



# Ripples of Faith 2024

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 Waverly, rural Trimont, MN



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DECEMBER	WORSHIP SCHEDULE	FIRST	ST. PETER	TRINITY	WAVERLY
<b>Advent 1</b>	Sunday, December 1 <i>Altar: blue/purple</i>		10:30 am Communion	10:30 am Communion	9:00 am Communion
<b>Advent 2</b>	Sunday, December 8 <i>Altar: blue/purple</i>		10:30 am	10:30 am Communion	9:00 am Sunday school Christmas program
<b>Advent 3</b>	Sunday, December 15 <i>Altar: blue/purple</i>	9:00 am Communion	10:30 am	10:30 am Communion	
<b>Advent 4</b>	Sunday, December 22 <i>Altar: blue/purple</i>	9:00 am Choir Cantata	10:30 am	10:30 am Communion	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Tuesday, December 24 <i>Altar: white</i>	7:00 pm Communion	5:00 pm Communion	6:30 pm Communion	5:30 pm Communion
<b>1 Christmas Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	Sunday, December 29 <i>Altar: white</i>		9:00 am Brunch following		

Members present: Jody F, Belva P, Gwen M, Becky D, Wendy R, Jake H, Vicki S  
 Meeting called to order by Pres. Jody F.

Secretary’s Report:

Treasurer’s report: Motion to approve by Belva., Second by Vicki Passed

Pastor’s Reports on file in parish office.

Congregational reports: Waverly is putting a new roof on.

Call Committee Report: None

Discussion:

- December/Christmas Eve Schedule was discussed. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> will be a joint service at St. Peter’s
- Pastor Kelly’s housing allowance is allocated for 2025 at \$25,000.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Pastor Kelly’s Contract to be extended to January 2026. Motion to approve by Gwen, second by Becky , passed
- Budget was discussed.
- Motion to raise Administrative Assistants salary by 50 cents per hour by Gwen, second by Jake. Passed
- Motion to approve budget as presented by Belva, second by Vicki. Passed

Motion to adjourn by Wendy, Jake second. Passed Next meeting Tues. Jan. 14th – 6:00 PM - Trinity Submitted, Becky Detert, Secretary



**At home Family Faith Formation:** Each night read the verse of the hymn or Bible story (pages listed are for the Spark Bible.) Talk about where you see yourself in the story, where you see God, and how it relates to your faith. End with the Lord’s Prayer

**Learning Focus: Advent**

O Come O Come Emmanuel (ELW 257) Verse 1, 2	O Come O Come Emmanuel (ELW 257) Verse 3, 4	All Earth is Hopeful (ELW 266) Verse 1, 2	All Earth is Hopeful (ELW 266) Verse 3, 4
Christ The King (474)	The Wedding Banquet (304)	Love Is... (546)	Angels Visit (196)
John The Baptist (234)	Sheep and the Goats (318)	Praise God (158)	Mary Visits Elizabeth (202)
Adam and Eve (8)	Jesus The Vine (452)	The Lord Is My Shepherd (160)	Zechariah (208)
The First Sin (14)	The Vineyard Workers (298)	God Will Bring Peace (164)	Jesus is Born (212)
Jeremiah (176)	Ten Bridesmaids (314)	A Child Called Immanuel (168)	Wise Men (218)
Isaiah’s Call (166)	Two Masters (384)	A Good Ruler (178)	Escape to Egypt (224)
God’s Promise to Abram (30)	Jesus Heals (256)	A Ruler From Bethlehem (194)	Simeon and Anna (226)



**Keep these people in your prayers for Health & Healing:**

- FIRST** - Melva Ammann , Patty Holtz  
Linda Fett, Bev Anthony,
- WAVERLY** - Rosemary Atzenhoefer, Lois Schmidke  
Joan Ellis, Marty Scholl, Deb Armbrust  
Albert Armbrust, Sonja Haugen
- TRINITY** - Janet Saxen, Eileen Morrow,
- ST PETER**— Jeannine Rasmussen,

**We ask your blessing on our congregations.**

As we prepare for the coming of your Son, help give us strength and joy as we celebrate his coming in word and music.

