

Salem's

December 2021

Good Newsletter



How can it be December already? It hardly seems possible, but one of the busiest times of the year is upon us. As you go through this month, please take time to refresh yourself and to renew yourself spiritually. We are right now in the church season of Advent, which is a time to prepare our hearts anew for the coming of Christ. We don't know when or how, but because of the witness of Scripture, we can be certain that Christ will indeed come again and draw us and all things together in him. This is the promise on which we base our faith and the source of our hope. For this promise tells us that God loves us—loves us enough that God wants to be with us forever and for always. It is God's will for all humankind and that is why we have been commissioned and called in our baptism to share God's love with others. God draws others to God's very self through the love and care of ordinary people like us.

One of the ways in which we see this is by the work that our gifts of time, talent, and treasure do in the world. Included in this newsletter is a story from ELCA World Hunger. This story is one of many of the lives that have been changed for the better by this ELCA ministry. It is a ministry that we at Salem support and support well. We have exceeded our goal for 2021 giving to this ministry which is something worth celebrating!

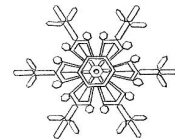
We are also on our way to meeting our giving goal toward the Nebraska Synod Mission Share. Mission Share funds go to do all kinds of things in this state and beyond, supporting ministries and leaders that serve those in need. It is through these funds that we are able to start new churches in our synod, to call pastors to established congregations and to provide for the continued training and education of not only pastors but all Christians who are interested in growing in discipleship. There are exciting things happening in our synod that are unique to Nebraska especially when it comes to discipleship and faith formation. These things reflect that as a synod we are a people and place committed to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit.

There is one major change that will be coming in our synod that I would like to ask you to be in prayer about. Our Bishop Brian Maas has announced that he will be resigning from the office of Bishop effective Aug. 31, 2021. His letter is included later in this newsletter as well. A special election will be held at synod assembly (first weekend in June) this year to elect his replacement. We will be electing two representatives to attend this assembly with me, so I would also encourage you to be in prayer about whether you would be willing to serve as a representative of Salem at that event.

These changes at the synod level, as important as they are, do not directly impact our ministry at Salem right now. We continue to serve the Ponca area and beyond in many ways. We celebrate and give thanks for the work of each of our mission teams during this past year. Through these teams we have provided food for the hungry, raised funds for Ponca Community Educational Foundation and our sibling congregation in Sanya Juu, recognized our area first responders, reminded our college students that Salem loves and cares about them, ministered to our children and youth through Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group, provide winter gear for the homeless, and so very much more. I am honored to serve with you in this place and encourage those of you who are not currently active on a mission team to consider joining one for 2022.

As we look to making budgets and ministry plans for the upcoming year, we ask you to prayerfully consider what you can give in any form (time, talent, or treasure). We need you and we need the unique contributions God has gifted you to make in this family of faith. Most of all, we need your prayers and your presence as together we live out that calling we received in baptism during this Advent season and beyond. How can you prepare not only your heart and your life, but the community around us for Christ's coming? How can you show someone God's love today? This week? This month? And how can you support the ministries of Salem, the Nebraska Synod and ELCA World Hunger so that the story of God's love for this world keeps spreading? I am so excited to see the work of God unfold in and through us.

In Christ,
Pastor Kim



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Gifts & Offerings through November 28th, 2021

- General: \$9,028.00*
YTD: \$125,553.00
2021 Budget: \$171,339.82
- Mission Share: \$667.50*
YTD: \$10,484.00
2021 Pledged Budget: \$13,000.00
- World Hunger/Receive Bread-Give Bread: \$426.50*
YTD: \$6,143.26
2021 Goal: \$5,000.00

Total: \$10,122.00*

**Please note, these totals are before all online giving fees have been assessed.*

Dates to Remember

Prayer Time at church is every Wednesday from 4:00pm-4:30pm.
Confirmation is every Wednesday @ 6:00pm.
Bible Study is every Thursday @ 9:30am. All are welcome to attend.
Communion dates in December are the 5th & 24th.
Sunday School is every Sunday @ 9:00am.



Sunday School Christmas Program

Our Sunday School and youth are busy practicing for our Christmas program. Each Nursery-grade 6 child has a part in the program. Our junior high and high school students will lead us in worship.

To help us prepare for the program, children are asked to attend rehearsals. The rehearsals are during the regular Sunday School time on December 5, 12, & 19.

