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## **CHRISTMAS IN THE OLD STONE CHURCH**



Soup supper  
following the service.  
Please join us!

Christmas carols,  
scripture readings  
and a memorial  
service to honor our Freemount  
friends who have  
gone before us.  
Our cemetery is aglow.

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**  
**at 5:30 PM**  
**Freemount Lutheran Church**  
**(in the Old Stone Church)**  
**2511 8th Ave, Lindsborg**

Pastor Gerald Berggren Dec 2017/Jan/Feb 2018 Newsletter

From Pastor Berggren

We are facing a multitude of forces trying to steer us off course. As we go through life, the obvious path to take would be the path of truth. Scientists spend hours, days, and years using their God-given senses to look for the truths of nature, the truths of God's creation, the truths observable to the antenna of finite human beings, but the source of all truth is God. If we humans try to ignore God, we limit our exposure to His truth. It becomes far easier to let the storms of life move us farther off the course. We are being surrounded by many who think they are being more loving by rejecting the truths that God provides. Without God, we are choosing to be blind. That's kind of what it feels like today: "the blind leading the blind." Our culture is still reaping the benefits of a time when the objective truths of God had more influence. Today, who knows where we are headed, but based upon history, the results will not be good. If we don't know the truth about who we are, why we're here, where we came from and where we're going, how can we expect anything but some terrible consequences? The further we get from truth, the more we become slaves to the evil desires of our sinful nature. On the other hand, the truth of God makes us free. That is good news.

Advent renews our hope that God doesn't give up on us. We remember the divine story that the people of God in the Old Testament knew they needed help, and, realizing it or not, they needed it from outside themselves. They recognized they needed a Savior. They waited for His coming and He came, in Jesus Christ. And, yes, He will come again. The truth of God has come to save us. He has come to save us from ourselves and our selfish ways. We have hope that while we are experiencing "the blind leading the blind," God will come to lead us to the promised land. He comes to let us know His truth. He comes to let us know that we are His children. Without the truth--His truth--we can never be free. We cannot know His love. Our God, who is beyond time and space, comes down to us in time and space every Sunday to deliver the fruit of His Son's crucifixion and resurrection over 2,000 years ago through His Word and Sacraments. He comes to us through his instruments: the water and the Word of God, the bread and the wine, the proclamation of the forgiveness of our sins. In these ways we receive Immanuel, "God with us," now. As we live in a world where the evidence of the sin, suffering, and brokenness of creation is all too evident, we receive God's peace on earth as He comes to us. His coming will restore His broken creation through His victory over our enslavement to sin and death. We will know the freedom of being His children. This is our Advent hope as followers of the truth in Jesus Christ.

# Pastor activities

In addition to the regular & ongoing pastoral activities/duties:

- Sent out postcards for Ice Cream Social
- Helped with Ice Cream Social (greeter & took donations with Pastor Harrison and Dean Anderson)
- Meeting with CJ Herzog about First Communion
- Acolyte training with the Herzogs
- Changed the church banners according to the seasons in the Church Year
- Confirmation instruction began (every Tuesday evening, 7:30, at church) Three students are participating: JT and Zach Gross and Ty Herzog
- Planned Heritage Sunday
- Sunday School Kick-off/Teacher Dedication & Ice Cream Social on September 10
- Holy Communion on September 17
- Secured Gideon speaker for September 24
- Secured preacher and liturgist for Sunday, October 22
- Sermon and liturgy prep for October 22 and delivered to Karmon and Dean
- Pastor Harrison was on call from October 19 to 23
- World Communion Day, October 1
- Secured speaker from Omega Project on October 8
- Sent invitation letters to families of our deceased members for All Saints' Sunday
- Conducted worship/Holy Communion service at Riverview Estates, October 3
- Attended Foundation Board meeting, October 17
- Reformation service, October 29
- Planned All Saints Sunday commemoration service and set up candle, changed banners, bulletin insert
- Attended several Little River and Smoky Valley football games, in addition to member's various parties/activities
- Attended Elyria Christian School Annual Banquet
- Wrote and submitted articles for our candlelight and Julotta services
- Planned Thankoffering service and OCC shoebox dedication prayer, November 12
- Attended Great Plains Mission District (NALC) Annual Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Abilene KS. Pastor Harrison also attended. Trinity is the newest member of the NALC, as of this past summer, which is exciting news!
- Planned TACOL Thanksgiving service, November 19 and copied bulletins
- Planned Advent season & Christmas worship
- Discussed special music for Christmas season with organist.

