

# The Echo

December 2023



*Second Sunday of Advent*

## Sunday, December 3 - Second Sunday of Advent

9 AM Worship at Galchutt Lutheran with communion  
9:30 AM Galchutt & Emmanuel Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship at Emmanuel with communion  
11 AM - 1:30 PM *Emmanuel 29th Annual Meatball dinner, raffle & bake sale*



*Third Sunday of Advent*

## Sunday, December 10 - Third Sunday of Advent

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



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

## Sunday, December 17 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9 AM Worship at Galchutt with Sunday School program  
10:30 AM Worship at Emmanuel with Sunday School program  
1 PM Sledding Party at Pitcarin Interstate overpass, followed by cocoa in Galchutt

## Sunday 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, December 31 - Service of Lessons & Carols

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



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**Emmanuel Lutheran  
Abercrombie, ND  
29th Annual Meatball Dinner  
with Bake Sale and  
Raffle Fundraiser  
Sunday, December 3, 2023  
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM**



Come join us for a meatball and mashed potato dinner with all the fixings.  
Free will donation for the meal.  
Bake sale items for sale.  
Raffle prizes will be drawn during the meal.  
Need not be present to win raffle prizes, if drawn.  
Take-out meals will be available.

With the Christmas season soon upon us, we like to decorate our sanctuaries with poinsettias that you can take home on Christmas Eve.



The cost this year is **\$14.00** each.

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants (\$14.00 each): \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

For **Emmanuel**, place your order forms and payment in the offering plate or mail to church office at P.O. Box 119.

For **Galchutt**, either mail to the church office or give your order forms and payment to Pastor Janelle who will bring to the church office.

Checks should be made payable to the Emmanuel Church.

**Order deadline is Sunday, December 10th.**

**Galchutt Lutheran presented its 3rd grade students with Bibles on Sunday, November 19th. God Bless Them.**

Galchutt Lutheran Church - Sunday School Christmas Program  
"Living Word Christmas Program"  
Sunday, December 17 9am During Church Service





We welcome the season of Advent and Christmas in December. In this season, we are called to stay awake. From Mark 13:35-37, “Therefore, keep awake- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you, I say to all: Keep awake.” As

we prepare for the Advent season and the Greatest gift to arrive. We Keep awake and stay on the journey.

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace. Kate Bowler reflects upon this in her book, *The Lives We Actually Have*. “Blessed are we, the fearful, though we long to be people of peace. We can’t lie: we are afraid. Afraid there won’t be enough - enough resources, enough time, enough memories.

Blessed are we who ask you for wisdom. Show us what to turn from and what to set aside. Come, Lord, that we might see you, move with you, keep pace with you.

Blessed are we who ask that this Advent, we might dwell together quietly in our home. Come, Lord, that we might be for others the peace they cannot find.

Blessed are we who look to you and say, God, truly, we are troubled and afraid. Come govern our hearts and calm our fears.

Oh, Prince of Peace, still our restless selves, calm our anxious hearts, quiet our busy minds.”

I hope you will let God govern your hearts this Advent season and all year. From Luke 2:14, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

*God’s peace, Pastor Janelle*



## Advent meanings

During Advent many churches and families use wreaths to symbolize watchfulness and increasing joy as Christmas approaches. Colors for the candles vary, with some traditions using blue (for hope or creation) and others preferring purple (for royalty, humility or penitence).

The four candles that each represent a week in Advent also signify hope, peace, joy and love. (The third candle is often pink.) In the center is the white Christ candle, representing Jesus as the light of the world. That candle is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

