

Our Fellowship News

Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ...
(and) we have fellowship with one another. John 1:3, 7



Christ Lutheran Church, Chetek, WI



December Birthdays

11 - Alice Wardon
21 - Linn Martin
25 - Mary Harnack

Anniversaries

13 – Dave and Deb Thomas

3	6:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Celebration, Piano Recital, and Pie Social</i>
4	9:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Worship/Communion</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
5	6:30 a.m.	Men's Study
7	12:00 p.m.	Women's Study
	7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship Service
11	9:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
12	6:00 a.m.	Men's Study
14	12:00 p.m.	Women's Study
	6:15 p.m.	Board of Elders
	7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship Service
18	9:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
24	5:15 p.m.	Candlelight Service
25	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship



- The **Annual Christmas Celebration** will be on Saturday, **December 3 at 6:00 p.m.** This year's Christmas celebration will include a piano recital with musical presentations from Sunday School students who will also share the Christmas story. After the presentation we will move to the fellowship hall for the pie social. Everyone is welcome to join us!
- Midweek **Advent Services** will be on November 30, December 7, and December 14. We will worship at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Everyone is strongly encouraged to join in worship so we may properly prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth and second coming of our Lord.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held at **5:15 p.m.** All friends and family are welcome to come and worship our Lord Jesus this special afternoon.
- **Christmas Day Worship** service will be at **9:00 a.m.** Please plan on joining in fellowship to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Advent Three Part Series for 2022

Sincere or Shallow? Authentic or fake?

Advent is centered on preparation to celebrate our Lord's birth over 2000 years ago *and* His second coming at the end of the age. Preparation for our Lord's coming (Advent) applies to **both** the incarnation and second coming. We see this prefigured in the persons of Elijah and John the baptist. Of John we are told, "**13**But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. **14**And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, **15**for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. **16**And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, **17**and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, **to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.**"

God prepares us for citizenship in His kingdom with real life examples found in His Word. Some examples show us the way. Some teach us the path to veer sharply away from. This year we will study, compare, and contrast these examples.

First week in Advent; December 30, 2022

Peter and Simon the Magician-From these two men we learn the distinction between the fruit of faith and a shallow soul who tries to purchase what is not for sale. We see the distinction between being prepared for citizenship in God's kingdom over and against the one who thinks that kingdom is for sale.

Second week in Advent; December 7, 2022

Mary and Jezebel-In these women we see the difference between the true bride of Christ and the harlot church. Mary submits to the truth of God's Word as (His bride) the church is called to submit. Jezebel makes use of her husband's kingship and power to exclude and deny justice to those she considers outsiders. Her play on the king's sovereign power is used to subvert the truth of God's Word. In these two brides we see the church founded on the truth of God's Word distinct from the church given to shows of power and the pomp of popularity.

Third week in Advent; December 14, 2022

Jesus and Adam (The first Adam and the second)-The series will end with the most polarizing truth. The man who denied his role as a husband is clearly seen in Adam's rebellion against God's Word. Every man who is occupied with things of the world and being accepted *by the world* is reaffirmed as a son of Adam. In contrast to the first Adam, our Lord Jesus always affirms the one thing "needful." One man is the victim of his own choices and the other follows the truth along a narrow path. One brings death and the other life.

