

## GOOD MORNING!

December 19, 2021

**WELCOME GUESTS!** *We are glad you are here. Please use the form below to introduce yourself and put it in the offering basket.*

### PASTOR SCOTT'S FREE BOOK SALE

A large selection of books on Christianity, Lutheranism, and other religious topics are available in the Parish Hall FREE for anyone interested. The FREE Book Sale will run through January 3, 2022. Please note that masks are required in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings. You may also stop by during regular church hours (Mon - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon). Please call 256-721-0041 when you arrive, thanks!

### ADVENT WEDNESDAY Midweek Worship

continues this week with services of worship at 12 Noon & 7:00 p.m. Meditations based on the Bible texts in *Holden Evening Prayer* service.

### MASKS at MLC

MLC's Church Council decided that the use of masks is now *OPTIONAL* for ALL people entering the church building –with these...

#### EXCEPTIONS:

\*Masks required on students under 12 while in the education wing during Sunday School hour.

\*Masks required for all in Parish Hall Sunday on mornings.

### GUEST FORM / PRAYER REQUEST

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(optional)

Service Attended  8:30 a.m.  11:00 a.m.

Prayer request:

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Leah and Matthew Blaha

Whitney Morse

Dale Rohe

Mary Armstrong

Jack Reed

Judy Kidd

Ava

Family of Joann Neumeister

**GOD'S STORY - YOUR STORY** is a Bible overview class in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. *All Sunday School Classes today.*

### BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

This is an online service of longing and hope in honor of lost loved ones and in support of those experiencing grief. The service is Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Register at [elca-ses.org](http://elca-ses.org)

### 1ST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION w/ PASTOR

will be completed today in a 12:30 p.m. class in the Parish Hall. Six children are receiving instruction to prepare for receiving First Communion on Christmas Eve, or on January 9.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

**with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.**

**Friday, December 24: 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

**(At 3:00 p.m. Service only: Masks Required)**

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2022: Please pick these up in your member mailbox.

**QR CODE FOR ONLINE GIVING** *Scan this image with your smartphone to go to:*  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YJTA/home>



### Kit and Pantry Items for December

*Dark Bath Towels/Syrup*

## \*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\*

### Sunday, December 19

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

12:15 p.m. - First Communion Instruction (*Session 3 of 3*) see insert

12:15 p.m. - Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal

### Wednesday, December 22

12:00 p.m. - **Advent Service of Worship:** *Holden Evening Prayer*

4:30 p.m. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation class

7:00 p.m. - **Advent Service of Worship:** *Holden Evening Prayer*

7:45 p.m. - Messiah Choir rehearsal

### Friday, December 24 *Church Office Closed*

3:00 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Lord's Supper (Masks Required)**

5:00 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Lord's Supper\***

7:00 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Lord's Supper**

### Sunday, December 26

8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *Lessons and Carols*

11:00 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: *Lessons and Carols*  
*\*These services are livestreamed on [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org)*

### LOOKING AHEAD:

December 31: Church Office Closed

January 4: Comforters resumes

January 5: Confirmation resumes

January 9: Sunday School for all ages resumes

March 2: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

April 10: Holy Week begins

April 17: Easter Sunday

**GOD'S STORY - YOUR STORY** class in Fellowship Hall at 9:45  
*Overview of the Bible*  
**Today: The Law**

### Worship Attendance

Sunday, December 5 - Online service **86**

Sunday, December 12 - 8:30 - **116** 11:00 - **55**

**Total: 257**