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November Scheduled Events

November 2nd—All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings Time Ends
8:45 am LB Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship at Little Bethany
10:00 am Worship at New Life

November 3rd
9:00 am Tia Ji Quan Class

November 5th
Quilted Footprints –Private Event
5:30 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm 56er's grade youth group

November 6th
Quilted Footprints –Private Event
9:00 am Tia Ji Quan Class

November 7th
Quilted Footprints –Private Event

November 8th
Quilted Footprints –Private Event

November 9th—Veterans Recognition
8:45 am LB Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

November 10th
9:00 am Tia Ji Quan Class

November 12th
10:00 am Mission Quilters
5:30 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm NLLC Council Meeting

November 13th
9:00 am Tia Ji Quan Class

November 15th
10:00 am Pine Pot Class in Barnesville

November 16th
8:45 am LB Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

November 17th
9:00 am Tia Ji Quan Class
6:30 pm Lions Club Meeting

November 19th
5:30 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm 56er's grade youth group

November 20th
9:00 am Tia Ji Quan Class

November 23rd
8:45 am LB Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life
7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Worship at
Rothsay Baptist Church

November 24th
9:00 am Tia Ji Quan Class

November 27th
Thanksgiving

November 30th
8:45 am LB Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee & fellowship at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life



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SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

November
Matt & Missy Amundson
Chad & Heather Nelson

December
Nicholas & Nancy Aaberg
Casey & Stephanie Curtis

January
Mike & Kristen Heidecker
Brandon & Hillary Langfeld

Golden Manor Communities
has opened a new assisted living and
memory care facility in Barnesville at
112 4th Ave E.
A flyer with more details is
posted on our bulletin board.



11.01: Collen Conley-Brusven	11.09: Matthew Balken	11.23: Hollie Zimmerman
11.01: Keith Grunewald	11.09: Brett Brenden	11.24: Brandon Langfeld
11.01: Jessi Lehn	11.11: Sara Umlauf	11.25: Tripp Meyer
11.02: Nancy Aaberg	11.12: Lori Jorgenson	11.26: Barbara Watterud
11.02: Charles Neuleib	11.12: Oliver Watterud	11.28: Wanda Dagen
11.04: Travis Olson	11.13: Tydan Holland	11.29: Beverly Muchow
11.05: Michael Heidecker	11.14: Paul Jorgenson	11.30: Toni Rose
11.06: Preston Curtis	11.17: Isabelle Hanson	11.30: Randall Whitehead
11.06: Sophie Schmidt	11.18: Chase Balken	
11.07: Molly Eckley	11.18: Irving Johnson	
11.07: Kari Johnson	11.20: Margaret Brenden	
11.07: Livvy Oien-Wander	11.21: Rylie Ziegler	
11.08: Wanda Flatin	11.22: Jaxon Eckley	
11.08: LouAnn Opsahl	11.22: Abigail Watterud	
11.09: John Aaberg	11.23: Bradley Erickson	

This is the list of birthdays as listed in our church records for this month. If your name should be on the list and isn't (or is on the list and shouldn't be), please call the church office.

11.03: Nathan & Patrice Ziegler
11.09: Ralph & Roberta Ouse
11.19: Chris & Erin Watterud
11.26: Allen & Wanda Flatin
11.27: Beau & Melina Brandt

This is the list of Anniversaries as listed in our church records for this month. If your names should be on the list and aren't or are on the list and shouldn't be, please call the church office.



SCRIPTURE READERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 2nd:
November 9th:
November 16th:
November 23rd:
November 30th:



We are always looking for volunteers for future readings. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at 218-867-6557 or email new-life@rtelnet.net.**

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS FOR NOVEMBER



November 2nd: Nate Zieger
November 9th: John & Heather Reber
November 16th: Jessica Nelson
November 23rd: Jennifer Honer
November 30th: Stephanie Curtis

We are always looking for volunteers to run our sound system. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office. Training is available.



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NLLC Rothsay

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2025 NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving
gather
thankful family
blessed grateful
together blessings
November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 All Saints Sunday 8:45 am Worship at LB 9:00 am Coffee at NL 9:30 Coffee Hour at LB 10:00 am Worship at NL	3 9:00 am Tia Ji Quan Class	4	5 Quilted Footprints— Private Event 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm 56er's grade youth group	6 Quilted Footprints— Private Event 9:00 am Tia Ji Quan Class	7 Quilted Footprints— Private Event	8 Quilted Footprints— Private Event
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God! [Psalm 95:1-3a]

In Thorton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning play *Our Town*, the main character, Emily, discovers the joy of living life fully only too late. After she is dead, she pleads with the spirits to allow her to return and look in on one day of her life, one last time. She chooses the day of her 12th birthday.

