



Pastor’s Report

Welcome to Advent, Beloved!

Just as Advent marks our anticipation of the coming of our Lord, the four-week Advent season also marks the beginning of a new church calendar year. And yet, in the midst of all this Promise, we don’t know what tomorrow holds beyond knowing that sunrise and the continuing of a new day will dawn.

Not knowing what’s over the hill can be cause enough to hold some back from fully living. If we are held back then our question becomes, ‘How can we be God’s faithful servants, the agents of change we wish to see in the world around us, neighbors who let the Light of Christ shine forth?’

The imagery that is light and dark is appropriate at this time of year - the further into this last month we go, the shorter the days actually become with the nights becoming longer. And in a world where some struggle with making ends meet,

that darkness brings with it a real sense of dread. And still, we don’t know what tomorrow holds.

As we look forward to the close of Advent and the beginning of Christmastide, we also look forward to the close of 2024 and the beginning of 2025. I love this time of year - there are so many beginnings! And that’s the same with **HOPE!** **When we face trials and tribulations**, invariably there is someone through all the darkness we face that we know will be there for us.

Back to that question from earlier, we don’t know what our neighbors are facing and they’ll try their best to put on a brave front and a smile...but the struggles continue. We are Called to be Beacons of Light as Children of God. That’s how we let the Light of Christ shine, by being present for all who surround us. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but Beloved, the Beginning of Hope remains:

we know Who holds tomorrow!

M&M Christmas Story by Pam Ridenour

As you hold these candies in your hand and turn them, you will see....

The M becomes a W, an E, and then a 3.

They tell the Christmas story it’s one I’m sure you know.

It took place in a stable a long, long time ago.

The E is for the East where the star shone oh so bright.

The M is for the Manger where the baby Jesus slept that night.

The 3 is for the Wiseman bearing gifts, they say they came.

W is for Worship, Hallelujah

Praise to His name.

So as you eat these candies or share them with a friend,

Remember the meaning of Christmas, it’s a love story that never ends.

Merry Christmas

*Happy Advent,
Merry Christmas,
Happy New Year!*

**~Ruling Elder
Bob Dymond
2024~**



Christmas 2024

Wow, it is Christmas time again and near the time for 2024 to end. I hope that it has been a good year for all of you. It certainly has been one that we will remember for a long time. We witnessed a political battle that we will remember for how negative in nature it became. We saw the power of Mother Nature reshape the landscape of our country and the surrounding world. We lost loved ones, members of our community and members of our congregation.

But hope surrounds us. We may have new family members; we have new friends; new members of our community; and we have new members of our congregation. It is that time of the year when we must remember that hope surrounds us. The birth of Jesus Christ is the true reason that Christians celebrate Christmas. When we were children, if

we can remember that far back, we celebrated Christmas because it meant we would get a new doll or fishing pole and most anything else we asked Santa to bring us. We eagerly fell asleep at night waiting for the sounds of Rudolf and his friends on our rooftops. We woke up Christmas morning with great anticipation of what Santa brought us. Some years we were disappointed, other years we were incredibly happy.

But over the years our thoughts have changed to one of true celebration; celebrating the birth of Christ and the everlasting life it brings us. While we still enjoy all the activities and memories that Christmas brings, it is Mary and Joseph and the birth of their Son that we now celebrate and will forever be grateful for. Of the utmost importance, let us continue to Pray for all those who desperately need the hand of our Lord Jesus and not just our friends and family members.

Aurora House

Aurora House is a hospice facility located in Weslaco. The patients are NOT charged to stay there. They operate entirely on donations of money, food, paper goods, adult diapers, and other needed items. Goodwill Offering Jars are located in the back of the sanctuary where you are invited to drop in your loose change or bills after the service on Sunday. All of this money goes to the Aurora House to help with their costs and we have been told by a member of our congregation that donations are down this year and there is GREAT need.