**We pray**– for the peace that you instill in our hearts, our homes and communities.

**Be with**— all people who are hurting, for our soldiers who are protecting our country, for those who have lost so much in disasters, for those who are experiencing war, may they find peace and joy in knowing that you are with them.

**We pray**—for our missionaries, watch over them as they spread your word to all who are willing to hear.

**We give you thanks for** - the beautiful world which we enjoy, for all people of all nations, for those who give help to all in need.

**Pray for**—the leaders of the world, for our government leaders, watch over them and guide them in the decisions they have to make.

**We say thank you**— during this Christmas season, for the birth of your Son, so that we may tell all of the great gift you have given us though him.

**Remember**—our call committee. May the Spirit guide them through the process of finding a full time pastor.

**Keep Pastor Kelly in your prayers** - that the Holy Spirit may help and lead him in his ministry to our parish congregations.



**Goldfinch, Fairmont**

- Elaine Krueger - StP
- Millie Wohlhuter - TLC
- Janet Saxen - TLC

**Temperance Lake Ridge-Sherburn**

- Janice Frank—StP
- Ken Cutler—FL
- Marilyn Pierson—FL

**Home**

- Joan Ellis - WLC
- Sandy Newville—TL

**Seasons Health Care-Trimont**

- Lois Schmidtke- WLC
- Joyce Potts—FLC

**Homestead Assisted Living, Estherville**

- Jeannine Rasmussen - St.P



**Prayer for the Day**

**Dear Lord, you have sent us your Son, to give to all people your salvation.**



**Open our hearts and ears to the good news of his birth. Amen**

**Keep these members of our “Circle of Faith” congregations in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to look for candidates for our parish.**

- Karen Helvig WLC
- Tom Peterson WLC
- Wendi Russenberger FLC
- Roger Matejka FLC
- Keith Franck St.P
- Linda Bakke St.P
- Lonnie Moffitt TLC
- Liz Stahl TLC



# FIRST LUTHERAN NEWS



## Worship Schedule



OH HOLY NIGHT!

NOTE: December 1st & 8th -  
worship is at Waverly—9 am

December 15th & 22nd—  
worship is HERE at First

December 29th—

ONE service at—St. Peter - 9 am

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Service here is at 7:00 pm

No service on Christmas Day



Cantata Worship Service  
9:00 am—@ First  
On Sunday December 22nd  
our worship service will  
include a Cantata by the  
choir.

Sunday School  
Christmas Program  
December 8th—9 am at  
Waverly

There will be NO SS on  
December 22nd & 29th .  
See you in January on 5th .



## Baptisms:

We welcomed into our parish:

Kendall Kay Sinn, daughter of Jacob &  
Rebecca, on Nov. 10th

Marvin Jack Sinn son of Ean & Crystal, on  
Nov. 17th.



Advent Carol Sing  
6:30  
Sunday  
December 1st.

We invite all to  
come and enjoy an evening of singing  
your favorite Advent & Christmas hymns.

We ask that if you can please bring a  
few Christmas goodies to share with  
coffee and cider.

All Circle of Faith members are  
invited to join us.

Church Council—is asking members if  
they can help with funds for the shingling  
projects. Our balance is short and so it  
you could give that would be greatly  
appreciated.

CONFIRMATION — Wednesday,  
December 11th - 4:30—at Trinity

CREST — Lunch & Learn— 11-1:00  
December 18th

Women of WELCA will meet on  
December 11th — 5:30

CHOIR—will practice 7 pm—here at First

MISSIONS— Our ladies have collected  
items for baby kits. We still  
need 27 light weight bath towels,  
and 22—30x30 receiving  
blankets. If you wish to help  
leave your donations at the  
church. We are also accepting  
donations for Luth. World Relief.  
Your donation in an envelope  
marked LWR would be helpful.



# St. Peter News



You are cordially invited to a Christmas Social at St. Paul's Lutheran

Church in Wilbert on December 12 at 1:30 p.m. They are planning a program and salad luncheon and a bake and craft sales table.

