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ELDER’S CORNER

How Long His Love Lasts

(From *In The Manger* by Max Lucado)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
 John 3:16

If you’ve ever wondered if anything separates us from the love Christ has for us, God answered that question before we asked it. So we’d see his answer, he lit the sky with a star. So we’d hear it, he filled the night with a choir; and so we’d believe it, he did what no man had ever dreamed. He became flesh and dwelt among us. He placed his hand on the shoulder of humanity and said, “You’re something special.” Untethered by time, God sees us all. From the backwoods of Virginia to the business district of London, from the Vikings to the astronauts, from the cave dwellers to the kings, from the hut builders to the finger pointers to the rock stackers, he sees us. Vagabonds and ragamuffins all, he saw us before we were born. And he loves what he sees. Flooded by emotion. Overcome by pride, the Starmaker turns to us, one by one, and says, “You are my child. I love you dearly. I’m aware that someday you’ll turn from me and walk away. But I want you to know, I’ve already provided a way back.” And to prove it, he did something extraordinary. Stepping from the throne, he removed his robe of light and wrapped himself in skin: pigmented, human skin. The light of the universe entered a dark, wet womb. He whom angels worship nestled himself in the placenta of a peasant,



was birthed into the cold night, and then slept on cow’s hay. Mary didn’t know whether to give him milk or give him praise, but she gave him both since he was, as near as she could figure, hungry and holy. Joseph didn’t

know whether to call him Junior or Father. But in the end he called him Jesus, since that is what the angel had said and since he didn’t have the faintest idea what to name a God he could cradle in his

arms. Don’t you think their heads tilted and their minds wondered, *God, what are you doing in the world?*

“Can anything make me stop loving you?” God asks. “Watch me speak your language, sleep in your earth, and feel your hurts. Behold the Maker of sight and sound as he sneezes, coughs, and blows his nose. You wonder if I understand how you feel? Look into the dancing eyes of the kid in Nazareth; that’s God walking to school. Ponder the toddler at Mary’s table; that’s God spilling his milk.”

“You wonder how long my love will last? Find your answer on a splintered cross, on a craggy hill. That’s me you see up there, your Maker, your God, nail-stabbed and bleeding. Covered with spit and sin-soaked. That’s your sin I’m feeling. That’s your death I’m dying. That’s your resurrection I’m living. That’s how much I love you.” ✨

...Art Atrops



MEN’S GROUP

2nd Monday of the Month

December 13 6 – 8 PM

**Chef: Surprise
 Devotion: Doug Rowland**

Stahnke Hall



SINGLES EVENT

Singles Event will not take place in December. It will pick up again in the new year—**January 17, 2022.** ✨

MOWING IN DECEMBER

Dec 04 – Mark Hathaway
 Lucas Mayes
 Dick Scholar
 Dec 18 – Corey Maddison
 Harold Oliver



ALTAR GUILD & FLOWER SCHEDULE – December



Dec 5 – Communion
 8:30 AM – Susan Wilcox
 10:30 AM – Stephanie Clavin
 Flowers: Molly Williams in memory of Paul

Dec 12 – 8:30 & 10:30 AM – Deborah Maddison
 Flowers: Carol & Jon LaBelle's birthdays
 – Jim LaBelle

Dec 19 – Communion
 8:30 AM – Becky Zielke
 10:30 AM – Kelly Olney
 Flowers: Ruth Lange's (December)
 birthday

Dec 24 - 6:30 PM – Christmas Carols
 7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight
 Service – Peggy Payne/
 Connie Hathaway
 Flowers: OPEN

Dec 25 – No Services

Dec 26 – Communion
 10:00 AM – Marianne Heuchert/
 Marjorie Hord (Set-Up); Caydee
 Eckert (Clean-Up)
 Flowers: OPEN



Dec 02 Harold Oliver
 Dec 03 Susan Atrops
 Dec 04 Don Pfingsten
 Dec 06 Karl DiModica
 Dec 07 Floyd Olson
 Dec 08 Vicki Amaral
 Dec 09 Mary Windsheimer
 Dec 13 Linda Bornhoft, Fred Lee
 Dec 14 Estelle Schofield, Debbie Wobrock
 Dec 15 June Hahn
 Dec 16 Louis DiModica, Richard Mininger
 Dec 17 Darrell Heuchert
 Dec 23 Jean Janssen
 Dec 25 Deborah Rich
 Dec 28 Debra Mattson, Devon Zamudio,
 Ivy Zamudio
 Dec 30 Richard Gagnon, Clara Rowe
 Dec 31 Trevor Schofield



Dec 10 Gerry & Marilyn Wagner
 Dec 21 Jordan & Julie Hahn
 Dec 22 Rudy & Cheryl Stowell
 Dec 27 David & Debbie Wobrock

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



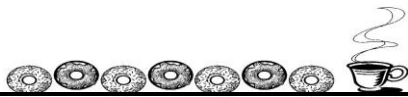
A limited number of poinsettia plants will be available this year for Christmas. There will be nine (9) regular-size plants (\$11/each) and/or four (4) extra-large plants (\$25 each). Traditionally, these are ordered in memory of a loved one or for blessings received. *They may be picked up after the service on Sunday, December 26.* Please call Anne at the Church Office (805-937-1116) to reserve your plant(s). **First come—first served!!**



Altar Flowers

Effective January 1, 2022, standard Sunday altar arrangements will be **\$35.00** (tax included).

