



The Parish *Messenger*

DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
HADDONFIELD, NJ



Pre-Recorded Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Planned During Pandemic



Sadly the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic that prevented us from celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord at Easter in our sanctuary will also prevent us from gathering at church for the celebration of Our Savior's birth at Christmas. The worship staff realize for many families their Christmas Eve traditions include a particular time for attending worship for a variety of reasons. Rather than pick which time (5:00, 8:00, or 10:00) to provide a livestream worship the staff will be pre-recording our traditional Christmas Eve worship that includes a variety of musical anthems, a children's sermon, and a traditional sermon. We invite you to acquire candles you can light in your home while singing "Silent Night" at the end of the worship. We plan to make the video available by noon on Christmas Eve on our Facebook page as well as from our website.

And we can use your help in making this Christmas Eve worship special. We realize many people reconnect with other congregation members and family at our Christmas Eve worship. In an effort to provide the opportunity for you and your family to offer Christmas greetings to the congregation we invite you to dress in your Christmas attire and send us a few second video greeting from your family to the congregation that we can include in the worship video we will air on December 24. Please send it to lcossandy@gmail.com so she can forward it to our Communications Technician, Nick Heinze.

Deck the Halls Dec. 6 at Noon

In order to maintain safe social distancing protocols while decorating the church and narthex for Christmas, Pastor Wayne and Jamie Frazier have broken down the tasks into time slots for confirmation youth and their families to sign up to complete. The various tasks and the number of families needed for each one are as follows.

- Erecting the pulpit, lectern, and narthex artificial trees (3 families needed) Noon-12:45
- Hanging the lights on the narthex and sanctuary trees (2 families needed) 12:45-1:15
- Decorating the sanctuary trees with Christmons and the narthex tree with angels and ornaments (3 families needed) 1:15-1:45
- Clean up of all the bins and boxes that will be stored under the back stairwell (1-2 families needed) 1:45-2:00

There will also be an opportunity for families to sign up for the January un-decking the church that is the above in reverse. Stay tuned to the church website for the latest information.

Poinsettia Delivery Suspended During Covid Pandemic

Once again Covid is disrupting our traditional ministry of delivering the Christmas poinsettias used for Christmas Eve worship to those who are homebound this year. Because Covid is currently on the rise and mostly all the recipients of the poinsettias are in the high risk category if contracting the virus, the staff has agreed it is in the best interest of the congregation to not deliver poinsettias to the homebound members this year. We are deeply saddened in making this decision and look forward to the day when the traditions that keep us connected as the body of Christ will once again be possible.



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a faith community that worships Jesus as our Lord, proclaims and shares God's Word, welcomes all people, serves human needs, and nurtures personal and spiritual growth through fellowship all to the glory of God.



"This Christmas Will Be Like None Other, But It Still Comes"

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

No Children's Christmas pageant at church. No live Advent Lessons and Carols in worship. No Christmas caroling in the neighborhood. No jam-packed Christmas Eve candlelight services in the church. The coronavirus has once again will prevent Christians from gathering in churches to sing and celebrate a high holy day as at Easter. This time it keeps us from celebrating and singing the carols of Christ's birth we traditionally and faithfully do each year on Christmas Eve. Yet, while it will not be the same, the celebration of Christmas still comes. If the gifts aren't all wrapped – Christmas still comes. If the cards haven't all been signed and sent – Christmas still comes. If the cookies weren't all made or the store was out of a key ingredient for the dinner – Christmas still comes. If the extended family cannot gather in one home around a crowded table as we traditionally do (which for some families relieves them from having to visit two to three different homes in one day) – Christmas still comes. If we cannot sit in church to hear the Nativity of our Lord read, sing with hundreds of voices the carols of Christmas, or receive the host of Christ with the host of Christ's church gathered for Christmas Eve worship – Christmas still comes. The celebration of God's love for us made manifest in the babe born in Bethlehem, God becoming flesh and dwelling among us, still comes regardless of the limitations and restrictions this pandemic has inflicted upon us.

So the question that remains for us is this; "How will we uniquely celebrate the birth of Christ this year with worship in our home?" Our Savior's worship staff will be preparing a Christmas Eve candlelight worship recording that will be available by noon on Christmas Eve for anyone with internet access to participate in from their home from our Facebook page. We will also provide a link from our website for those who don't have Facebook. We will also do our best to make DVD copies for members without internet to watch from their DVD players at home. And because this will not be a livestreamed worship we will not be celebrating Holy Communion. Here are some ideas you might consider in celebrating Christ's birth as you worship from home this year.

