

Ways to "BE GENEROUS"



Giving Tree gifts are due next week 12/10.

There are still a couple of name tags to be chosen to gift a child in need.

Helping Families: Special Thanks - to those who helped out with yesterday's **Parent Morning Out!** We blessed 15 families with the gift of time and fun kid activities.

Decorating the Church for Christmas—**TODAY**

You're invited to stay after the 10:30 worship today to hang wreathes, put up the Christmas tree, and banners for Christmas! Teamwork is a special part of this!



"Adult Ed" Hour Today: We'll have fun exploring the Confirmation self-help quiz the Confirmands recently worked through! Stay... explore ... discuss... have fun. **Grab a coffee and come to the loft.**

Our Dec 17 "Unity Service" includes our children's musical



All children must arrive 9AM. Our worship will include a musical celebration of Jesus' birth among the animals, who come to adore Him in the manger. "A Night for Dancing".

Please attend the 12/10 9:30 am and Sat 12/16 9:30AM Dress Rehearsal

Dates and Times to know

- Dec. 10 Giving Tree gifts due
- Dec. 10 Kid's musical celebration rehearsal in place of Kid Connection
- Dec. 16th 9:30A Kids Musical rehearsal
- Dec. 17 9:30 AM UNITY Worship. Including our Children's musical celebration of Jesus' birth during the service
- Dec. 17 2PM Carols and Cookies (a North Shore music event)
- December 24 UNITY Worship (9:30 AM) with Confirmation
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship times
4:30 Family & 6:30PM Traditional
- Sunday, December 31 UNITY Worship (9:30) with communion



Weekly NEWS

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Discipleship Matters

This "article" by Pastor Nollet will be in the News each week as part of us seeking to "be disciples"

How does Advent come into YOUR walk as a Disciple of Jesus?

Spoiler alert... Advent is not designed as a season to get ready for Christmas!

We have a church calendar year with different seasons to help us in our relationship with God. Advent is a "season" that comes in order before the Christmas Season, but it's not about Christmas. The word "advent" is from the Latin word for "coming". *Advent specifically focuses us on Christ's "coming". But, Christ's coming is part of our lives in three significant ways — past, present, and future.* Advent is not about getting ready for Christmas.

God has always been with His people. God the Son led His people across the desert in Exodus. At one point God came "with us" in the flesh as a child in a manger. Through His life, death, resurrection, and importantly His Ascension back to His throne... Jesus has made all things new. **We are a people in waiting right now for Him to do as He promised... to "come again"!**

Advent is the season for you to focus on His coming to you... in you... with you. (*How does He do that?*) It's about the experience of waiting for Him to "come" and return in all His Glory!

We wait... we wait with confidence... we wait forgiven.... we wait with trust. We wait... knowing that our LORD keeps His Word. **Come Lord Jesus!** *Pastor Joe*

Worship Help for the Christmas Eve Worship at 4:30 and 6:30 are not being scheduled. We're asking for "**SIGN-UPS**" at the kiosk. With all the fluctuating schedules can you sign up on the kiosk to usher, read, media booth. Please pitch in and sign up.

Dec 10 8:15AM	Serving <u>Next Sunday</u>
Announcements	Pastor Joe
Coffee Set Up/Clean Up	Cliff Petersohn
Altar Care	N/A
Communion Servers	N/A
Media Advance Slides	Levi Kishbaugh
Reader	Kristin Boyd
Ushers	Adam Bonnette; Renate Uhlig

Dec 10 9:30AM	Kid's Connection Teachers
Kids Musical rehearsal	
Pre K—K	all
Elementary	all

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Announcements	Pastor Joe
Coffee Clean Up	John Herth
Altar Care	N/A
Communion Servers	N/A
Media Advance Slides	Ellie Sienkiewicz
Media Audio	Jessie Anderson
Reader	John Herth
Ushers	Diane & John Herth

Advent



A Home Advent Candle-lighting Devotions

There is an insert today intended for you to take home and use. You are encouraged to have a daily candle lighting event as apart of your ADVENT experience. The short candle lighting service has a different theme each week and Bible verses for each day.

You can buy an advent wreath, make one, or just use candles. But, you're encouraged to plan a family moment... around a candle... and either say a short prayer or jus read the verse for the day. TAKE ADVANTAGE of the specialness of a moment together as a family... in prayer.

Walking Backwards to Bethlehem! VIDEOS

Finding Christ in the Old Testament This is the first of our new "**Learning Workshops**" to be posted on the web site for ongoing learning opportunities. This series of 4 weekly videos by Pastor are 15 minutes long, covering **Christ in the Old Testament**. Each weekly video has handouts if you'd like to explore the topic further. FOLLOW THE LINK ON THE WEB SITE FRONT PAGE

Congratulations to Cecelia Geyer for earning **Honors with Distinction** at Haverhill High

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & COOKIES

Celebrating Jesus with Music and Mirth

Dec 17 | 2pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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The OSLC music ministry, under the direction of Wendy Betts, invites singers and instrumentalists from other churches to join in with them and the Betts Studio singers & pianists in a fun time of Christmas songs, a Christmas Carol sing-a-long ... and cookies!