



# The Church Bell

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## Advent first.....

**The Advent mystery is the beginning of the end of all in us that is not yet Christ.**

Thomas Merton

**Question:** So, as Christians, how can we not come together, as did our predecessors in the catacombs.... and participate... in the wonder of it all?

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Ask not, doubt not. You have, my heart, already chosen **the joy of Advent**. As a force against your own uncertainty, bravely tell yourself, "*It is the Advent of the great God.*" Say this with faith and love, and then both the past of your life, which has become holy, and your life's eternal, boundless future will draw together in the now of this world. For then into the heart comes the one who is Advent, the boundless future who is already in the process of coming, the Lord, who has already come into the time of the flesh to redeem it.

Karl Rahner

**Advent is the Season of Hope.** Our hope is in God, not in things, predictions, signs or symbols that themselves become a counterfeit God. It is not a matter of luck, good or otherwise, that determines outcomes and consequences for our lives. There is no hope in luck.

Advent is about getting us to a place where we can humanly be sufficiently humbled so as to see God's Love for us in the holy child he gave to the whole world. This humility is a spiritual gift...sufficient to keep us faithful to God in the light of faith. Thus we share the warmth of the light of Christ in the candle given at the baptismal font. Thus, each time you enter the sanctuary to worship our great God, you are invited to first approach, feel the water, and remember the spiritual gift of Advent hope that was given to you at your baptism. **Advent is a season to remember your baptism.** The gift of remembrance keeps you connected in hope.

The late Gerhard Frost writes: *If I am asked what are **my grounds for hope**, this is my answer: Light is lord over darkness, truth is lord over falsehood, life is ever lord over death. Of all the facts I daily live with, there's none more comforting than this: If I have two rooms, one dark, the other light, and I open the door between them, the dark room becomes lighter without the light one becoming darker. I know this is no headline, but it's a marvelous footnote; and God comforts me in that.*

Gerhard E. Frost

## Free To Be Faithful

There is a Season and a Time. Without heading directly to the Old Testament and Ecclesiastes chapter three, you know by heart “the times” that the writer sets forth as reminders of God’s involvement in our daily lives. Here at Salem, we are in the ‘advent’ season of a “critical moment for ministry” (Loren Mead) in the lifespan of this ELCA congregation. Advent means “coming” and it is God’s time for preparation for that which is coming new. This congregation has concluded a significant chapter in its history. We are grateful to all for the good ministry accomplished during the pastorate of John Monson. We wish Pastor John God’s rich blessings in the next chapter of his Christian ministry.

We have begun to look towards the future that God is creating through his faithful servants who serve Him through the ministries of Salem Lutheran Church. Change is difficult for many of us, but we know that the very ‘heartbeat’ of life is the reality of change. If your human body didn’t regularly produce new cells and slough off the old cells in all its organs, you would soon be a corpse ready for burial. The Creator designed change into the patterns of life... therefore the changing ‘seasons’ and the ‘times’ that identify them to us. So..., who are we to argue with the Creator of the world?

I believe that life is about our response to the inevitable changes that occur. Sometimes we want the change and sometimes we don’t want the change, yet life puts us in the position to choose how we will respond to the change that has occurred. We have choices that God frees us to make. It is His desire that we make choices that support life and growth and reflect obedience to his call to follow Him. This interim time is a time when our faith in God is given center stage. This “moment in time” is ‘critical’ (to our spiritual well-being) because it positions us to envision God’s future for us....and in so doing, to choose ‘life’.

In this four-week Season of Advent we sing “*O Come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*”

Advent and Christmas are about the glory of God shown to us in the choice that God made to come to us, and in the center of Bethlehem’s ‘salvation news’, to know by faith that we are freed to be the people of God living out his baptismal call to discipleship. God has come to be with us, and to open doors to our future as His people in mission. In his letter of November 21, 1943, written to his parents from his Tegel Prison cell, Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: *Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent; one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other – things that are really of no consequence – the door is shut, and can be opened only from the outside.* How easy it is for us to imprison ourselves in disagreements, misunderstandings, hurtful words and hasty actions. As God’s people freed in Christ’s resurrection for service and mission, we yearn yet today to be freed from the spiritual and emotional prisons that hinder our service to God. As we wander into the wonder of this glorious season of faith, hope and joy, let’s embrace the 2000 year reach of God’s love in Christ to walk out through the door of confinement into the salvation of forgiveness, new understanding, renewed giving, and all the season’s gifts of God’s costly grace. The economy of God’s unconditional love for us is strong. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Paul N. Svingen, Interim Pastor

## Office Notes



Salem welcomes people into our congregation as either associate or full members. New Members will be received February 19th, 2012. Please contact the church office for information about the preparation sessions. Please notify us also if you would like to be added to our "friends" list and to receive our monthly newsletter online or by email.