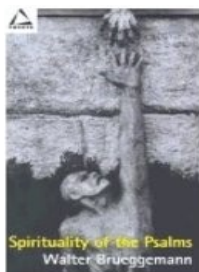
- Determine in your Christmas Eve or Christmas Day plans when you will celebrate the Nativity in worship. Just like any year, plan what time you will worship.
- Host a "Watch Party" on your Facebook page if you are able. You might also invite family and friends to worship with you from their home knowing that as you are singing the carols of Christmas in your home so too are the people you normally are sitting in the pew with on Christmas Eve.
- Dress up as you would for attending worship on Christmas Eve at church. It's a special night. Why not dress for the occasion?
- If you can link your computer to your TV screen so the image is larger you may have a better sense of "being in church" even though you're at home. The sound will also be better.
- Get the worship materials you'll need such as candles for singing Silent Night.
- The words to the carols will be on the screen so you won't need a worship book or even a bulletin.
- Finally, and actually a week before December 24, we invite you to send a few second video clip of your family wishing Merry Christmas to those who will be watching. Consider it your sharing of the Christmas Peace video we can combine with all those provided in a montage of greetings before the worship and possibly during the Peace.

Yes, this will be a Christmas like none other, but it will still come. Jesus wasn't born into a serene and idyllic world; an occupied nation, no room for lodging, a stable birth and a manger crib, not to mention a massacre of the innocents after his birth was known. Yet, Jesus still came down to live among us to bear witness to the hope and love and life our God provides to all who trust and have faith. And Jesus still comes to us each and every day, despite a pandemic that would keep us apart, and draws us together as the body of Christ to shine the light of hope at Christmas. Let it shine brightly in your homes this year as we sing from our living rooms, family rooms, or dining rooms that Christ is born to save. Merry Christmas.

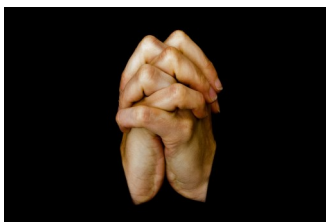


Join us for the "Spirituality of the Psalms" Discussion Group

The Bible Discussion for Daily Living groups will be reading Walter Brueggemann's book "Spirituality of the Psalms" and the corresponding Psalms identified in the chapters for their next 5-week discussion beginning the week of Nov 23. Print copies are available, on the table just inside the sliding doors, for purchase through the Church Office for \$10.00. Using a model of orientation-disorientation-new orientation, Brueggemann explores how the genres of the Psalms can be viewed in terms of their function. This results in fresh readings of these ancient songs that illumine their spiritual depth. Discussion meets on Mondays (7:30-9:00 PM) [Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 826 2246 3999, Password: 130190](#) and Wednesdays (9:30-11:00 AM) [on zoom Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 144 640 250, Password: 830512](#). You may also go to



our website Oursaviorhaddonfield.org, go to the grow tab and under Adult Ministry you can click on the link for Bible Discussion.



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Walt Haswell, Jeanne Grimes, Dick Wilson, Randi Gordon, Shirley Stambaugh, Ethel Boyce, Don & Caryl Wallace, Doris Iarossi, Joyce Odendahl, Michelle Mavis, John Rell, Kim, Lynn Hoppe Kaminski, Larry Thatcher, Art DiPadova, Scott Hansen, Tom Levecchia, Abby Phelps, Bill Getty, Faith Marum DelPercio, Glenn Marshall, Carmela Crawford, Natalie Parker, Kathleen Kelly, Jacob Berard, Keith Maull, Ryan Baxter, Connie Verner, Jeffrey Gross, Judy Yerkes, Daniel Mandel, Susan Mazeika, Saunders Family, Ed Miller, Aasiyah Bey, Barbara Kerrane, Sandy Ferguson, Joanne Horn, Terry Mitchell, Ken Koehler, Rocco D'Alessandro Jr., Bette Roncace, Nicholas Juele, Frank Marche, Beckham Williams, Ed Clark, Col. Fred C. Anderson, Fred Moffitt, Lily Gregorio, Julie Bartlett, Jimmy Lombardo, John Daggan, Betty Schurmann, Elva Mastrando, Ryan Roberts, Ann & Len Jones, Chuck Atkinson, Sophia Campos, William T family, David Wenck,



Pantry During Covid-19 Quarantine

Pantry Update: We are continuing the suspension of the Pantry process during the closure of the church. "Depending on

the size of the family, we are sending out \$100-\$200 Acme Gift Cards to each of the Pantry Families on a monthly basis. The food items that have been donated are also being distributed.

