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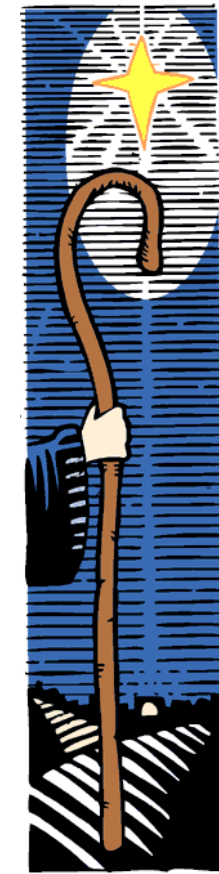
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**Cathlynn Law, Pastor**

## Christmas Week Events

### Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 19, 10:00 a.m.  
(during worship)

### Longest Night Service

Monday, December 20th, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

## Christmas Eve Services

Family Service with Chancel Choir  
5:00 p.m.

Drop-in Candlelight Service with harp  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

## Merry Christmas!

**We wish you a very Merry Christmas and  
a Happy, Healthy, Joyous New Year!**

*Pastor Cathlynn Law, Jeremy Matheis,  
Lora Lee Brown, Nate Goldbloom, Ron &  
Susan Vigil, Sue Takano and Jan Kreidler*

## Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...

This past Sunday in worship, we were praying the Lord's Prayer, when I heard the rushing of little feet coming into the sanctuary. Praying with eyes closed, I had visions of dozens of angels' wings swooshing by. It reminded me of the hymn we sing to invite the presence of God:

"Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place."

I thought about how symbolic it was in the midst of Advent, as we approach Christmas Day, to have a reminder that just as angels hovered over the birth of Jesus, angels continue to hover among us today, if we are open to recognizing those precious moments in our lives. In that moment, I felt the presence of God so strongly, realizing the significance of having children in our worship as they learn the hymns and the prayers and the stories of our faith. They teach us in every moment how to receive the grace God has for us.

As we enter into deepening darkness of the Advent season, moving ever closer to the birth of the Jesus into our hearts once again, may we embrace the gift of laughter and wonder in our children. Let us prepare ourselves for the God-child to be born anew in our time, in our life, in our present moment through the eyes of the children in our lives, and the children in our worship. And may the 4th verse of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" be our prayer as we approach the manger.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

## Calendar of Events:

### Thursday (Dec. 16)

Women's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

### Friday (Dec. 17)

AA—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Fellowship Group #4—6:30 p.m., home of Shellers

Movie Night—6:30 p.m., Perry Hall

### Saturday (Dec. 18)

Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Pageant—  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Al-Anon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (Dec. 19)

Worship/Children's Pageant—10:00 a.m., sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

### Monday (Dec. 20)

SANDPOINTER (*newsletter*) deadline—12:00 noon

Longest Night Service—7:30 p.m., Chapel

### Tuesday (Dec. 21)

Men's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

AA—7:30 P.M., Lehmann Hall (aka Boys & Girls Club)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

### Wednesday (Dec. 22)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Friday (Dec. 24)

Church offices closed.

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service—5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service—6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

AA—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Youth Room

### Saturday (Dec. 25) Christmas Day

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

## Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Month —Tent City Dinner

### **SANDPOINTER deadlines:**

Monday, December 20—12:00 noon (*last issue of year*)

Monday, January 3, 2011—12:00 noon (*first issue of new year*)

**Melodies of Compassion:** The December Melodies for Compassion (loose change offering) will be divided between our two mission groups of Union Gospel Mission and Mary's Place at the Church of Mary Magdalene. There also is a Giving Tree in Perry Hall for donations of warm hats, gloves and scarves for Union Gospel Mission and for donations for shoes and other items needed by the homeless women served by Mary's Place.

**Mission Notes:** At the last Missions Ministry Team meeting, the team voted to donate \$250 to each of the following: Atlantic Street Center, Children's Country Home, Heifer, Compass, Church World Services, FINCA, NW Harvest and Red Bird Missionary.

**Did you know?** The October Melodies of Compassion received \$433.50 for the Liliir Education Project to build schools in Sudan. And, the November Melodies of Compassion received \$629 for Maple Leaf Lutheran Church for their Tent City expenses. Your generosity makes a difference. **THANK YOU!**

**Pledges to date:** As of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 48 pledges were turned in, totaling \$162,104. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support the church and turn in your pledge as soon as possible. The Finance Committee needs this information to prepare the 2011 budget.



**Finance Notes**

*(as of November 30, 2010)*

Pledge Income:

Annual Budget	\$210,000
Received to date	\$183,775
Remaining balance	\$ 26,225

Contribution Income:

Annual Budget	\$ 23,500
Received to Date	\$ 19,961
Remaining Balance	\$ 3,539



**In Memoriam**

**Ruth Krumel Bowers**--former longtime member  
**Wilbur Stevens**—uncle of Jane Stevens

**Recognition for a job well done:** recently Lori Olson hosted a brunch to benefit the University District Food Bank. Over two barrels of food were collected! Nicely done, Lori!

**Many thanks to** Jan Shapiro for her recent help in the church office.

**So, When It's Over...**

**Worship on December 26th**

What do we do once all the decorations are hung, the presents unwrapped and the eggnog is drunk? Celebrate the **season**, of course!

Just like Easter, Christmas is a season, not just one day of celebrating. The actual season of Christmas lasts 12 days, just like the song. This means we get to celebrate through January 5!

So, in the spirit of the full season of Christmas, we will have a service of lessons and carols on Sunday, December 26, as part of our morning worship.

Led by Music Director, Jeremy Matheis, the service will explore the history of humanity up until Christ's birth, using scripture to tell the story. We will also sing Christmas carols to go along with each lesson.

What better way to celebrate the **season** than by hearing the entire story, interspersed with joyful singing?



## Notes from Nate

**Quote of the week:** *After making Advent chains, two brothers each started carrying an end. Nate jokingly asked if they were walking one another. Aaron Banse explained that neither one was leading, that they were just connected. To which Nathaniel, at the back of the chain, displayed his quick wit as he responded: “Woof!”*

**Movie Night: Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.** — “It’s a Wonderful Life”  
Come enjoy this great Christmas classic. All ages are invited to “come out tonight and dance by the light of the moon!”

**Children’s Christmas Pageant:  
December 19th 10:00 a.m.**

All children and youth are invited to participate in the pageant. Dress rehearsal on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Snacks will be provided.



**Parents Night Out: Jan. 8th, 5:00 to 8 p.m.**

Kid’s Club is back! This is a great chance for the children and youth to connect and have fun time together while parents get a break after the holidays. The children will enjoy fun faith filled games and great food to make this a fun night. The cost will be \$10 per child (scholarships available).

**Youth Food Bank Service project:**

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** All middle and high school youth are invited to help serve those in need at the University District Food Bank. Contact Nate to sign up.

**Family Retreat: Feb. 5-6<sup>th</sup>**

The annual family get away to Lazy F in Eastern Washington is coming up! This great trip has inner tubing in the snow, great food, friends, and we will even work on a service project to help those in need. To sign up please see Nate soon as space is limited.

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Choir