### WITH SYMPATHY

To Jim & Martha Limburg on the death of Martha's brother, James Ylvisaker, on 11-22.

To Doris Schmidt on the death of Ralph's cousin, Dean Bastin, on 11-21

To Keith & Jackie Lorenson on the death of Keith's brother, Marvin, on 11-16.

To Ron & Diane Wiehle on the death of Diane's aunt, Dorie Myhre, on 11-12

To Tom & Kathy Dollins on the death of Tom's father, Tom Jr., on 11-8



### MISSION QUILTING

Starts Thursday, Jan. 5th  
at 9:30 a.m.  
at Salem Lutheran Church

### CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

You may pick up your October, November, December 2011 devotionals from the stand by the entrance. Take one for a friend. We also have *Our Daily Bread* devotionals and *Cass County Maps*.

### ADDRESS CHANGE

Arnie Ohnstad's winter address is:  
1275 White Pine Point Road  
Room 3  
Pine River, MN 56474  
Phone: 218-587-2371

### THANK YOU

We want to express our grateful thanks to all of our friends at Salem who remembered us in so many ways since Greg's sudden death. Your calls and cards, your prayers, kind words and gifts of food and thoughtful memorials were greatly appreciated. Your kindness continues to bless us during this difficult time.  
Arland & Eunice Benson

### DEAR CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for your prayers and your kind thoughts, orally or on the beautiful cards we received. Yes, the burden is always lighter when it is shared.

Love,  
Buzz & Marilyn Lilyquist & Family

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who prayerfully packed 20 boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

### HOSPITALITY TEAMS ARE COMING

Salem members can be hospitality servants extending God's love through the worship service. Each hospitality team with a team 'captain' will provide ushers, greeters, scripture reader, communion servers and acolytes for a month three times a year, though any one member may not serve each Sunday. Training will be provided and each team may determine how that team best can serve.

**The team schedules are:**

**Team 1 - January, March, November, Doris Schmidt, Captain;**

**Team 2 - February, June, December, Jackie Senst, Captain;**

**Team 3 - April, August, October, Captain and**

**Team 4 - May, July, September, Eileen Higgins, Captain**

Invitational commitments will be available for the December 4 and 11 worship services. Prayerfully consider your role in Salem's worship. For further discussion or questions, please contact Karen Osmundson at 682-2878 or Pastor Paul at Salem.

### BAPTISM

Leila Rose Duval  
November 13, 2011

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

Violet McDonald  
November 7, 2011

Gloria Graham  
November 10, 2011

# Council Minutes (Unapproved)

November 9, 2011

## “Seeking Clarity in Mission and Ministry”

### Our Mission Statement:

“Celebrating Christ’s Love Through Hearts That Care and Hands That Share”

**Present:** Sjodin, Pastor Svingen, T Daudt, E Daudt, Nelson, Waldera, Johnson, Aagard, K Daudt, Limburg, Fischer, Strausser, & Osmundson.

**Guest:** Julia Jones

Nelson led devotions from Ephesians. Sixteen Personality types: we are all different and have different gifts.

**Secretary’s Report/Fischer:** Minutes in the Newsletter should be marked Unapproved until approved. Motion to approve/Seconded/Passed.

**Treasurer’s Report/Aagard:** 1) We need to update the office computers to Windows 7 about \$272, and may need to replace the router. Motion made to do what is necessary. Osmundson/Johnson/Passed. 2) 2011 Auction Fund balance is \$7,059.27. Motion to take \$1,200. for Lutheran Social Services. Aagard/Fischer/Passed. Also Aagard, Sjodin & Fischer will meet to make a suggestion to council as to how the remaining auction funds should be spent. Motion made to approve the Treasurer’s report. Limburg/Johnson/Passed.

**Financial Secretary’s Report/Waldera:** The 2012 Church Envelopes have arrived. The new name for contributions is donations. Motion to approve report. Aagard/Sjodin/Passed

**Interim Pastor’s Report:** 1) On November 27<sup>th</sup> Pastor Svingen will be Installed by Reverend Vicki Taylor at the church service. 2) Pastor Svingen will initiate the Transition Task Force. We will identify possible twelve members, plus Pastor, Council President & Recorder. First we will need to pick a Chairperson. The team will focus on: A) Mission Vision (4 people), B) Staffing Needs (4 people), C) Self Study (4 people). Motion to form Transition Task Force. K Daudt/Osmundson/Passed. President Nelson will make calls for the Chairperson.