## **OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATES:**

- Sunday, December 10, 5:30 PM—Christmas in the Old Stone Church and Soup Supper
- Monday, December 25, 6:00 AM—Julotta in Old Stone Church (with candlelight service)
- 2017 offerings due December 31
- Saturday, January 6—Epiphany
- Sunday, January 7—Epiphany wreath celebration begins
- Sunday, January 14—Annual reports due
- Thursday, January 18, 6:45 AM—Lindsborg's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Trinity United Methodist Church
- Sunday, January 21—Annual meeting booklet available
- Sunday, January 28—Annual meeting with soup luncheon

## PAST REVIEW

Several new families have been joining us for worship—WELCOME—GLAD TO HAVE YOU!

We celebrated in the Old Stone Church our annual Heritage Sunday on September 3rd. This was a time of remembrance and honoring of the Swedish ancestors who settled in the Smoky Valley and started our beloved Freemount Lutheran Church, and laboring to build the Old Stone Church which is now the oldest building in McPherson County that is still being used. Special music for the service was provided by JT and Zach Gross.

On the next Sunday, September 10th, we returned to our regular schedule with Sunday School at 9:30 AM and worship at 10:30 AM back in the main church. The adult Sunday School class, in keeping with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, began studying “In the Luther Household”, a new study by SOLA Publishing. It will focus on the Christian Biblical principles of marriage, using Martin and Katie Luther as an example. An average of 16 attend each Sunday morning.

A youth Sunday School class, taught by Dean Anderson, meets each Sunday with 3 in attendance.

Also on September 10th, we hosted our Annual Ice Cream Social. It was a beautiful evening with fellowship and friends! A group of bicyclists from McPherson biked to Freemount as well, to join us. Over \$1000 was donated, which was given to the Improvement Fund.

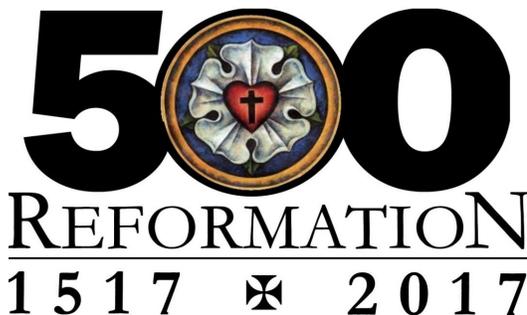


September 17th, we celebrated the Rite of First Communion for CJ Herzog and enjoyed our monthly potluck following worship. After the potluck, Karmon Almquist presented a very interesting and informative talk on honey bees.

Alan Sents gave a presentation on September 24th on the work of Gideon International. We always enjoy our time with Alan!

World Communion was celebrated Freemount on October 1st.

David Case from the Omega Project in McPherson gave a Temple Talk on October 8th. David is the director and Manny Cannon, a participant in the program came to speak also. This is a very inspiring talk!



We celebrated “Ref 500”, when we enjoyed a potluck dinner following worship on October 29th. After the meal, we learned about the history and tradition of potlucks in the Lutheran Church, followed by a Trivia Game and some ‘little-known’ facts about Martin and Katie Luther. There was also a give-away of two Reformation 500 mugs. Lawrence Spohn and JT Gross were the lucky winners.

## PAST CONTINUED

All Saints Sunday was recognized on November 5th when we remembered Owen Odell. Many of Owen's family and friends joined us for worship.

November 12th was our annual Thankoffering Sunday with the Thanksgiving dinner following worship. A delicious meal was enjoyed! Thanks for Sandra Spohn for providing the turkey, dressing and gravy; to Phyllis Odell for providing the ham; to Shirley Robinson and Rebekah Waage for furnishing the mashed potatoes; and to Nancy Rawson and Shirley Robinson for providing the desserts and setting up; and to everyone for coming and bringing all the side dishes! We are truly blessed!

