



# MESSENGER

December 2012

## Sundays in December

**December 2 Advent 1**

*Read for worship: Luke 21:25-26*

**Music Sunday — Advent Cantata**

**Family Worship Sunday**

No Sunday School

Children's message 9:30 service

We gather to welcome the Advent season with music from our choirs. We hear Luke's telling of the coming of Jesus Christ and remember that in the little Infant Child God's judgment has already come to pass.

**December 9 Advent 2**

*Read for worship: Luke 3:1-6*

In the midst of the Empire's flexing of its military and political strength, John the Baptist appears proclaiming the coming of the Lord. The challenge is made imminent for us: to Whom does our knee bow? Which path will we walk as a Christian people?

**December 16 Advent 3**

*Read for worship: Luke 3:7-18*

**9:30am Sunday School Christmas Program**

We remind ourselves today that the Christian life is not about who we *say* we believe in, but *how* we live our lives in service to others. We are known not by our titles but by our *fruits*.

**December 23 Advent 4**

*Read for worship: Luke 1:39-55*

We hear the Magnificat today, Mary's Song. This prayer and confession is one of the linchpins of the Reformation and one of the most beautiful portrayals of not only Jesus' mother but also of the humility required of all who follow The Way.

**December 30 First Sunday of Christmas**

*Read for worship: Luke 2: 41-52*

We fast-forward to Jesus at the age of twelve, teaching in the temple with authority. May we, too, always be found in our Father's house praising God and learning all that He has in store for us.

### Advent Worship

**Wednesdays, 7:00pm**

Join us for a Contemplative  
Advent Midweek Worship  
Service each Wednesday  
night at 7pm, Dec. 5, 12, and 19.



### Christmas Eve

*Read for worship: Luke 2:1-20*

**3:00pm and 4:30pm Family Worship  
11pm Candlelight Christmas**

We join to wait for the coming of the expected Lord. Born in a manger, this fragile new baby boy finds us already on our knees worshipping Him... surrounded not by objects of glory but by farm animals, hay, and the wailing of creation welcoming the Son of God.

### Christmas Day

*Read for worship: Luke 2:41-52*

**10:00am Worship (one service only)**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ is born! Amidst the hustle and bustle of family and friends, of traditions new and old, and even amongst the loneliness of a newly empty chair at the table, we come together to sing God's praises welcoming our newborn King!



# Preparing Our Hearts and Our Lives

December is here and Advent is upon us. Advent (literally “arrival”) has, for the church, been a season of preparation for the coming birth of Jesus Christ.

What it has become, in our culture, is a season of frazzled nerves, frantic rushing, short tempers, and we grab a piece of good cheer whenever it happens to chance by: so, about twice in the season.

We are hoping that this year, at Elim, Advent might become for you and your family a season when you pause to give mind to how Christ’s birth came to take place. Dietrich Bonhoeffer noted that the birth of Jesus, now saturated by consumerism and sleigh bells, would frighten anyone with any conscience at all! To take time to contemplate the news that God looked at the world and then made the decision to send his son to be born, live amongst God’s creation and then, one day, die on the cross is *utterly amazing* news.

This is not the love of a God who reminds us of a kindly uncle or who puts a candy cane under our tree, this is the love of the Deity who not only *created* this universe but put US in it, and then who had a love that burned so *hot and bright* that He could not keep even His only begotten Son safe but gave him over to death in order to win us back once and for all!

The God who loves us like that is the One who looked upon our creation and saw it for what it was, overridden by sin, unable to be at peace with Him, and unwilling to submit to His will. The Advent of Christ, then, serves as both law AND Gospel. God judged us as needing intervention but then intervened in the only way that put the powers of sin and death away forever.