There is a box in the area between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall where you are asked to donate any items you may wish to go to the Aurora House. This is a wonderful asset for this part of the valley and it is vital that we help in any way we can. Thank you.

So, as we all celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us look forward to the wonderful and spiritual opportunities that will come to us in 2025 and beyond. Let us make new friends, help those who desperately need help, and continue to Love One Another. Darla and I are so grateful for our Love of Christ family, and we wish all of you a

Very Merry Christmas and a
fantastic 2025.

~Council President Bob Chaloupek~

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayers are offered while shawls are created. Then the shawls are given to the sick and those needing comfort. Shawls have been distributed to many within the community and they have been mailed to numerous locations within the United States and Canada as requests for those needing prayers and comfort are filled. We are pleased to fill requests. Contact Betty Bentson 701-371-6631 or email bettybentson@aol.com

June 22, 1997 When Love of Christ was Born

You are participating in a very historical moment - the first worship service of LOVE OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!! Some may say that we amount to nothing but a handful of senior citizens & a post office box. That's like looking at a diamond & saying that it's only a piece of rock, & so small that you could step on it barefooted & not even get hurt. Jesus started out with a smaller group than we are! And he didn't even have a post office box! If we see the hand of God & pray for the power it represents (think of today's Gospel!) & the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the miracles taking place will be so numerous that we will shine like a case of diamonds.

The grace of God's love shining from us - which is possibly the most distinguishing characteristic of this "Community Of Worshipers" & the reason we are named LOVE OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - this love will touch literally countless thousands as it reaches out & multiplies. Watch it grow! Watch the miracle! See the hand of God! Today is the beginning of something so powerful we can't even imagine what it will look like -- anniversaries from now!

~Pastor Jerry Gieseke 1997~

AFFILIATION

Love of Christ Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, (E.L.C.A.), a five million plus member expression of Lutherans in the United States. As such, we are part of the Southwestern Texas Synod, one of the sixty-five synods, in nine geographical regions, across North America, and the Rio Grande Valley Conference, within the



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is part of the Christian church. We believe God's grace, God's unfathomable love, is available to all people as a gift through Jesus Christ. All are welcome here with their whole selves, which includes one's race, ethnic background, past wrongdoing, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical ability and legal status. Questions and doubts are welcome.

HISTORY

Love of Christ came into being in the summer of 1997, when a small group of people, both full time Rio Grande Valley residents and part time residents, or "Winter Texans" as they are sometimes called, began discussing the idea of establishing a new Lutheran congregation in the Weslaco / Mid Valley area. The name "Love of Christ" was chosen to express to the community that the love of Christ dwells in and among us. This idea is encapsulated in our mission statement: **"Christ living and loving through us!"**



On June 22, 1997, the first worship service was held in the home of one of those original founding worshipers, with 24 people in attendance. By the end of the first summer, the group had grown to need a larger space for worship and with the support and encouragement of people locally, as well as Winter Texan friends in the North; two important steps were taken in September of 1997. First, the congregation moved into larger quarters, sharing the facilities of First Presbyterian Church of Weslaco. Secondly, the congregation sought, and was given, "Authorized Worshipping Community" status by the synod. The stage was set for greater things to come.

Over the next five years, love of Christ continued to grow in worship attendance, especially during the months when so many Winter Texans return to the Rio Grande Valley. Word of this new Lutheran congregation began to spread, and between October and April each year, the church became more and more full each weekend. December, January, and February, are usually the highest attended months, with attendance figures topping out between 250 - 350 people each weekend.

On September 14, 2002, exactly five years from the first worship service held at First Presbyterian, by approval of the Synod Council of the Southwestern Texas Synod, Love of Christ Lutheran Church became the 178th congregation of the synod. On February 2, 2003, The Reverend Doctor Ray Tiemann, Bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, presided at the Charter Sunday worship service and celebration. A new congregation, a new community of faith, had been born.

