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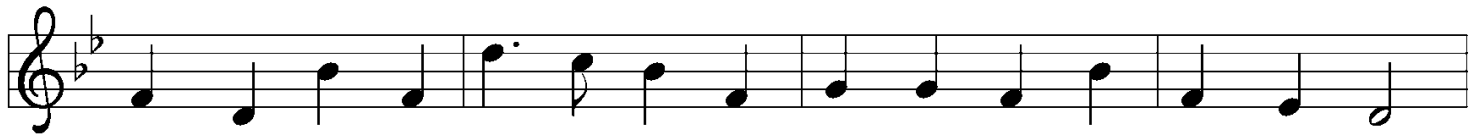


*A Service of
Lessons & Carols
at
Christmastide*

First Sunday of Christmas
Sunday & Monday, December 30 & 31, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song: Angels, from the Realms of Glory – ELW 275

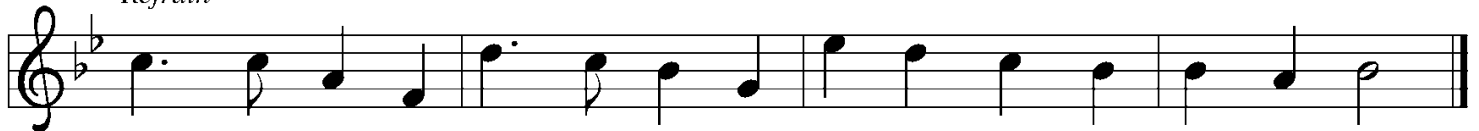


- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Dialogue

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: To us a child is born, to us a son is given.

C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Opening Prayer

P: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1–5, 14–18

First Carol: What Child Is This – ELW 296



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Second Reading: Micah 5:2–5a

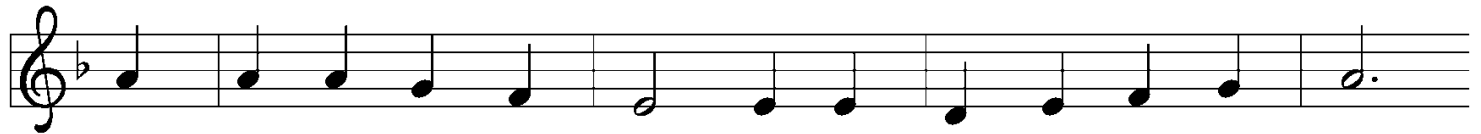
Second Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem – ELW 279



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

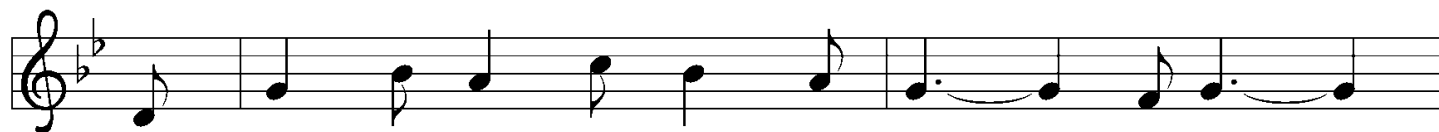
Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

Third Reading: Luke 1:26–35, 38

Third Carol: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came – ELW 265



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.”
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.”

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924
Music: GABRIEL’S MESSAGE, Basque carol

Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18–25

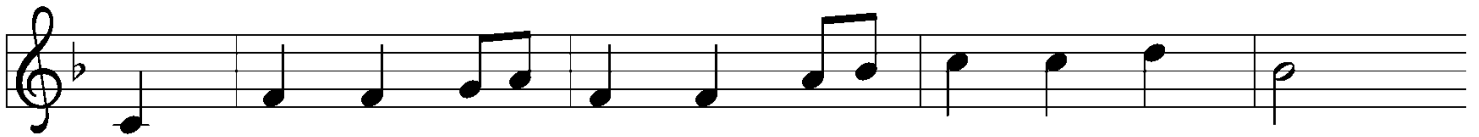
Fourth Carol: Away in a Manger – ELW 278



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: CRADLE SONG, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8–20

Fifth Carol: On Christmas Night – ELW 274



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er
3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since
in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then
sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and
made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.
free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?
sing, all for to see the new-born king.
heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.
Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1–11

Sixth Carol: As with Gladness Men of Old – ELW 302



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Seventh Reading: John 1:1–14