To help us in our planning, we need to know if your child will not be able to participate in the program on December 19. Please call Michelle Rinas at 402-755-2697, if this is the case.

We hope you and your family can join us at 10:30 a.m. on December 19, as our Sunday School presents, "Too Many Shepherds."

Remember, Sunday School will not meet December 26 & January 2.



Salem Youth Group Christmas Party

Will be on Sunday, December 19th @ 3:00pm.
Please bring a wrapped gift (value of \$5.00 or less) for exchange.



Christmas Caroling

The confirmation students & any interested congregation members will be doing Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 15th @ 6:00pm.

There will be a soup supper @ 6:00pm followed by caroling.



**Christmas Eve
Worship
Service**
Will be on
Friday,
December
24th, 2021
@ 5:00pm



Sunday, December 26th, 2021 "Christmas Stories & Songs" Worship Service @ 10:30am.

Join us for worship in your Christmas pajamas and by singing Christmas Carols, following worship make sure you stay and enjoy some Christmas Cookies and Hot Coco!



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Announcements



Christmas Eve Worship Service Scripture Readers are needed.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk or please contact the church office.



Time & Talent and Ministry Team sign-up sheets

are on the Welcome Desk. There are lots of spaces to fill, if you are able please sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



The Thursday Morning Bible Study Group will be sponsoring a **“Box of Socks, Mittens, & Hats” drive** during the month of December for the homeless and needy individuals of Siouxland.

If you would like to help support this project, please bring a pair of new socks, mittens, or a stocking hat to the church and place them in the box in the fellowship hall. The socks, mittens, & stocking hats can be for men, women, or children of any size or color. The collection will be given to the Sioux City Gospel Mission.

Thrivent News!

thrivent® For many years, Salem’s Thrivent members have blessed people of Salem 65 years of age or older with bags of fruit during the Christmas season.

Recently members discussed whether or not to continue this annual tradition or consider new ideas to bless people during the Christmas season.

Members decided it was time to end the fruit bag tradition. This year the money we traditionally spend on Christmas fruit bags will be gifted to the Dixon County Food Bank.



Mentor Program

The Mentor Program is scheduled to kick off in mid-January.

The 6th grade students will spend time with their mentor studying the book of Luke over the course of three months & creating a cross together as the culmination of their experience.

The 6th grade students are: Edyn Brummond, Karlee Rohan, Bronsan Schweers, & Cipton Stewart.

Please pray for these students as they think about who they will choose as their mentors.

If you have any questions, please contact Saumbra Hall.




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Annual Congregational Meeting
is scheduled for Sunday, January 23rd, 2022 following the worship service.



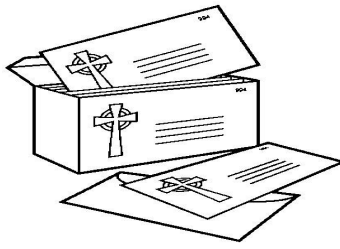
Volunteer Needed!
We are in need of one Jr. High Sunday School Teacher.
If you are interested please contact Saumbra Hall or Michelle Rinas.



Food Drive
The Ponca Elementary Student Council and Thrivent Financial will host a food drive to help restock the shelves of the Ponca Community Food Pantry and the Dixon County Food Pantry during the Christmas season.
Please bring donated food/paper items to Ponca Public School during school hours beginning November 29th through December 20th.

Please place items in the covered boxes or on the tables located in the main hallway outside of the elementary office.

Currently, the pantries are low on the following food items:
Cold/Hot Cereal (large and small boxes), Shelf Life Milk, Kid Friendly Foods, Boxed and/or Complete Meals, Pasta/Pasta Sauces, Complete Pancake Mix (add water), Pancake Syrup, Rice, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, etc.), Juice, Canned/Dry Soup, Canned Stews, Peanut Butter, Pudding Cups, Pork & Beans, Canned Tomatoes/Tomato sauce, Flavored Noodles, Instant Potatoes, Kleenex, Toilet paper, Shampoo, Paper Towels, Laundry Soap, Comet Cleaner/Cleaning Products, & Diapers.



The 2022 Offering Envelopes will be available for you to pick-up in the fellowship hall, after December 15th, 2021.
If you give on-line & would prefer not to get envelopes, please let Katie know or if you have not received envelopes in the past & would like some, please let Katie know.

**We are Thankful for our
Spectacular Salem Stewards**



Thanksgiving is a time to express our thanks and appreciation to all our Salem Stewards who have served us with their time, talents, and treasure.