Help to celebrate the Reason for the Season, Christ's Birth.

# Trinity News

DATE	READER
December 1	Liz Stahl
December 8	Deb Philipp
December 15	Liz Stahl
December 22	Becky Detert
December 24	Deb Philipp
December 29	Joint Service @ St. Peter

# Waverly News



Waverly will have coffee after Church in Dec. We especially welcome the parents of the Sunday school to stay and enjoy a warm cup of coffee and some goodies.

**Mary Circle**, will be having their food Pot Luck Dec. 3 at 12:30 pm at Waverly. The next bible study will be in Feb and they will be studying " God's Journey with Us". Please make a check out for \$15.00 to Karen Koeder. This study will take us to the end of the year, 2025.

Choir practice—Wednesdays @ 7.



# Waverly News

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024

## Waverly Council

Meeting was called to order by President Troy Schmidtke.

Secretary's Report was read, with motion to approve and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financial report was handed out by Deanne. She also had sheets with the cost and all the transactions from our Anniversary Celebration. There are still Waverly suncatchers for sale and now the Rosemaling Christmas ornaments with Waverly Church are also for sale. Current checking account balance is \$177,097.46 with some outstanding bills at present. Motion made and seconded to approve.

OLD BUSINESS: Verizon has placed a converter box in the elevator which has recently passed inspection. Deanne continues to deal with Verizon regarding services we were not receiving.

This year Food Insecurity Sunday was tied in with our Anniversary. The offering received was \$2,400.00 and it was decided to purchase fruit again from Waverly FFA students to be given to area food shelves. Half of the amount will buy fruit and the other half given as cash to each organization can purchase what is needed. Truman Pantry at the school was added as a recipient.

NEW BUSINESS: We have a new quote for shingling the roof and the steeple. Heyn Bros Roofing from Mankato was quoted \$65,000 for applying regular shingles to the church and steel shingles to the steeple. This would include removal and applying. They would be able to do this project yet this fall if final decisions are made. After much discussion it was decided to have them give a quote for steel shingles for both the church and the steeple. A motion was made by Laurie and seconded by Nancy to hire this company if they can apply steel shingles to both the steeple and to the church for \$90,000 or less.

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Nancy will write a grant to help with roofing expenses. Color decided on was white steel shingles for the steeple and gray steel shingles for the church.

ENDOWMENT FUND: \$600.00 was given to those attending the Youth Convention in New Orleans from our church. A thank you was read from this group for all the church's support and financial donation. Several college students have applied for funds again this year.

SS is going well with alternating churches. Currently there are 17 children attending. It was suggested that donuts and beverage be served to parents while children attend class. This could start the first Sunday in December.

Budget meeting Nov. 1 @ 4 pm.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for the evening of January 19.

No further business, Nancy made a motion to adjourn and Laurie seconded.



### Circle of Faith Parish

All are invited to First Lutheran on December 1st, 6:30 pm for their annual Advent Carol sing. Come sing your favorite hymns and enjoy goodies and coffee & cider.

DATE	READER	COMMUNION
December 1	Heidi Clow	Gwen Matz
December 8	Susanne Rathman	Gwen Matz
December 15	Worship @	First
December 22	Worship @	First
December 24	Christmas Eve	Gwen Matz
December 29	Joint Service	@ St. Peter

#### DECEMBER USHERS

Jon Helvig, Erwin Atzenhoefer, Jeff Lueth

## Confirmation

Wednesday, November 13  
4:30 pm @ Trinity in Welcome  
'Church History'



Sunday, December 29

9:00 am

Joint Circle of Faith service  
@ St. Peter in Ceylon







Brunch will follow.



