

December

St. John's Lutheran Church

Dear Friends,

From the Pastor

Nearly everyone loves a baby. Maybe that is one of the reasons why Christmas has become such a dear holiday to all of us. It is a festival that focuses on God coming to us as an infant. That is pretty incredible. The all-powerful God becoming a powerless human infant. Baby Jesus in the manger. That is often our Christmas focus. But there is more to the mystery of the incarnation. The real mystery continues to say that the God who came to us in the flesh of the baby Jesus now lives in the flesh of the body of Christ in the world. At Christmas we celebrate God in flesh, living in the world and living through his people, you and me.

When we think of Christmas in these terms it raises a natural question. What do we do as the incarnate body of Christ in the world? We might answer this question with another question. What did Christ do? He converted the law of the church into a saving, inclusive, word of grace. He healed. He welcomed. He fed. He freed people from the unhealthy laws of secular and religious tradition that bound them. He empowered people to become who they were meant to be.

What a beautiful Christmas gift we can give to the people around us. As the living body of Christ in the world we can lead others to discover and become the kind of people God created them to be.

May you have a Blessed Christmas.

Peace,
Pastor Dan





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2:30pm & 4pm - Old Mamre
4pm - Hope
5:30pm - Monson Lake
5:30pm – Bethesda



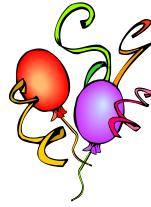
9 am– Buffalo Lake

Bake Sale Fundraiser
at the Kandi Mall
December 15th
10 am to 2 pm

Items can be brought to Nancy's house the night before or to the mall by 9 am. If you bring them the night before you do not need to package them. If you bring to the mall they must be packaged and ready for sale. No items that need to refrigerated can be sold. (including pumpkin pie).



Wishing you a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS



Happy Birthday
this month to
Mike Arends– 28th

Usher for December: Rick Torkelson
Reader for December: Kathy Torkelson

Christmas Story told with
Carols



December 16th

5:30 Soup and Sandwich Dinner
Free will offering going to Salvation Army
6:30 Service

Sign up sheet on the bulletin board for soup, treats or money to cover expenses.

If you know anyone that would be willing to perform please let Nancy know.



Winter Storm and Cold Weather Information:

During the winter months church will be called off no later than 7 a.m. on Sunday morning. So listen to the radio after 7 a.m. If the temp is more than 20 below there will be no church.