**Worship/Osmundson:** Julia Jones reported that the committee would like us to consider moving the mailboxes to a location that would allow the welcoming and coat area to be more open. She asked about who’s decision this should be. At one time there was an Interior Design Committee. These matters will be referred to the Transition Task Force.

**Membership/Evangelism/Sjodin & Fischer:** 1) Dick Loeffler handed out the pictorial directories and those left were put into mailboxes. There were 20 leftover. It was suggested we order 50 more directories of a cost of \$7 apiece. Do so when needed. 2) Suggestion to ask members to wear their name tags every Sunday so new people will know who they are talking with. 3) Announcements will be renamed ministry opportunities. 4) We have had two mailings a year to the four zip codes. It is too late to do one for Christmas but it was the consensus to pursue mailings, but get some new format ideas.

**Property/ T Daudt:** 1) T Daudt will get a bid on cleaning the carpets. 2) T Daudt will look into the gas smell coming from the kitchen stove.

**Stewardship/Strausser:** 1) The Christmas Box project is going well. 2) No group stepped forward to do wreath sales so Strausser will do it and donate the profits.

## Council Highlights Cont.

**Fellowship/Aagard:** 1) We will have different Sunday treats. 2) It was suggested we have a brunch for Pastor Svingen's Installation.

**Education/Youth/K Daudt & Limburg:** 1) We have 19 possible families. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> will be the first meeting with a light supper. Will decide when to meet, Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings.

**Old Business:** Did not bring to the meeting.

**New Business:** 1) E Daudt checked into Skype. It was decided to try the free edition. 2) Synod meeting at Hope Lutheran, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Matters of the Heart. All council members should try to make that meeting. 3) Requests for support. Possible donations from 2011 Auction Funds. 4) Projection project is waiting for funds. 4) Synod wants support to stamp out malaria also world hunger. Envelopes may need to be ordered 5) There is a Good Gifts Catalogue if anyone wants to order something special for Christmas. Check with the office.

**Next Meeting:** 1) Treats/T Daudt, 2) Devotions/Pastor Svingen

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Sharon Fischer, Secretary

## WORLD HUNGER OPPORTUNITIES

More Good Gift catalogs have been ordered and will be available soon. These are great and fun opportunities to show our love for Jesus by helping "the least of these". For only \$50. you can buy a goat in honor or memory of a loved one and it will be given to a poor family. Just one goat has the potential to help a family improve their nutrition with milk and cheese. The goat's kid can be shared with others or sold to help the family buy more nutritious food. There are many more opportunities in the catalog. You can also check it out online at [www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts).

There will also be envelopes for world hunger in the pews. One of the advantages of giving through ELCA world hunger is that we have many connections throughout the world to work through. We work with Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief, Church World Service, through companion synods and through missionaries in over 60 countries. For example, when the earthquake hit in Haiti we were passing out supplies two hours after the quake hit. And, even more importantly, we are still there helping to rebuild. We are in it for the long haul even when it is no longer in the news.

## CLEAN AIR, CLIMATE, AND HEALTH

Public forum with polar explorer Will Steger

Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

501 NW 16th Street

Grand Rapids, MN

Free and open to the public

Other speakers: Bishop Thomas Aitkin—NE MN Synod-ELCA

J. Drake Hamilton—Fresh Energy

**Treasurer's Report 10-1-11 to 10-31-11**

**General Fund**

Amount Pledged Y-T-D 2011 \$139,878 .  
 Amount Pledges Received to 10-31 95,810.  
**Difference-arrears \$(44,068).**

**Total 2011 Pledges \$167,854.**

Beginning Balance 10-1-11 \$ 1,873.  
 Contributions Rec'd - September \$ 23,081.  
 Expenses - September \$ ( 9,432).  
**Gen Fund Bal. 10-31 \$ 15,522.**

