

# E-Weekly

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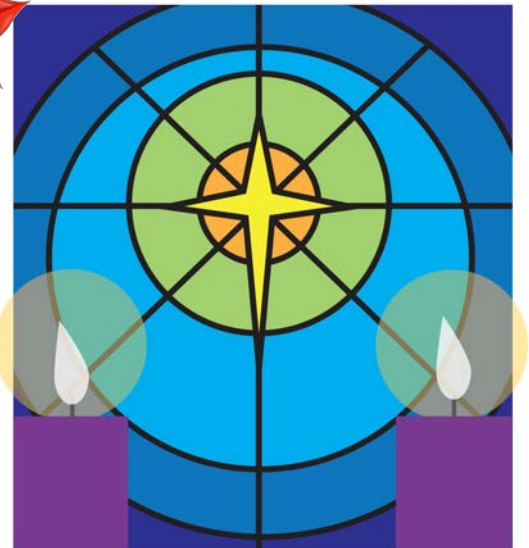
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## Hanging of the Greens

This Saturday  
December 6th  
Starts at 1pm



SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*



A little  
child  
shall lead  
them

ISAIAH 11:6

Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Worship and Sunday School  
at 10:00am

Live stream at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThfNeHwJBPw>

## Julefest

LUNCHEON,  
BAKE SALE &  
RAFFLE

Saturday, December 6th  
11am to 1pm

Luncheon will be served at 11:30 am  
Followed by the raffle... All are welcome!

Adults \$10 Children \$5

Luncheon Includes:

Chicken Salad Croissants,  
fresh fruit, chips,  
Coffee & Dessert!

Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church Women

417 First Ave West  
Grand Marais, MN  
218-387-2227





## This Week at Bethlehem:

Sat Dec 6	11:00 AM	Julefest Brunch Bake Sale & Raffle
Sun Dec 7	8:40AM	Choir practice
	10:00AM	Worship Service & Sunday School
	2:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra
	4:00 PM	Borealis Chorale
Mon Dec 8	3:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	5:00 PM	Girl Scout Leaders
	6:30 PM	Executive Comm.
Tues Dec 9	8:30 AM	Adult Ed class
	9:30 AM	Staff meeting
Wed Dec 10	12:30 PM	Text Study
	5:30 PM	Meal
	6:00 PM	Advent Worship
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Adult Ed Class
Thurs Dec 11	8:00 AM	Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
	9:30 AM	Esther Circle
	9:30 AM	Riser Setup for Borealis Concerts
Fri Dec 12	7:00 PM	Borealis Concert
Sat Dec 13	7:00 PM	Borealis Concert
Sun Dec 14	8:40 AM	Choir practice
	10:00 AM	Worship Service Sunday School Program
	11:00 AM	Young Adult Bowling in TBay

Sunday December 7, 2025

### Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

*From David's line, a ruler bringing  
justice and peace*

Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19

*May the righteous flourish; let there  
be an abundance of peace*

Romans 15:4-13

*Live in harmony, welcoming one another*

Matthew 3:1-12

*A voice cries:*

*Prepare the way of the Lord*

Livestream link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=c6zxfkHSTuk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6zxfkHSTuk)

# ANNUAL Committee REPORTS

Annual Reports from all  
council members, staff, groups,  
and committee chairs are due to  
the office **NO LATER THAN**  
**JANUARY 5, 2026**



# BOREALIS CHORALE & ORCHESTRA

**PRESENTS "ANGELS AMONG US"**  
**DEDICATED TO MARK ABRAHAMSON**



Friday, Dec. 12 & Saturday, Dec. 13

Show 7pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Grand Marais

Free to the public with suggested  
donation of \$10-20  
[northshoremusicassociation.com](http://northshoremusicassociation.com)





# PRAYER list...

Healing prayers are requested for:

Karen Shannon & Brad Shannon Family;  
Linda Zenk; Lois Johnson; Jane Gellner;  
Luke Gulstrand; Sarah, Cam, Barb & Paul  
Coe; Lynn & Craig Schulte; Butch Schulte;  
Christy Buetow; Clayton Koss; Patty  
Nelson; Annalisa Winje; Joan Bieber; Gene  
& Barbara Erickson; Bruce & Stacey  
Johnson; Paulina Backstrom; Shae  
Lindholm; Rhonda Schulte; Char Anderson;  
Betty Jones; Stacey Schulte; Hank  
Ferland; Ramiro Acero; Margaret Dahl;  
Katrina Crouse; Tom Christiansen,

