

# The Echo

December 2022



*Second Sunday  
of Advent*

## **Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent**

9 AM Worship at Galchutt Lutheran with communion followed by Sunday School  
9:45 AM Emmanuel Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship at Emmanuel with communion  
11 AM - 1:30 PM *Emmanuel 28th Annual Meatball dinner, raffle & bake sale*



*Third Sunday  
of Advent*

## **Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent**

9 AM Worship at Galchutt Lutheran  
9:45 AM Galchutt Sunday School practice  
10:30 AM Worship at Emmanuel



*Fourth Sunday  
of Advent*

## **Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9 AM Worship at Galchutt with communion & Sunday School Christmas program  
9:45 AM Emmanuel Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship at Emmanuel with communion

## **Saturday December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

4:00 PM Worship at Galchutt Lutheran with communion  
5:30 PM Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran with communion



## **December 25 - Christmas Day**

**No worship services**

## **Sunday, January 1 - Service of Lessons & Carols**

9AM Worship at Galchutt Lutheran  
10:30 AM Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran

*Lessons  
& Carols*



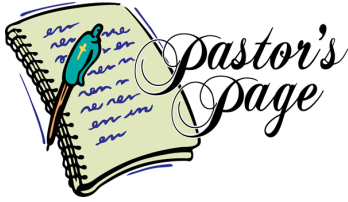
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Two thousand years ago in Bethlehem, the world received a significant gift—the birth of Jesus who came to walk among us and save us from our sins. And that’s what we celebrate every Christmas. For centuries, Christians have anticipated Christmas Day with a month-long observance called Advent.

Advent comes from the Latin “adventus” and means “coming.” In this instance, it is the coming of the prophesied Messiah. As the saints of old anticipated the coming of Christ with great expectation, we too eagerly await His return.

The four weeks of Advent, beginning the Sunday of November 27 through midnight Christmas Eve, represent the four significant “comings” of Christ. First is His coming in the flesh, His birth, which we celebrate on Christmas Day. Second, His coming into the hearts of all who believe in Him. The third is His coming at the hour of death to the faithful. And lastly, His arriving at the final judgment. To symbolize this progression, Christians use the Advent wreath and candles.

Advent wreaths are attributed to Martin Luther (1483-1546), a German priest who initiated the Protestant Reformation. They’re designed using evergreen branches to form a never-ending circle. The circle and the evergreen branches symbolize the promise of eternal life through Christ. Four candles (three blue and one pink) are placed on the wreath representing the four Sundays of Advent. The three blue candles symbolize penance and the fourth pink candle reminds us of the incredible joy that awaits us with the arrival of the Christ child. A fifth candle, generally white and placed in the center of the wreath, is the Christ candle lit on Christmas Eve in honor of His birth.

Advent is more than a holiday, a tradition of remembrance, or memorial. It is a time of spiritual cleansing and growth in Christ. Since the early saints, it has been a time of penitence, fasting, reflection, and seeking the Lord. But currently, we tend to lose sight of this in the hustle and bustle of school and church activities, shopping, baking, and wrapping.

Using the Advent wreath, we can keep our focus on the birth of God’s Son at Christmastime. Let the four Advent candles remind us of the hope, peace, love, and joy this season offers us now and always. I hope that in observing this tradition, your family will draw closer together and create wonderful new memories and lasting traditions to enjoy year after year.

**HERE IS MY  
SERVANT**



**WHOM I HAVE  
CHOSEN**

**MATTHEW 12:18**

Most of all, I pray this journey brings you a more profound, more meaningful communion with our Lord Jesus, the One who came to save us all.