Pantry Families Thank You: "Thank you so much for all you do. My Mom moved in with us and every little bit helps. Have a Blessed Holiday." "You are my lifeline. You are helping me survive. Thank you to everyone who helps."

Boxed Envelopes Available In Parish Hall for Pick-Up from Dec 6 until New Year's Eve

Members of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior are asked to pick up their 2020 offering envelopes in the Parish Hall by January 1. **NOTE: Adult children attending college or those who are otherwise still listed as living at home will not be issued envelopes but are encouraged to provide their offerings in the family household envelope.** Any adult child wishing to have their own envelopes need only request them from the Church Office. If you can drop off envelopes for a friend or nearby neighbor in the congregation please do. Envelopes that are not picked up after December 31 will be mailed out in the first weeks of the 2021. Please help reduce postage costs by picking up your offering envelopes in the Parish Hall. **Please note: Anyone whose numbers were over 300 will have a different number for 2021 so please refer to the Contributor sheets with the envelopes to find your number.**

Stewards of God's Love Looking Ahead to 2021: Thank You for Your Support



Thank you to all who have responded to the 2021 Stewardship appeal by returning a pledge card with their estimate of giving for the coming new year. Responses are still being received. Please watch for announcements of pledge totals throughout December. A final tally will be reported in the January *Messenger*.

In the meantime, it's not too late for you to respond to God's blessing by returning a pledge card if you haven't already done so. Returning a card is more than providing an estimate of giving for what you and your household hope to provide in offerings toward God's work in the world through Our Savior's ministry. It is a symbol of being members of the body of Christ and participants together in the mission we share through baptism, even though we are apart in the pandemic.

Pledge cards can be mailed to the church office or emailed to the LCOS Financial Secretary, Shannon Foskett at sgfoskett@yahoo.com. Shannon will directly record your estimate of giving in our church database.

Closing Out 2020

It looks like Our Savior will end the year in the red, as income is well below projections. This is mostly due to the lack of loose and special offerings typically received in worship, as well as building-use donations from outside groups. Even the cuts in spending due to our curtailed programs do not make up the deficit.

We realize some families have suffered financially, and we do not want to add to this hardship. However, if you have the ability to meet your 2020 planned giving for Our Savior's ministry, you will make a wonderful difference in the financial health of the congregation if you do so.

Thank you for your caring and concern!

Thrivent Baptismal Medallions Given on Jan 10



On Sunday, January 10, the Church celebrates the Baptism of our Lord. It is also the day The Lutheran Church Our Savior celebrates the baptisms of all the children who have been baptized in the previous year. At the 10:30 livestream worship parents and sponsors will renew the promises they made at the child's baptism, the children will receive a blessing by Pastor Wayne as well as a gift of a pewter baptismal medallion. Parents who will be participating in the service are asked to confirm their attendance by contacting the church office either by phone (429-5122) or email the Parish Administrator, Sandy DeDonatis at (lcossandy@gmail.com).



ADVENT GIVING ONLINE REGISTRY (Betsy Kuehn) –This year, instead of taking tags from the Advent Giving Tree, an Advent Giving Online Registry will be available so members can sign up independent of being in church. Link to the registry will be posted on LCOS website. There will be no wrapped or unwrapped gifts, only gift cards. Looking to start mid November. The online registry will benefit Urban Promise (for their Christmas Promise Store), Caring Hearts, Pantry families, and My Father's House. Gifts to be sent to the church. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to LCOS, and indicate Advent Giving Tree in memo line and mail to the church. Donations for the Advent Giving Tree can also be made online thru Simply Giving at <http://oursaviorhaddonfield.org/simply-giving/>. Contact Betsy Kuehn at 856-429-3355 or betsy406@comcast.net with questions.

Link to Advent Giving Online Registry: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DACAB2FA6F94-advent>

Select a gift slot from the online registry.

Put your name and phone number. Purchase the gift card(s), and mail or deliver to church. \$25.00 per gift card, Indicate slot #, this will help with organizing the gift cards for each group. Some slots may show more than 1 gift card, depends on number of family members (Pantry families). A slot may indicate gift cards to more than 1 store (Caring Hearts). All gift cards must be labeled with the amount, if pre-wrapped, please identify gift card, especially for Urban Promise (tags 81-180).