This week we lift up these members:

Linda Zenk; Butch & Rhonda Schulte; Eric  
& Jessica Christenson; Shawn & Kelly  
Swearingen; Ryan, Krista & Jake Mixdorf.  
*May God walk with these Faithful Friends  
in their Advent Journey.*



The  
Season  
of

## Advent READING PLAN

### Hope

- ◊ Day 1: Jeremiah 29:10-14
- ◊ Day 2: Romans 15:8-13
- ◊ Day 3: 1 Peter 1:3-12
- ◊ Day 4: Hebrews 10:19-39
- ◊ Day 5: Psalm 33
- ◊ Day 6: Titus 2:11-3:8

### Joy

- ◊ Day 13: Philippians 4:4-9
- ◊ Day 14: Psalm 16
- ◊ Day 15: James 1:2-18
- ◊ Day 16: Psalm 30
- ◊ Day 17: Luke 2:8-20
- ◊ Day 18: John 15:1-11

### Peace

- ◊ Day 7: Isaiah 9:1-7
- ◊ Day 8: John 14:1-7, 25-31
- ◊ Day 9: John 16:25-33
- ◊ Day 10: Romans 5:1-11
- ◊ Day 11: Ephesians 2:11-22
- ◊ Day 12: Colossians 3:1-17

### Love

- ◊ Day 19: Micah 7:18-20
- ◊ Day 20: Romans 8:31-39
- ◊ Day 21: John 3:16-21
- ◊ Day 22: 1 John 4:7-21
- ◊ Day 23: Philippians 2:1-11
- ◊ Day 24: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
- ◊ Day 25: Ephesians 2:1-10



NEED  
PRAYER?

Contact Pastor Calvin  
763-226-5425  
or Laura Popkes, Prayer Chain  
Leader 218-370-0721

# ADVENT

Therefore the Lord himself shall  
give you a sign; Behold, a virgin  
shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall call his name Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14, KJV



## Mission Of the Month Damiano Center

The December Mission of the Month will support the Damiano Center in Duluth.

The Damiano Center "welcomes people in need and serves them without judgment" as the largest emergency meal provider in our region and a source for comprehensive services including clothing, health realization, hygiene access, and more.

### Member Challenge

In addition to financial support, please contribute winter wear to the hat and mitten tree in the narthex. Donations will be delivered to the Damiano Center!



  
**DamianoCenter**  
*serving people in need*

206 W 4th St. Duluth, MN 55806  
[info@damianocenter.org](mailto:info@damianocenter.org) [218-722-8708](tel:218-722-8708)

## ***"For what shall we pray?"***

*This is from a weekly post inviting individuals, groups, and congregations to lift up our world in prayer. This resource is prepared by a variety of leaders in the ELCA.*

### **Prayer prompts:**

For an end to war and conflict, and for places of political unrest or contention, especially Gaza, South Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine, and Pakistan/Afghanistan...  
For victims and families of the Hong Kong apartment fire...  
For all affected by flooding in Thailand, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka...  
For protection, provision, and justice for immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and advocates...  
For all victims of violence, exploitation, and abuse...  
For access to affordable and reliable healthcare...  
For those who live with seasonal affective disorder  
For just governance and equitable distribution of God's abundance  
For those who cannot find peace or joy in this season...

### **Events and observances:**

December Observances: Universal Human Rights Month, World AIDS/HIV Awareness Month, Spiritual Literacy Month

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552 (Dec 3)  
John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749 (Dec 4)

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342 (Dec 6)

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397 (Dec 7)

Pearl Harbor Day (Dec 7)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec 8)

Bodhi Day (Buddhism, Dec 8)

Genocide Prevention Day (Dec 9)

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12)

### ***A prayer for the those in civil authority*** (ELW)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bless the public servants in the government, that they may do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Help them use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote our common life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***A prayer for young persons*** (ELW)