At first, Emily rejoices as she watches her parents and others from her childhood, but her happiness quickly turns to pain as she realizes how little people appreciate the simple activities of life. At one point she says, "all that was going on, and we never noticed. . . It goes so fast. We don't have time to look at one another." The recognition proves too painful for her, and she realizes that every moment of life should be treasured. Her parting words were, "Good-bye! Good-bye world. Good-bye Grover's corners . . . Mama and Papa. Good-bye to clocks ticking . . . and Mama's sunflowers, and food and coffee. And even ironed dresses and hot baths . . . sleeping and waking up. O earth, you're too wonderful for anybody to realize you." She stoops, hesitates, and asks with tears in her eyes, "Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it? Eh? . . . every minute?"

I'm guessing, none of us do, . . . not fully, not every minute. And, because of this, we don't give thanks to the One who gave us this world and everything and everyone in it. We don't give him thanks every minute for every minute—and as a result, life is less than it could be and should be.

Friends, Jesus came among us to change all that. The Holy Spirit, even now, is working in us, to make us more alive every day. One of the marks of our spiritual growth is an expanding awareness of the glories of our everyday experience—a growing sense of how truly precious and miraculous the ordinary is.

The holiday of Thanksgiving is a lot of things to a lot of people; but most especially, it is an opportunity for us to remind ourselves how truly blessed we are, and then to give thanks to the One who has blessed us so.

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

New Life Lutheran Church September 10, 2025 Unapproved minutes

NLLC council met on September 10th at 6:30 pm. Members present: Heather Nelson, Stephanie Curtis, Jessica Nelson, Steph Olson, Marlowe Rasmusson, Pastor Randy Whitehead, Heather Reber, Jessi Lehn, Renae Froslie, Brad Schmidt, and Lora Ryan.

1.0 Approval of agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Steph Olson, seconded by Jessi Lehn. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of August Council minutes: Motion to approve the council minutes made by Jessica Nelson, seconded by Steph Olson. Motion carried.

3.0 Treasurer's report August 2025: Motion to approve the financial statement made by Jessi Lehn, seconded by Stephanie Curtis. Motion carried.

4.0 Ongoing business:

4.1 Area Strategy update: No update.

4.2 Staff reviews: We successfully completed one staff review prior to this council meeting. There were more scheduled following the September meeting.

4.3 Daycare Update: EDA applied for a community grant through Park Region. The EDA could possibly help with the money upfront and reimburse themselves with fundraisers if the money is needed sooner and/or the grant money doesn't come through. The next step would be for the fire marshal to come into the building to see what changes are needed prior to the architect doing what they need with the building plans.

5.0 New business:

5.1 Correspondence: None

5.2 Upcoming events:

September 14th - Pig Roast

September 15th - Lions Club Meeting

September 17th - Confirmation Student & Parents

September 24th & 28th - First Communion Class

October 5th - First Communion Celebration

October 8th & 12th - 3rd Grade Bible Class

October 26th (Reformation Sunday) - 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

5.3 Committee Night Review: This event went well. There was a lot of great discussion within the committees as well as between the committees.

5.4 Summer 2026 Mission Trip: Pastor Randy wants permission to go ahead and start planning the next mission trip. Options for destinations are Niagara Falls, Nashville, TN or Wilmington, NC. He would like to have older kids help decide on the destination. He would like to fundraise enough funds so that the students only need \$350 out of pocket. Pastor Randy likes to use Youth Works to go through to help with planning. Council has approved his request.

6.0 Pastor's report:

- There were 3 funerals/memorials/graveside services since August council meeting
- The All-Committee Night was on Aug. 20th and went well
- Thanks to all that helped at the Barnesville Food Pantry.
- Council approved Pastor Randy to plan a Summer 2026 Mission Trip. The students interested in going will help pick the destination

- Pastor Randy purchased biblical puppets to begin puppet ministry
- John Reber has been in contact with Park Region Telephone about the Summit Fire Protection signal not getting through. There is an issue at this time and they are working on fixing it.
- The church has received a proposal for a new copier from Liberty. Marco is currently drawing up a proposal. Our current contract with Marco ends in December 2025
- The NW MN Fall Theological Conference is September 14th-16th and costs \$400 to attend. Pastor Randy is not going to attend this year.
- An Energy Assessment Report was prepared for NLLC by Otter Tail Power Company. A rebate was filled out by Renae and sent in. We have already made the updates they suggested and are running efficiently. Pastor Randy has put together "Offering Snippets" to be shared prior to receiving offer at church services. This practice is suggested in stewardship resources, and was suggested by Rebel (from the Synod Staff) when he met with her last month.

