

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS



Advent, the season of anticipation, lays the foundation for delayed gratification. Wait! Wait! Prepare! Prepare! The call of John the Baptist for personal inventory and repentance strike at the heart of a culture of instant gratification via Amazon or eBay. So often we are thrust into the season of Christmas without adequate personal preparation. The economics push retailers to start earlier and earlier and, in our mind, the season is complete before it has ever arrived. I urge you to slow the pace, quiet the mind, and reflect on the Gift, waiting on tip-toes for those wondrous words, "to us a son is born." The liturgical season of Advent, which literally means, "that which comes before," divides our attention between preparation for the birth of the Christ Child and the second coming of the King of Kings. If Christ were to return tomorrow, would you live differently today? Advent calls us to that different living with its divided focus. Take these four weeks to prepare a place, undefiled, in your heart for Baby Jesus and to prepare a life as offering to the coming King of Kings! Our mid-week Advent services offer an opportunity for you to focus on that preparation.

Christmas celebrates the incarnation, literally to take on flesh, of the Son of God & the Son of Man. Common, cultural practice often diverts our eyes to trees, gifts, or parties. The Christmas celebration directs us to stand in awe at the wonder of the Son of God coming to us in our own flesh and blood, one of us, leaving behind his divinity as he emptied himself. Emmanuel is not some far off deity manipulating creation and us. Emmanuel is with us and, more importantly, for us. He knows us as we are for he is born as we are born, lives as we live and dies as we shall. As one of us, he will offer himself as substitute for us, to absorb God's abhorrence of our sin. No wonder we join with the angelic chorus in praising God for The Ultimate Gift—himself incarnated—that comes among us! I invite you to celebrate with the Body of Christ the incarnation of the Son of God for us, the ChristMass!

ChristMass Eve–Sunday, 24 December 2017

5:30 p.m.–Family Christmas Worship
7:30 & 11:00 p.m.–Candlelight ChristMass

The ChristMass–Monday, 25 December 2017

10:30 a.m.

Lynn Ann and I wish you a blessed celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God!

Notes from Pastor Jon



Every family has their own traditions during the Christmas season. It may be a gathering of particular friends or family. Perhaps you enjoy special foods, or support particular charities, or attend events that are rooted in the Christmas season. A tradition of special importance for many a boy or girl is the answer to the question, “When do we open the gifts?” Is it Christmas Eve? Christmas morning? Or some other time? And the world has its own traditions around the Christmas season – a season that starts earlier and earlier, and always in search of the almighty dollar.

Regardless, traditions are important. They ground our lives and connect us to the ones with whom we share those traditions. But ultimately, all of the many traditions surrounding the Christmas season find their foundation and reason for existence in a person - the God-man – the Christ – God incarnate – who has come to “...save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

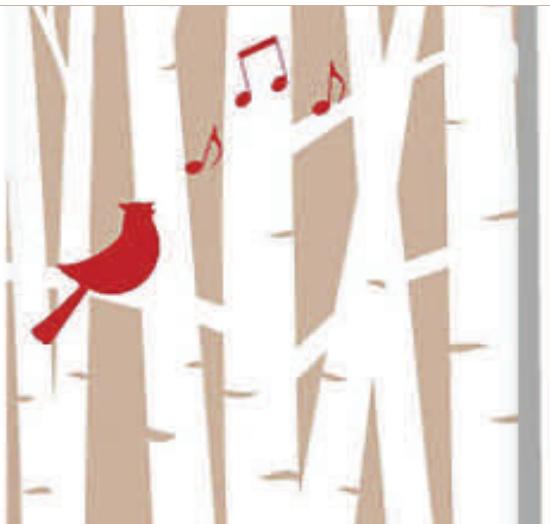
I urge you and your family to take advantage of all the “traditional” opportunities that take place on this campus: special worship services, celebrations, and fellowship times that happen at Hope this month. You will find these events listed on a special page in this newsletter or you can find them on our website. Even better: invite a friend to join you, and help them begin a “new” tradition that is not so new – the worship of our Lord who has become incarnate for us as “Immanuel” – God with us.

NERF WARS – Junior High/Senior High Youth - Saturday, January 6th beginning at 6 pm. Details will follow via email and on the bulletin board. Friends are absolutely welcome. Save the date and prepare to do battle!