And so Advent becomes, for us, a season of waiting and preparing not only our homes but our *hearts* and our *lives* for the arrival of Jesus Christ. To help us in this practice we are introducing a Wednesday evening worship opportunity during December. Much like our Lenten Wednesday Mid-Week services, these evening services will be a chance to unplug from the chaotic nature of the holidays, to contemplate and to pray and also to sing simple songs of our Advent expectancy of Jesus Christ.

Our Worship and Music Committee has put together a wonderful season of Sundays focused on the four emotions of Advent and Christmas: Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. Each Sunday, we will light the Advent wreath and share in God’s Word and Sacrament as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

I pray that you will take advantage of this Advent Season to come to Elim, the Oasis, and find a cup of cool water in the chaos of your holiday season with all of its attendant emotions. You are welcome, *all* are welcome around the manger of this Little One, the Savior of the World.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God.

Amen.



# Seeking the Peace of God in the Midst of Life

When the company of angels appeared to the shepherds, they were praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to all on whom his favor rests.” I don’t know about you, but as a parent of school age children, Christmas is when I seem to have the most commitments and expectations of the entire year. Therefore, I must be even more intentional about seeking the peace of God in the midst of life. It may seem cliché, but it is vital for us to intentionally put the Christ into Christmas, and this does not happen unless we are intentional about it.

In last month’s Messenger, I encouraged you to look at family traditions. The ones you already practice and possibly new ones to bring the Word of God and his presence into your Advent season. This month, I want to encourage you to make a 4-week commitment to building the peace of God into the chaos of December. I don’t want this to be one more thing on your plate. Rather, I want to encourage you to take a few moments each day to build the peace of the Lord into your life.

There are two moments in almost everyone’s day that provide a prime time to connect with God without adding one more thing to your schedule.

These are the moments between hitting the snooze button and the moments when your brain settles down at the end of the day. If you do not already have a daily spiritual routine. I want to encourage you to develop one and make a commitment for this Advent season. It’s not hard, in the morning, take the few moments of wake up time to pray and think about the Lord. You may want to put a verse of scripture by your bedside the night before, read and ponder it and how God is speaking to your day. Then at night, I want to encourage you to read a short devotional, pray and ponder what God is saying to you as you fall asleep. Elim has a variety of small devotional booklets for you to choose from that take less than a minute to read. Neither of these commitments really add any time commitment. However, if you choose to make this a part of your Christmas preparations, it might bring the peace we all seek at this time of year.

Please let me know if you want to make this commitment by emailing or dropping a note in my box. I will make the commitment to pray for you. Then, I would also love to hear the Spirit of God build peace into your Christmas season. I promise He will!

Merry Christmas,  
Pastor Marcia

## Memorials through October 2012

In Memory of	Amount	Designation
Myles Sherwood	\$30.00	Undesignated
Erma Lechke	\$115.00	Sanctuary improvement
Glenn Jacobson	\$95.00	Undesignated
Dolores Seal	\$20.00	Sanctuary fund
	\$10.00	Undesignated
Richard Burgin	\$590.00	Elevator
Ken Ostrom	\$3,000.00	Elevator

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Funerals

11/1 Donald Swanson  
11/26 Dorothy Hagen



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# Wednesday Night Live

## Wednesday Night Live Schedule

5:15-6:15 p.m. Community dinner  
(free will offering) and open gym

5:50 p.m. Children's Choir practice

6:00 p.m. Confirmation for grades 7-8

6:00 p.m. Elim Ringtones rehearsal

6:15 p.m. Adult Education

7:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service

7:45 p.m. Elim Choir rehearsal

*No WNL and no choir rehearsal on Dec. 26*

## Adult Education

Dec. 5 \*Talking about your family

Dec. 12 \*Honoring Minnesota choices, advanced care planning and health care directives

Dec. 19 \*Creating caring congregation practices to provide a community of care at the end of life

*\*Note change of time: 6:00-6:45.*

*Advent Service at 7:00.*

Dec. 26 & Jan. 2 No Wednesday Night Live

Jan. 9 Elizabeth Odegaard from Thrivent  
"Identity Theft." A valuable workbook will be given to each participant.