**Debt Retirement**

Beginning Balance 10-1-11 \$ 5,044.  
 Contributions Received - September \$ 1,003.  
 Expenses - September \$(1,954).  
**Debt Ret. Bal 10-31 \$ 4,093.**

| GENERAL FUND                 | EXPENSES |           | 2011 ANNUAL BUDGET |           |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
|                              | SEPT     | YTD       | APPROVED           | REMAINING |
| Staff Expense                | \$ 2,418 | \$100,662 | \$154,924          | \$ 54,262 |
| Church Bldg Expense          | 1,750    | 21,769    | 30,950             | 9,181     |
| Worship Expense              | 1,508    | 13,197    | 15,850             | 2,653     |
| Growth in Faith Expense      | 127      | 5,204     | 12,715             | 7,511     |
| Fellowship Expense           | 465      | 2,365     | 2,200              | (165)     |
| Administration Expense       | 484      | 9,196     | 14,000             | 4,804     |
| Total Regular Expenses       | \$ 6,752 | \$152,393 | \$230,639          | \$ 78,246 |
| Local Ben & World Hunger Exp | 0        | 4,673     | 8,519              | 3,846     |
| Benevolence Expense          | 2,680    | 4,017     | 17,038             | 13,021    |
| Total all General Fund Exp   | \$ 9,432 | \$161,083 | \$256,196          | \$ 95,113 |

| DEBT RETIREMENT FUND | PAYMENTS    |             | LOAN BAL 10/31/11 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
|                      | OCT         | YTD         |                   |
|                      | \$1,954019. | \$16,894.19 | <b>0!!!!</b>      |

This final balance due was paid 10/15/2011!!!

We received a donation of \$1000 for the Endowment Fund. The donation was added to the CD and that balance is now \$4,553.72 Thank you!!

In God's name,  
 Ardis Aagard, Treasurer



## December's Special People



|    |                  |    |                       |
|----|------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | Joyce Halver     | 17 | Tim and Jan Marr      |
| 1  | Terry Poole      | 17 | David and Judy Owen   |
| 2  | Harriet Mouw     | 19 | Ed and Judith Olson   |
| 2  | Brad Ferris      | 21 | Lynn and Mary Schmid  |
| 2  | Andrea Reed      | 28 | Ken and Ruth Ploetz   |
| 4  | Travis Wheeler   | 31 | Roger and Donna Zwart |
| 4  | Jean Fladeboe    | 31 | John and Sandy Weins  |
| 5  | Emily Gilsrud    | 31 | Denny & Diane Ploeger |
| 5  | Sandy Elison     |    |                       |
| 8  | Lauren Hardinger |    |                       |
| 9  | Del Minske       |    |                       |
| 9  | Kori'anna Hart   |    |                       |
| 10 | Terry Daudt      |    |                       |
| 13 | Craig Anderson   |    |                       |
| 15 | Shari Pretzer    |    |                       |
| 15 | Lenny Brooks     |    |                       |
| 17 | Michael Plotnik  |    |                       |
| 17 | Sandy Boring     |    |                       |
| 18 | Sam Nordstrom    |    |                       |
| 18 | Brent Weaver     |    |                       |
| 18 | Ethan Dehn       |    |                       |
| 19 | Rozanne Plotnik  |    |                       |
| 19 | Diana Hager      |    |                       |
| 20 | Ron Wiehle       |    |                       |
| 23 | Laurie Daudt     |    |                       |
| 23 | Gerald Konrad    |    |                       |
| 24 | Tom Dollins      |    |                       |
| 24 | Judy Bogard      |    |                       |
| 26 | Pam Wedner       |    |                       |
| 27 | Jean Ballenthin  |    |                       |
| 28 | Dot Waterhouse   |    |                       |
| 28 | Cody Daudt       |    |                       |
| 29 | Terry Rosen      |    |                       |
| 30 | Nordy Nelson     |    |                       |
| 30 | Dylan Daudt      |    |                       |
| 31 | Pat Krause       |    |                       |
| 31 | Eugene Wallman   |    |                       |



*Altar Guild*

ALL Members

## Ushers

- Dec. 4th - Jim Joiner (682-2256)  
Doug Johnson (363-2905)
- Dec. 11th - Jim Joiner (682-2256)  
Doug Johnson (363-2905)
- Dec. 18th -
- Dec. 24 - 4 p.m. -
- Dec. 24 - 9 p.m. -
- Dec. 25 - Dennis Johnson (889-2376)



## ROSE

This flower, often shown as stylized artwork, is a symbol for Advent, the promise of the Messiah and Jesus' nativity. A white rose represents the Virgin Mary, and a red rose stands for martyrs. A wreath of roses symbolizes heavenly joy.