Sheri, the girls, and I wish you and your family a blessed Christmas as together we celebrate the birth of the Christ, the Son of God, who has come to share our flesh so that He might show God’s great love for us by dying and rising again to save us from ourselves - so that we might also die to our sinful ways and rise with Him to new, and eternal life.

His Peace Be With You,

Pastor Jon



Music Ministry

Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let every hill and valley, A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!

Advent is here! It is time to prepare for our Savior's birthday. We have many worship services and events to help everyone celebrate Advent and Christmas. We hope that you will join us in celebrating in word and song as we tell the story of Jesus, born as a baby in Bethlehem.

Wednesday, December 6th — Advent Services #1 — 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 13th — Advent Service #2 -- 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, December 17th — Service of Lessons and Carols — 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Hope's annual celebration of scripture and carols led by the Sanctuary Choir, Celebration and Jubilate Bells, and Festival Orchestra

Wednesday, December 20th — Christmas Potluck / Musical — 6:30 p.m.

Come join us as we enjoy dinner, fellowship, preaching and the Sunday School Christmas Musical: *Christmas is Jesus*.

Sunday, December 24th — Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Eve Service — 5:30 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service — 7:30 p.m.

Special music by: Sanctuary Choir, Jubilate Bells, and Festival Orchestra

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service — 11:00 p.m.

Special music by: Instrumental and Vocal Soloists

Monday, December 25th — Christmas Day

ChristMass Service — 10:30 a.m.

May God Bless Your Advent Preparations!
Stephanie Poyner, Director of Music

Children's Music Ministry

Sunday, December 10th —

11:00 a.m.

Children's Choir, Chimes and Bells

Wednesday, December 13th —

5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Children's Choir, Chimes and Bells Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 20th —

6:30 p.m.

Christmas Potluck and Sunday School Christmas Musical

Children's Choir, Bells, and Chimes will resume January 10, 2018!

Merry Christmas!

Ms. Penny & Ms. Stephanie

Friendswood Library

Christmas Concert

Monday, December 11th

7:00 p.m.

Please join the Hope Handbell Quartet and vocal and instrumental soloists of Hope Lutheran Church for a festive concert of music for the Christmas Season!



Youth Ministry

Serving Love!

I'm guessing your house is being inundated with donation requests much like my own this time of year. The competitive canned food drive between classes, the request for coats, new, unwrapped toys, turkeys and cash contributions for student groups, church, Scouts, your servant minded sports teams and the Shriner's Hospital all come with endless abandon during this

season. I want to give, I recognize the need to teach my children generosity and civic responsibility and sacrifice, I want to but I'm a little overwhelmed. In all the frenzy am I teaching anything more than crossing things off the list? Are there relationships formed through it all that will contribute to who they are as emerging young adults? Are there ways they can serve through the Advent season that reach beyond a shopping list? I'm so glad you asked!

- Saturday, December 9th we are calling all ages to lend a hand in polishing and preparing the Sanctuary for Christmas! We'll have the supplies, you bring the hearts and hands. An experienced team of Altar Guild ladies will share their time honored techniques and whether you grab a rag to scrub or mentor a little one in hymnal stacking, this morning promises new friendships and laughter. RSVP for a hot dog lunch to celebrate our accomplishments — sign up board is in the Grand Hallway.
- Saturday, December 16th is the dress rehearsal for our musicians of every kind to prepare for Lessons and Carols. We are putting together a hearty breakfast to sustain them and to speak our love and appreciation into all they do to uplift our worship through these busy days. If you would like to contribute pastries, casseroles, fruit trays and breakfast goodies, please contact Robin. We also need helping hands to serve, bus tables and clean up — your servant heart can sign up at signup.com using this link: <http://signup.com/go/vLATEWG>.
- Got ideas for ways to serve this summer? We're putting together ideas! It's really best to submit your idea in writing and drop it off in any of the staff mailboxes!



Faith that Sticks

Last month I challenged you to find 3 things each day for which to be thankful and to make God sightings a part of your daily routine. I hope your family found time to incorporate a little more faith talk each day. This month, I would encourage you to continue those God sightings to help create a faith that sticks with your child as they grow. ("Faith that sticks" is a phrase coined from the Sticky Faith curriculum and Fuller Youth Institute. We have many Sticky Faith resources on campus.)

