



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Tuesday, December 2:

PPC meeting 6:30

Saturday, December 6:

Christmas decoration, gift & Santa's Elves Sale
9 am-Noon

Sunday, December 7, 2014: Congregational Meeting
to vote on budget 11:15 am

Monday, December 8

55 Plus Christmas lunch 11:30
Deadline for January Friend

Sunday, December 14:

Children's Program 10:15
Christmas Crafts and Cookies Sale 11:15

Sunday, December 21:

Christmas Cantata 10:15

Wednesday, December 24:

Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm

Faith Under 40 Group

Will be doing 2015 planning on December 14th at 4:30P at the church. Pizza will be provided. Also, going forward we will have childcare available. Anyone wishing to utilize childcare will need to RSVP to the Facebook page or to Tricia via email (tappe032@umn.edu) by the Friday before.

55 PLUS CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Join us in the library/lounge on Monday, December 8 at 11:30 am. There will be a musical program and lunch. Come visit with friends and celebrate the season of Christ's birth.

Parish Fellowship Lefse Sale

We will be making lefse on December 18. You will have from December 1st to December 15 to order lefse. Rounds will be \$1.00 each. To order call Caryl Turcott at 624-7203 or Patsy Lehr at 624-4050. Pick up your order on the 18th after they are made or on December 21.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION, GIFT AND SANTA'S ELF SALE:

This Sale is Saturday, December 6, 9:00-Noon in the sub-basement. We are selling Christmas Decorations, new or next to new gifts, and nice items that children can buy to give as gifts. If you have any of these items you can donate, please bring them to church by Wednesday, December 3. Proceeds of this sale benefit the church's budget. Questions or need help getting things to church, call Anita Fraundorf 628-1480. No clothing please!



Toy Safety Tips for Holiday Shoppers

During this holiday season the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is urging gift-givers to keep safety in mind when choosing toys for young children. Each year more than 120,000 children are treated in hospital emergency rooms for toy-related injuries. Parents and gift-givers can help prevent toy-related injuries and deaths by always reading labels and being safety-conscious. The following tips will help you choose appropriate toys this holiday season:

- * Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills, and interest level of the intended child. Toys too advanced may pose safety hazards to younger children.
- * For infants, toddlers, and all children who still mouth objects, avoid toys with small parts which could pose a fatal choking hazard.
- * For all children under age eight, avoid toys that have sharp edges and points.
- * Do not purchase electric toys with heating elements for children under age eight.
- * Be a label reader. Look for labels that give age recommendations and use that information as a guide.
- * Look for sturdy construction, such as tightly secured eyes, noses, and other potential small parts.
- * Check instructions for clarity. They should be clear to you, and when appropriate, to the child.
- * Discard plastic wrapping on toys immediately, which can cause suffocation, before they become deadly playthings.

By using common sense and these safety suggestions, holiday shoppers can make informed decisions when purchasing toys for children.

PARISH NURSE HOURS:

The Parish Nurse Office will be open the 1st Thursday, December 4 from 11:00-1:00 and the 3rd Sunday, December 21 at 11:30.

Advent &
Christmas 2014:
"Doing Jesus'
Justice"



Nov. 30: 1 Advent "Just Praying"

NOTE: No Sunday School;
Potluck Dinner 11:15am

Dec. 7: 2 Advent "Just Turning"

Dec. 14: 3 Advent ACT Up!
S.S./Youth Christmas Program
Just Speaking"

Dec. 21: 4 Advent Christmas Cantata
Just Singing"

Wed. Dec. 24, 4 pm: Christmas Eve Lessons
& Carols
Just Living"

Dec. 28: 1st Sunday after Advent
Just Loving"

December 14

Mark and Hannah's Angel Swing
Amidst the hectic preparations for a Sunday school Christmas program, little angels help the leaders refocus on the reason for the season. After a terrible accident Noel Scarlett is left in charge of the whole Christmas program. With the help of her mischievous friends can the Sunday school class pull off the program? With carols, chaos, and an amazing cast filled with Sunday School students, confirmation, and youth kids we are pleased to bring you laughs, smiles, and maybe even some tears. Please join us on Sunday, December 14th for our A.C.T.S. Christmas play! Hope to see you there!

December 21st

Capture the Christmas spirit with music and readings on Sunday, December 21st. Our Adult Choir and Grace Notes will offer "Song of Christmas" by Robert and Betty Hughes. This Christmas cantata is a celebration of the birth of Christ in carols, Christmas songs and scripture. Many of the familiar carols are infused with the joy of the season and a sprinkling of congregational carols will help everyone participate in this musical celebration. The service will conclude with communion—a reminder of the reason Christ came to us. Join us on December 21st for this special holiday worship service.

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Lessons and Carols
Join us Christmas Eve at 4pm for a service of Lessons and Carols. This is our traditional Christmas Eve service set at a new time which we hope will be convenient for many people. The Christmas story will be interspersed with familiar carols, a message from Pastor Chris, communion, and special music. Christmas Eve is always a very special time to be in church, to hear the nativity story and to welcome the Christ Child into our hearts.

Rebekah Circle

Will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00pm on December 9th for their annual Christmas party at the home of Barb Mathson, 16 North 64th Ave West/ Come help us fill gift bags for the women at the CHUM drop-in center and send Christmas cards to our Church shut-ins.



Paige's Page

Happy Holidays everyone! As Andy Williams sings "it's the most wonderful time of the year!" Even though we have to brave the weather I have always thought this time of year is special. I love the carols, hot cocoa, and everyone being together.

I am so glad to be around are the wonderful Sunday school, confirmation, and youth kids. With winter and Christmas time approaching, we are preparing for our Christmas program. These kids, some little, some no so little, have been working hard in rehearsals and enjoying time together embracing the Christmas spirit.

We have some festive plans with an overnight on the 12th. We are taking the kids to Bentleyville and then on the 14th we are having our Christmas party! After all their hard work and a great show of the Christmas program "Mark and Hannah's Angel Swing" we are treating the kids to some cookie decorating, ornament making, games, and some festive gathering time with everyone. You are welcome to join us on any of these festivities anyone is welcome to. We will then close December with a beautiful candlelight Christmas Eve service at 4pm. I feel so blessed around this time of year to decorate the Christmas tree, spend time with loved ones, and be gathered with the congregation to celebrate the birth of Jesus. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and please join us December 14th for the program and celebration following.

As Tiny Tim would say "God bless us, everyone"