7.0 Youth Director's report:

- Sunday school is up in running.
 - Jess will be helping with Sunday School music and will have someone teach her class on the Sunday's that she is helping with that.
 - 5th & 6th graders will meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings
- Pig Roast will be the big event for September for the youth and their families

8.0 Administrative Assistant's Report: Lori is working on the October newsletter. She's helping with the Sunday School Registrations

9.0 NLLC Foundation report: No report

10.0 Committee reports:

Worship & Music (Jessica):

- Working on getting more people signed up to be readers. They are planning to put a sign-up sheet with the confirmation information that is going to confirmation students and their families
- November 9th will be a Veteran's Day Church service. The Worship & Music committee has started working on details for this service along with the Community Care Committee.
- November 15th will be the Pine Pot Class. Meeting at 8:30 at the church and the class is at 10:00 am in Barnesville
- Harvest Festival - November 23rd - Soup and Sandwich meal. Jen Honer is working on the meal details. There will be a write-up in the October newsletter regarding Harvest Festival. There will also be hayrides, activities for kids during the meal and a pie auction.
- Thanksgiving Community Worship will be that evening at 6:30 pm with pie and coffee prior to the service
- Poinsettia Ordering will happen again this year through Petals from the Heart - Jen Honer is working on this and the cost will be similar to last year. Orders need to be in by the end of October for the poinsettia.



The poster features a warm, autumnal color palette of oranges, yellows, and browns. It is decorated with numerous illustrations of fall leaves scattered around the edges and corners. In the center, a scarecrow with a straw hat and a red jacket stands amidst a bountiful harvest of pumpkins, gourds, and stalks of grain. Sunflowers are also visible near the scarecrow. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the title in large, bold letters and the date in a script font. The bottom section provides specific details about the worship service and the festival activities.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday November 23