In the year 2006 it was determined that another move for Love of Christ was needed. On September 3, 2006, at the invitation of Faith Lutheran Church of Weslaco, Love of Christ Lutheran Church held its first worship service and therefore began another chapter in its life.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH AN EXTRA \$30,000?

When most people in church hear the word “Stewardship”, they think of that portion of their income which they give through the church or their favorite charities. Stewardship however, relates to 100% of who we are and what we have, not just the part we give through the church or our favorite charities. What we often fail to grasp is that when we talk about Stewardship, God is not asking us to give of that which is ours. He is asking us to give of that which is His; of that which he has entrusted to our stewardship for as long as we live on this earth.

Recently, I read an article on the internet which I thought said a great deal about our Stewardship. It noted that the average American buys a new car, or trades for a different car, about every 5 years. It then noted that if the “average” American kept his car for 15 years, rather than trading every 5 years, that “average” American would save \$2,000 a year, or a total of \$30,000 over a period of 15 years. Now take the time to imagine the possibilities which might be yours to use that \$30,000 either for yourself, or for others.

I suspect that many Americans would resist the idea of driving a 15 year old car, even if the old car was kept in good repair, and provided reliable transportation. They would probably not think of that in terms of “good stewardship”. Most people simply assume that the time and the money which comes to them is theirs, and they are justified in using it anyway they wish.

By now, imagine for a moment if you could see yourself as a steward, or a manager, rather than as an owner of the life, the time, and the money which has been entrusted into your care. What if instead of thinking of the life, and the time, and the money you have.... not as your life, time, and money, but as God’s life, God’s time, and God’s money which He entrusted to you, and of which you are his steward, or manager. Suppose you asked yourself, “What would GOD want me to do with this life, time, and money?” rather than “What do I want to do with this life, time, and money?” Would the questions you ask yourself make any difference in how you lived your life, and used the time, and the money you have?

If we understand that Stewardship affects 100% of our life, I think it would make a difference....And by the way, “What would you do with it, if you had an extra \$30,000?

~Pastor Paul Rothfus 2008~

An excerpt from: Love Notes October 2010



Remember 10 years ago?

10 Years Ago

Reverend Dr. Carl A. Fredrickson is the contracted pastor of the church. He will be joined by Reverend Eugene Hasselquist December through Easter who will then preach the services and

who will then preach the service and Pastor Carl will devote his full time to pastoral care and administrative duties.

5 Years Ago

Thanks to Lee and Mary Nelson and their northern congregation of Trinity Lutheran for their recent



Remember 5 years ago?

donation to LOC of several glorious banners to beautify our worship space through the church year. Immense thanks to Lee & Mary for thinking of us!!!

A blonde goes to the post office to buy some stamps for her Christmas cards. She says to the clerk, “May I have 50 Christmas stamps?”

The clerk says, “What denomination?”

The blonde says, “God help us. Has it come to this? Give me 22 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 6 Baptist!”

Dear Members and Friends of Love of Christ Lutheran Church,

We are near the end of the Advent Season. It has been a time of preparation and pondering. We await the coming Christmas celebration!

Christmas! What a joyful time it is for the people of Christ. The angel's announcement to the shepherds stirs our hearts each year. We eagerly await this good news once again in the Gospel reading.

"In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" (Luke 2: 8-14)

Oh yes, a Savior is born! He is Christ the Lord and a Savior for you and me. God's Son is given. What great love! We sing of that love frequently in a hymn called, "Love Divine".

"Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling. All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart." (LBW 315)

Come and join us in praising and thanking God for the gift of God's Son. Come for the Christmas celebration. Come and worship with us this New Year of 2017.

"Blessings to you....."

Pastor Bob 

~Pastor Robert Slade 2017~

LOVE NOTE FOR "LOVE OF CHRIST" LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER, 2019; PASTOR SYLVIA D.L.G.