We hosted the TACOL Thanksgiving service at Freemount on November 19th. Thanks for LCW for providing cookies for the fellowship time after the service.

We will decorate our church for Advent and Christmas on November 29th beginning at 5:00 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to help decorate both inside and outside for the holiday season. This is a come and go event, so join us as you are able.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The local banks will have angels on the trees by November 10. You may take an angel off the tree, buy a Christmas gift of about \$20, then return the wrapped gift to the bank where you received the angel. All gifts must be returned by Friday, **December 1st**.

Please remember the less fortunate here in this area with donations of pasta, dried beans, instant potatoes, pancake mix & syrup, children's toothpaste & toothbrushes, XL gift bags, shampoo, deodorant, peanut butter, cereal, all sizes of children's socks, travel size shampoo and toothpaste. You may place your donations in the box in the church entrance. All donations will be collected by **December 1st**.



Bethany Home Christmas party is December 14th at 7:00 PM. Each church is asked to donate 20 gifts. Please do NOT wrap gifts. Bring gifts to the The Home by **December 1st**. Gift ideas: Men's/women's socks, wind chimes, box of chocolates, ladies pins, new calendar, sun catcher, small photo book, small cork board, writing pen, emery boards, assorted greeting cards, perfume/cologne, handkerchief, comb/brush, hand mirror, shawl/scarf, "Forever" postage stamps, men's belts/suspenders, non-skid slippers, necklace/bracelet-easy on/off, gloves, throw blanket, dry erase boards & markers, wall clock, small decorative pillow, large print devotion book, watch (large numbers), large print puzzle book, bird seed, gift certificates (TACOL, Dollar General, Wal-Mart), body lotion, vitamin E cream, playing cards, back scratcher, nail polish (light color), neck pillows, night light, art supplies, soda (Dr. Pepper, Diet Coke, Root Beer)

Advent season begins December 3, as we also begin a new Church Year. We will be lighting one candle on the Advent wreath each of the Sundays in Advent as we anticipate the birth of Jesus.

# Merry Christmas!

**LOOKING AHEAD CONTINUED**

Freemount Lutheran Church will host their annual "Christmas in the Old Stone Church," Sunday, December 10, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a memorial service to honor our Freemount friends who have gone before us. This service will be held in the Old Stone Church, the oldest building in McPherson County still in use. There will be Christmas carols and scripture readings. Be sure to check out the cemetery, which will be glowing with many twinkling lights. After the worship service, all are invited to join us for a Soup Supper in the basement of the Main Church. Look for the sign-up sheet to help with the food.

You are invited to another very special service, which is Julotta, on Christmas morning, 6:00 AM. This service will be in the Old Stone Church, and will be a step back in time, as we worship as our ancestors did when they immigrated from Sweden to settle in the Smoky Valley. Join us for this traditional Swedish Christmas service. God Jul!

**UPCOMING COMMUNION DATES:**

- December 17
- January 21
- February 18



January 6th begins journey in the Epiphany season. On January 7th, the Advent wreath will be replaced with the Epiphany wreath. The candles will be multi-colored to symbolize that Jesus Christ was born and is the Savior for all people everywhere.



Annual Meeting time is fast approaching! All reports are due to Bernice by January 14th so the report booklet can be handed out on January 21st. On January 28th, the Annual Meeting will be held following worship. Council will be providing the soup meal.

Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday service on February 14th. The Lenten worship schedule will be decided upon after the first of the year when the Marquette Ministerial Alliance convenes.

**MEMBER STATS**

- Rite of First Communion—CJ Herzog on September 17
- Funeral—Verna Elaine James on November 13

**CHURCH NEWS**

Acolyte supply has increased! We rejoice that JT and Zach Gross and Hannah and Ty Herzog are stepping up to fill this position! MANY THANKS!

End of the year is almost here—in order to be on the active roll at Freemount, a person must make a contribution of record AND receive Holy Communion at least once a year. If you have received communion at another church, be sure to let us know or simply ask that church to notify us so we can keep you on the active roll. The last communion at Freemount is December 17th.

**FOUNDATION NEWS**

Meeting was held on October 17. Next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2018

**MOVIE DAYS CONTINUES**

Movies are held at David & Rebekah Waage's home on the second Sunday of most months at 3:00 PM. We always enjoy the thought-provoking movies. Bring a snack and beverage to share!

