

## Sermon Notes

# ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 4 & 5, 2021



Greetings Friends,

You are in for a treat today. The message portion of our worship service today will be brought to you by our Cantata Choir. They are sharing the good news of Christmas and our salvation with us in a cantata called “Song of Joy: *Celebrate God’s Gift of Salvation this Christmas!*” Thanks to Carol and all who are apart of the cantata for blessing us with their gifts today.

Join us this Wednesday at 5:00 in person or 7:00 online to see what God is doing in Nepal. There will be a brown bag discussion and Bible Study in the fellowship hall after the 5:00 worship service.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

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**WORSHIP NOTES:** This weekend, we enjoy two presentations of the 2021 Christmas cantata, “Song of Joy”, centering us on the great gift of salvation given to us in the birth of Christ Jesus. Our thanks to all worship assistants, the cantata choir, the Children’s Choir, accompanist and piano duet player Karrie Kikeh, and woodwind duet presenters Christine Eid and Chuy Ramirez for sharing their talents and love of music with us. To God be the glory!

### Prayers for the Week of December 5

**Jean True** and **Mark Rogerson** (Sarai Kretschman’s brother) have been diagnosed with COVID. **Pastor Brutlag** is recovering from skin cancer surgery.

## ***GIVING TO THE LORD***

Weekly Worship Attendance: 61  
November Tithes & Offerings to date: \$22,623  
November Budgeted Offerings: \$28,885

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music  
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children’s Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries  
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Tuesday, December 7

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

### Wednesday, December 8

1:00 PM BEFRIENDERS

5:00 PM ADVENT SERVICE

6:00 PM BROWN BAG SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY

6:15 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:30 PM BEFRIENDERS

7:00 PM CANDLELIGHT REHEARSAL

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

### Thursday, December 9

9:30 PM WOMEN'S GROUP

6:30 PM YOUTH/ADULT CHOIR

### Saturday, December 11

5:30 PM DCLC CHRISTMAS SERVICE

### Sunday, December 12

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS live and on ZOOM

8:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL—CHILDREN

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL—YOUTH

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (online and in-person)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTATION

The youth are having a bake sale fundraiser with goodies pre packaged in to go containers following the Cantata service this Saturday and Sunday. All bake sale goods will be sold with a good will offering to benefit youth attending the National Youth Gathering in Texas this summer.



TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

*Pick one up today!*

**Children's Ministries:** (contact: [brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org](mailto:brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org))

**Advent Calendar Available!** On the 'Welcome Table' are copies of an Advent Reading (and Coloring) Calendar. Feel free to pick up a copy for you and/or family members.

**Wednesday Children's Ministries** – There are no Hand in Hand or Confirmation classes during the Advent/Christmas season. **OTHER ACTIVITIES/CHOIRS:** connect with your individual leaders about schedule changes.

**Take advantage of special worship services with your families!**

*(Set 2 of regular Wednesday sessions resumes Jan. 5)*

Wed.. Advent Worship (Dec. 8, 15, 22): In-Person, 5:00pm; On-Line, 7:00pm

**MANY THANKS** to those who did such a great job of decorating the worship center and entry way for the Advent and Christmas seasons! You are greatly appreciated!

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT CHOIR** rehearsals began last Wednesday, but there is still time for you to join this Wednesday, Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. These rehearsals concentrate on accessible music to be presented on Dec. 24, 11:00 p.m. All singers are invited and encouraged to join us. Questions? Please speak with Carol Blase at 763-788-9427 or [carolblase@juno.com](mailto:carolblase@juno.com). Thanks in advance for your support!

Join us for our **December "Follow Activity"** on Saturday, December 11th from 1-2 pm. We will be caroling on Central Avenue and distributing hats, mittens and scarves to those in need. We are looking for donations of NEW mittens, hats, and scarves. Contact the church office with any questions.