*“Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight. I will put my spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. In his name, the countries will put their hope” (Matthew 12:18, 21).*



Peace and Love, *Janelle Hansen (SAM) Pastor*

# LWR News



As I look forward to this Advent season, a devotion entitled “Best Laid Plans” by Dr. Becca Ehrlich in the WELCA Gather December issue reminded me that our quilting fabric is accumulating faster than I can cut them into pieces for sewing. Does this sound familiar to anyone during this time when we may be overextending ourselves with Christmas plans? I appreciate the many individuals who donate fabric to our quilting mission project; however, it is clearly apparent to me that I need to ask for help instead of thinking that I will get the cutting task completed in a timely manner. Our next scheduled quilting session will be December 13 from 9 AM to 2 PM. There will be tools for cutting pieces for anyone who would rather cut than assemble and tie quilts. Anyone from the community is welcome to take part in this mission to provide quilts for those in need across the world.

A recent Facebook post included an article from a Ukrainian newspaper about quilts received from LWR with a photo showing bales of quilts ready to be distributed and people anxious to receive these gifts given by so many quilters throughout the United States and the rest of the world.

Thank you for all the support you give to this service! *Ellen Rittenhouse*



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Logan Biffert \*  
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## Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

Galchutt Church council met on November 16, 2022, at 6:30 PM at Galchutt Lutheran Church. Members present were Logan Biffert, Alex Paczkowski, Al Muhs, Kyle Krump, Daniel Dockter, and Pastor Janelle Hansen. Logan called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle led with a devotion and prayer. Alex read secretary's report.

Logan presented the Treasurer's Report from Kendra. No questions or concerns and Al approved the report and Kyle seconded. **PASTOR REPORT:** Pastor Janelle is working on her CPE at Sanford Hospital. Her weekly schedule is Monday clinical CPE hours from 9 AM -4:30 PM, Tuesday office hours in Abercrombie, Wednesday and Thursday education hours from 10:30 AM-1:30 PM, 2-5 PM Clinical hours, and Friday 9AM -noon clinical hours. She is still doing home visits and also meeting with new potential members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** God's Acre with potluck is November 20, Thanksgiving Eve Service is November 23 at 6:30 PM with pie after in Galchutt. November 27 is the advent event with potluck and crafts at Galchutt from 5pm-7pm.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Christmas services were decided. Christmas Eve service will be held on December 24 at 4 PM in Galchutt and 5:30 PM at Emmanuel. No services on Christmas Day. New Years Day January 1 will be normal service times. Annual meeting will be held on January 18 at 6:30 PM. The nominating committee is Alex Paczkowski, Doug Johnson, and Scott Fixen. Kendra is working on the new directory. Next meeting will be December 7 at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned with the Lords Prayer.

*Secretary, Alexandra Paczkowski*

## A collaboration across time and place

For Christmas Day worship, many churches use Psalm 98. It is fitting, then, that Isaac Watts, who interpreted 132 psalms as hymn texts, based a now-beloved carol on it.

Watts (1674-1748) was a student of language, religion and philosophy. He wanted to make Scripture more relevant to lay people and thought hymns could help. Watts composed more than 600 hymn texts, many still in use. But Psalm 98:4-9, "Joy to the World," needed music to fit its words.

Enter Lowell Mason (1792-1872), an American choir director. He came across Watts' Psalm 98 hymn text and sought inspiration for a melody from the famous oratorio *Messiah* by George F. Handel (1685-1759). Mason pulled musical phrases from sections of Handel's work, resulting in the tune we now recognize as "Joy to the World."

So it is that three men who lived across three centuries and never met — along with the composer of the original psalm more than two millennia earlier — together produced a hymn to the Christ-child, which millions have sung and continue to love.





## Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on November 1, 2022, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, LouAnn Lee, Sharon Tschakert, Fred Tol, Lesley Hulne, Julie Lehman, Craig Syvertsen and Tessa Tschakert.

Meeting was called to order by VP Sharon Tschakert and Pastor Janelle led us in devotions.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were read by Tessa. Lesley made a motion to approve with a second by Fred. All passed.