During November, we are especially thankful to many in our Salem family.

- E-team once again provided a meal to our Firefighters and EMTs to thank them for their service throughout the year. Salem members also helped by providing water and Gatorade.
- Music & Worship provided a very meaningful All Saints Day recognition and remembrance Worship Service of those who passed from us during the past year.
- Council members provided the delicious Fall Festival meal.
- E-team applied for Thrivent assistance for silent auction baskets and E-team members and many others in our Salem family provided an amazing assortment of items for the annual Fall Festival's Silent Auction. Proceeds will be sent to Sanya Juu and were also provided to help local students and families in need.
- A very special thanks to Oni Conrad and Lisa Balvantin for sharing their faith statements during our Fall Festival Worship Service.
- And throughout the year, we have been blessed with volunteers who served as Communion Assistants, Communion Setup, Communion Bread, Greeters, Ushers, Readers, Acolytes, Computer Presenters, Children's Activity Bags, Sunday School Teachers, Musicians; Sunday School Music Leaders, Diane Smith and the Prodigal Sons, and participation in ALL of our Salem Ministry Teams. We are blessed!
- Once again, thanks to Pastor Kim, Katie, and Nancy for all their service, both seen and unseen works that benefit our Salem family.

Let us Give Thanks with Grateful Hearts!



A BIG Thank You to Michelle Karlberg for providing her time and talents in preparing and baking our communion bread for our Worship Services!

And

Everyone who supported Salem's Fall Festival, especially the E-Team's Silent Auction—they raised \$5,080.00!

Congratulations to Salem's 2021 Confirmation Class!



(L to R)

Front Row: Ellesyn Hrouda, Addison Stewart, Emma Uthof, EllaRay Nelson

Back Row: Brailyn Hogan, Zain Stark, Jace Wahls, Pastor Kimberly Belken



Each year when our confirmation students are preparing to be confirmed they prepare a faith statement which is then shared with the congregation prior to their confirmation.

The faith statements are based off of questions such as

1. What is your favorite Bible verse and why?
2. Who is Jesus Christ for you?
3. The motto of the ELCA is God's work, our hands-- how do you intend to do God's work both now and in the future?
4. Describe a time in your life where your faith brought you comfort, strength, or hope.

The stewardship mission team and members of council leadership thought that these questions would be good for everyone in the congregation to consider.

There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions as God works in each of our lives differently.

It is hoped that this will help us to get to know one another better spiritually as well as grow from the work that the Holy Spirit is doing in the lives of members of the congregation. Thank you to Oni Conrad for writing one for this month.



My Faith Statement, written by Oni Conrad

My faith statement is about strength and courage when my husband Kenny was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. The Doctor said he only had 3-6 months to live. What a blow!

Well with 6 rounds of chemo and 46 radiation treatments he lived for 5 1/2 years. I feel that with my prayer and asking God for guidance he gave us extra time and strength to prepare for his passing.

It has been 21 years, but the girls and I talk about the special memoires of him and I feel I have been blessed.

November 22, 2021



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"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" --Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Saints of the Nebraska Synod:

In this season of giving thanks and this time of reflecting on blessings, I am writing to you with a profound sense of gratitude for the ways in which I am blessed by all of you. It is a privilege to serve as your bishop, and a gift to get to see you in action as Christ's church. Yet there is indeed a season and a time for everything: for beginnings and for endings. I am writing to share with you that one such ending is coming. I will be ending my term as bishop early, on August 31, 2022.

I have notified the Synod Council and we are working together on the process of preparing for a bishop's election at next summer's Synod Assembly, June 2-4, 2022. I have opted to announce my departure well in advance so that there is time for a regular bishop's election, to allow your next bishop to transition into the office on September 1, as in an ordinary election year. That schedule means that the Nebraska Synod will not have an interim bishop but will simply transition from one elected bishop to the next. More information about the process will be coming your way in early December.

This is news which I suspect will catch most of you by surprise—certainly I was surprised to receive a new call to ministry. After I leave the office of bishop, I will transition into the role of Vice President for Mission and Spiritual Care at Immanuel, one of Nebraska Synod's Serving Arms ministries. In that role, I will to continue to serve the church by fostering ever closer ties between the church and the important work of Immanuel's ministries with seniors, the community and the church.