~Pastor Sylvia De La Garza 2019~

My love note, brothers/sisters in CHRIST: we are most fortunate to hear the "WORD OF GOD", believe the precious TRUTH: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given....His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6) What words of truth were spoken by God's prophet centuries ago & nobody has been able to disprove them. As people of God, we walk by faith given by the Holy Spirit of God.

It is a time of giving, sharing, demonstrating love to family members, friends, & how wonderful, even strangers. It is a time to believe in that "jolly, round, Santa Claus who comes to all bringing gifts, reminding us of the 'kings' who came from afar, bringing gifts to the "newborn King". It is with great humility that I bring the Good News to you on Sundays & in "love notes" like today. May you have a blessed Christmas with loved ones, for we are most fortunate to have that intimate relationship with the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, JESUS CHRIST! Pastor S.

"in His life, Christ is an example, showing us how to live; in His death, He is a sacrifice; satisfying for our sins; in His resurrection, a conqueror; in His ascension, a King; in His intercession, a high priest." Martin Luther

Feast of Thanksgiving 2024



My sincere thank you for all the help we had to make this year's Feast of Thanksgiving a huge success. A reminder that all of the funds we receive goes to the Northbridge Elementary School in Weslaco, TX. This year we surpassed 2023 donations, which is awesome in light of our current economy.



I also want to especially thank the congregation for attending and bringing food to accompany the turkey and gravy donated by Thrivent and catered by Robert Torres.

Also, a special thank you to Amy VanDeest for the beautiful center pieces. Amy has

been providing these beautiful center pieces for many, many years and as she retires from this project, know that we have been truly blessed to have her great talent be part of Love of Christ church.



As my first year chairing this event, I could not have done it without the help from Lu Rae Schwartz and Julie Knutson who were by my side each step of the way.

May God bless each and everyone of you and may the New Year be the best.

Judi McClellan
Social Ministry & Outreach Chair





December Birthdays

02 Lois Tanula
04 Karen Fix
14 CB Shields
18 Joyce Klindt

19 Gene Hasselquist 100!

January Birthdays

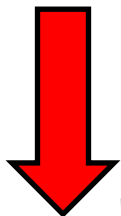
03 Helen Lamson
14 Walter Fix
22 Jon Schwartz
24 Bob Chaloupek

February Birthdays

06 Marilyn Rounds
22 Ken Tanula

December Anniversaries

02 Bob & Jo Degener



Send a card to Pastor Gene:

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PRAYER SQUARES

We have a “Prayer Squares” project square is quilted and tied with loving strings of embroidery thread. Then when one of our members of Love of Christ (or a friend) is having surgery or is in a hospital, each of us say a prayer, tie a knot, and then give the patch to them. We want our prayers with them. Contact Betty Bentson 701-371-6631 or email bettybentson@aol.com

Drop a personal note to one of your brothers or sisters in Christ at LoC who celebrates a special occasion this month and let them know how much their presence in our family of faith at LoC means to you.

HAPPY STITCHERS

Meet
9-12pm
Fellowship Hall
If you can tie a knot, they welcome you. Come for a wonderful lunch, laughter and stories from back home.

A Prayer for Joy

Holy God, at times our world seems joyless. Let us turn our focus on you and rejoice!

We bow down in worship and praise you. You are worthy of all honor and praise. As the wise men followed the star on a cross-country journey, they must have wondered how long this journey would take.

Yet, their joy was exceedingly great when they found the young Jesus. May our joy be great as we find you this Christmas season. You’re more than an Elf on a Shelf that pops up here and there, you’re with us always. We rejoice in you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

LoC LIBRARY

Come and check out the Love of Christ Library! Folks have donated some great reading, videos, and audio tapes. Come and browse or come and bring your donation to the Library and be an encouragement to the folks at Love of Christ church. The Library is located in the church office.