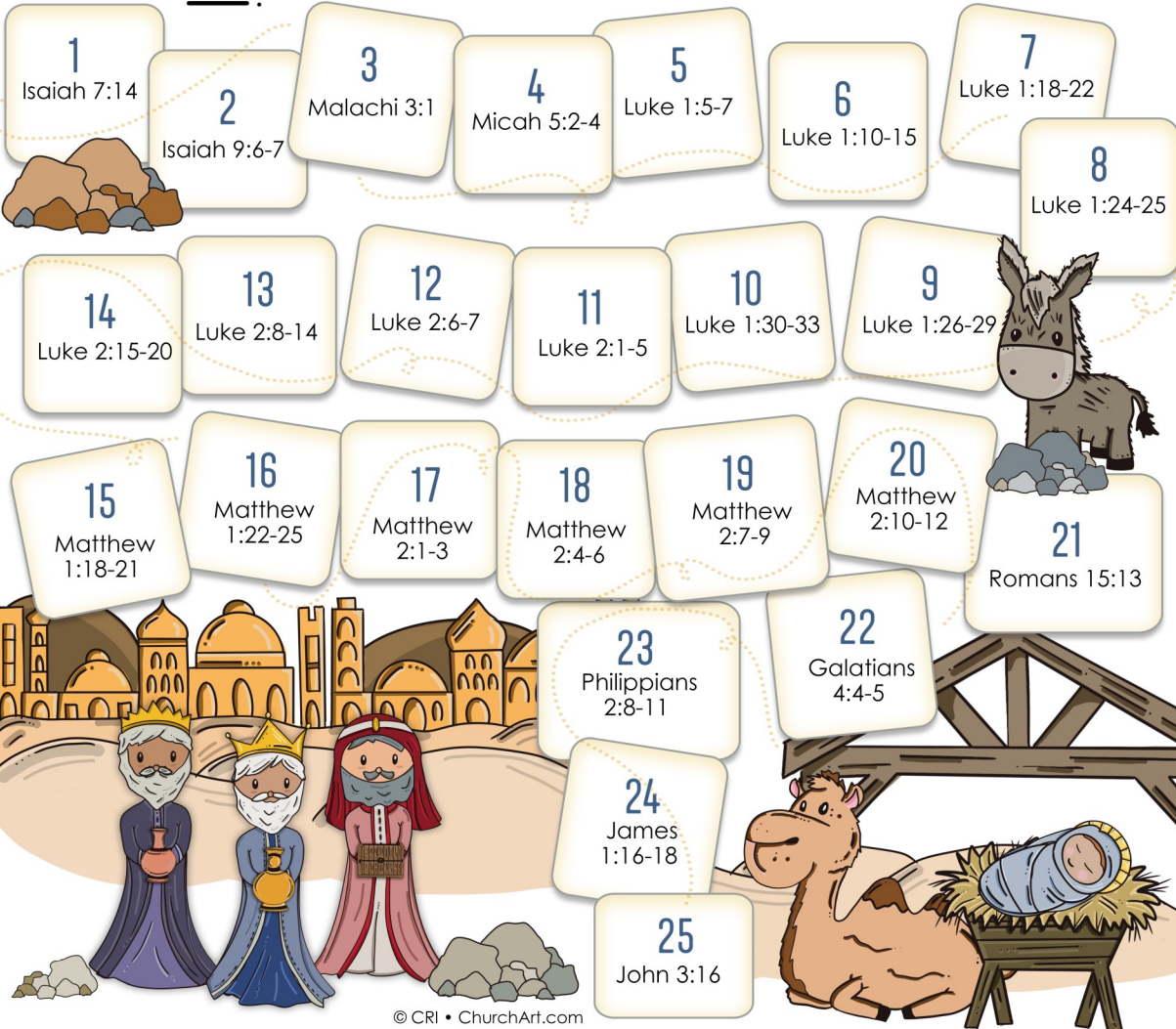
The round, green Advent wreath has special meaning of its own. It symbolizes eternal life and the unending love of God, who sent his only Son to earth to die in our place.