This month, during Advent we prepare our hearts for Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also the perfect opportunity to continue preparing your children for the years ahead with a strong root in their faith. In addition to finding a daily, or weekly, Advent devotion you can do together as a family, I am going to share four questions that may help spark faith conversations in your home each day. The questions come from Dr. Kara Powell of Fuller Youth Institute and the Sticky Faith principles.

Question 1: What was your high today?

What went well today. Asking about your child's day in the form above is more likely to garner a story-like response than a simple one or two word answer that you might get from "How was your day?"

Question 2: What was your low today?

Same idea as the question above, but gives the child a safe time and place to talk about anything that might have made them sad, angry, or upset.

Question 3: What mistake did you make today?

We all mess up, right, and, by the way, these questions are meant to be answered by the whole family, adults and children alike. This question affords your children the chance to see that grown-ups make mistakes just like children do. But what an awesome chance to talk with your children, especially during the Advent season, about God's grace, forgiveness, and the one who makes it all possible, the baby born in a manger. The one for whom we celebrate the Christmas season.

Question 4: Where did you see Jesus today?

God sighting!! Where have they experienced God in their everyday life. Maybe someone helped your child with a situation at school. Maybe they were able to be the helper. Perhaps they saw a beautiful sunrise or sunset, or were on the receiving end of a needed smile from a friend. If we start to reframe how we see life around us and make it about seeing Jesus around us, we quickly realize all the little (and big) places we can find him.

Like finding time for sharing your 3 things last month, these questions work really well at the dinner table, but they also work in the car, before bedtime, or even over text if that's your one chance to connect for the day.

Help prepare your children for the life they will live in years to come and arm them with a faith that sticks. Find even little moments to be intentional about modeling faith.

Wishing you a Christmas season filled with God sightings and joy!

Krista Beken
Director of Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries



Joyful Ladies Guild

We love celebrations just as so many do and we will have our annual Christmas Party of December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Room. Finally those with Secret Pals will know who carded/gifted them in 2017 and we will draw names for a 2018 Pal. If you don't have a specific Pal, just bring a gift and receive one in exchange when gifts are distributed.

Christmas is more for us than just decorations, food, gifts and once-a-year-sung songs. We don't really wonder why the partridge was perched in a pear tree. We know that a Savior was born, later destined for a cross and sent to assure our salvation. Our joyful songs are an expression of thanks for this God-given gift. May our gratitude extend to family, friends and neighbors.

Our gathering as always includes holiday foods with members bringing a dish of their choice. Our Executive Board will provide the desserts and we thank them and look forward to that.

The blessings of our Lord are among us all. Each has a gift, a talent, a certain ability given for us to use. As you unwrap your particular gift during this time of year, may His presence fill your life.

Mailboxes

It's that time of year again — the dreaded "Mailbox Cleaning." Please, please, please make an effort this month to clean out your mailbox and anything that you have left on top of the mailboxes. In January, the mailboxes will be re-alphabetized and everything left will find it's way into the trash.

Any questions — call me. Thank you. *Debbie Hasty*



2018 Coffee Hour

The time is here to sign up for those volunteering in 2018 for Coffee Hour! First, our thanks for all those who helped serve in 2017. You are much appreciated. For 2018, the sign up is now available in the Narthex.

Get your groups together and help host our special time for fellowship; the Coffee Hour! If it is 1 week, 2 weeks, or 1 month, we would love to have you host. Detailed directions are given.

Looking at the sign-up sheet this morning, the month of January has been taken...thank you. But, those are the only week(s) that have been signed up for. Without your help this ministry CANNOT happen. So prayerfully consider helping with Coffee Hour for 2018 so it doesn't go away.

Please sign up now so we can plan our year and you will get your preferred times to serve! Reminders will be sent out a few weeks before you volunteer. The sign up board is in the Narthex or you can contact Debbie Hasty at dhasty@hope-lutheran.org or 281-482-7943.

Flower Chart

The 2018 Flower Chart sign up for Altar Flowers is now available in the Narthex. The cost is \$30.00 per arrangement. Each arrangement can be taken home after the 11:00 a.m. service. (Please do not take the liner home.) Check should be made payable to Hope Lutheran Church and placed in the envelope attached to the Flower Chart.