## Kids' Rock December Schedule

Kids' Rock will participate in the AGAPE concert on December 5. AGAPE is a hip-hop artist that your kids are sure to love! Pastor Chris will supervise all of the youth and children that night.

Then we will not meet again until after Christmas break to encourage families to attend mid-week Advent services together at 7:00 p.m. The gym, youth and game rooms will be open from 5:00-6:45. Parents are asked to supervise their children during this time. The nursery will continue to be available as usual and through the worship service.



Wednesday Night Live sure was rockin' with Kids' Rock!  
25 kids participated in a fun-filled evening.

# Groups and Gatherings

## December Circle Meetings

**Ruth:** Monday, Dec. 10, 12:30 p.m. Fireside Room. Potluck meal.

**Anna-Esther:** Monday, Dec. 10, 12:30 p.m. Hostess: Lorraine Hanson, 2400 Rhode Island Ave N, Apt 603, Golden Valley, (763) 545-3489.

**Hope:** Wednesday, Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m. Hostess: Carol Freeburg, 4200 Beard Ave N, Robbinsdale, (763) 535-3692

**Naomi:** Wednesday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. Hostess: Mary Thomson, 6150 Saint Croix Ave N, Apt 315, Golden Valley, (763) 541-9397.

**Mary:** Thursday, Dec. 13 10:30 a.m. Hostess: Lois Bodin, 11295 57th Ave N, Plymouth, (763) 559-5440.

**Hannah-Martha:** Thursday, Dec. 13 7:00 p.m. Going out to eat.

## ROMEOs & JULIETS

Have you or a family member or friend lost a spouse? The ROMEOs and JULIETS might help you through the difficult weeks, months and years following the death of a spouse.

The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meet on the 3rd Monday of the month (Dec. 17). The JULIETS (Jovial, Unattached Ladies Intentionally Eating and Talking for Support) meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (Dec. 18). Both meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Country Kitchen on 42<sup>nd</sup> and Winnetka.

You don't have to make a reservation to attend; simply come to lunch. If you would like to know more, you can talk with Pastor Marcia.



## Women's Movie Night

Elim women and friends are invited to another Women's Movie Night on Friday, Dec. 7 in the theatre room. Social time begins at 6:30pm and the movie starts at 7:00. This month, we will be watching the holiday classic *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed.

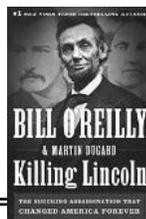
## Leisure Age

- Dec. 6 Dick Macko Christmas accordion concert
- Dec. 13 Ken Wanovich concert; December Birthday Party!
- Dec. 20 Blood pressures taken 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
Christmas Party: prizes and surprises!
- Dec. 27 No Leisure Age—Merry Christmas!

*Reservations are required for the Leisure Age lunch each week. Make your reservation on Thursday for the following week, or call (763) 537-1171 over the weekend or 9:00a.m.–noon on Monday.*

## Book Club

The Elim Book Club will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11 in the Conference Room to discuss *Killing Lincoln* by Bill O'Reilly. Anyone who has read the book is welcome to join the discussion.



## Elim Vets



Jim Kirihara will be our speaker on Monday, January 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Mr. Kirihara is a Japanese-American who was held in an internment camp during World War II. He was later drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Korea.

## Join the Discussion at Theology Pub



Birdtown Theology Pub is an opportunity for folks to get together in a casual setting and spend time talking about theology, Bible study, or whatever the group decides.

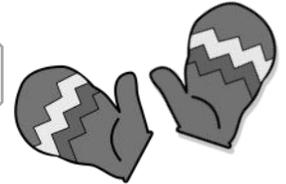
The next gathering is Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. For more information, contact Pastor Chris Enstad (censtad@elim-robbinsdale.org), Harald Eriksen, or Erik Haug.