Please know that this is a decision that has come only after an extended period of reflection, prayer and consultation. I still believe that serving as Bishop of the Nebraska Synod remains one of the best calls in the ELCA—and I will continue to serve fully through my very last day in office. The synod staff and I intend to finish strong. In the meantime, I cherish your prayers—not only for me, but especially for the synod, its staff and its ministries.

It remains a humbling experience to serve in this role. I get to see so much of the church—of *you*—in action, and it is an incredible thing. I will always hold you in gratitude for your witness to the Gospel, and for the faithful way in which you carry out that witness. It is truly a privilege to serve with you.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Brian D. Maas
Bishop

ELCA World Hunger Supports health programs around the world, with gifts funding clinical care, maternal and child health, education of health professionals, and community health care workers as they provide early screenings and education in disease prevention.



Door-to-door visit project improves maternal and child health

Lucia, from Mtathila village in central Malawi, is mother of two boys. She delivered her firstborn, Patulani (now 10), with the help of a traditional birth attendant from a neighboring village. She experienced significant complications during birth, some of which were life-threatening.

In the part of Malawi where Lucia lives, mothers practice home delivery. This practice and information surrounding pregnancy and delivery are passed down from generation to generation, and women such as Lucia may not receive prenatal care from a clinic or hospital.

Nine years after giving birth to her first child, Lucia became pregnant again. She and her husband received a knock on the door from a local health care worker of Evangelical Lutheran Development Service (ELDS), whose Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Improvement Project is supported by gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Through door-to-door conversations, health workers and volunteers encourage families to seek prenatal care and emphasize the benefits of delivering babies at the nearest hospital.

After talking with the local health care workers who came to their door, Lucia's family decided to attend prenatal care sessions at a local clinic and deliver the baby at Chimoto Health Centre. Lucia gave birth to a healthy, 7-ound baby boy, King. She was able to access all necessary vitamins and medication during pregnancy, and King received the care he needed from day one. His growth was monitored at the clinic near their home, and Lucia and her husband continued to received information relating to child health through door-to-door visits and clinic sessions, which have helped King to become a healthy, happy young boy.

Maternal and Child Health workers also provide information on good nutrition and healthy diets as part of pre- and postnatal education. With the knowledge they have gained, Lucia and her husband are able to ensure that their whole household, including their new baby, is getting the nutrition they need for long-term health.

Lucia and her family so appreciated the care they received that they now share the advantages of pre- and postnatal services and health education with their neighbors, so they too can ensure that their children are safer and healthier.

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes November 14th, 2021

Attendance:

Salem Lutheran Church Council met on November 14th, 2021, following worship service. Those in attendance included: Bruce Ericksen, Katie Uthof, Pastor Kimberly Belken, Brian Burrell, Keith Karlberg, Jaime Schweers, Andrea Stewart, John Street, Pat Stingley, and Julie Sydow.

Call to Order/Devotions/Approve last month's meeting minutes:

President Bruce called the meeting to order at 11:18am. Pastor Kim led the Council in prayer. A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Julie and seconded by Brian. MC.

Thrivent Investments (Darrel Uthof):

Darrel Uthof was present at the Council meeting, and he provided Council with an update/review of Salem's investment accounts with Thrivent. He discussed possible options for Salem's allocation of funds. Darrel also noted that we need to update our authorized signers signature card that is on file with Thrivent. It was discussed and determined that Saumbra Hall (Treasurer) and Brian Burrell (Endowment) will be listed as authorized signers on our Thrivent Investment accounts. A motion to approve the above listed authorized signers was made by Pat and seconded by Andrea. MC.

Treasurer's Report:

Saumbra was in attendance of the meeting, and she provided copies of the treasurer's report to everyone in attendance. She noted that she had made some changes to the way the monthly financial reports looked. It was agreed upon, that her changes were a great improvement and per Council's discussion she is also going to list all the line items (Budget to Actual) that have funds allocated to them for the next month's financial reports. Bruce discussed the possibility of adding a comparison of the total offerings received year to date to the actual budget on the monthly financial reports. Saumbra said that she would work on that for the next Council meeting. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by John and seconded by Keith. MC.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Old Business:

Saumbra noted that the special donation of \$200.00 to the church was in the general account and separately allocated. It was discussed that we utilize those funds towards the landscaping project in the front of the church.

Reminder that the Fall Festival will be on Sunday, November 21st, 2021. Worship Service will be @ 10:30am, followed by the Thanksgiving meal and E-teams Silent Auction. Council members will provide the ham, turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, and if there are extra council members, they can bring a side dish and/or dessert. We ask that the congregation brings a side dish/dessert as well.