Prayers of Intercession

Bill & Gail Brandt
(Faith Lutheran Church)
Carolyn Buswell
Renate Chamberlain
Raye & Richard Chandler
Jo & Lauren Coyle
Arlene Crawford
Pastor Sylvia De La Garza
Thelma Dutenhoeffer
John Egan
Dean & Marilyn Garnett
Rita Halvorson (sister of Raye Chandler)
Karen Reij Johnson
(sister of Lois Tanula)
Nancy & Rod Karg
Alice Lichman
Elaine Magnuson
Diana Mullen (niece of Bette Learned)
Richard Newcomer
(Tom Newcomer's Brother)
Tom & Sharon Newcomer
Carroll Paulson
(sister-in-law of Bette Learned)
Ed & Gwen Paulson
(brother & sister-in-law of Bette Learned)
Dale Peters
Betty Piper
Barb Puder
David Raabe
(nephew of Bette Learned)
Shirley Renkly
(Anne Renkly's daughter-in-law),
CJ Robinson
Jon & LuRae Schwartz
Mike & Sharon Shull
Staff and children of North Bridge
Amy & Don Van Deest
Wayne & Pat Winters
Elaine & David Wisely
(daughter and son-in-law of Lou Vitek)
Cecilia & Tom Young
Amen.



CHRIST CARE...

Reflecting Christ's love in our community of faith! His inspiration! Please, if you...or someone you know... could use some Christ care, some concern, some prayers, or some expression of the love of Christ in his/her life,

LET US KNOW!

You may do so by calling: the church office (956) 447-1337 or email

locmailbox@yahoo.com

We at LOC want to care for you, for your friends, and for all who want to know the love of Christ in their life.



*****Love of Christ 27th Annual Congregational Meeting Saturday, February 15th 2025 Fellowship Hall*****

READING MACHINES

If you, or a loved one, have a vision difficulty that could be helped by the use of our reading machines, please contact Julie Knutson at the Church office (956) 447-1337. Three reading machines are available to be used by anyone in need of help. The machines are "checked out" much as a library book and returned to the office when no longer needed or if the user does not remain in the Valley during the summer months. There is no charge for this use. If you have a problem picking up the machine from the church office, please make it known to the secretary at the church office and the machine will be delivered to you. This is another ministry of the Love of Christ Church!