# A CHRIST-CENTERED CHRISTMAS ADVENT READING PLAN

Explore the true meaning of Christmas as you travel through God's Word. Discover God's promises he fulfilled through the birth of His only Son, the **KING OF KINGS.**



|                       |                          |                     |                     |                     |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1<br>Isaiah 7:14      | 2<br>Isaiah 9:6-7        | 3<br>Malachi 3:1    | 4<br>Micah 5:2-4    | 5<br>Luke 1:5-7     | 6<br>Luke 1:10-15     | 7<br>Luke 1:18-22  |
| 8<br>Luke 1:24-25     | 9<br>Luke 1:26-29        | 10<br>Luke 1:30-33  | 11<br>Luke 2:1-5    | 12<br>Luke 2:6-7    | 13<br>Luke 2:8-14     | 14<br>Luke 2:15-20 |
| 15<br>Matthew 1:18-21 | 16<br>Matthew 1:22-25    | 17<br>Matthew 2:1-3 | 18<br>Matthew 2:4-6 | 19<br>Matthew 2:7-9 | 20<br>Matthew 2:10-12 | 21<br>Romans 15:13 |
| 22<br>Galatians 4:4-5 | 23<br>Philippians 2:8-11 | 24<br>James 1:16-18 | 25<br>John 3:16     |                     |                       |                    |



Logan Biffert \*  
Natalie Caulkins  
David Fixen  
Kyle Krump  
Alan Muhs  
James Overby  
Larry Wold

## Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

The Galchutt Lutheran Church council met on November 8 at 7 PM. Members present were Pastor Janelle, Larry Wold, Jim Overby, Logan Biffert, Al Muhs and David Fixen. President Logan called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle led us in devotions.

The council approved the minutes of the October 4 meeting. Pastor Janelle had 202 miles in October. She attended a basketball game, had phone visits with her parishioners, and had confirmation classes and a burial. The council approved the treasurer's report.

The fridge was repaired under warranty. The outlet box in the kitchen seems to have low voltage. The problem will be investigated further. There was no update on the steeple shingles. The Preacher's Daughters singing duo will be presenting a Christmas concert at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on December 2 at 1 PM. There is a \$1,000.00 upfront fee plus a Love offering will be taken. Galchutt's share of the fee is \$500.00. It was decided to use money from the coffee fund to cover this cost. Other donations from the coffee fund were discussed. The council decided to also give \$250.00 to the Richland School lunches and \$250.00 to the Giving Tree. Bremer Bank would like to see that a second person be added to the accounts. It was decided to table the Bremer request until the next meeting. There will be a Blessing of the Bibles on November 19th. A charcuterie board class will be held on November 29th in the Fellowship Hall. Addie Christensen will tell about her Ethiopia experience at the Sunday service on November 26. Pastor Janelle will be participating in a women's ministry trip to Belize on January 8 thru January 15. The Annual meeting is scheduled for January 31.

The next meeting will be December 5 at 7 PM. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Secretary, David Fixen*

## LWR News



With troubling times in many parts of the world, Lutheran World Relief is receiving many quilts and Project Kits in the warehouses for distribution where needed. With the increasing needs for kits, quilts, and cash to purchase needs in the local areas, we will be continuing to do God's Work, here and throughout the United States, in the coming year. In November, we donated six children's quilts, a large adult quilt, and a wool blanket to those in need of warmth in the Fargo/Moorhead area.

When we met in November, the quilters concentrated on making quilt kits to be sewn at home and to be completed in 2024. Watch for kits in December or ask a quilter if you don't see them. We will not be working in December due to the many other activities leading up to the holidays. Weather permitting, we will be meeting in January. Check the ECHO for the date in January.

*Ellen Rittenhouse*



Thank you to Pastor Janelle and all who prayed for my healing following surgery. I can testify to the power of prayer by the speed of my recovery!

*Ellen Rittenhouse*



## Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on November 14, 2023, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, LouAnn Lee, Sharon Tschakert , Craig Syvertsen, Fred Tol and Tessa Tschakert.

Meeting was called to order by President Craig.

**Secretary's Report:** Report was read by Tessa and approved by the council.

**Treasurer's report:** LouAnn reported we are on budget for the year. Organ was tuned for the holiday season. Bibles were purchased for the Sunday school children. She signed up for a debit card from Vantage Bank to make it easier to purchase supplies. The report was approved by the council.