Please send / deliver to the church by December 6, 2020. Thank you and God bless you for your help during this holiday season.

“Hope-Full Living” Advent Devotion Available at Church

The year 2020 has been a challenging one to live through, yet we have...almost. As the days darken, both in the amount of sunlight and in the shadow of a pandemic, we long for a message of hope. In addition to the “Christ In Our Home” quarterly devotional resource that is available regularly, Our Savior has also purchased copies of the Advent devotion, “Hope-Full Living” for parishioners to use for a deeper Advent experience.

These devotions will help us focus on the crib, the cross, and the empty tomb. After all, Advent enables us to celebrate the fact that our daily journey with the Lord always leads us to the living Lord who was born for us, died for us and lives in us each day. That is something to celebrate.

The word Advent means the arrival or a notable person or event. Why not make this Advent a time to introduce others in new and unique ways to the Jesus of Advent, who comes to us new every day through the Word and the Sacraments? He comes and he is here – the signs are all around us!

You can pick up a copy at the church on the table just inside the Wayne Avenue sliding door main entrance. We hope these devotions enable you to use and see the power of the Advent spirit, Christ himself, working in and through us to bring Christmas hope to all!

Congregational Support: January – October 2020

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average YTD Attendance</u>	<u>Total General Fund Offerings</u>
2018	172	\$ 341,771
2019	166	\$ 342,068
2020	221 *	\$ 306,988 **

* Since church closed in March 2020, weekly attendance is calculated using a formula provided by the ELCA: number of one- minute views on our livestream multiplied by 2 to get the number of people worshipping by livestream. Add the actual number of people joining the Reflections service by Zoom to get the total number in attendance for any given week.

** \$46,168 under what was budgeted. The lack of weekly loose offerings and special holiday giving in the collection plate, such as at Easter and Christmas, has contributed significantly to this deficit. Without additional revenue, the deficit is projected to be \$46,000 at year end.

Thank You for Being Stewards of God's Love

Thank you to all those who are mailing in their offering envelopes or giving electronically. In these difficult times, Our Savior's faithful givers are sharing their offerings so that others may know God's love. We may be socially distant, but our faith and commitment continue to be at work in the world.



2020 Offerings Must Be Postmarked or In by Dec 31

In order to keep our bookkeeping accurate the Congregation Resources Committee has set Thursday, December 31, as the last date offerings can be hand delivered to the office or postmarked if sent by mail. Thank you as always for your generous support of God's work in the world that is done through the ministry at Our Savior.



Oasis

We are back meeting weekly. For the time being we are meeting in person at 12:00pm, weather permitting, at church. If your child is interested in joining us, please let me know so I can add you to my emails to keep you up to date. I will send out weekly emails reminding you about our meetings. If we are having an in person meeting, your child MUST wear a mask and bring a blanket or towel to sit on. Our schedule for the month of December:

December 6th: Catching up at 6:30 via Zoom

December 13th: Bible Study at 6:30 via Zoom

December 20th: Caroling around your neighborhood

December 27th: No Oasis- Merry Christmas

Confirmation:

Please make sure to check your email from Pastor Wayne regarding your next serve event. This will take place on December 6th and he will be sending out a Sign Up Genius.

Merry Christmas Everyone! I cannot wait to see you in 2021!



Sunday School:

Our annual Christmas Events will be a little different this year! For starters, you will see our Advent Calendar. This year we are doing the ABCs of Advent and every day we will learn a new letter and how it connects to the story of Advent. Every letter also has a Bible verse that you can read as a family. Our Sunday School kids will record a video for each letter.

If you are not receiving the emails of these videos, please let me know at LCOSJaime@gmail.com.

Also, December 13th should have been our Annual Christmas Pageant. Since we cannot have that, Miss Pauline and I will be doing a Christmas Caroling Zoom Party during Virtual Sunday School. We will be sending an email out by December 1st to all Sunday School families with the songs we will be singing on the 13th. We are asking all kids who are participating to wear their most festive clothing. I personally will be wearing an Ugly Sweater. I cannot wait to see what everyone else will be wearing.

If you have any questions about any of these events, please let me know!