### Salem Women Budget 2012

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Convention            | 1200           |
| KTIG                  | 330            |
| Bible Camp            | 300            |
| Scholarships          | 2400           |
| Food Shelf (March)    | 1000           |
| Youth                 | 500            |
| Well                  | 500            |
| Netting               | 500            |
| Kitchen Fund          | 1000           |
| Mission Fund          | 40             |
| Teen Challenge        | 250            |
| Cass County Pregnancy | 250            |
| Checkbook Balance     | 1500           |
|                       | <b>\$9,770</b> |



### CHRISTMAS BASKET, BAKE SALE AND CRAFT EVENT

December 10, 2011  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

We are not having the pancake breakfast this year but we are going to have yummy coffee cakes, coffee and hot cider for those who come to shop or just to come and say hello. No charge but there will be baskets if you choose to give a free will offering.

We will need the following:

- coffee cakes
- baked goods for the bake sale
- crafts

We need helpers to set up on Friday and also to work on Saturday during the sale. If you are bringing crafts, please bring on Friday, Dec. 9th so we can get set up. Any questions please call Ginger at 363-3175 or 218-464-2793 (cell).

**Martha Circle**  
NO Circle Meeting in December

**Ruth Circle**  
Thursday, December 8th  
1:00 p.m. at Salem



### LONGVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Longville Area Community Choir, directed by Eunice Benson, presents their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 4th, 4:00 p.m. at Salem. This year's concert, REFLECTIONS OF CHRISTMAS, will include several selections that have been favorites from previous concerts. We look forward to celebrating the beginning of the Holiday season with you!

## CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

May the Christmas gifts remind you of God's greatest gift - His only begotten Son.  
 May the Christmas candles remind you of Him who is the light of the world.  
 May the Christmas tree remind you of another tree on which He died for you.  
 May the Christmas cheer remind you of Him who said, "Be of good cheer."  
 May the Christmas feast remind you of Him who is the bread of life.  
 May the Christmas snow remind you of the cleansing power of Christ.  
 May the Christmas bells remind you of the glorious proclamation of His birth.  
 May the Christmas carols remind you of His glad tidings which we are to proclaim to all mankind.  
 May the Christmas season remind you in every way of Jesus Christ your King.

### IGLESIA CHRISTIANA DE HONDURAS

There are opportunities to be involved with the Lutheran Church in Honduras. Usually teams of people from our synod travel to Honduras each spring and fall to provide training for clergy and lay leaders in Honduras. Pastor David Mesner from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Duluth organizes and leads each team. Pastor Mesner provides Pre-Trip gatherings to prepare the team for this profound ministry. If interested contact Pastor Dave Mesner for current details: 218-525-1922 or [dmesner@lchs.org](mailto:dmesner@lchs.org).

You can also participate by remembering these synods in your prayers. Recently Honduras was one of the countries in Central America affected by severe flooding. Our giving to world hunger also includes "Lutheran Disaster Response".

Larry Nelson

### COMPANION SYNODS OF THE NEMN SYNOD

Our synod has three companion synods in Russia, Honduras and India. Every synod in the ELCA is encouraged to have companion synods with Lutherans in other parts of the world. For example, when I was in the Southeast Minnesota Synod we had companion synods in Columbia and Tanzania. In 1997 I spent part of my sabbatical in Columbia. Almost every year our synod had groups of people going on mission trips to Tanzania and Columbia. We also had return visitors from the companion synods.

There are similar opportunities for us in this synod:

**2012 FRIENDSHIP ENGLISH LANGUAGE (BIBLE) CAMPS** Members from our synod have participated annually in these camps in Russia, which include interactions with Synod Friendship Congregations in Petrozavodsk and Kopndopoga and with Pastor Alex and Nadia Krongolm, whose youth ministry work is supported by churches in our synod. The dates for the 2012 FELCs are May 29 - June 18. The deadline for applying to be part of the 30 member team is January 31, 2012. During the 3-week visit you participate in two week-long "camps" involving various activities and a class with the Bible as the basis of the curriculum. You have a Russian translator and stay in a Russian home. The basic criteria for participation are good health, a desire to share the Good News, and willingness to participate in a basic language curriculum in a cross-cultural relational setting (no experience required - orientation will be provided). Participation is a rewarding and joyful, even life-changing experience!

Information and reports of recent experiences are available at [www.nemnsynod.org](http://www.nemnsynod.org) (mission-Russia). and [www.eemn.org](http://www.eemn.org) (Short Term Missions).