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**

A weekly bible study is held each Thursday evening at 7:30 PM in the church basement. Questions: contact Alan James at 620-241-5809.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

The Foundation has authorized floor repair in the stone church but it will probably be done after the Christmas season. The speaker system for the stone church and used as well in the main church has finally been repaired. The boiler system has been drained and checked for proper operation for the season.

**At 10.31.17:**

Income: \$67,128.48

Expenses: \$63,157.90

**Benevolence YTD:**

Kansas Honor Flights: \$1,892.66

NALC -Hurricane Disaster Relief: \$2,000.00

NALC - District/National/Seminary: \$2,105.00

Marquette Ministerial Alliance: \$339.00

McPherson County Food Bank: \$195.00

Operation Christmas Child: \$1,000.00

TACOL: \$150.00

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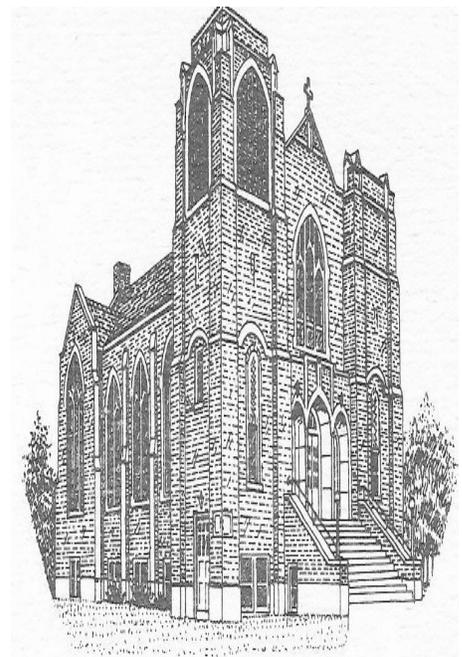
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Please check it out and remind  
your friends!*

Send church pictures for our Facebook page to :  
[clayhillfarm2000@yahoo.com](mailto:clayhillfarm2000@yahoo.com)

**December Ushers: Duane and Darlene Patrick**  
**December Communion Assistant: Beth Hedberg**  
**December Acolyte: Hannah Herzog**

**January Ushers: Quint Hedberg and Ethan Hedberg**  
**January Communion Assistant: Dean Anderson**  
**January Acolyte: Zach Gross**

**February Ushers: Ron and Phyllis Odell**  
**February Communion Assistant: Shirley Robinson**  
**February Acolyte: JT Gross**



# Lutheran Advent Traditions

By Dcs Betsy Karkan

At a time when much of the world is frantically gift shopping, putting up Christmas lawn decorations and anticipating the arrival of Santa Claus, Christians around the world are observing the liturgical season of Advent. From the Latin word for “coming”, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Christ both in the past in His incarnation as the baby Jesus, but also in the future with His promised second coming as Christ Triumphant. Furthermore, Advent is a time to focus on His present coming to us in the Word and Sacraments. In the Lutheran church there have been many traditions observed during Advent that help Christians to both prepare for and anticipate His coming at this time. Martin Luther encouraged families to observe Advent as a time for them to teach their children about the coming of Christ.

Advent marks the beginning of the church calendar. It traditionally starts on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew’s Day (November 30<sup>th</sup>) and continues for four Sundays until Christmas. During this time the liturgical paraments and vestments in many churches will change to violet to recognize Advent as a time of preparation and repentance as well as a symbol of the royalty of the coming King. The color blue can also be used as a symbol of anticipation and hope.

Christians in many countries have adopted various traditions of lighting candles during Advent to observe this as the time of the coming of Christ who is the light of the world. One widespread tradition is the use of an Advent wreath both in the church and the home to mark each Sunday in the Advent season. While the origin of this as an Advent tradition dates back to the Lutheran church following the Reformation, the current form commonly used today was developed more recently and is used in many other Christian churches throughout the world. The wreath is made out of evergreens in the shape of a circle to represent eternal life. It consisted of four candles originally; three purple or blue candles to match the liturgical colors and one pink candle lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent. This 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is known as *Gaudete* Sunday, meaning “rejoice” in Latin and comes from Philippians 4:4. Lighting this 3<sup>rd</sup> candle, Christians relax the fast to rejoice for the promised Messiah is coming soon. Many Advent wreaths also have a 5<sup>th</sup> candle, the Christ candle, which is lit during the time of Christmas, symbolizing that Christ, the light of the world, has entered the darkness.