John the Baptist

In the month of December, our Sunday School kids will be learning about John the Baptist for 2 different weeks. So I think this month it is really important to dig a little deeper into who John the Baptist was and why he was so important. In short, John the Baptist was a messenger from God to tell the people that Jesus was coming. But John the Baptist was not like the rest of the people around him. He was known to be very hairy and to have a very long beard. John the Baptist may have looked like some family members who haven't had a haircut since the Pandemic has started. In our Sparkhouse Bible it tells the kids, "His (John) clothes were made of camel's hair, held together with a leather belt! John ate strange foods, including wild honey and locusts, a kind of grasshopper." "YUCK!" So I am sure if you were to see someone that looked like John the Baptist running towards you, you may be a little confused. But God picked John the Baptist to tell that Jesus was being born and how to prepare for this amazing moment. The most important thing that John the Baptist told the people was to tell God that they were sorry for any of the sins that they committed. The best part about John the Baptist spreading this great news is that so many different people came together to hear him. Some people were rich, some were poor, some believed before and some did not. But they all came together to hear John the Baptist, this was not just an one day thing, this went on for many days.

You can find the stories in John 1:6-8; 19-28. I invite your family to read this together during the first two weeks of December. During this time I also want you to start talking about your child's baptism with them or even your own. The reasoning for this is because we will be talking about baptism in the coming weeks of Sunday School. I want them to be able to recognize that John the Baptist is the one who ended up baptizing Jesus. I also hope for you to talk to them about how someone that may not be the best dressed or most put together, was the one who brought so many people together to prepare for Jesus' birth.

I hope that you all have a very happy holiday! Christmas Eve may look a little different this year, but I will be doing a Christmas Eve Children's Sermon in our pre-recorded service. I will be asking a few questions and I hope to get an email with your child's answers. Please all stay safe and healthy during the holidays and I cannot wait to be with you all in 2021!

Merry Christmas!

Miss Jaime





Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Any other year, when I mention thinking about Christmas music starting around September, people look at me like I am crazy (unless I am hanging out with other church musicians). But this year, I have friends who put up their Christmas tree on Election Day to distract themselves, and others who have been playing Christmas music for weeks now. Others yet said they're waiting until the second Thanksgiving is over (which makes you not even that far off liturgically, since Advent 1 is November 29th this year!). Maybe you're one of those people starting early, or maybe you are in the camp of ushering in the season at the appropriate and right time.

But these aren't the regular times, are they? I personally started listening to "Lessons & Carols from King's College" (which I usually save for the week leading up to Christmas) this week, which any other year would feel blasphemous, weeks before Advent even begins. In the last weeks, I have revised our Advent/Lessons & Carols/Christmas music plans completely several times, as I watched COVID numbers climb higher and higher and heard from my parents in Germany who just began their second lockdown. What I ended up with are hymns and anthems we all know (with the exception of one new, simple anthem), so familiar you could probably all join the choir and record them with us (Did you really think I'd stop recruiting, even in a pandemic? Nah.). There will be nothing fancy or impressive, not only because of Coronaesque time and space constraints for the choir, but also because in a year where so much has been stripped away, we need music that is familiar and comforting. As the carol goes, "tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, oh tidings of comfort and joy!"

I hope in these days, you find comfort and joy, be it through connection over a screen, phone, or a stroll or conversation outside. May you find comfort in hymns you know well. May you find joy as Christmas lights start to go up. May you give comfort when you see others struggling, and may you find comfort if the holidays are a hard time for you. In a world upside down, let us look to the comfort and joy we hear proclaimed in the message of Christmas - "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

Pauline

*"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.*
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Poinsettia Memorials

Each year the altar is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, please fill out the form below and enclose a check for \$25, made payable to "LCOS Altar Guild." The poinsettias are delivered to our homebound members and nursing home residents on Sunday, December 20. (The Worship will be pre-recorded the week before so the poinsettias can be delivered this year before Christmas) The deadline is Sunday, December 6, 2020.



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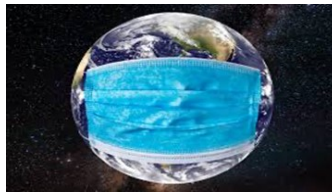
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In honor of _____

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Return to church office no later than December 6



For God's People and God's Planet and God's Animals

Go for Seconds

Recycling doesn't mean only separating your cans and bottles.

It can mean using things a second (or a third) time.

That nice padded envelope you got in the mail, for example?

Instead of throwing it away, scratch out the address,

tear off the stamps, and use it again !!

Be the CHANGE God's world needs !! Have the faith and make a CHANGE !!