2025 Spring Fling

Thursday, February 13th

Villa De Cortez, Weslaco TX

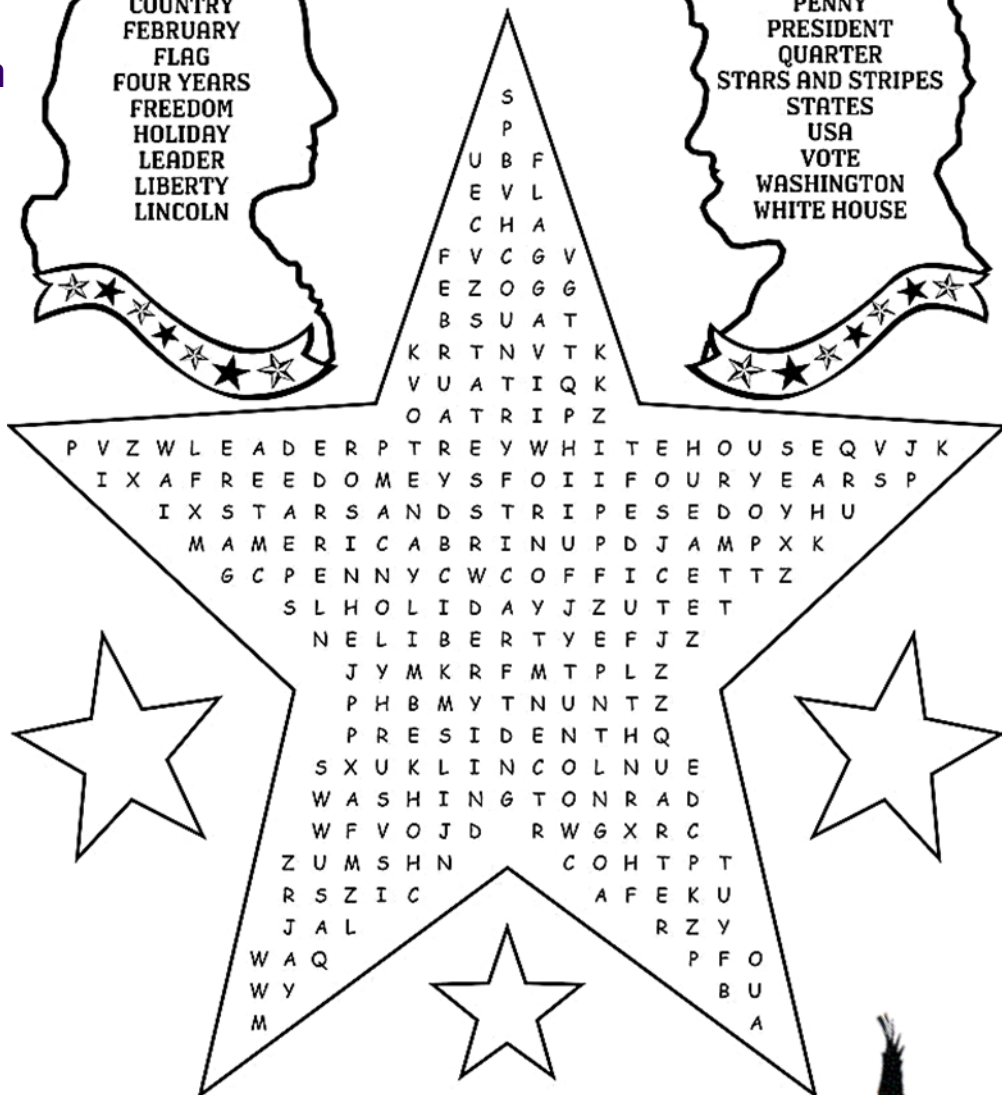
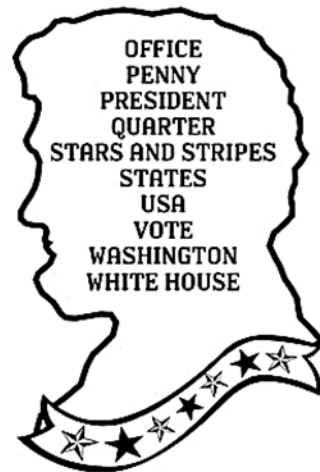
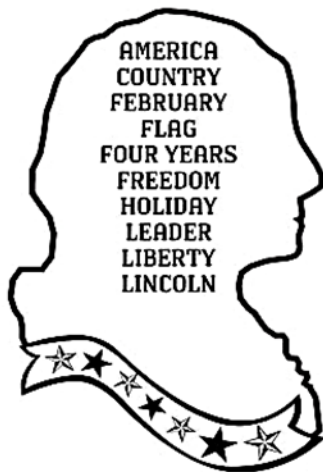
****Please Note this event has changed to February.****

PRESIDENTS' DAY!

Martin Luther King Day Poem

Myra Cohn Livingston

The dream
of Martin Luther King
will happen
in some far-off Spring
When winter ice
and snow are gone.
One day, the dreamer
in gray dawn
will waken
to a blinding night
where hawk and dove
in silent flight
brush wings together
on a street
still thundering
with ghostly feet
And soul will dance
and soul will sing
and march with
Martin Luther King.



Bible Riddles

1. What was the first animal to speak in the Bible?
2. I can run but never walk. Wherever I go, thoughts follow close behind. What am I?
3. What Biblical flower is used to symbolize Mary's virtue and humility?
4. Though I never brag or gloat you'll find me in a Billy goat. What am I?
5. In the beginning there was light, but what came next?
6. What Biblical figure built an ark?
7. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?
8. What's never thirsty but always drinking?
9. Who was born in Bethlehem?
10. Spice, flask, and a big strong house – name the Biblical man who fits this clue.