Another tradition, is the observance of special commemoration days during the season of Advent, namely St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra on December 6<sup>th</sup> and St. Lucia, Martyr on December 13<sup>th</sup>. As numerous stories surrounding St. Nicholas spread and became legend, Martin Luther was concerned that the observance of St. Nicholas day was becoming separated from Christ the true giver of gifts. As a response and an effort to replace St. Nicholas Day, Luther began the tradition of celebrating the *Christkindt* or Christ Child who would bring gifts to children on Christmas Eve. Though Luther hoped to eliminate the secular traditions surrounding St. Nicholas, Lutherans today still observe his commemoration and give thanks to God for the gifts He gave him to bless others and confess Christ in a time of darkness and persecution. St. Lucia was a Christian martyr in the 4<sup>th</sup> century who is traditionally known as wearing a candle-lit crown to light her way through the catacombs as she brought food to Christians who were being persecuted. Her commemoration is meant to signal that Christmas is coming soon when Christ, the light of the world will arrive. Today many Christians throughout the world celebrate by lighting candles and attending major festivals not only to commemorate her confession of faith and care for persecuted Christians, but in anticipation of the coming of the Christ child.

There is so much beauty and rich tradition during the season of Advent to prepare Christians for the coming of Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem. When you see the altar draped in purple, remember your King who came to bring you life and salvation. If you don’t have one already, consider getting an Advent wreath for your home as you prepare for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. Give thanks to God for the confession of faith He gave to His people to shine His light in dark places. Learn about the tradition of reciting the *O Antiphons* (found in *Lutheran Service Book* along with hymn # 357 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel) and incorporate it into your Advent devotions. Finally, anticipate with joy the coming of our Lord!

LCW

- We provided 50 dozen gingersnaps for Hyllningsfest. THANKS to those who baked these cookies—we are small but mighty!
- We served the Bethany Home birthday party on October 27. Thanks for Mary Anne, Shirley and Brenda for baking cakes and/or serving the good-sized crowd of 'party-ers'!
- We served the luncheon to about 130 people for Verna James' funeral on November 13
- Blessing Bottle alert: Our filled bottles were presented at the altar on Thankoffering Sunday in November. The Thankofferings totaled \$230.50. Thank you for blessing others! You can now begin to 'feed' your new Blessing Bottle.
- It was voted on to combine the Jingle Offerings and Thankofferings to go toward the needs of the local school children. This total is \$284.75.
- The funeral luncheon policy was voted on to be changed slightly and will be brought up to the Council in December for review.
- A new secretary (Mary Anne Almquist) was voted on
- Jingle Offering was held October 8, Upcoming Jingle Offering—January 7, 2018
- Freemont is hosting Christmas in the Old Stone Church on December 10. Committee: Bernice, Darlene, Beth. These ladies coordinate the food and ALL members will help bring food/soup.
- Christmas basket /cookies: Phyllis & Shirley
- Next meetings: January 17, 7 PM, Hostess: Marilyn Bible Study: Brenda  
February 21, 7 PM, Hostess: Darlene Bible Study: Shirley
- February potluck is on the 18th with Rebekah and Darlene on the committee



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

November 11th was our Annual Packing Party. Our goal of 260 was met with 269!

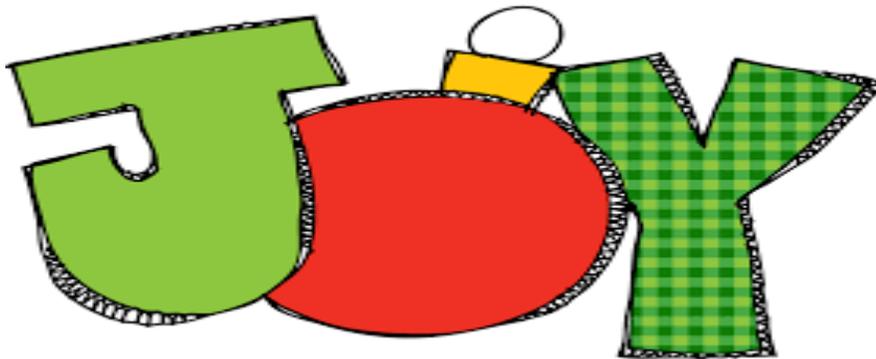
Our boxes were blessed during worship on November 12th.