If interested, call Paul or Carol Anderson - 218-728-5853 or [panderson@d.umn.edu](mailto:panderson@d.umn.edu)

Larry Nelson



# SAVIOR ORNAMENT


This Christmas, celebrate Jesus' birthday by making this keepsake ornament.

**What you need:**


- Wooden clothespin with round end
- Black permanent marker
- White cloth or felt
- Small wooden star (available at craft stores)
- Yellow paint
- Paintbrush
- Gold glitter (optional)
- Glue gun (and an adult)
- Straw-colored raffia
- Palm-size wicker wreath (available at craft stores)
- Ribbon

**What you do:**

1. On the clothespin's round knob, draw two dots for eyes.
2. Wrap the white cloth around the clothespin, like a swaddled baby.
3. Paint the star yellow; add glitter, if desired.
4. With the glue gun and adult supervision, glue the raffia to the bottom inside of the wreath. Then glue the swaddled clothespin atop the raffia and glue the gold star atop the wreath.
5. Tie a ribbon around the top, near the star.
6. Hang the ornament on your Christmas tree or tie it on a gift.



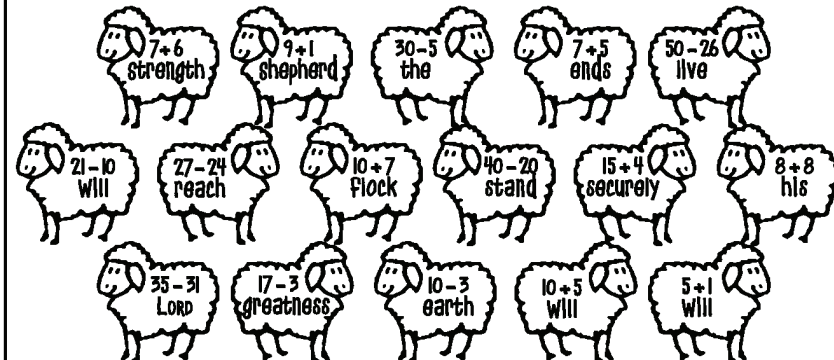
# PUZZLE



## A PROMISED RULER

Prophets told of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened. Never had a baby's arrival come with such a promise.

**Directions:** To read what one prophet (Micah 5:4, NIV) said about Jesus, complete the math problems below. Then fill in the words, using the math solutions as your guide.



"He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_

15                      20                      10                      17

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ .... And they \_\_\_\_\_

13                      4                      11                      24

\_\_\_\_\_, for then \_\_\_\_\_

19                      16                      14                      6

\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

3                      12                      25                      7

M I C A H 5 : 4 , N I V

Answers: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord .... And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4, NIV

### WHAT TO GIVE?

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service.
- To all men, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.

—Oren Arnold

*Sunday*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*

*Saturday*



**1**  
Synod Interim  
Pastor's Meeting  
in Duluth

**2**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**3**

**4**  
9:00 a.m. Communion Worship  
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. 7th & 8th Grade  
Confirmation



**5**  
1:00 p.m.  
Busy Needles

**6**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building  
4:00 p.m. PMLT  
6:00 p.m.  
Membership Team

**7**  
8:00 a.m.  
Men's Renewal  
4:00 p.m.  
Executive  
Committee  
6:30 p.m. Choir

**8**  
1:00 p.m.  
Ruth Circle

**9**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**10**  
9:00 a.m.-  
1:00 p.m.  
Craft and  
Bake Sale

**11** 9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. 7th & 8th Grade  
Confirmation



**12**  
1:00 p.m.  
Busy Needles

**13**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**14**  
8:00 a.m.  
Men's Renewal  
6:30 p.m. Choir  
7:30 p.m. Council

**15**

**16**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**17**

**18**  
9:00 a.m. Communion Worship  
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. 7th & 8th Grade  
Confirmation



**19**  
1:00 p.m.  
Busy Needles

**20**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**21**  
8:00 a.m.  
Men's Renewal  
6:30 p.m. Choir

**22**  
*First Day of  
Winter*

**23**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**24**  
4:00 p.m.  
Christmas  
Eve Family  
Service  
9:00 p.m.  
Candlelight  
Communion  
Service



**25**  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship



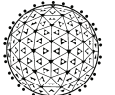
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1:00 p.m.  
Busy Needles

**27**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**28**  
8:00 a.m.  
Men's Renewal  
6:30 p.m. Choir

**29**

**30**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**31**  
  
*New Year's Eve*



Christmas Eve  
Family Service  
Dec. 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion  
Service  
Dec. 24th at 9:00 p.m.



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