Seventh Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful – ELW 283



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

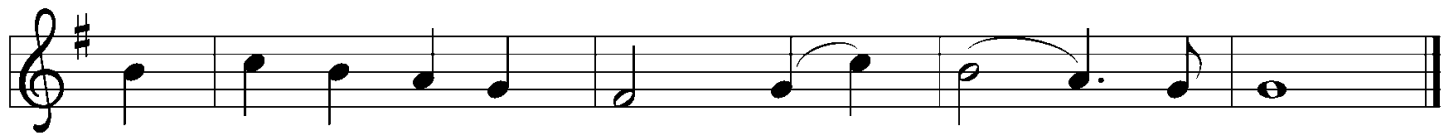


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

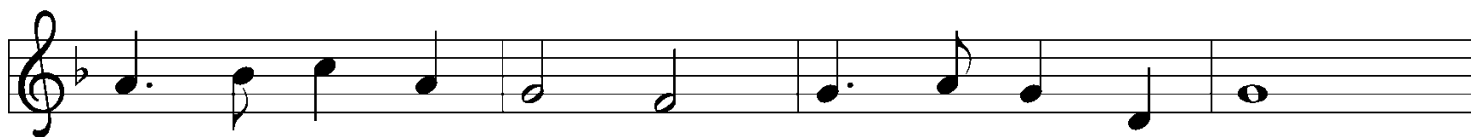


ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Offering

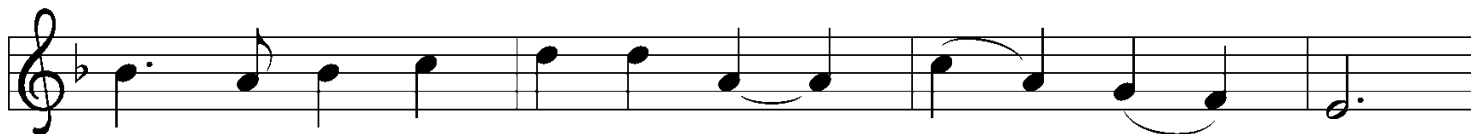
Eighth Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter – ELW 294



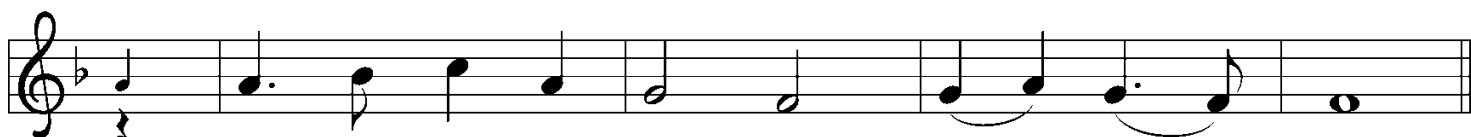
1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

Responsive Prayer

P: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C: **Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

P: By his light, draw all people to the manger

C: **to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

P: By his light, draw all people to the manger

C: **to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

P: By his light, draw all people to the manger

C: **to sing for joy with the angels.**

P: Use us to reflect the brightness of his life.

C: Cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

P: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

C: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

P: Amen.

C: Amen.

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion

We will be using pouring chalices. Please pick up an empty glass as you come forward for communion.

Prayer After Communion

P Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Blessing

P: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

C: **Praise God, all creatures here below!**

P: You are the shepherds telling the story.

C: **We will tell it in the streets and across the land.**

P: You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

C: **We will worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.**

P: You are the angels announcing peace.

C: **We will live with joy in the peace we have from God.**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song: Joy to the World – ELW 267

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Joy to the World'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed between the staves. The first system covers the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and single notes.

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

(Sending Song continued on next page)

room and heav'n and na - ture sing,
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy,
 flow far as the curse is found,
 ness and won - ders of his love,

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson

Accompanists: LuAnn Dohms (Sunday); Andrew Maki (Monday)

Lectors: Ashley Johnson and Kaye Wurm

Greeter: Dema Sorenson

Ushers: Joe & Kaye Wurm and Family

Communion Assistants: Arla Graff, Kaye Wurm, Nancy Bourget, Jerry Smith,
Nick Madsen, Pastor Randy, Sacristan (Altar Care)

Acolyte: Nick Madsen

Bakers Guild: Christine Ness and Karen Zimmerman

Coffee Servers: Madsen Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 30	
<p><u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30</u> * 9 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion</p> <p><u>MONDAY, DECEMBER 31</u> * 5:30 p.m. Service of Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall</p> <p><u>TUESDAY, JANUARY 1</u> * HAPPY NEW YEAR! (church office closed)</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2</u> * 3:30 p.m. THE SPOT</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY (continued)</u> * 5:30 p.m. Community Supper * 5:45 p.m. Faith Formation</p> <p><u>THURSDAY, JANUARY 3</u> * 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p><u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 6</u> * 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion * 10:10 a.m. COSMO/CIA/Playgroup * 10:30 a.m. Outreach Committee</p>

The Radio Broadcast this morning is sponsored by Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) in honor of the homebound members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church.

MISSION STATEMENT: “Christ is for all! We are called to share God’s love through worship, music, teaching, serving and sharing our gifts.”

VISION STATEMENT: “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please stop by the Welcome Table in the entry area of the church and pick up a gift from us before you leave. Don’t forget to sign our Guest Register, too!

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION, believing that Jesus Christ is present in the wine and the bread for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of our faith.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Leissa Berenschot; Kelli Clark; Sue Dahm; Gary Danovsky; Don Eiseth; Ann Engen (Tena Danovsky’s mom); Kathy Falk; Marv Glesne; Gordon & Carolyn Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Kristi in Fargo, ND; Mikkell and family; Harold Skow (Bishop Laurie’s father); Shawn Stary; Anne V. (Deb Johnson’s sister); Libby Wallace; Owen Weber (Dema Sorenson’s great-great-grandson); Leo Wurm (Joe’s dad); Sam Zander; our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish) and Abusa (Pastor) Francis; all those who serve in our military and their families; and all our members and friends residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

ALL OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH to be recorded as 2018 contributions need to be received in the church office no later than 8 a.m. TOMORROW (Monday, December 31).