We delivered our boxes to the Collection Center on November 17th.

What a wonderful experience to see God's love in action!

We will start again in 2018. Watch for details!

MANY THANKS for all your support!



MEMBER NEWS

Lindy Peterson and Justin Thacker were joined together in marriage on September 9th! CONGRATS!

Verna Elaine James passed away on November 9th. Her funeral service was held on November 13th with burial at Marquette cemetery following. OUR SYMPATHIES TO ALAN AND FAMILY!

Twice each year, Kansas colleges and universities that offer teacher preparations programs are invited to select two teacher education students identified as Teachers of Promise. The Teachers of Promise selected each fall are invited to attend a half-day workshop presented by the current Kansas Teacher of the Year Team. The workshop is held in conjunction with the Kansas Teacher of the Year State Awards Banquet in November, so the Teachers of Promise attend the workshop Saturday morning and then the awards banquet that evening.

Emma Anderson, daughter of Dean & Charlotte Anderson, and a recipient of the Freemount scholarships, is one of two selected KU Teachers of Promise in the fall of 2017. During the Kansas Teacher of the Year State Awards Banquet, each Teacher of Promise is introduced and presented with a framed certificate of recognition by the Commissioner of Education. They wear a special ribbon imprinted with the words "Teacher of Promise."

Emma graduated from KU in May 2017 with a BA as a secondary math educator. She student taught in Olathe earlier this fall and is currently substitute teaching . Emma has also stated her studies for a Master's Degree in Social & Cultural Studies in Education at the University of Kansas. YEAH EMMA!



Dean Anderson received an honorary can of Lindsborg –brand elbow grease from Dr. Duane Fredrickson. The cans are being passed hand to hand to recognize hard work and dedication. YEAH DEAN!





**BIRTHDAYS**

December 1	Jeanette Waage
December 2	Quenten Miller Anita Thackery
December 3	Teagan Miller Sara Shogren
December 8	Seth Yenni
December 9	George Merrill
December 14	Nancy Rawson
December 19	Lucy Walline
December 21	Reagan Grigsby
December 25	Aierona Goss Jerry Spohn
December 28	Alison Hansen Justin Hansen
January 1	Vickie Flores
January 3	David Odell
January 6	Charles Dean Johnson, Jr.
January 7	Sara Anderson
January 10	Patricia LaMar
January 12	Thayne Rawson
January 13	Rodger Odell
January 17	Brad Shogren
January 18	Alan James Saundra Spohn
January 19	Katie Greenwood
January 24	Angela Miller
February 5	Jim Peterson
February 6	Greg Barrett Kevey Patrick
February 7	Blanche Spilman J.T. Gross
February 10	Lars Berggren
February 13	Nicholas Goss
February 16	Tyler Alexander
February 19	Gary Forsberg Lawrence Spohn
February 24	Quint Hedberg
February 26	Rick Odell

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARYS**

December 1	Shirley Robinson
December 3	Rachael Spangenberg Caeden Whitteker
December 10	Jeanine Lundquist Garett Miller Marisa Miller Quenten Miller Teagan Miller
December 15	Kris Alexander
December 19	Sara Shogren
December 22	Erica Pope Marilyn Spohn
December 23	Chelsea Alexander Anita Thackery
December 24	Keaghan Patrick Kevey Patrick
January 8	Nancy Rawson
January 19	Mary Anne Almquist
January 29	Aierona Goss
January 31	Anders Berggren
February 8	Pastor Harrison
February 15	Chris Goss Nicholas Goss Lucy Walline
February 16	Sara Anderson
February 18	Thayne Rawson
February 21	Rodger Odell

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARYS**

December 1	Pastor & Brenda Berggren
December 12	Quint & Beth Hedberg
December 18	Karmon & Mary Anne Almquist
January 2	Kevin & Zoey Patrick
January 8	Jerry & Marilyn Spohn
January 20	George & Violet Merrill

## The Birth of Jesus

**2** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while<sup>[a]</sup> Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.