Ham – Brian

Turkey – John, Bruce, & Pat

Stuffing – Brian

Potatoes – Andrea

Gravy - Julie

Side Dish and/or Dessert – Codi, Katie, Keith, Doug, & Jaime

New Business:

Pastor Kim reported that she has met with two young couples in regard to her marrying them and utilizing Salem's sanctuary. Both young couples are non-members. A motion to approve the non-member weddings on 5/14/22 - Daly and on 8/27/22 - Nelson was made by Julie and seconded by Andrea. MC.

Julie reported her findings on possible landscaping options (flowerpots and/or a bench) for the front of the church. Based on Council's discussion, Keith is going to check with A. Gensler from Allen in regards to what his costs would be for a bench. Keith will report back with his findings at the next Council meeting.

The Lazarus Fund was discussed, and Council determined that the current funds designated towards the Lazarus Fund will be transferred to the Memorial Fund (interest bearing) account and allocated for as such. A motion to complete this funds transfer was made by Andrea and seconded by Pat. MC.

Pastor Kim shared that a fellow peer shared with her their "Hanging of the Green's" Worship Service. It was determined that Salem will also do something very similar. On November 21st, 2021, after the Fall Festival, we will put up the trees, nativity, etc... On November 28th, 2021, will be the actual "Hanging of the Greens" Worship Service, where Pastor Kim will bless various Christmas decorations. Following that worship service, the remaining Christmas decorations will be displayed.

Salem will have one Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 5:00pm on Friday, December 24th, 2021.

Pastor Kim reported that some congregation members would like to have fellowship prior to the worship service/during Sunday School. It was determined that beginning in January 2022 the Council Person of the month will provide coffee and rolls on the second Sunday of the month. (when the Council meeting will be held)

Pastor Kim reported that she has been approached by a couple of congregation members who would like a picture directory. It was discussed that having a professional photographer come to the church and take pictures is very time consuming and very expensive. The past few years we have had a couple congregation members volunteer their time and talents in trying to take pictures in the church, unfortunately we have not been able to get everyone's picture this way and as such have been unable to compile a directory. It is also an additional expense for the church, if we have to print copies of the directory ourselves. Based on Council's conversation it was determined that if we decide to move forward with doing a picture directory, there will need to be a "committee" created and in charge of the entire process. We will bring this topic up at the Annual meeting in January.

Pastor Kim asked Council to create a Sabbatical Policy. Currently Salem does not have one, but at the time Pastor Kim was called, the church had said they would be willing to create one if it were important to the pastor. It was determined that we need a such policy and Bruce would work on creating a policy and then bring it back to Council for approval.

Katie reported that the Daktronics marquee sign display outside is not working. She has been working with Daktronics (manufacturer) and ACE Sign Displays (initially installed the sign) in regards to this issue. The replacement part is still under warranty until November 21, 2021, so there would be no cost for the part. The only cost would be for ACE Sign Display to come and complete the installation. The approximate cost for ACE Sign Display would be \$315.00. Per Council it was approved that Katie contact ACE Sign Display and have them come and fix the sign.

There was discussion of who will be next year's Church Council President and it was also noted that there will be five church council members terms ending this year.

Additions to the Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Kim provided Council with her report. She continues to have Prayer Time every Wednesday at 4:00pm, Confirmation is every Wednesday at 6:00pm, and Bible Study is every Thursday at 9:30am.

Ministry Team Reports:

Budget and Finance:

Brian reported that they plan to meet sometime during the first week of December. He will work on getting a meeting scheduled.

Cemetery:

Communication:

Katie reported the issue with the outside marquee display sign not working. (See New Business)

Endowment:

The mission minute for this Sunday's worship service was from Darrel Uthof on behalf of Thrivent and Salem's endowment funds.

Evangelism Team (E-Team and W/ELCA):

Pastor Kim reported that they delivered the water and Gatorade from the drive, and they are in the process of sitting up baskets, etc... for the silent auction which will be during the Fall Festival.

Faith Formation (Christian Education):

Global Mission:

Membership:

Music & Worship:

Pastor Kim reported that they just met on 11/10/21 and they discussed the Worship Services for the Christmas holiday. They decided to do the following for the December 26th Worship Service: everyone is invited to wear their Christmas pajamas, sing Christmas carols during the Worship Service and following the Worship Service they are invited to stay in fellowship to enjoy hot chocolate and Christmas cookies.