Please pay for your flowers when you sign up. This will save the office staff time and make the process easier and more efficient. There is a place on the sign up sheet to mark when you pay — check or cash. In the past cash has just been placed in the envelope, and we have no way to track that payment, so please make sure you mark as “paid with cash”.

Questions? Contact Katherine Kohn or Debbie Hasty at 281-482-7943. Thank you.

Christmas Potluck

Mark your December calendar for our Annual Christmas Potluck on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This year we also will have the opportunity to see our Sunday School children perform their Christmas Musical.

We would love to have you join us for food, fellowship, and entertainment. We ask that you bring either a favorite main dish, side, or dessert (more than one dish if you are inspired).



Poinsettias / Norfolk Pines / Christmas Cactus

We will be offering decoratively wrapped red, white and jingle bell Poinsettias (\$7.00 each) and Norfolk Pines and Christmas Cactus (\$8.50 each) to decorate our Chancel and Nave for Christmas. A donor list will be published in the bulletins on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Look for the Special **Flower Table** in the Grand Hallway starting Sunday, December 3rd. **Orders will be taken at this table ONLY from December 3rd — December 17th.**

Questions?? Contact me. *Debbie Hasty*

Birthday Wishes from Stephen Ministry

Happy Birthday, Jesus. We rejoice with the shepherds, the angels, the Wise Men, the Heavenly Host and all who dwell still on earth. God's grace and mercy is once again celebrated as we read, hear and ponder the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

What do we personally bring to the manger in thought or prayer? We can come with awe, quietly thinking of what the birth means personally. We can come with joyful songs in praise and thanks. We can come, like the Little Drummer Boy, with little to offer, but giving what we can. We can come for these special days and then move on...

Forecast in the Word of God is advance knowledge that trials and tribulations will come into our lives. But also is Jesus' invitation to offer Himself in our times of distress. "Cast all your care on me," He says, "and I will deliver you." This is not a suggestion, it is a promise.

How do we avail ourselves of this help, especially when no one seems to care. Hope has provided the Stephen Ministry to spend private time with you and with God's guidance and Word. Through Him, stress and heartache are shared and discussed, and through Him, focus is on Christian goals.

Bring to the manger your Joy, your faith, and also your needs. He awaits to hear from you. We are here to serve you, and Him.

Eastsiders Small Group

Continue your study of the Reformation and get connected to other Hope members by joining the Eastsiders Small Group in January. We will be using a study guide *Martin Luther's 95 Theses* to ask ourselves pertinent questions about God's grace for us. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Hinga home in The Lakes of South Shore in League City. Our study of the 95 Theses will begin on January 18, 2018. If you have any questions, find me during 2nd service or call 832.654.8675.

Melissa Hinga, Small Group Leader



Holiday Worship Schedule

December 17 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 20 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Potluck /

Children's Christmas Musical

December 24

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Family Worship Service

7:30 p.m. Candlelight ChristMass

11:00 p.m. Candlelight ChristMass

December 25

10:30 a.m. ChristMass Day Worship

Hopefest 2017

The Hopefest Committee wishes to thank the following businesses, Hope Lutheran members and Small Groups for their donations to our 2017 event:

BUSINESS NAMES	MEMBERS AUCTION DONATIONS
528 Asian Bistro	Barb Gahring
Abe's Cajun Market	Beverly Kroesen
Acori Diamonds and Designs	Brook & Forrest Williams
Altered Images Salon/Spa	Carol Chew
Antie's Meat Market & Deli	Dolores Jackowski
Bay Area Harbour Playhouse	Donna Battenfield
Birra Poretti's	Donna Price
Chara Christian Dance Academy	Forrest Williams
Copy Dr	Gail Akins
DaVinci Salon	Jamie & Hannah King
Dickey's Barbecue Pit	Jessica Kroesen
Ellie's Kitchen & Catering	Joyce Schrader
Friendswood Frame & Gallery	Leslie Engle
Gina's Italian Kitchen	Lorraine Erickson
Grand 1894 Opera House	Mary Beth & Bob Davis
HEB	Melissa Hovorka
Ichibon	Michele Albrecht
Joe's Barbeque	Pastor Ralph & Lynn Hobratschk
Kid's Creations	Tiny Treasures Preschool
La Forchetta Italian Grill	Vickie Breaux
Maggiano's Little Italy	Wendy Hunter
Marco's Pizza	
Mays Products	
Massage Heights	