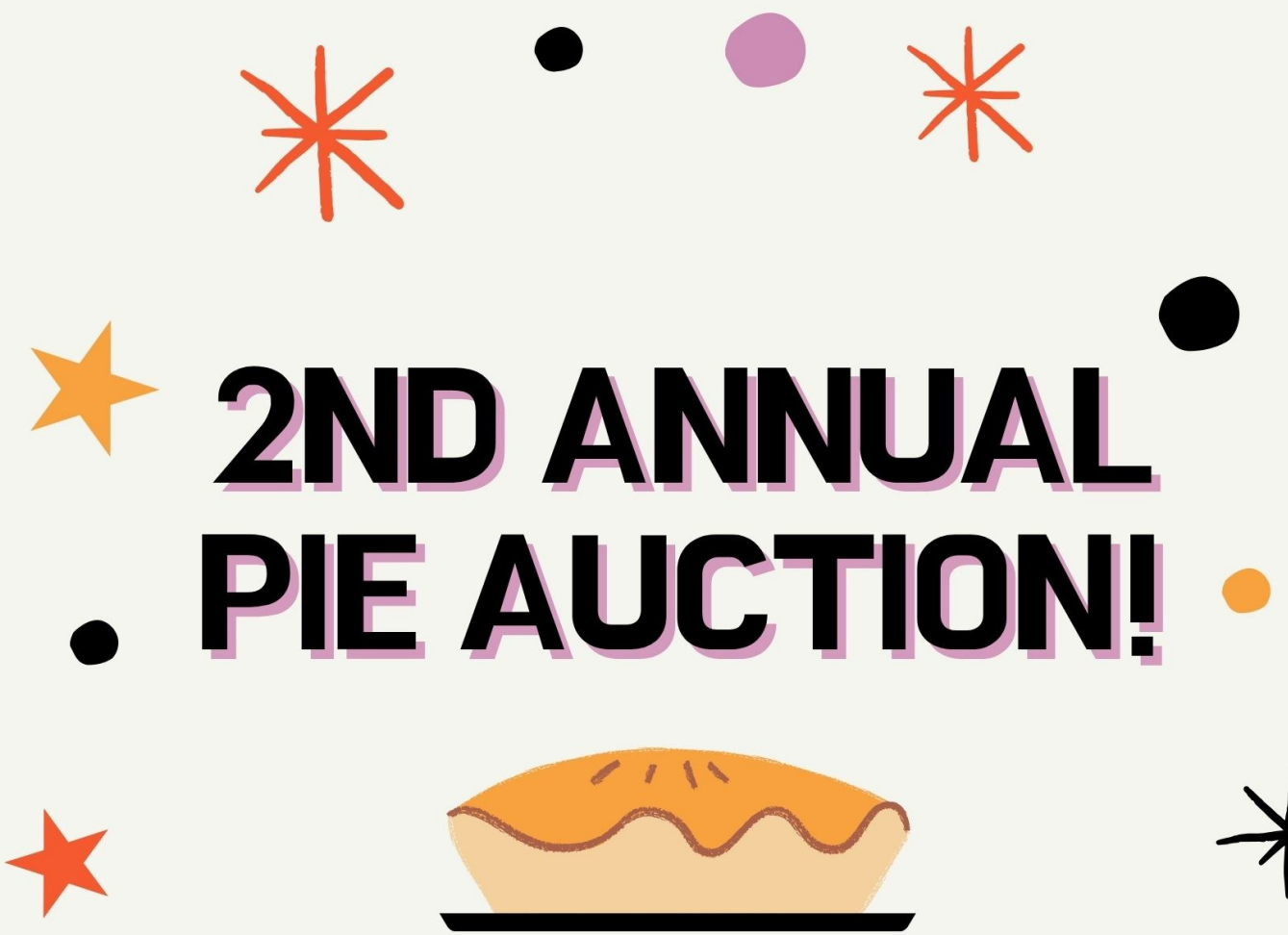


WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

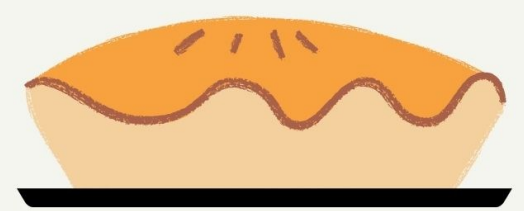
Join us for harvest festival worship at 10 am with fun to follow
After church stick around for a soup bar, hay rides, & kids activities
After lunch we will have our 2nd annual pie and ice cream auction!

New Life Lutheran Church

**102 west main avenue
Rothsay, MN 56579**



2ND ANNUAL PIE AUCTION!



JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TO
SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND GET YOUR
THANKSGIVING PIE OFF THE TO DO LIST!

NOVEMBER 23RD 2025
12PM

COME FOR THE ICE CREAM BAR STAY FOR THE PIES!

New Life Lutheran Church

September 10, 2025 Unapproved minutes

- Heather Reber will work on a Christmas Choir Sign up

There is some memorial money that is going to go towards a new cross and a fish for the carriage in the sanctuary. If there is money left over, we are looking to purchase a second wireless head set for the church

Education (Steph Olson):

- Rally Sunday was September 7th.
- There are people willing to help teach at Sunday school. They don't want to be committed to each week but are willing to come in when they can. Going to use the Remind app for communicating with parents/families for Sunday School
- Christmas Program will be December 7th, and December 14th will be a back-up date

Kids will sing on the 2nd Sunday of each month

Youth (Brad Schmidt):

- Pig Roast on September 14th from 5-7 pm

There are more items on the horizon, but focusing on getting the Pig Roast at this time

Community Care Committee (Joyce):

- They have made Birthday Bags
- They are working on Veteran's Day Church Service

They are planning the "Feed the Farmers" meal

Church Property (Marlowe):

- No bill on the coffee pot yet

Marlowe has worked on cleaning up the landscaping

Stewardship (Steph Curtis):

- Sent a letter as a year-end reminder for giving pledges
- Working on fall campaign letter - going out at the end of October

There will be 2 classes set up through Thrivent - One for young parents for debt pay off, college planning, etc. The other class would be for retirement, estate planning, giving, etc.