# DECEMBER

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Elaine Krueger</p> <p><i>Tony &amp; Susan Hed</i></p>	<p>2 Keith Thiesse</p> 	<p>3 Shirley Burmeister Alysha Casias Laura Gowen Bolton Maddox/ Mahle Wes Strausser</p>	<p>4 Nathan Chukukse Shirley O'Sell Ean Sinn</p>	<p>5 Alexander Hansen Barb Sherman</p>	<p>6 Janice Franck Payton Leiding Steve Morrow Vivian Traetow Tanner Muller Lexie Olson</p> <p><i>Lee &amp; Mary Thompson</i></p>	<p>7 Laura Justice Mayda Helmstetter</p>
<p>8 Betty Rosenbrook</p>	<p>9 Emily Helmers Susan Lorenz Janet Poppe</p>	<p>10 Madison Gibson -Fletcher</p>	<p>11 Cory Lyons</p> 	<p>12 Dawn Gray Justin Hansen Aubrey Sinn McKenna Windschitl</p>	<p>13 Dan Armbrust Josh Peterson Bryanna Petschke Dallas Rasmussen</p>	<p>14 Gayle Askeland Tanner Bettin</p>
<p>15 Jesse Bettin Renee Hartwig</p> <p><i>Tom &amp; Rose Hovick</i></p>	<p>16 Elizabeth Benge Jeff Miller Robert Moffitt Lincon Silverthorn Steve Wenzel</p>	<p>17 John Garbers Shawn Odegaard Arladyne Stanton</p>	<p>18 Ardella McGee</p> 	<p>19 Bev Anthony Oren Peterson</p>		<p>21 Kirsten Olson</p>
<p>22 Matthew Benge Kelsey Krueger Brice Oechsle Spencer Olson</p>	<p>23 Bob Nelson</p> <p><i>Wes &amp; Carolyn Strausser</i></p> <p><i>Steve &amp; MarLeone Williamson</i></p>	<p>24 Dennis Faber Marcia Glidden Lillie Schultz</p>	<p>25 Phil Burgess Jordan Peterson</p> 	<p>26 Johanna Petschke</p>	<p>27 Lukas Hansen Kayla Olson</p>	<p>28 Eva Lueth Tyler Lyons</p>
<p>29 Liam Hecht Kooper Janssen Andrew Nelson Remington Rademaker</p>	<p>30 Todd Morrow Dianne Pearson</p> <p><i>David &amp; Laurie Jensen</i></p>	<p>31 Shane Fett Jo Miller Angie Schmidt Kelsey Traetow Curt Umbreit</p>				

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# DECEMBER

The Son of Man must be lifted up,  
that everyone who believes in him  
may have eternal life.