# Serve Board



## Christmas Giving in Our Community

by Karen Dahlen



### **NORTH-SUBURBAN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RESPONSE (NEAR)**

The full grocery bags Elim members have contributed for NEAR are spilling over from the red wagon into the foyer. A number of members have contributed money as well. The need is great and we are grateful for Elim's generosity. **THANK YOU!**

Grocery bags continue to be available in the narthex on December 2 and 9 for Christmas food.

These food items are most needed:

cereal	stuffing mix	pasta
Hamburger Helper	yams	canned milk
fruit cocktail	corn	green beans
Jell-O	candy	cookies
marshmallows	coffee	

### **PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN YOUTH CENTER (PCYC)**

Another Elim Christmas tradition is to provide gifts for PCYC's Christmas store. Children from Minneapolis North Side are able to purchase gifts for the important people in their lives for very low cost—a few dollars. Elim members contribute \$5-8 gifts. The PCYC children's store will be open Saturday, December 8. On the following page is a list of the kinds of items that are popular gifts. The deadline for contributing gifts is Wednesday, December 5. Please place the items in the boxes labeled PCYC in the foyer or narthex.

### **CAMDEN CARE CENTER**

Another Christmas outreach project is to buy specific gifts for residents of the Camden Care Center. The gift request will be hung on a Christmas tree in the parlor on November 25. The deadline for delivering the wrapped gifts to the church office will be the week before Christmas. Please look for the "gift tree" in the parlor.

### **MITTEN TREES**

The mitten trees are in the narthex and the Chapel foyer—please hang water resistant and knitted mittens, caps, and scarves right on the tree. These items will help keep somebody warm this winter.

### **FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD**

Elim is looking for volunteers to help host a dinner for Families Moving Forward at the Robbinsdale UCC Church on Thursday, December 13 from 5–7:00 p.m. Please call Karen Dahlen at 952-922-2062 if you'd like to volunteer.

### **GLOBAL MISSIONS**

Elim's support for Global Missions in 2012 has been fantastic! Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this effort a success. Please continue to make your pledges through the rest of the year. As noted in the November Messenger, the Strickerts will be leaving Jerusalem at the end of December.

The ELCA Global Missions has suggested that in 2013 Elim support The Rev. Elisabeth Johnson in Cameroon. Elisabeth is a seminary professor at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Meiganga. She teaches students preparing for service as pastors and leaders in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon. More information about renewing our commitment to Global Missions will be in the January Messenger.

### ***Thank You!***

The Serve Board would like to thank Eileen Beggs for temporarily taking over the job of coordinating Elim's Dinner at Your Door participation. Bess Warner has coordinated the program for five years and deserves huge thanks as well.

Olga Challman has joined the NEAR Board, along with Shirley Mork. Both Olga and Shirley should also be thanked for their dedication to our community outreach.

# Plymouth Christian Youth Center Children's Christmas Gift Sale

## Suggested shopping list

Try to spend about \$5 to \$8 per gift and remove or black out all price tags. If you are donating a large number of gifts, please sort gifts by age group and gender into appropriately labeled boxes or bags. (See related article on opposite page.)