**Pastor's Report:** She has been working on home visits and making phone calls. Confirmation is going well. There are 2 youth attending from Emmanuel. They will be serving dinner at Crossroads in November. Kids Lock in at Galchutt was a success with 9 children attending. Mileage for October is 202. Tessa made a motion to approve her mileage. Approved by the council.

**Stewardship:** Tessa reported the raffle ticket sales are going well.

**Education:** LouAnn reported that Katrina and Jessica are doing a great job with Sunday school. More children have been attending this year.

**Worship:** Pastor Janelle discussed the Advent Event on November 26 from 5:00-7:00PM with Potluck and other projects after. All are welcome. Pastor Janelle will reach out to the youth in the congregation to light the candles for the weeks in Advent. Worship Committee will meet to pick out songs through the holiday season.

**Property:** Fred reported that he put a temporary fix on the broken window. The windowpane has been ordered. LouAnn is working with RRT on WIFI.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** LouAnn reported that the carpets will be cleaned on November 21. LouAnn will be picking up a TV for worship and special events at Emmanuel.

**Upcoming Events:** The Preachers Daughters Concert will be on December 2 at 1 PM. Emmanuel Meatball Dinner/Bake Sale/ Raffle is on December 3. Sledding and Cocoa will be held December 17. Emmanuel Annual Meeting will be on January 7, 2024. Thrill Hills @ Fort Ransom will be on January 21. Painting Party will be on January 24. Skate City will be on February 25. More information will follow closer to these events.

Next meeting will be December 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Tessa made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Fred.

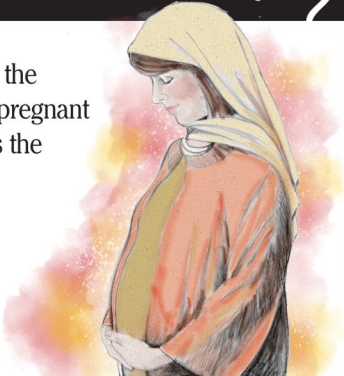
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Secretary, Tessa Tschakert*

**Bible Quiz**

Elizabeth, an older relative of Mary the mother of Jesus, was miraculously pregnant at the same time as Mary. What was the name of Elizabeth's husband?

- A. Aaron
- B. Zechariah
- C. Joseph
- D. Simeon



Answer: B (See Luke 1:5, 39-41)

# December 2023

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|  | Emmanuel Altar<br>Guild: Deb<br>Syvertsen    |  |   |    | 1  | 2<br>Preacher's<br>Daughters<br>Concert<br>1 PM |
| 3<br>Galchutt<br>Worship 9 AM<br>SS 9:45 AM<br><br>Emmanuel<br>SS 9:30 AM<br>Worship 10:30 AM<br>Meatball Dinner                       | 4  | 5<br>Galchutt Council<br>meeting 7 PM        | 6<br>7th-8th<br>Confirmation<br>3:30 - 5 PM | 7  | 8  | 9   |
| 10<br>Galchutt<br>Worship 9 AM<br>SS 9:45 AM<br><br>Emmanuel<br>SS 9:30 AM<br>Worship 10:30 AM   | 11   | 12<br>Emmanuel<br>Council meeting<br>6:30 PM | 13<br>Confirmation<br>Christmas party       | 14 | 15 | 16  |
| 17<br>Galchutt<br>Worship 9 AM with<br>Christmas program<br>Emmanuel<br>Worship 10:30 AM<br>with Christmas<br>program<br>1 PM Sledding | 18   | 19<br>Echo Articles due<br>today             | 20  | 21 | 22 | 23  |
| 24<br>Candlelight service<br>Galchutt 4 PM<br>Emmanuel 5:30 PM   | 25<br>Christmas Day<br><br>No services today | 26   | 27  | 28 | 29 | 30  |
| 31<br>Lessons & Carols<br>Galchutt worship<br>9 AM<br>Emmanuel worship<br>10:30 AM   |  |  |   |    |    |   |

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*Just for Laughs.....*



"Yes, it's beautiful — but can we  
talk about its placement?"