VENDORS	SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES	WONDERFUL AUCTION WORKERS
Pecans by Karen	Altar Guild	
What Evs	Bell Quartet	LIGHTHOUSE COOKING TEAM
All Occasion Yard Art	EastSiders	and the BIG DADDY trailer
K + M Garden Art	Knotty Ladies	
Lakeview Quilt Bee	Ladies Guild	
Ladies Guild craft booth	Music Ministry	
	Stephen Ministry	

Also THANKS to our church staff: Pastors Ralph Hobratschk & Jonathan Petering, Debbie Hasty, Katherine Kohn, Stephanie Poyner Krista Beken, Robin Groepper, Junelle Petersen and Bruce Hunter.

Great Job - to all members who served on the various Hopefest committees.

We worked hard to make this a complete listing, but with all the fantastic support, we may have missed your name. If so, please accept our apology.

THANK YOU HOPE MEMBERS FOR YOUR PRAYERS, TIME AND GENEROSITY. OUR CONGREGATION IS AWESOME!

The final numbers are in and Hopefest 2017 has raised \$31,017. Half of the funds were distributed between four local charities: Christus Point of Light Clinic, Christian Helping Hands, Forgotten Angels and the Adult Reading Center. The remaining funds were distributed to several inreach program at Hope such as HURT, Hope Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund, Women's Retreat scholarships, Mission & Lutheran World Relief donations by the Quilting Circle, Evangelism initiative, etc. You have significantly impacted your neighbors by participating and volunteering in our annual charitable fundraiser. Despite the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey, we have raised more than last year's totals. Thank you for your participation. What better way to "Serve the Lord."





	ANNUAL PLAN	Y-T-D PLAN	Y-T-D ACTUAL	% OF PLAN
Operating Receipts	\$1,046,393.00	\$603,747.66	\$512,247.07	84.84%
Early Childhood Tithe	\$45,000.00	\$24,375.00	\$24,375.00	100.00%
Total Receipts	\$1,091,393.00	\$628,122.66	\$536,622.07	85.43%
Outreach	\$74,268.00	\$43,043.56	\$24,783.98	57.58%
Education	\$8,850.00	\$2,851.82	\$2,378.61	83.41%
Children	\$2,300.00	\$297.44	\$226.54	76.16%
Youth	\$13,200.00	\$6,725.14	\$5,922.59	88.07%
Music	\$6,000.00	\$3,385.29	\$3,018.89	89.18%
Assimilation	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Misc. Ministries	\$10,050.00	\$5,026.19	\$3,300.78	65.67%
Personnel	\$637,288.00	\$368,588.09	\$264,206.00	98.81%
Finance	\$62,187.00	\$36,275.75	\$20,944.68	57.74%
Facilities	\$227,150.00	\$115,217.13	\$94,165.94	81.73%
Office & Worship	\$40,600.00	\$21,603.47	\$19,135.94	88.58%
Omnibus	\$9,000.00	\$4,230.00	\$3,765.69	89.02%
Total Expenditures	\$1,091,393.00	\$607,243.88	\$541,849.64	89.23%
Income Less Expenses		\$20,878.78	(\$5,227.57)	