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Dec 1	Ben Hintz	Dec 10	Troy Adams	Dec 20	Jason Angelone
Dec 1	Nathan Speas	Dec 10	Ryan Gallagher	Dec 20	Noelle Corressel
Dec 4	Bethany Bickle	Dec 10	Ethan Roncace	Dec 20	Ryan Ewing
Dec 4	Dawson Floyd	Dec 11	Noelle Quanci	Dec 21	Rex Cottone
Dec 4	Morgan Hammond	Dec 12	Susan Myers	Dec 22	Nicholas Brandinelli
Dec 4	John Laughlin	Dec 13	Carrie Haney	Dec 22	Max Campbell
Dec 4	David Leeds	Dec 14	Sandra Cheeseman	Dec 22	Ava Remphrey
Dec 4	Hannah Stauss	Dec 14	Lauren Parker	Dec 23	Morgan Sehdev
Dec 5	Samantha Prepsel	Dec 15	Michael Riley	Dec 25	Minka Bleistein
Dec 5	Fred Willis	Dec 16	Erin Schaffer	Dec 25	Jane Hammann
Dec 6	Brian Bogina	Dec 16	Cara Stine	Dec 27	Paul Knauer
Dec 7	Deborah Ely	Dec 17	Charlotte Brown	Dec 28	Jessika Kachnic
Dec 7	Jim Frazier	Dec 17	Benjamin Gonzalez	Dec 28	Valda Rishel
Dec 7	Julianna Martinsen	Dec 17	Amanda Lamprey	Dec 28	Aiden Visconti
Dec 7	Cheryl Schaffner	Dec 17	Kathleen Pensabene	Dec 29	Justin Bleistein
Dec 9	Joan Candia	Dec 17	Jen Rhodes	Dec 29	Yo Hales
Dec 9	Vivien Lechler-Ottens	Dec 17	Pauline Worusski	Dec 30	Wendell Gulick
		Dec 18	Garrett Needham	Dec 31	Paul Demers

ADVENT SEASON

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 A- Angels- appearing so bright, telling of Jesus' first Christmas. Luke 2:13	30 B- Bethlehem- crowded and old, birthplace of Jesus. Micah 5:2	1 C- Cattle, their manger, Jesus' bed, where he laid his head. Luke 2:7	2 D- David- His ancient throne promised Jesus to be forever alone. Luke 1:31	3 E- East- where the bright star shined for the camels to follow. Matthew 2:1-2	4 F- Frankincense- with myrrh and gold, brought by the Wise Men. Matthew 2:11	5 G- God- from Heaven above sent down his only Son. John 3:16
6 H- Herold- came to Joseph in his dream with the Angels. Matthew 2:13	7 I- Immanuel- meaning "God with us." Isaiah 7:14	8 J- Joseph- noble and just, obeying God's work with absolute trust. Matthew 1:24	9 K- King- A True King He would be, coming in power and authority. Zechariah 9:9	10 L- Love- that He brought down to earth to God enfleshed in lowly birth. 1 John 4:9	11 M- Mary- Jesus' mother so brave, counting God faithful and mighty to save. Luke 1:38	12 N- Night- when the Savior was born for nations of earth and people forlorn. Luke 2:8
13 O- Omega- meaning "the last" He is eternal present, future and past. Revelation 22:13	14 P- Prophets- when living on earth foretold His redemption and blessed birth. Numbers 24:17	15 Q- Quickly- shepherds who heard hastened to act on that heavenly word. Luke 2:16	16 R- Rejoice- The sorrow of sin is banished forever when Jesus comes in. Luke 1:14	17 S- Savior- To be this He came, the angel of God assigned Him His name. Matthew 1:21	18 T- Tidings- of joy, not of danger, telling of Him who was laid in a manger. Luke 2:10	19 U- Us- to whom Jesus was given to show us the way and take us to heaven. Luke 2:11
20 V- Virgin- foretold by the sage, God's revelation on prophecy's page. Matthew 1:23	21 W- Wonderful- His works, His words, the Kind of all Kings, the Lord of all Lords. Isaiah 9:6	22 X- is for Christ. X in the Greek, Anointed, Messiah, mighty, yet meek. Acts 10:38	23 Y- Yes- God's Yes in His Word; God's answer to all is Jesus the Lord. 2 Corinthians 1:20	24 Z- Zeal- As it burned in Christ's heart. Lord, by thy Spirit to us zeal impart. John 2:17	25 Merry Christmas !	

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