<p><b>MEN</b></p> <p>Socks</p> <p>Windshield scrapers with brush</p> <p>Tools *</p> <p>T-shirts – large/extra large</p> <p>Car accessories</p> <p>Nylon billfolds</p> <p>Caps &amp; gloves*</p> <p>Flashlights with batteries*</p> <p>Dominoes/cards/puzzles</p> <p>Clocks</p> <p>Aftershave/lotion*</p> <p>Shaving kits*</p> <p>Music/CDs*</p> <p>Sunglasses</p> <p>Watches*</p> <p>Sports equipment*</p> <p>Winter hats/scarves</p> <p>Radios/headphones*</p>	<p>Jewelry/jewelry boxes*</p> <p>Journals/calendars/ stationary</p> <p>Household items</p> <p>Picture frames</p> <p>Candles</p> <p>Cosmetics (nail polish, lip gloss)*</p> <p>Purses/bags*</p> <p>Sunglasses</p> <p>Holiday decorations</p> <p>Watches*</p> <p>Winter hats/scarves/gloves</p>	<p>Winter hats/gloves</p> <p>Billfolds/wallets/purses*</p> <p>Radios/headphones*</p> <p>Portable CD players*</p> <p>Spray cologne</p>	<p><b>CHILDREN (AGES 3 to 12)</b></p> <p>Board games*: Bingo</p> <p>Chutes &amp; Ladders</p> <p>Mancala</p> <p>Connect 4</p> <p>Candyland</p> <p>Uno</p> <p>Checkers</p> <p>Guess Who</p> <p>Stuffed animals-all sizes</p> <p>Puzzles</p> <p>Playdough</p> <p>Legos *</p> <p>Truck/Cars</p> <p>Dolls – all races *</p> <p>Yo Yos</p> <p>Jump ropes</p> <p>Balls (nerf, etc.)*</p> <p>Long sleeved shirts/ sweatshirts</p> <p>Hair accessories</p> <p>Colorbooks/markers</p>
<p><b>WOMEN</b></p> <p>Scented lotions/bath oils/ beads/bath gel*</p> <p>Perfume/body spray*</p> <p>Hair accessories</p> <p>Scarves</p>	<p><b>TEEN BOYS/GIRLS</b></p> <p>School supplies</p> <p>Novels</p> <p>Music/CDs*</p> <p>Shirts/sweatshirts L/XL</p> <p>Watches*</p> <p>Games</p> <p>Stationery/journals/gel pens*</p> <p>Body spray/scented lotions</p> <p>Sports equipment*</p> <p>Athletic wear*</p> <p>Sunglasses</p>	<p><b>GENERAL</b></p> <p>Lifesaver books</p> <p>Canisters with M&amp;Ms, nuts or other candy</p> <p>Boxed candy (Turtles, caramels, fudge</p> <p>Canisters of popcorn</p> <p>Photo albums</p>	<p><b>INFANTS</b></p> <p>Clothes*</p> <p>Mobiles for crib/linens/crib pads</p> <p>Bibs</p> <p>Rattles/toys*</p> <p>Hooded towels and other bath products (no powder)*</p> <p>Hats/mitten sets</p> <p>Board books</p>

**\*Note: These gifts are chosen more frequently by the children.**

## MOTION FOR NEW COUNCIL STRUCTURE

**An Amendment to the Elim Constitution has been approved by the Elim Church Council to be voted upon in the January 2013 Annual Meeting:**

### THE MOTION

Elim Church Council has passed a motion “to reduce the size of the Elim council to 12 members consisting of three groups of four with terms expiring on a three year rotation. Two new members will be sought and current members’ term limit will be realigned to fill out the three groups appropriately”.

### From the constitution:

#### Chapter 12: Congregation Council

“C12.01. Voting membership of the Congregation council shall consist of the senior pastor, and fifteen (15) members of the congregation, including the officers.”

### Shall read:

“C12.01 Voting membership of the Congregation council shall consist of the senior pastor, and twelve (12) members of the congregation, including the officers.”

## Baptism Orientation

Pastor Marcia leads a monthly baptism orientation for parents planning the baptism of a child. The next orientation will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11. If you are interested in attending, please contact her at (763) 537-8481, ext. 312.

## Mini-Bazaar

Anyone who missed the Bazaar can still shop at the mini bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 9.