**Treasurer's report:** LouAnn reported things have been more expensive in 2022. Motion by Fred to approve the report with a second by Lesley. All passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Janelle reported she has applied for a \$5,000.00 grant for her education from ELCA. Classes are higher than was originally anticipated. She will be starting Boundaries Training and CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) that will go until April 1. No classes during this training. Mileage August – 103; September – 1281; October - 219 Miles. LouAnn made a motion to approve the mileage with a second by Sharon. All Passed.

**Stewardship:** Tessa reported raffle is underway and anyone who needs tickets should reach out to her. Pastor Janelle and Tessa handed out candy and goodies at the Trunk or Treat event at Crooked Lane Farms.

**Education:** LouAnn reported that Sunday school started with three in September and four more coming in October. Going well so far and Noisy offering is held the first week of month when there is Sunday school.

**Worship:** Lesley reported they met and picked out songs thru February. Thanksgiving Eve will be at Galchutt at 6:30 PM. November 27 is an Advent celebration in Galchutt. Christmas Eve celebration is at 4 PM in Galchutt and 5:30 PM at Emmanuel. No Christmas Day service. New Year's Day service is as normal.

**Property:** Fred replaced broken light bulbs. Clean up was done in the back of church by shed and cemetery. Clean up expense was \$975.00. Lesley made a motion to approve the expense with a second by Sharon. Property committee will be working on the lights outside by back door of the church. Fred will work with Vance Wagner on a quote for council.

**Old Business:** LouAnn is working on a quote for a new front door.

**New Business:** Meatball Dinner is approaching. Meat will be mixed again and ordered. Add an area for To Go orders to make a smoother process.

Next meeting will be December 12, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Tessa made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Julie. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Secretary, Tessa Tschakert*

## A prayer to the Christ-child

You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries.

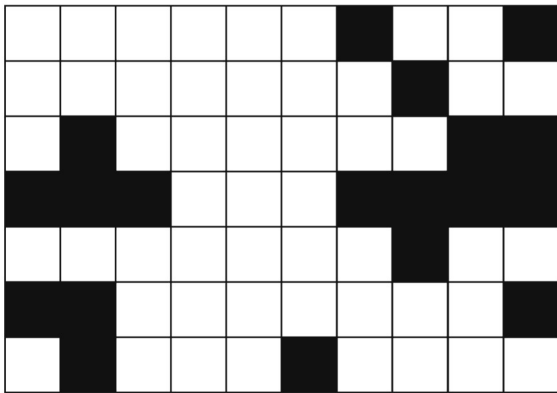
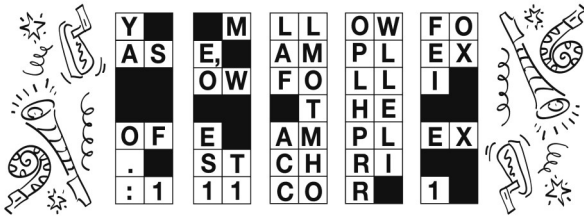
—Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)



1 Luke 1:1-4	2 John 1:1-5,	3 John 1:1-5,	4 Isaiah 9:6-7	5 Micah 5:2-4
6 Matthew 1:1-	7 Luke 1:5-25	8 Luke 1:26-38	9 Luke 1:39-45	10 Luke 1:46-56
11 Luke 1:57-66	12 Luke 1:67-80	13 Luke 2:1-7	14 Matthew 1:18-	15 Luke 2:8-21
16 Matthew 2:1-	17 Luke 2:22-40	18 Matthew 2:13-	19 Matthew 2:16-	20 Matthew 2:19-
21 John 1:6-	22 John 1:9-14	23 John 1:16-17	24 Isaiah 52:13-	25 Revelation 21:1-

# Puzzle!

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to complete an NIV Bible verse about an important commitment.



Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. I Cor. 11:1



## A Christmas harvest

Christmas is the harvest time of love. Souls are drawn to other souls. All that we have read and thought and hoped comes to fruition at this happy time. Our spirits are astir. We feel within us a strong desire to serve. A strange, subtle force, a new kindness, animates man and child. A new spirit is growing in us. No longer are we content to relieve pain, to sweeten sorrow, to give the crust of charity. We dare to give friendship, service, the equal loaf of bread and love. —Helen Keller

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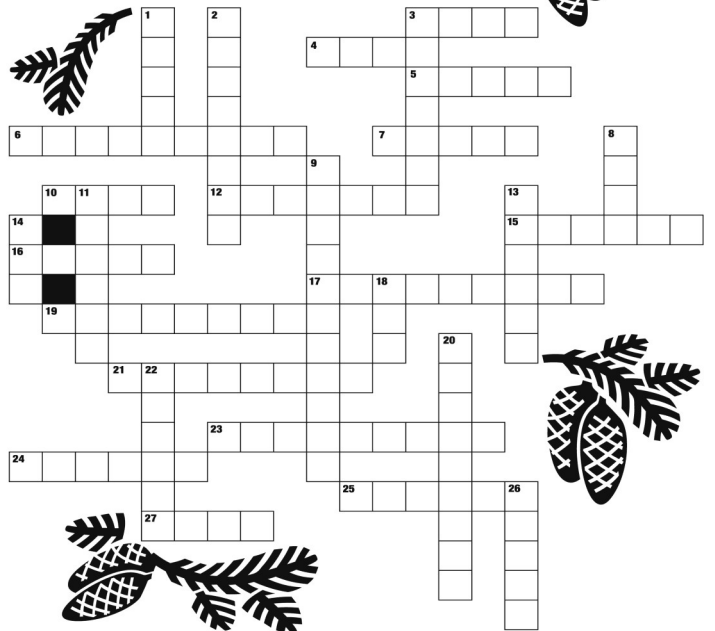
Take a break from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

### DOWN

1. song
2. keeper of sheep
3. Anointed One
8. a gift of the magi
9. red plants
11. coming
13. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
14. 12th month (abbrev.)
18. B&B
20. a form of holly
22. heavenly messengers
26. he ordered the slaughter of the innocents

### ACROSS

3. wise men
4. author of the most famous Christmas account
5. red-suited gift-giver
6. of Ephrathah
7. presents
10. Gabriel came to her
12. has a red nose
15. "Messiah" composer
16. northern little helpers
17. patron saint of children
19. made flesh
21. home for Mary
23. tree decorations
24. crib
25. he was a carpenter
27. a nova




Answer: DOWN 1. carol, 2. shepherd, 3. Messiah, 8. gold, 9. poinsettias, 11. Advent, 13. Christ, 14. dec, 18. inn, 20. mistletoe, 22. angels, 26. Herod; ACROSS 3. magi, 4. Luke, 5. Santa, 6. Bethlehem, 7. gifts, 10. Mary, 12. Rudolph, 15. Handel, 16. elves, 17. Saint Nick, 19. incarnate, 21. Nazareth, 23. ornaments, 24. manger, 25. Joseph, 27. star





# DECEMBER 2022

**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

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<p>4 <b>NOISY OFFERING</b></p> <p>9AM Galchutt worship 9:45AM Galchutt SS</p> <p>9:45AM Emmanuel SS 10:30AM Emmanuel worship</p>	5	6 Office hours for pastor	7 Confirmation 3:30 - 5 PM  Galchutt Council Meeting 6:30 PM	8	9	10
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<p>18 9AM Galchutt worship 9:45AM Galchutt SS</p> <p>9:45AM Emmanuel SS 10:30AM Emmanuel worship</p>	19 Echo Articles Due	20 Office hours for pastor	21 Confirmation 3:30 - 5 PM	22	23	<p>24</p>  <p><b>4 PM Galchutt</b> <b>5:30 PM Emmanuel</b></p>
25 <b>No worship today</b>	26	27 Office hours for pastor	28	29	30	31

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