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are needed for the month of January. Please sign up on the clipboard in the office wing hallway.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME devotional booklets (regular- and large-print) are available in the narthex and office hallway. Please take one! Envelopes are provided to help the CLCW cover the cost of approximately \$1 per booklet.

PEAS ON EARTH, GOOD FOOD FOR ALL . . . AND SHELTER, TOO, OF COURSE! At Stepping Stones, that's our wish for everyone this holiday season. Just the very basics. Your generous gift will help us meet the needs in our community — not only in December but all through the year. If you haven’t made a year-end contribution yet, there’s still time! Donate online at www.steppingstonesdc.org, or our mailing address is Stepping Stones, 1602 Stout Road, Menomonie, WI 54751. Thank you so much for your support. Peas, peace, good food, and good will to all! Warm wishes for a Happy New Year from all your friends at Stepping Stones!

BLOOD DRIVE AT CLC — JANUARY 24: Christ Lutheran will be hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross on Thursday, January 24. Volunteers are needed! In addition, donations of food items are needed for the canteen. Cheese curds, pretzels, cookies (no peanuts or peanut butter), and crackers are much appreciated! (Note that donations of orange juice are no longer needed.) Please have these items at the church by Wednesday, January 23. To volunteer and/or donate items, please sign up in the office wing hallway or contact the church office (715-235-5573).

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR MONDAY NIGHT COOKS! Our Monday Night programming is by far our most popular and best attended event during the year. The students are so appreciative of a great home-cooked meal and the opportunity for fellowship with their peers and with you as members of the community. We would not be able to do the ministry we do without your help! We serve roughly 20-25 students each week. We are always looking for new families and community members to join us and provide a meal for our students. Currently, the following dates are available for the coming spring: February 11, February 18, March 4, April 15, and April 22. If you are interested in helping out or have any questions, please contact me at lcmostout@wwt.net or 715-308-3393. Thank you for your consideration!

- Katie Wagner, LCM Director

As part of our initiative to support our “adopted” local school, Wakanda Elementary, the Congregational Life Committee is choosing to focus our missional energies through the month of January on helping the Wakanda 5th grade in raising funds for their spring overnight trip. This trip can range in price from \$6,000 to \$15,000 to visit exclusive Frank Lloyd Wright homes and locations, art installations, and much more. It will be the conclusion to several months of art and architecture as studied from all academic disciplines.

There are multiple ways you can help. One is to purchase a \$5 ticket by January 13 from Josie Wilterdink for 'Ranger Night,' a chili dinner fundraiser held at Wakanda on Thursday, January 17, 2019, where all 65 students will display their personal National Park project. They have been working since October to research, plan, write, and display facts about their chosen National Park. These projects help students learn critical thinking, problem solving, oral and written communication, adaptability, resilience, empathy and stewardship, curiosity, and imagination. When attending Ranger Night, please don't forget to bring your pocket change! Each Junior Ranger collects money in their display that is then given to the National Park Service in support of our national treasures.

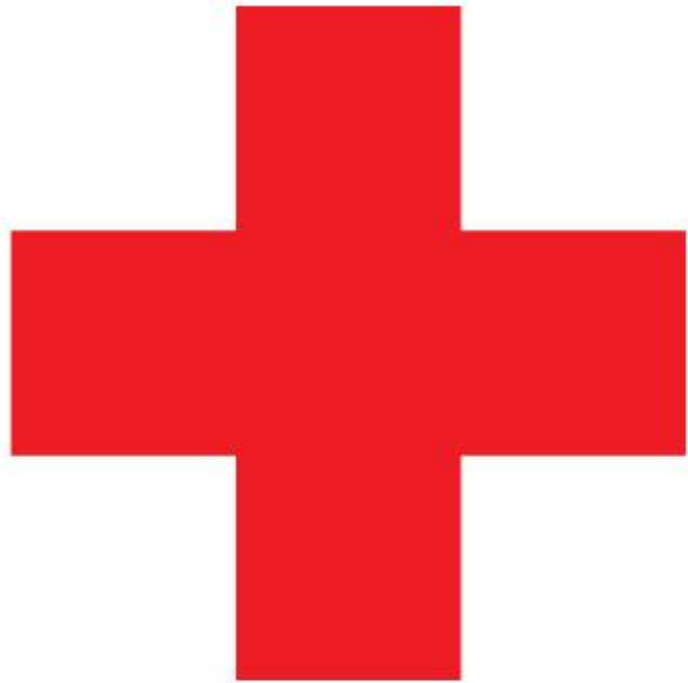
A second way to support is to give monetary donations. You can use a pew envelope marked for Wakanda Elementary and we will make sure it arrives. Please write your checks to SDMA.

If you have any questions about this initiative, please ask a Congregational Life Committee member.

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Thursday, January 24, 2019
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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