

Christmas Tree Ornaments/Advent Calendar

We are adapting a new Christmas tradition from the Eastern Synod for St. Luke's. Beginning December 1, we are asking the congregation to bring a special ornament to hang on our tree in the entrance area of the church. This could be an ornament that has a special meaning for you or something you created especially for this occasion. Ornaments will be tagged with your name and given back to you after the Christmas season.

Sunday School News

Thanks to our wonderful teachers Darlene Brooks, Dianne Metcalf and Rachel Sutton we had an amazing start into the new Sunday School year. Sunday School can always use help and support. We are happy to announce that the Sunday School Children in cooperation with the Confirmation Students will present a Christmas Play during the 4:00 pm Worship Service on Christmas Eve, December 24. Please join abundantly – the more the merrier! Please reach out to our Sunday School Teachers or to Pastor Heike for more information. Practices take place on December 8, 15 and 22 after the worship service.

Take Note!

**Townhall Meeting
Sunday, December 8**

Following the Worship Service

**Christmas Potluck Dinner
Sunday, December 15**

Following the Worship Service

Please sign up on the Socialites bulletin board

**Reminder !
Reports for the Annual Meeting
are due on December 31.**

German Christmas

On **Tuesday, December 17, at 2:00 pm** all who love German Advent and Christmas Traditions are welcome to join for a German Christmas Celebration. We will sing German Christmas Carols, enjoy tea, coffee and cookies as well as revamp our German. I'm looking forward to a cozy afternoon in the Parlour.

Blue Christmas

For some of us the Christmas Season is a difficult time, especially when it's the first Christmas without a loved one. A Blue Christmas Service is offered especially for those hurting during the holidays. On **Saturday, December 21, at 4:00 pm** all who feel that a short, contemplative time of prayer and worship could bring healing and comfort are invited to join for a blue Christmas service in the Sanctuary of St. Luke's.

Christmas at St. Luke's

Christmas Eve, December 24:

Candle Light Family Worship Service with Christmas Play at 4:00 pm

Candle Light Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Carol Singing before Worship Services starts at 3:45 pm and 6:45 pm

First Sunday of Christmas, December 29:

Carols and Lessons at 10:00 am

Bible Verse for 2025

If you wish to receive a (personal) bible quote for 2025, let Pastor Heike know. They will be distributed during the Worship Service on Sunday, January 12 (Baptism of Our Lord). But you can certainly receive one per email or text as well. May this word from the bible be a companion for you during the new year, a waypoint, a light house.

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! The Annual Meeting takes place on **Sunday, February 9** after the Worship Service, approx. at 11:30 am. For those who aren't able to attend in person we will create the opportunity to join via ZOOM. The link will be published closer to the meeting in our weekly 'News from St. Luke's' mailing.