Answers on page 10

The "W" in Christmas

Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations - extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending.

Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas.

My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant."

I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation.

All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats. As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song.

Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial en-

tertainment songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title.

Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads.

Those in the front row- center stage - held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song.

As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down - totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W".

The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W".

Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen.

In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities.

For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

"CHRISTWASLOVE"

And, I believe, He still is. Amazed in His presence... .humbled by His love.

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Bible Riddles Answers from pg. 9

- 1.The serpent in the Garden of Eden
- 2.A River, as referenced in Psalm 23
- 3.The Lily
- 4.A Horn
- 5.Day & Night
- 6.Noah
- 7.Silence
- 8.Fire
- 9.Jesus
10. Noah

Important Church Dates

2024

December

8 Service of the Word 11:00AM

12 Council Mtg 2:00PM

15 Service of the Word 11:00AM

21 Blue Christmas 3:30PM

22 Service of the Word 11:00AM

24 Christmas Eve Service 4:00PM

29 Service of the Word 11:00AM

2025

January

5 Holy Communion 11:00AM

9 Council Mtg 2:00PM

12 Service of the Word 11:00AM

19 Service of the Word 11:00AM

26 Service of the Word 11:00AM

February

2 Holy Communion 11:00AM

6 Council Mtg 2:00PM

9 Service of the Word 11:00AM

13 Spring Fling 5:00PM

15 Annual Mtg 10:00AM

16 Service of the Word 11:00AM

23 Service of the Word 11:00AM

March

2 Holy Communion 11:00AM

5 Ash Wednesday Service 4:00PM

9 Service of the Word 11:00AM

13 Council Mtg 2:00PM

16 Service of the Word 11:00AM

23 Service of the Word 11:00AM

30 Service of the Word 11:00AM

April

6 Holy Communion 11:00AM

10 Council Mtg 2:00PM

13 Palm Sunday 11:00AM

17 Maundy Thursday Service 4:00PM

18 Good Friday Service 12:00PM

20 Easter Service 11:00AM

27 Service of the Word 11:00AM

ICICLES

Before you begin, I must confess I have had very little experiences with icicles unless it was on a decorated Christmas tree. I read a little about an icicle some time ago and I became intrigued with the formation of an icicle.

The dictionary defines an icicle this way: i-ci-cle. (ī'sī-kīl). n. 1. A tapering spike of ice formed by the freezing of dripping or falling water.

ICicles typically form on days when the outdoor air temperature is subfreezing but sunshine warms and melts some snow or ice. As it drips off your roof, a water droplet freezes when it loses its heat to the cold air. This sort of freezing, thin film of water is what leads to the eventual icicle shape.

An icicle is water in its solid form or state and it keeps its shape when frozen. An icicle is different from most solids because its molecules are not packed as closely together as they are in liquid water. This means ice takes up a little more space than the same amount of liquid water.

I then put my imagination to work and I began to think of water dripping off of a roof as the temperature outside reaches freezing and below. So drip, by drip here the water comes looking for lower ground, but as it does it gathers with other drops of water which is also looking for lower ground.

So as the temperature continue to be below freezing eventually all of these itty-bitty drops of water gather one by one to becoming something different, solid, and beautiful.

Now consider this, I would guess that no two icicles are exactly alike, they form in different locations, and as the weather changes they also change. Is this not a good description of the body of Christ? We are all different, we became who we are by the "drips" of many influences or people who have been part of our lives, and as the weather (conditions) change we become different.

I challenge you this beautiful season to be aware of the influence you are or can become as we become part of the ICICLE of Christ's body.



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God's work. Our hands.



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