Mutual Ministry:

Pastor Kim reported that they will be meeting on 11/29/21 @ 7:00pm.

Property:

Stewardship:

Youth Group Ministry:

Pastor Kim reported that on 10/23/21 they went to the Sioux City Escape Room, and it seemed to be a great success. Also, on 11/20/21 @ 5:00pm they will be having a Pizza and Movie Night. She also reported that the High Schoolers will be doing the Advent candle lighting.

There were no Announcements.

The next Council meeting will be held on December 12th, 2021, following the worship service. John made the motion for adjournment, and it was seconded by Brian. Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Uthof, Salem Church Council Secretary

December's Worship Assistants:

(If you are unable to be a worship assistant, please find a replacement and email salemonponca@gmail.com)

Council Person of the Month: Keith Karlberg

Communion Assistants: Keith Karlberg & Julie Sydow

Communion Set-up: Cortni Krusemark

Ushers/Greeters: Karen Rush, Jim Smith, & Kevin & Julie Sydow

Sunday Morning Set-up: John Street

Readers:

5th: Cheri Albrecht

12th: Cindy Anderson

19th: John Street

24th: Christmas Eve—separate sign-up sheet

26th: Heather Oldsen

Acolytes:

5th: Ashtyn Pick & Nolan Schweers

12th: Landon Uthof & Blaeden Brummond

19th: Ashtyn Pick & BrieAnn Mellick

24th: Caden Meral & Ashtyn Pick

26th: Cooper Stewart & Landon Uthof

PowerPoint:

5th: Cooper Stewart

12th: Broderick Hogan

19th: Jaeden Hughes

24th: Nolan Schweers



26th: Blaeden Brummond



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| 12-2 Mia Krusemark | 12-18 Jesse Balvantin |
| 12-3 Paul Mahler | 12-18 Kristin Smith |
| 12-3 Andy Stark | 12-18 Ethan Schweers |
| 12-6 Helen Schweers | 12-20 Abbie Hrouda |
| 12-7 Chris Hughes | 12-20 Rhonda Stark |
| 12-7 Bruce Tuttle | 12-22 Jett Taylor |
| 12-8 Garrison Evans | 12-23 Duane Boyle |
| 12-8 Saumbra Hall | 12-26 Brailyn Hogan |
| 12-13 Nolan Schweers | 12-27 Harlan Stingley |
| 12-13 Sally Eiler | 12-27 Mark Bauman |
| 12-16 Sharon Anderson | 12-28 Marliss Stading |
| 12-17 Velma Wege | 12-31 Shannon Webb |

- 12-1 Dennis & Jan Schempp
- 12-8 Kayla & Andy Stark
- 12-14 Bill & Jonny Binkard
- 12-19 Dale & Pamela Irvine-Pearson
- 12-21 Dan & Jackie Coughlin
- 12-27 Pete & Judy Peterson
- 12-29 Bruce & Nicole Ericksen

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Prayer Time @ 4:00pm Hometown Holiday Parade @ 6:30pm	2 Bible Study @ 9:30am	3 Pastor Off	4
5 Sunday School @ 9:00am Worship Service @ 10:30am (Communion)	6 -Pastor at Cluster Retreat-	7	8 Prayer Time @ 4:00pm Music & Worship @ 4:45pm Confirmation @ 6:00pm	9 Bible Study @ 9:30am	10 Pastor Off	11
12 Sunday School @ 9:00am Worship Service @ 10:30am Council Meeting following worship	13	14 Cluster @ 10:00am	15 Prayer Time @ 4:00pm Confirmation @ 6:00pm (Soup Supper & Christmas Caroling)	16 Bible Study @ 9:30am	17 Pastor Off	18
19 Sunday School @ 9:00am Worship Service @ 10:30am (Communion) Sunday School Christmas Program during the Worship Service Youth Group Christmas Party @ 3:00pm	20	21 Cluster @ 10:00am	22	23 Bible Study @ 9:30am	24 Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 5:00pm -Office Closed-	25 Christmas Day 
26 "Christmas Stories & Songs" Worship Service @ 10:30am	27	28 Cluster @ 10:00am	29 Prayer Time @ 4:00pm	30 Bible Study @ 9:30am	31 New Year's Eve -Office Closed-	1 New Year's Day 

Office Hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00am-1:00pm

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