Effective immediately (2021), holiday arrangements (Thanksgiving/Christmas) are **\$45.00 each.**



YOUTH DOUGHNUT COUPON FUND-RAISER

1 Digital Coupon for ONE DOZEN Original
Glazed Donuts = \$10

Help the kids make it to the National Youth
Gathering next summer!

About the Gathering: Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

Email dcmaddison77@gmail.com with the quantity wanted by December 10, 2021. The order needs to be made all at once, so NO LATE ORDERS can be accepted!

You may pay by check made payable to:
LCOS

or

Pay online at <http://lcos.net/donate-now/> by selecting the "Youth (NYG) Fundraiser" on the "Select Fund" drop-down menu. (Additionally, you may also designate that you would like the proceeds to go to the Preschool Fundraiser instead.)

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

7:00 p.m.

December 1 December 8 December 15

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Christmas Carols

December 24 – 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 – 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - December 25 – No Services

Sunday, December 26 – 10:00 a.m. –

Communion

(1 service only)

TRI-CITY SOUND CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL

presents

Christmas Friends
and

Family Concert

Thursday, December 9, 2021

7:00 PM

LCOS Sanctuary



Homemade Christmas centerpieces and décor will be raffled. Refreshments will be served following the concert in Stahnke Hall. Proceeds from the raffle and a free-will offering will benefit local high school music scholarships. For more information, please contact: (805) 736-7572.



Christmas Extravaganza

Sunday, December 12

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Christmas Extravaganza is back this year, just a little different! Sunday, December 12, beginning at 5:00 p.m., animals will be on site for viewing and interaction. At 5:30 p.m., we will have a Christmas message video along with some caroling! Children can take home a goodie bag and some cookies. If you are able to bring 2 dozen cookies, please sign up on the table outside. *Cookies must be brought to the LCOS kitchen by Noon on December 12th.* Please wear gloves, if you can, while you bake the cookies.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

**DECEMBER 2021
CHRISTIAN MINISTERS AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR**

DAY	TIME	ELDERS	LESSON READER	MUSIC... CHOIRS	SOUND SYSTEM	ALTAR GUILD/ FLOWERS
1 Advent I	7:00 PM	Dennis Payne			Terry Murdock	
5 Sunday Communion	8:30 AM	Rudy Stowell Jim LaBelle	Gary Lange		Chad Thorstenson	Altar: Susan Wilcox (Early) Altar: Stephanie Clavin (Late)
	10:30 AM	Tom Heuchert Mark Hathaway	Floyd Olson		Chris Allen	Flowers: Molly Williams in memory of Paul
8 Advent II	7:00 PM	Art Atrops			Diana Brown	
12 Sunday	8:30 AM	Dennis Payne	Lisa DiModica		Karl DiModica	Altar: Deborah Maddison
	10:30 AM	Tom Heuchert	Brent Clavin		Diana Brown	Flower: Carol & Jon LaBelle's birthdays by Jim LaBelle
15 Advent III	7:00 PM	Jim LaBelle		Sanctuary Choir	Dennis Payne	
19 Praise Sunday Communion	8:30 AM	Mark Hathaway Rudy Stowell	Jill Murdock	Praise Team	Terry Murdock	Altar: Becky Zielke
	10:30 AM	Todd Martin Art Atrops	Melanie Mayes	Praise Team	Michael Southern	Altar: Kelly Olney Flowers: Ruth Lange's (December) birthday
24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Svc.	7:00 PM	Jim LaBelle Mark Hathaway	Reese Riddiough	Sanctuary Choir	Dennis Payne	Altar: Peggy Payne Connie Hathaway Flowers: OPEN
25 Christmas Day	NO SERVICE					
26 Sunday Communion	10:00 AM (1 service only)	Todd Martin Tom Heuchert	Debbie Heuchert		Chad Thorstenson	Altar: Marjorie Hord/M.Heuchert (Set-Up) Caydee Eckert (Clean-Up) Flowers: OPEN
Please phone person (*) at right if you are unable to serve. >>>>>		ELDERS *Tom Heuchert 934-1051	READERS *Todd Martin 801-3873	CHOIRS <u>Sanctuary Choir</u> *Diana Brown 448-1990 <u>Praise Team</u> Jane Riddiough 937-5241	SOUND *Dennis Payne 934-1101	ALTAR GUILD *Connie Hathaway 937-9675 FLOWERS Connie Hathaway 937-9675 FLOWER MINISTRY Chris & Sarah Allen 805-310-9004 (C) & 805-868-5032 (S)

**PLEASE ARRANGE FOR NECESSARY CHANGES WITH PERSON WHO OVERSEES YOUR MINISTRY;
INFORM CHURCH OFFICE ONLY AFTER CHANGES ARE MADE TO SCHEDULE – 937-1116**

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Monthly Planner

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