God of all good gifts, your Son gathered children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to understand our youth as they grow in years and in knowledge of your world. Give us compassion when they face temptations and experience failures. Teach us to encourage their search for truth and value in their lives. Help us to appreciate their ideals and sympathize with their frustrations; that with them we may look for a better world than either we or they have known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

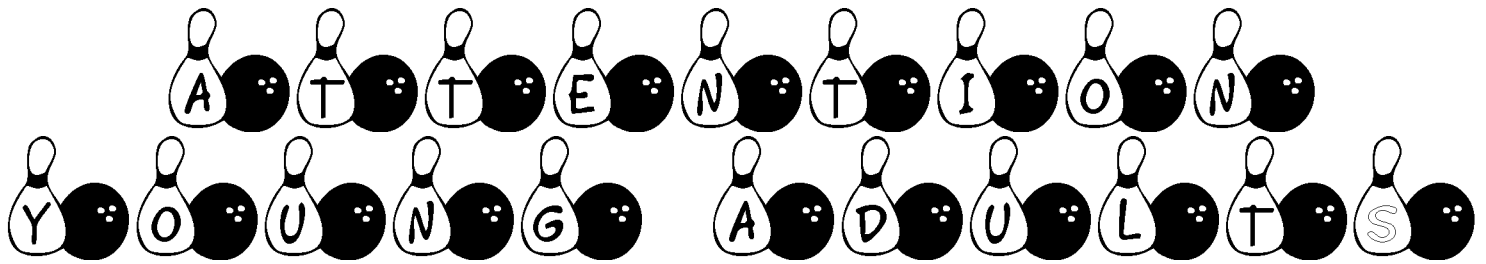


# Children's PROGRAM

**"NO REHEARSAL PROGRAM"**

**DECEMBER 14, 10:00AM**

**SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**



(age range 20's – 30's)

# LET'S GO BOWLING!

**Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Leaving after worship service.

**Sign up in the Narthex**

Questions? Reach out to Libby at [lib.lou.lars@gmail.com](mailto:lib.lou.lars@gmail.com) or 218-849-4643

**Food insecurity is on the rise**, especially with the federal shut down and health insurance costs spiraling. Businesses in Cook County are stepping up to help and you can help by stocking up the food shelf. Cook County is home to a variety of nonprofit food access resources and residents have access to county initiatives. Here is a list of local resources:

**AEOA Mobile Food Pantry:** 4th Wednesday of each month, household size and income information collected (no proof required) Grand Portage Community Center (73 Upper Rd, Grand Portage): 11:30 a.m. –Noon  
Cook County Community Center (317 W 5th St, Grand Marais, MN): 1:30–2 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church:** Free meals on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. The schedule follows the ISD166 school calendar. We also have grocery cards available to those experiencing food insecurity; and offer gift cards to anyone in the community who needs to travel out of town for medical appointments. People can contact Pastor Calvin Konop or the office at Bethlehem.

**Cook County Courthouse self-service food bank:** Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the courthouse lobby. County residents are welcome to both drop off and pick-up shelf-stable goods during regular courthouse hours. Copies of additional food access resource lists also available

**Cook County Food Shelf:** Mondays 3–5 p.m. and first Wednesday of each month, 5–7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (300 W 2nd St, Grand Marais). Income information collected during registration. Fresh and shelf-stable food available for pickup, vouchers for use at local grocery stores. Call for more information (218) 387-2113

**Clearview General Store** – 25% discount on food items for SNAP/EBT card holders, 20% discount on food items for furloughed federal workers or those working without a paycheck (proof of furlough or lost paycheck required). 5323 W Highway 61, Lutsen

**Snacks and Packs Backpack Program:** in-school support organized by Second Harvest Northland and facilitated by [Cook County Extension](#). Food is delivered to qualifying students in their backpacks on Thursdays or Fridays, along with grocery gift cards. Extension office phone: (218)387-3015

**Fisherman's Daughter at Dockside:** Grocery store gift cards, warm food, deli items available for those whose benefits are disrupted. Contact Katie or Parker Slanga, [katie@tfdgm.com](mailto:katie@tfdgm.com), or through social media. Restaurant located at 418 W Hwy 61, Grand Marais

**Grand Portage Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP):** Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grand Portage Community Center (73 Upper Road, Grand Portage). Reservation required by 9 a.m. on the day. Contact (218) 475-2655 or [enpdirector@grandportage.com](mailto:enpdirector@grandportage.com) Price based on age: 65+, \$2; ages 50–64, \$3; under 50, \$5. Food delivery available.

