Happy December Birthdays

1- Bruce Bergman
3- Janet Koski
6- Spencer Hjelle
12- Ophelia Bergman
14- Carol Umhauer
15- Tom Hewett
19- Holly Hadrava
28- Claude Erickson
29- Diane Hakala
30- Barb Christenson

Session Highlights

Session will meet with Henry Pecchia to approve of his confirmation.

Preaching Schedule

Dec 6 – Sue Stevens, Communion
Dec 13 – CE Christmas Program
Dec 20 – Trevor Ranisate
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve candle-lit service
Dec 27 – Rev. Amy Teske
Jan 3 – Sue Stevens, Communion

Lift Update

Our wheelchair-accessible lift is now finally usable! Thank you to Steve, Craig and Bob for all their work getting it installed! You are welcome to use it as needed; however, please make sure to follow the posted instructions to use it correctly! It is most important that you DO NOT manually try to open, close or prop open the lift doors. You need to be patient and wait for the lift to automatically open and close the doors. You also need to push and hold the button until the lift arrives at the appropriate level. We plan to dedicate the lift in the spring.

In Sympathy

We offer sympathy to the family and friends of Ruth Saranen who passed away on November 9. A memorial service was held for Ruth at our church on Nov. 27.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13 following worship. Rev. Workman will moderate the meeting. At this meeting we will elect Class of 2029 Elders and Deacons.

CE Christmas Program

There will be a CE Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 13. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10:30am for those involved.

Prayer Burning

You are welcome to place private prayers in the prayer box at the back of the sanctuary anytime. These unread prayers will be burned outside the church following worship on Dec. 20, and the ashes will be spread on the church gardens.

Christmas Eve Candle-lit Service

Our Christmas Eve Candle-lit service will take place at 4:30pm on Dec. 24.

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, the cost will be $10. Please let the office know the names of people who the poinsettia will be in memory/honor of.

Congratulations, Henry!

We congratulate Henry on completing his Confirmation class! Session will meet with Henry before approving him for Confirmation. He will then be confirmed on Dec. 27.

Pastoral Nominating Committee

The PNC did not find any suitable, part-time pastoral candidates using the national PC(USA) database. They are now reaching out to other local churches to see if there is a possibility of sharing a full-time pastor with another church.

How are we called to serve?

In November, Session invited us all to consider how our church is being called to serve our community and world. We have been writing our ideas on posters at the back of the sanctuary, and you are welcome to continue adding your ideas! In January, we will work on deciding what to do with all our ideas. There will be more information on this next month.

Holiday Concerts

The Choralaires – Fri. 12/4, 6pm Gethsemane
Sun. 12/6, 2pm Our Saviors
Merry Tuba Christmas – Sat. 12/12, 1pm
Rock Ridge High School
Handle's Messiah – Sun. 12/13, 2pm Chisholm High School, Range of Voices & Mesabi Symph.
Mesabi Community Band – Thu. 12/17, 7pm
Eveleth City Auditorium

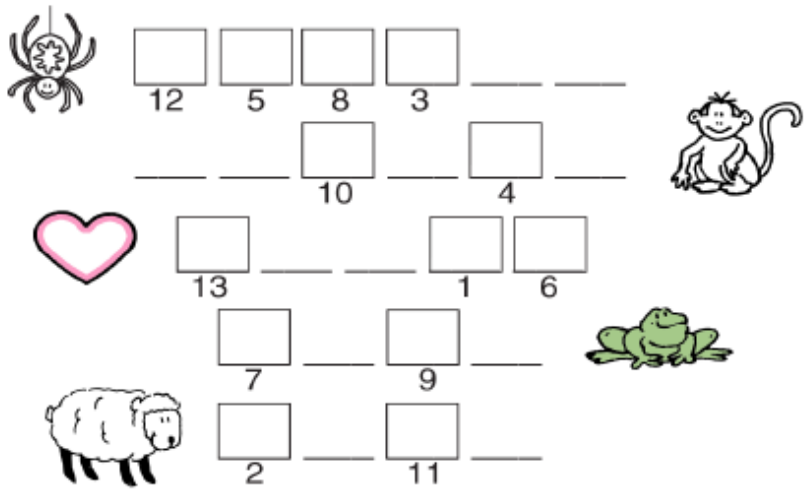
Treasurer's Report

October offerings: $6,224
October expenses: $8,095



Isaiah said something important. What was it?

Write the name of the picture, then transfer the letter to the lines below.



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Christian Education
Merry Christmas

December 2026





Advent Season

December 6 (Communion)
2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace
Mark 1:1-8
Part of getting ready is clearing a path, so we should make room in our lives for Jesus. **PEACE.**

December 13 Christmas Program
3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy
John 1:6-8, 19-28
We don't have to be the most important person. We can point others to Jesus. **JOY.**

December 20
4th Sunday of Advent - Love
Luke 1:26-38
God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We don't have to understand everything in order to trust God **LOVE.**

December 24
Christmas Eve (Thursday)
Christ
Candlelight Service
Luke 2: 1-20; John 1: 1-14
Hear all about Jesus' birth. We should not place our faith in men or the rulers of men but in God, who is the supreme ruler or leader of the world. We have ***CHRIST****!*

December 27 Confirmation
Luke 2:22-40
God's promises are worth waiting for
God keeps his promises

Keep Jesus in your Life



Christmas Program

Sunday December 13th

We will be doing a Narrative of the Christmas Story with CE kids and family. Please join us!
Practice Saturday Dec. 12 - 10:30
Enjoy some
Christmas Cookies after Worship

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday December 27th
We are happy to be welcoming Henry Pecchia into our church.





Friendship Soup

We will be selling packages of our Friendship Soup mixes again in January as part of our Souper Bowl of Caring. More information to come.

A Blessed Christmas and 2027
to you and your loved ones
Peace and Blessings

Birthday Corner

Hollie Hadrava	December 19
Riley Zezel	December 19

Christian Education

Sunday Dec. 6	Sunday Dec. 13	Sunday Dec. 20	Thursday Dec. 24	Sunday Dec. 27
Mark 1:1-8 PEACE Communion	John 1:6-8, 19-28 JOY Children's Christmas Program	Luke 1:26-38 LOVE	Christmas Eve 4:30pm Candlelight Service CHRIST	Luke 2:22-40 Escape to Egypt