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## PASTOR'S CORNER

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**Merry Christmas!**  
**Merry: Full of good humor and spirit.**  
**Christmas: (from—Christ & mass) the thankful celebration of Christ's birth.**

**We hope that everyone can know the good and joyful spirit of being thankful for Christ's arrival in their own lives. This same spirit of joy is the gift all of First Covenant Church gives to us throughout the year.**

**Kris and I are blessed to be pastors here. We count it a joy and a privilege to serve all of you and that is a great gift.**

**But let us give the gift of Christmas joy to the guest of honor Himself-Jesus. We do this by living lives of Merry Christmas not only for ourselves but for others as well. We all know someone whose life is anything but filled with the Spirit of this season. Pray for them; encourage them; serve them and God will be glorified which is one of the biggest items on Jesus' wish list.**

**From our family to you: We look forward to continuing in the joy of Christ with all of you so - Merry Christmas!**

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# SERVING YOU IN DECEMBER

## SCRIPTURE READERS:

4 Ron Hyvari  
11 John Martin  
18 Ben Vander Kooi  
25 Dale Martin

## GREETERS:

4 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell  
Dale & Shirley Martin  
11 Bud & Pauline Nickel  
Bruce & Bobbi Martin  
18 Brian & Michelle Ling  
  
25 Walter & Clarice Gehl  
Gene & Lil Foth

## WORSHIP NURSERY:

4 Dave & Sheila Bos  
11 Bob & Suzy Brandner  
18 DiDi Christopherson  
25 Madie & Emma Roos

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

4 Arnold & Elna Sexe  
11 Ted & Sarah Martin  
18 Dale & Shirley Martin  
25 Christmas Day—No Coffee Fellowship

## SOUND SYSTEM:

4 Jerry Luinenburg  
11 Dean Christopherson  
18 Greg Clark  
25 Arnold Sexe

## COMMUNION SERVERS (December 4th):

Ted Martin  
Dean Christopherson  
Tom Ahlberg  
Paul Olsen

## USHERS:

Dean & Carol Christopherson  
Ben & Nancy Vander Kooi

*\*If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement or call the church office at 376-5109.*

## **MISSIONARY ADDRESSES**

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**CHURCH DECORATING  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**  
*Everyone is invited to a chili  
potluck and to help decorate the  
church for Advent  
and Christmas*  
**Supper will be at 5:30 P.M. with  
decorating to follow.**

*sisters in spirit*  
**Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 P.M.**  
**A Christmas tea will be hosted.**  
**We hope to see you there!**

Sisters in Spirit is open to all women, 20-110 years young. Sisters in Spirit will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. for a time of fellowship, crafting, dialogue, celebration and more.

Come be a part of Sisters in Spirit every month or when you are able, as we see to strengthen our friendships, or meet someone new as we grow as Sisters In Spirit.

Community Christmas Baskets  
 Needed for needy families  
 in Nobles County:  
 Cash donations to be used to purchase  
 food and gifts of warm clothing  
 Non-perishable foods  
 New adults gifts of warm clothing,  
 especially gloves, scarves, hats  
 or earmuffs  
 New mittens, gloves caps, slipper or  
 stockings for children  
 New toys for children  
 Toiletries such as toothbrushes,  
 toothpaste, soaps, combs  
 Also need are volunteers to help sort,  
 pack and deliver baskets If you would  
 like to help, call Diane Waldner  
 at 372-2419  
 Cash donations may be mailed to:  
 Community Christmas Baskets  
 P.O. Box 552  
 Worthington, MN 56187

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE  
FOR DECEMBER**

**Youth Groups will meet on  
Wednesday, December 7th &  
Wednesday, December 21st  
at 6:45 P.M.**

**Bible Study will meet  
each Wednesday evening  
at 6:45 P.M.**

**Meeting Dates**



***Monday, December 12th***

***Commissions @ 6:30 P.M.***

***Council @ 7:30 P.M.***

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
WILL BE HELD ON  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH  
AT 6:30 P.M.**

**Practices will be held on  
Saturday, December 3rd & 10th at  
10:00 A.M. and also Sunday,  
December 4th & 11th during  
Sunday School**

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

Christmas Eve Service  
 Saturday, December 24th  
 with First Baptist Church  
 at First Baptist @ 5:30 P.M.