11.0 Adjournment: Steph Olson will do snacks for November. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:08 pm. The next meeting is on November 12th at 6:30 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Steph Olson and second by Jessica Nelson.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Reber



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

September 2025

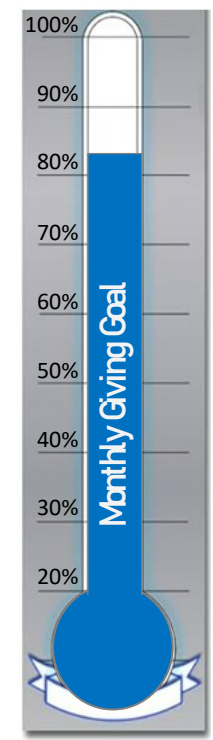
September Income	\$12,190.91
September Expenses	(\$19,601.27)
September Net Loss	(\$7,410.36)



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Lutheran Church
online!

September 2025 Giving Outlook

Week	Giving
September 7	\$4,477.75
September 14	\$1,365.00
September 21	\$2,021.00
September 28	\$907.00
E-giving	\$1,755.00
Total:	\$10,525.75
Goal:	\$15,684.00
Total:	(\$5,158.25)



What: Pine Pot Class
When: 11/15/2025 at 10:00 am
Where: Thompson Greenery, Barnesville, MN
Cost: \$54.99 includes pot, noble fir top, assorted green fillers, and use of tools.

******Additional decorations will be available for purchase.**

Join us for coffee, treats and fellowship at NLLC at 8:30am! We plan to leave for Barnesville from the church at 9:40am.
Contact Jen Honer for more information:
218-731-9432

Mission quilters will be meeting on Wednesday, November 12th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Please bring a sack lunch.



The Mission Quilters will be making quilts for the Salvation Army Christmas toy shop families. Twin size is usually the most popular size, but they have babies/toddlers signed up who can use smaller ones as well as teenagers who have full or queen beds. If you want to help out; leave donations in the quilt closet.

Deadline for donations is December 14th.

Questions: call Mary Brandt at 218.867.2693.

Grow old along with me , the best is yet to be.

The following is a list of our members who are either in a nursing home or are homebound. We understand that during this time you may not be able to stop by, but a phone call may go a long ways! You can always call ahead and see if a visit would be welcomed. If you know of someone who should be on this list, please call Lori at the church office at: (218) 867-6557.

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|---|---|
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Fergus Falls, MN | Elaine Amundson - 211 E. Mill Ave #200
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572 |
| Harold Larson ~ 1131 S. Mabelle Ave Room C-205
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Moorhead, MN 56560
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Fergus Falls, MN 56537 | Linda Froslic ~ 512 3rd Ave S. Room A-2
Moorhead, MN 56560
(218-233-1535) |
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Fergus Falls (218-736-8824) | Dorothy Knutson ~ 2401 11th St. S # 323
Moorhead, MN 56560 |
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| Charlene Boe ~ 1307 S Mabelle Ave
Fergus Falls | |

CARE Committee with Worship & Music

Honoring Veterans: Sunday Nov. 9, 2025

Please join us for coffee and visiting!

Pictures of our Veterans will be on display in the Heritage room. With veterans being honored during the service.

Special music: Nathaniel Fronning will be leading us in music. Sunday School will also be singing.

Just note about Nathaniel, his Great Grandma was Harriet (Opsahl) Fronning related to Harry & David Opsahl! So, he has a tie to the Rothsay area.

Upcoming event:

December Goody Christmas bags. Deadline for bake goods is Sunday December 14th.




Christmas Poinsettias
Honor your loved ones this holiday season with a poinsettia. We will be taking orders November 2nd through November 30th.

Order forms will be outside the fellowship hall or available in the church office.

Cost of the poinsettias is \$18.00.

Please make all checks payable to New Life Lutheran Church. Names will be placed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Poinsettias may be taken home after church on Christmas Eve or must by picked up by December 31st.

Please contact Jennifer Honer with any questions - 218-731-9432

Gratitude in Action: A Heartfelt Thank You

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the members of New Life Lutheran Church, the Women's Group was able to make and donate the following items on Tuesday, October 21st:

- 32 Layettees
- 8 Health Kits
- 15 School Kits
- 14 Quilts

In addition to these donations, the group also made a meaningful stop at the local homeless shelter to offer support and compassion.

Your kindness continues to make a real difference in the lives of others. Thank you for being the hands and heart of service!



Christmas Choir Announcement

We want YOU to join us in singing a **Christmas choir** piece this season! The choir will sing during the services on:

- Sunday, December 21st**
- Wednesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)**

If you're only available for one of the performances, **that's perfectly fine**—we'd still love to have you participate!

A **sign-up sheet** will be available for all who are interested. More information and details to come regarding practices dates and times. Let's make a joyful noise together this Christmas! ✨