**Grand Portage Food Distribution Program:** Monthly distribution for participating households. Pick-up at 101 Store Rd, Grand Portage. Packs include canned, frozen, and traditional foods. Contact (218) 475-2480 or [fdp@boreal.org](mailto:fdp@boreal.org)

**Grand Portage Food Shelf:** Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Grand Portage Human Services (2 Casino Dr, Grand Portage)  
Call ahead for pick-up (218) 475-2453

**Gunflint Tavern:** Free soup and bread for pick-up on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gunflint Tavern (111 W Wisconsin St, Grand Marais) until SNAP benefits are restored. Email [Gunflinttavern@gmail.com](mailto:Gunflinttavern@gmail.com) to arrange pickup

**Java Moose Coffee Shop:** local grocery gift cards available. Contact Sarah Jorgenson-Hallberg at [javamoosegrandmarais@gmail.com](mailto:javamoosegrandmarais@gmail.com) Shop located at 218 W Hwy 61, Grand Marais

**Johnson's Foods:** offering 10% discount on food items to SNAP, WIC, and EBT card holders, and federal employees going without pay. Food assistance card or proof of federal furlough required. Johnson's also holds weekly gift card drawings. Located at 317 E Hwy 61, Grand Marais



**Lunch at The Hub / Grand Marais Senior Center:** Monday-Friday at noon at The Hub (10 N Broadway Ave, Grand Marais) Requires a phone call by 9:30 a.m. on the day to reserve lunch. Call: 218-387-2660  
\$4.50 for those who qualify based on age, disability, or income; \$8.00 for others  
\*veterans eat free in November

**Meals on Wheels – The Hub / Grand Marais Senior Center:** provides home meal delivery for those 60+ or who are homebound and located within 5 miles of Grand Marais. Register for Meals on Wheels through AEOA by calling 1-800-662-5711 ext. 7323. Call the Hub at (218) 387-2660 by 9:30 a.m. day of service to request a meal. Service for the week can be requested on Mondays. Frozen and pick-up meals can be requested for weekends.

**Minnesota Food Helpline:** phone line open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to connect people with food access resources 1-888-711-1151

**Nutrition for Seniors:** Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank provides monthly food packages for pickup at the Cook County Food Shelf in Grand Marais. Contact by phone (218) 336-2307, (888) 727-5653, ext. 112 or [info@secondharvestnorthland.org](mailto:info@secondharvestnorthland.org)

**Small Requests Project:** Direct community assistance for food support via grocery store gift cards. Funded by Donna and Orvis Lunke with support from Empty Bowls and community donations. Contact Donna [through facebook](#) to request assistance or to contribute to the project.

**Ruby's Pantry – Cook County:** monthly pickup of pre-packed bundles on the second Tuesday of each month from 5-6:30 p.m. at Great Expectations School (550 5th St, Grand Marais). Location subject to change throughout the year. Primarily shelf-stable and frozen items with some fresh produce. \$25 suggested donation, but gift certificates are available and no one is turned away until all packages are collected. Contact (218) 387-1314

**Sawtooth Mountain Clinic – Giving Tree Program:** support for SMC patients in need. Local grocery gift cards and support for gas and lodging for those needing to travel for medical services provided. Contact the clinic at (218) 387-2330

**Senior Lunch at Birch Grove Community Center:** every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Birch Grove Community Center (9 Good Neighbor Hill Rd). \$5 suggested donation

**YMCA – Snacks in the Entryway:** free snacks in the main entrance to the Cook County YMCA (105 W 5th St, Grand Marais) during YMCA open hours (Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

**Zoar Lutheran Church – Soup Suppers:** free community dinner every Wednesday through May 7 from 5:15-6 p.m. at Zoar Lutheran Church (7241 MN-61, Tofte)

*And God is able to make all grace come in abundance to you,  
so that you may always have complete sufficiency in everything,  
and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity.*

◇ 2 Corinthians 9:8

*“May the God of hope fill you with  
all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

**– Romans 15:13**