



## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, December 16

3 and 5 pm Serve at New Creations

5:30 pm Children's Bells

6:30 pm Carillon Choir; Scouts

### Tuesday, December 17

10 am Quilting; Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, December 18

10 am Bible Study

5:30 pm Community Meal

6:30–7:30 pm Lakeview Forum:

Manger Mingle (All Ages)

7:30–8 pm Youth Group

### Thursday, December 19

5 pm Book Club

### Saturday, December 21

10 am Alcoholics Anonymous

6 pm Blue Christmas Worship Service

YOUTH MUSICAL NEWS! Auditions, casting, AND the first read-through of *Songs from the Bible: Return to Camp Hosanna* are set for Sunday, Jan 5, 2025, at 11 am, with director Frank Anderson. Parents will have an info session at the same time with Lacy Tooker-Kirkevold.

## Announcements December 15, 2024

Visit our website for service opportunities and more activities. Find the latest issue of *The Ripple* (our monthly magazine) in the narthex just outside the sanctuary or in the Commons gathering area. Please take one home.



You're invited to the Manger Mingle Nativity Party on Wednesday! Bring your most favorite or unique Nativity scenes to display (but make sure to attend even if you don't have one!). We'll have an all-ages manger scene scavenger hunt, a Christmas cookie buffet, a game of Kahoot, and holiday music. Christmas sweaters and other fun holiday attire encouraged!

Manger scenes will have sheets next to them explaining a little about their provenance. These are available near the name tags in the Commons Area if you want to fill one (or more!) out ahead of time. Can you contribute to the Christmas cookie buffet? Sign up in the Commons Area! All types of cookies and bars are welcome!



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## Keeping in Prayer

Jane and Alva Pingel

## This Week's Birthdays

Dec. 15 Sharon Hegna; Colleen Webber

Dec. 16 Dan Miller; Charlotte Plummer

Dec. 17 James Powell

Dec. 19 Kathi Gallup; Sam Falk

Dec. 20 Niklas Johnson

Dec. 21 Steve Voss

# Advent Worship

## Blue Christmas Worship

Saturday, December 21, 6 pm

This quiet, candlelit service is designed especially for those who find the holidays challenging or need a moment of stillness amid the holiday rush. Even if this year doesn't feel "blue" for you, consider attending as an act of kindness for those who are hurting.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship

December 22, 9:30 am

Following this worship is a Christmas Carol Sing-along.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Tuesday, December 24, 4 pm

A traditional, contemplative candlelight worship service. Family-friendly with battery-powered candles for kids.



## Mission of the Month Sanctuary Supply Depot

Financial donations are vital to helping Sanctuary Supply Depot meet the needs of our unhoused neighbors, keeping them safe and alive in the harsh Minnesota weather. A winter supply drive is currently underway as well. The following items are being collected at Diamond Lake Lutheran:

- Adult-sized clothing (new or used in good condition)
- Winter coats, snow pants, and boots in all sizes
- Socks
- Emergency blankets
- Hot hands/feet/body warmers
- All kinds of new batteries
- Lighters

Read more about how to give financially to the Sanctuary Supply Depot in today's bulletin.



## End-of-Year Office Hours and Giving

Your generosity supports our ministry, strengthens our community, and helps us serve our neighbors. To ensure your end-of-year giving is recorded for 2024, please note these special office hours as the year draws to a close. Diamond Lake's final, year-end bank deposit will be made at noon on December 31. To be safe, please don't count on timely mail delivery the last couple days of the year. **You can drop off end-of-year giving until noon on Tuesday, December 31.** Thank you!

Monday, December 23 & Tuesday, December 24: 9 am–3 pm

December 25–27: Closed

Monday, December 30: 9 am–3 pm

Tuesday, December 31: 9 am–12 pm

Wednesday, January 1: Closed

## Office Volunteers Needed

Diamond Lake Lutheran is seeking office volunteers to be available for package and mail deliveries as well as occasional tasks like stuffing bulletins through the end of January. Volunteers are needed for two shifts: 9 am–12 pm and 12 pm–3 pm, Monday through Thursday (the church is closed on Fridays). You are welcome to bring along a book or other hobbies/work to help pass the time. Please fill out the sign-up in the Commons Area to indicate your availability and we will get back to you to schedule exact days and times that work for you. Thank you!