# December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11:00am Holy Yoga
2 <i>Advent 1 - HOPE</i> 9:30am Family Worship w/ communion, Choir performs Advent Cantata Coffee & donuts, Mini-bazaar 11:00am Worship w/communion & Cantata	3 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts—Gym	4 11:00am Altar Guild Christmas Party—Parlor	5 6:30–8pm Elim hosts Wild-fire Agape Concert Kids' Rock joins Agape Wednesday Night Live	6 6-10:00pm Sons of	7	8 11:00am Holy Yoga
9 <i>Advent 2 - PEACE</i> 9:30am Worship & Sunday School Coffee & donuts, Mini-bazaar 11:00am Worship 11:00am Lao ELC 11:00am Greater All Nations 12:30 Monument of Faith	10 12:30pm Thrivent 12:30pm Ruth Circle—Fireside Room 6:15pm E Team 6:30pm Girl Scouts	11 6:30pm Baptism Ori-	12 9am Quilters Wednesday Night Live 7:00pm Advent Worship	13 Last E Team	14	15 11:00am Holy Yoga
16 <i>Advent 3 - LOVE</i> 9:30am Worship & Sunday School Christmas Program Coffee & donuts 11:00am Worship w/communion 11:00am Lao ELC 11:00am Greater All Nations	17 Deadline for Messenger stories 11:00am ROMEOs 1:30 Lee Square Com-	18 11:00 a.m. JULIETS 6:30pm Jr. Girl Scouts	19 Wednesday Night Live 7:00pm Advent Worship	20	21	22 11:00am Holy Yoga
23 <i>Advent 4 - JOY</i> 9:30am Worship & Sunday School Coffee & donuts 11:00am Worship 11:00am Lao ELC 11:00am Greater All Nations 12:30 Monument of Faith	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 3:00pm Worship 4:30pm Worship 11:00pm Worship	25 <i>Christmas</i> 10:00am Worship	26 No Wednesday Night Live	27 10:00am Messenger Processing	28	29 11:00am Holy Yoga
30 9:30am Worship & Sunday School Coffee & donuts 11:00am Worship 11:00am Lao ELC 11:00am Greater All Nations 12:30 Monument of Faith	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>					



# Advent Celebrations

by Richard Balkus

**Advent**, anglicized from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming,” is a season observed in many Western Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. It is the beginning of the Western liturgical year and commences on Advent Sunday. (Source: Wikipedia.) This year, the Music and Worship Board is trying to bring to Elim a new awareness of Advent.

### HOPE: ADVENT CANTATA

The Elim Choir will present the Advent Cantata, Discovering Advent, on Sunday, December 2 at the 9:30 and 11:00 services. The cantata leads us through the meaning of the Advent season.

### PEACE: ORGAN RECITAL

On Sunday, December 9 at 3:00p.m., our Advent celebrations will include an organ recital in the Elim sanctuary by Jeffery Patry. Jeffrey is the Organist and Music Director at our neighbor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He has been involved with Elim through the Community Thanksgiving Service and has had the Sacred Heart bell choir participate in Elim's Spring Ring. Jeffrey is also and active member of the American Guild of Organists. The concert will include Advent and Christmas music by various composers. It will be followed by a reception in the Parlor.

## Financial Reports Available

Copies of Elim’s previous month’s finance report are available to pick up at the church office throughout the month.

### Elim Church Council

Harald Eriksen, President	Gerald Anderson Rose Coykendall	Julie Madsen Jeff Mennenga
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Office hours: 8:00-4:30 Monday-Thursday, 8:00-12:00 Friday

### LOVE: CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On December 16, the third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday School will present their Christmas Program at the 9:30 service.

### JOY: CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEAR

The fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, the theme will be JOY.

### WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

We will have an Advent worship service in the Sanctuary at 7:00p.m. on Wednesday evenings. This will be something new for us, and will be a time during the week to reflect on things to come. Hopefully, Advent will be a meaningful time of anticipation and preparation for the coming of Christ.

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## **Worship times**

**9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School at 9:30**

The first Sunday of each month, beginning in October,  
Family Worship Sunday. There will be no Sunday  
School on the first Sunday of the month.

Nursery care is available at both services.