 pm Confirmation via Zoom

Card Shower

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

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

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.



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 age18 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:**

Name(s):

Contact info:

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.



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.

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

2020 Income and Expenses

<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
January	\$ 11,883.55	\$ 16,941.89
February	\$ 18,097.79	\$ 18,447.69
March	\$ 18,117.55	\$ 18,616.47
April	\$ 11,153.22	\$ 16,256.83
May	\$ 10,365.85	\$ 16,660.80
June	\$ 17,691.25	\$ 19,076.20
July	\$ 15,009.01	\$ 15,327.02
August	\$ 14,318.30	\$ 17,899.92
September	\$ 11,458.70	\$ 15,381.78
October	\$ 13,125.16	\$ 15,630.31
November	\$ 15,763.94	\$ 20,908.59
Totals	\$ 156,984.32	\$ 191,147.50
Current Net Loss for 2020		\$ (34,163.18)