

WELCOME

November 27, 2022

We are so pleased you have chosen to worship with us today! Our hope and prayer is that you feel seen, known and loved as we worship our great God together.

FOR CHILDREN

We have pre-school ministry in both services and elementary programming during our contemporary service. If you prefer, children are welcome in our services and sermon activity bags are available to help keep your child engaged. Feel free to request one from an usher.

FOR STUDENTS

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to Student Equip held at 10am. This teaching time prepares students to go out and multiply disciples.

MINISTRY STAFF

Dr. Gary Hylander
Senior Pastor

Jon MacDonald
Pastor of Family Life/Discipleship

Aaron Brown
Pastor of Worship/Technology

Robert Lee
Pastor of Student Ministries

Cora Mason
Coordinator of Children's Ministries

PAUSE & PONDER, DEC 2, 6:30PM

Women's Ministries invites all women to gather together for a cozy, quiet, joy-filled evening in celebration of Jesus, our Emmanuel. You'll enjoy warm fellowship while soaking in the Word, hearing the beautiful sounds of the season, and preparing your heart for Advent. Step away from your holiday to-do list and join us. And bring a friend!

*Pause and Ponder:
Emmanuel*

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

9:20am Prayer Gathering
10:00am Equip

MONDAY

6:30pm Concert Tech
Rehearsal

TUESDAY

9:30am GriefShare
6:00pm Prayer Gathering
6:30pm Young Adults
6:30pm Women's Precept

WEDNESDAY

6:30am Men's Prayer-Zoom
9:30am Men's Study
9:30am Women's Study
9:30am Women's Precept
10:30am Faith Community
Nursing Office Hrs
4:15pm Master Plan Team
5:00pm Bible Quizzing
6:30pm Awana
6:30pm Risen
6:30pm Men's Study at
Lakeshore Health
8:00pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY

9:00am HEARTH
6:30pm GriefShare

FRIDAY

6:30pm Pause & Ponder

SATURDAY

3:00pm Worship Team

NEWS & EVENTS

PRAYER GATHERING, 9:20-9:50AM

Unite with us in prayer today in Café 19.

EQUIP, 10AM

Join us as Dr. Walter Kaiser continues his 6-week study titled, The Jesus I Know, Yeshua the Messiah. Equip is held at the Lakeshore Community Health Center, 1721 Saemann Ave.

SONSHINE DEPARTMENT

After much consideration and prayer it has been decided that the Sonshine Department will suspend meeting on Sunday mornings due to construction until an appropriate room is available.

Joy Week! Today is the final Sunday for "Joy Week" giving. We invite everyone to prayerfully consider how God is leading you to give joyfully, above and beyond the tithe, toward Phase 2 of the Master Plan. Watch next week's bulletin for an update about Joy Week.

Final Day (TODAY) to take home leftover items after Phase 2 demo. Stop in the Sanctuary today to pick up hymnals (we are keeping many, but some are available), oak doors and a few other items.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE, NOV 30, 8AM-12PM

The Mobile Blood Center will be parked in the East Lot for the event. Register on the church website or in the office.

FAMILY ADVENT GUIDES

Devotions and discussion questions help connect Scripture to daily life as you read through the Christmas story together. Copies are available on the Welcome Counters.

COCOA & CAROLS, DEC 4, 6PM

Join us for an evening of special music and singing carols together. And, cookies and cocoa!

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A CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS, DEC 11, 6PM

Our Concert Choir presents this favorite Christmas musical full of traditional and blended styles. The narration and songs work together to make this service a time of celebration and worship. A cookie reception will follow.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you received offering envelopes in 2022, you will automatically receive them for next year. Any changes for 2023, please call the office.

Get connected.

Ask for prayer.



To give, please visit:
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THE BETHLEHEM STORY, Part 1

Genesis 35

The little town of Bethlehem provides us with rich insights into God's story of redemption. Rachel's tomb, positioned just outside of Bethlehem, reminds us of God's faithfulness throughout life's journey (Genesis 35:19). Ruth the Moabitess made her home in Bethlehem, and is remembered as the ancestress of David (Ruth 4:11-22).

In 1 Samuel 16, we are told that the prophet Samuel was sent by God to Bethlehem, so as to anoint a new king. It was there that David shepherded his father's sheep. Being called in from the pasture, David was anointed king over Israel (1 Samuel 16:13). After David's time, Bethlehem was rarely mentioned until the Eighth Century B.C. prophet named Micah spoke of Bethlehem being the birthplace of the one who would rule Israel, *whose coming forth is from old, from ancient days* (Micah 5:2). It was in Bethlehem where Christ was born, as attested to by both shepherds and the Magi (cf Mt 2; Lk 2). Let's begin our advent journey with Jacob, as we examine Genesis 35, and note how this passage points us toward the setting of Christ's birth.

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

December 4

The Bethlehem Story, Part 2

Speaker: Pastor Jon MacDonald

Ruth 4

December 11

The Bethlehem Story, Part 3

Speaker: Dr. Gary Hylander

1 Samuel 16:1-13

December 18

The Bethlehem Story, Part 4

Speaker: Dr. Gary Hylander

Micah 5:2-9

December 25

The Bethlehem Story, Part 5

Speaker: Dr. Gary Hylander

Matthew 2:1-12