Debt: \$1,136,866.33

**Fiscal Year (04/01/17 - 03/31/18)
As of October 2017**



Irvin Burtzlaff	12/1	Lynne Behrend	12/17	William & Heather Taylor	12/4
Mary Ann Waldon	12/1	Eileen Kneisler	12/17	Chad & Alexandra Lake	12/11
Jennifer Frank	12/2	Kaitlyn Koch	12/17	Eric & Joy Korth	12/17
Pat Hall	12/2	Henry Riley	12/18	Larry & Nancy Stiles	12/19
Daniel Brown	12/3	Michael Van Chau	12/18	John & Val Williams	12/20
Jason Henry	12/3	Darryl Scheer	12/19	David & Norma Kaderka	12/28
Amy MacRill	12/4	Jessica Wilson	12/19	Niels & Charlotte Aalund	12/29
Alayna Pirker	12/4	Karen Kerch	12/20	Robert & Aileen Anderson	12/31
Brian Weth	12/4	Jacob Reyes	12/20		
Ellen Kuehnle	12/5	Mary Jane Riddle	12/20		
Andrea Gisch	12/7	Holly Yarborough	12/20		
Philip Johnson	12/7	Hilary Gahring	12/21		
Christien Lake	12/7	Kathryn Davis	12/22		
Corrine Schleider	12/7	Noelle Johnson	12/23		
JoAn Warren	12/7	Justin Paulder	12/23		
Jaya George	12/8	Carolyn Benson	12/24		
Vicki Glebe	12/8	Andrew Wiley	12/24		
Tyler King	12/8	Tiffany Henry	12/26		
David Krause	12/8	Justin Dorrell	12/27		
Harry Reichart	12/8	Steve Hartzell	12/27		
Kaitlyn Gahring	12/9	Kelly Adams	12/28		
Jan Green	12/10	Penny Thomas	12/28		
Jaxtin McCollum	12/10	Timothy Watlington	12/28		
Kevin Rhodes	12/10	Carol MacRill	12/29		
Sandra Thiem	12/11	Brynn Horak	12/30		
Chancellor Beken	12/13	Tonia Perry	12/30		
Jennifer Harpole	12/13	Tamera Ross	12/30		
Stephanie Reyes	12/14	Wyatt Breaux	12/31		
Garrett Breaux	12/15	Blake Hasty	12/31		
David Kaderka	12/15	Matthew Haverty	12/31		
Karen Newhoff	12/16	James Klein	12/31		
Gregory Adams	12/17	Joyce Schrader	12/31		

*Birthdays
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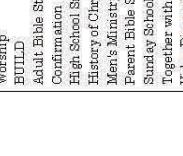
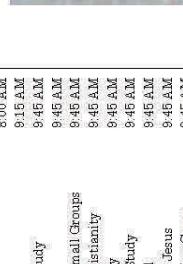
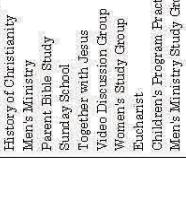
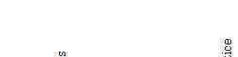
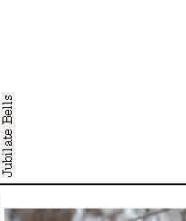


Ralph W. Hobratschk, Senior Pastor

Jonathan E. Petering, Associate Pastor

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This Month at Hope December 2017



Advent

Please join us on our Advent Journey this year. We encourage you to join our Advent photo challenge. Post your photo challenge pictures to your social media accounts using the hashtags:
#hopelutheranfwd and #pictureadventhope.

Not a hashtag fan or social media user? Email your photos to Krista or Robin. kbeken@hope-lutheran.org or robing@hope-lutheran.org.

We are planning to use our member photos on campus during the month of December. We are excited to see Advent from your perspective!



December 3 / Awaken / <i>Mark 13:33-37</i>	December 15 / Light / <i>John 1:6-8</i>
December 4 / Comfort / <i>Isaiah 40:1-4</i>	December 16 / Name / <i>John 1:19-22</i>
December 5 / Plants / <i>Isaiah 40:5-8</i>	December 17 / Baptism / <i>John 1:23-28</i>
December 6 / Sheep / <i>Isaiah 40:9-11</i>	December 18 / Home / <i>2 Samuel 7:8-11</i>
December 7 / Faithful / <i>Psalm 85:8-13</i>	December 19 / Love / <i>Psalm 89:1-4</i>
December 8 / Wait / <i>2 Peter 3:13-15a</i>	December 20 / Blessed / <i>Luke 1:46-48</i>
December 9 / Messenger / <i>Mark 1:1-3</i>	December 21 / Generations / <i>Luke 1:49-55</i>
December 10 / Water / <i>Mark 1:4-8</i>	December 22 / Good News / <i>Romans 16:25-27</i>
December 11 / Tree / <i>Isaiah 61:1-4</i>	December 23 / Promise / <i>Luke 1:26-30</i>
December 12 / Garden / <i>Isaiah 61:8-11</i>	December 24 / Child / <i>Luke 1:31-38</i>
December 13 / Change / <i>Psalm 126</i>	December 25 / Holy Family / <i>Luke 2:1-14</i>
December 14 / Rejoice / <i>1 Thess. 5:16-24</i>	