Christmas Day Service  
 Sunday, December 25th  
 10:30 A.M.  
 No Sunday School or Coffee Fellowship

Worthington Christian Women  
will meet at  
Worthington Christian Church  
1501 N. Douglas

Tuesday, December 13th  
9:00 A.M. Coffee & Rolls  
\$4.75 inclusive

Feature: Musical Duet by  
Pastor Jonathan & Lois Larson

Speaker: Karen Anderson,  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Karen grew up feeling insecure and  
unloved and as a teenager turned to  
drugs and the occult before finding a  
different path in life that provided light  
instead of darkness.

Make reservations by calling  
Carol 376-4879. Gloria 376-5286  
or Dee 376-4769

Prayer Connection  
December 6th, 9:00 A.M.  
Ben Lee's Café, 212 Tenth St.

CURRENT NEEDS FOR  
LOVE INC & MANNA FOOD PANTRY  
Watch the bulletin boards by the  
office and by the Jerusalem Room  
for their current needs.



Special Offering

When making out a  
check for a special  
offering, please make out to the First  
Covenant Church and on the memo  
line put the name of the specific  
organization that it  
is designated for.

**The Fourteen Annual  
Christmas with the ALBS  
and Friends**

**Sunday, December 4th  
3:30 P.M.  
Memorial Auditorium**

**All donations go to the Community  
Christmas Baskets**

Lutfisk and Meatball Dinner  
Sunday, December 4th  
First Lutheran Church

Two Servings: 2:30 P.M. & 5:30 P.M.

Included with the Meal:  
Lefse, Green Beans, Giftas, Potatoes, White  
Sauce, Rice Pudding with Lingonberries &  
Scandinavian Cookies

Santa Lucia  
Star Boys Tomtes

Advance Ticket Sales  
\$14.00— Adults  
\$4.00—16 years & under

Tickets available at Ax Photo & Hy-Vee  
Or call the church at 376-6148  
Tickets also sold at the door

**SUNNY DAYS FUNDRAISER**

**SHOP-N-SHARE  
AT WORTHINGTON HY-VEE**

**Thursday, December 15th,  
Friday, December 16th &  
Saturday, December 17th**

**See form enclosed that needs to be presented  
to the cashier at the time of your purchase.**



### NEWS FROM SUNNY DAYS

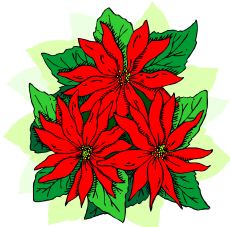
“Tis the season!” December is here! Here at Sunny Days we will talk about the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Each day we will count down the days until Christmas using our Advent calendar. During the month we will have units on gingerbread, angels, stars, wreaths and bells. We will celebrate Jesus’ birthday by telling the Christmas story with the students helping out.

December 7th will be the last day to bring socks for our “Thankful Tree”. All of the socks will be donated to the Community Christmas Baskets. The tree is getting covered, but we will make room for more. There was a nice article and picture in the Daily Globe about the project.

“White Day” will be Thursday, December 8th and Friday, December 9th. We continue to add pages to our color book. We will have a Christmas party for each class with a gift exchange. We will put the gifts under the Christmas tree. Remember that T.R.I.P. certificates make great gifts for family and friends.

Christmas break begins on Thursday, December 22nd or Friday, December 23rd. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. I want to wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
**Mary Larson**

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



We are ordering poinsettias to make the church beautiful during the Christmas season. If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the order blank below and return to the church office by Tuesday, December 6th.

*I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ red, \_\_\_\_\_ pink, \_\_\_\_\_ white or \_\_\_\_\_ marble(white with red) poinsettia(s).  
The cost will be \$9.00 each.*

*Our Poinsettia is in honor of:*

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*Our Poinsettia is in memory of:*

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Given by \_\_\_\_\_