<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

# Thank

FROM PASTOR & BRENDA:

Thank you to all for your generous gifts given to us in October for Pastors' Appreciation Month. We appreciate your continuing kindness, and the fruits of your labor. We look forward to forging ahead with you, as we at Freemount continue to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and the Truth of God's Word to deaf ears in a confusing world.

Thank you for your constant prayers during Bruce's 10+ year battle with cancer!

\*Diane & I were married in the home  
looked up of your folks.  
See you many times for our new neighbors.  
Cherry, Lindberg, this fall  
and daughter Sara + her  
new husband Joe + his  
Madison Ave + his  
your new neighbors

9-27-17

Dearest Friends of Freemount,

Thank you for the gorgeous sunflower bouquet you sent to Bruce's funeral. It meant so very much to me that you thought of me at this difficult time. How did you know that I loved sunflowers best of all!?

It has been a privilege to be neighbors and help out with music at Freemount once in awhile. I appreciate you all! In God's love,  
Betty Lynn & Family

8-25-17

Freemount Foundation Board,

Thank you for your generous gift. My education means a lot to me and I am, therefore, very grateful for your scholarship. I am dedicated towards receiving any college degree and your donation is driving me closer to that destination. Thank you again for your kindness.

-Vivian Berggren

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you.

Philippians 1:3-4

Dear Pastor Berggren,  
Thank you for all your love & support to Bethpage-Mosaic & everything you do for the community & the Kingdom of God.

Blessings

Michael Adams



# PLEASE PRAY FOR:

## PRAYERS

- Shut-ins: Gary Forsberg
- Health issues: Jim Peterson, Nikki Larson, Jason Owen, Alexander and Paige, Jerry Johnson, all who are bound by the chains of addictions, and all who are struggling financially
- Those who mourn: Alan James' family and friends of our beloved, Verna James
- Military: Tyson and Rachel, Heath, Brian, David, Patrick, Stephen, Michael, Tyler
- Those transitioning from military to civilian life: Chris
- Bethany College and President Jones & family
- All who are victims of natural disasters, domestic violence, murders
- Our nation and its citizens; President Trump, Vice President Pence and staff; all families; those in the healthcare professions
- Peace for Jerusalem; Strength & perseverance for Israel
- Persecuted Christians, both here and abroad
- Those who inflict the suffering, that their hearts would be turned to Jesus Christ
- Operation Christmas Child
- Elyria Christian School
- Help agencies like Ashby House, Salina Rescue Mission, Mt. Hope Sanctuary, Omega Project, etc. and all their staff



# January

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 7:30 - Bible Study	5	6
7 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship	8	9	10	11 7:30 - Bible Study	12	13
14 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	15	16 4 - Foundation meeting	17 7 - LCW Host - Marilyn Bible Study - Brenda	18 7:30 - Bible Study	19	20
21 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Holy Communion	22	23	24 7:30 - Council meeting	25 7:30 - Bible Study	26	27
28 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship w / Annual Meeting follow ing	29	30	31			

# February

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:30 - Bible Study	2	3
4 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship	5	6	7	8 7:30 - Bible Study	9	10
11 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship	12	13	14 ASH WEDNESDAY	15 7:30 - Bible Study	16	17
18 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Holy Communion	19	20	21 7 - LCW Host - Darlene Bible Study - Shirley	22 7:30 - Bible Study	23	24
25 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship	26	27	28 7:30 - Council meeting			

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# December

# 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship	4	5	6	7 7:30 - Bible Study	8	9
10 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 5:30 - Christmas in the Old Stone Church & soup	11	12	13	14 7:30 - Bible Study	15	16
17 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Holy Communion	18	19	20	21 7:30 - Bible Study	22	23
24 10:30 - Worship	25 6 AM - Julotta	26	27 7:30 - Council meeting	28 7:30 - Bible Study	29	30
31 10:30 - Worship						