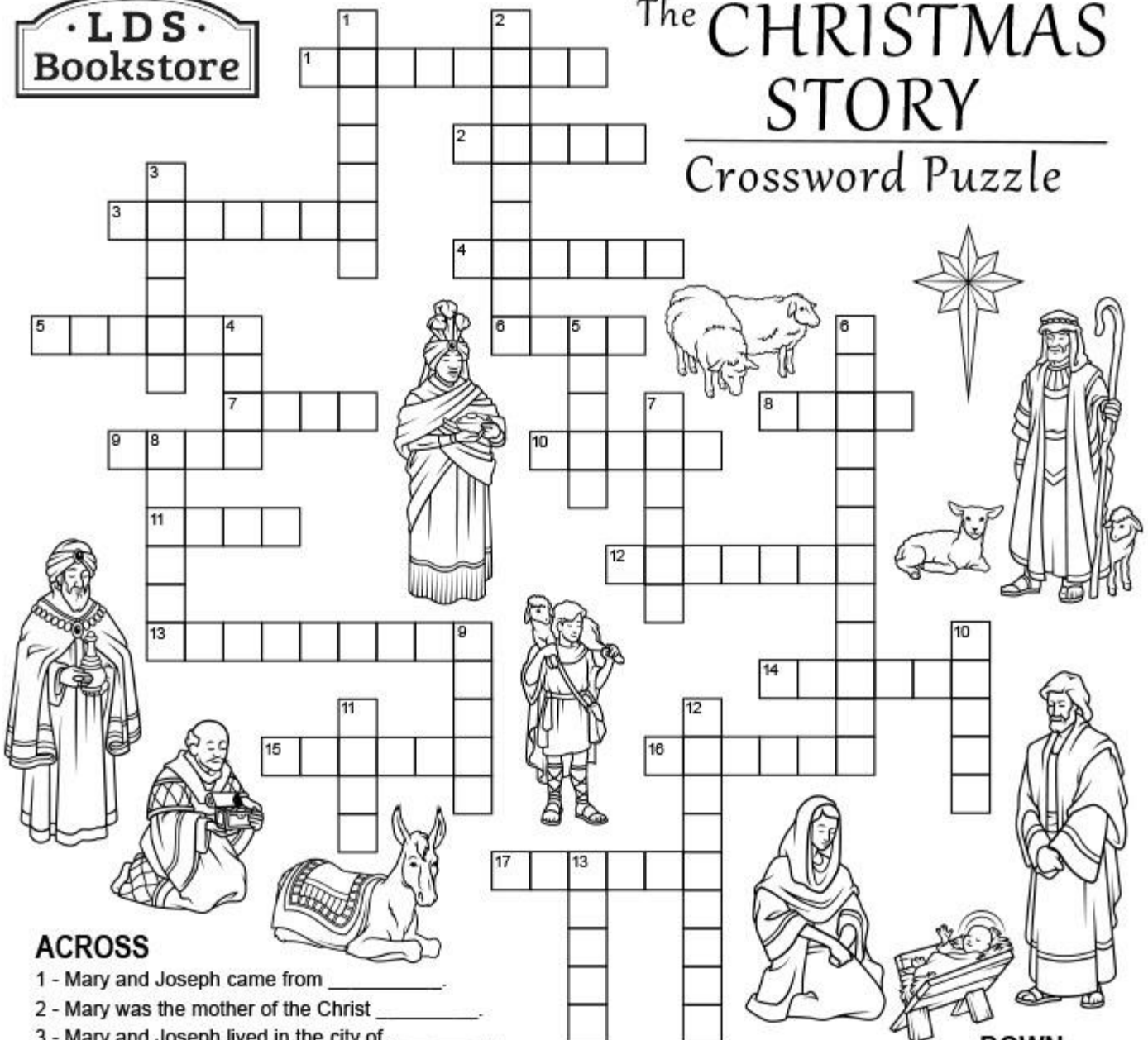
John 3:14,15

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>9 am Waverly/First 10 am SS @ WLC Coffee following</p> <p>10:30 am St. Peter 10:30 am Trinity</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Sun. Dec. 1 6:30 pm Advent Carol Sing</p> <p>@ First</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Mary Circle @ 12:30 pm at Waverly</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 pm Choir prac- tice @ First</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>9 am Waverly/First SS Christmas Program @ Waverly Coffee following</p> <p>10:30 am St. Peter 10:30 am Trinity</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:30 pm @ TLC Confirmation</p> <p>5:30 FL Women</p> <p>7 pm Choir prac- tice @ First</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p>
<p>15  <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>9 am First/Waverly @ First</p> <p>10:30 am St. Peter 10:30 am Trinity</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>11—1 CREST @ First</p> <p>7 pm Choir prac- tice @ First</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Articles due for January Ripples</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22  <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>9 am First/Waverly @ First Choir Cantata</p> <p>10:30 am St. Peter 10:30 am Trinity</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> </p> <p>5:00 pm St. Peter 5:30 pm Waverly 6:30 pm Trinity 7:00 pm First</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Parish office closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29  <b>LESSONS AND CAROLS</b></p> <p>9:00 am Joint COF worship @ St. Peter Brunch following</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>			<p></p>	



# The CHRISTMAS STORY

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 - Mary and Joseph came from \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 - Mary was the mother of the Christ \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 - Mary and Joseph lived in the city of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 - Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ is the Son of God.
- 5 - An angel also visited \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 - \_\_\_\_\_ was the cousin of Elizabeth.
- 7 - Jesus would be know as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- 8 - A new \_\_\_\_\_ was a sign of Christ's birth.
- 9 - The King of Kings came to Earth as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 - Jesus was a descendant of Kind \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 - A precious gift given by the wisemen.
- 12 - These men followed a star to find Jesus.
- 13 - \_\_\_\_\_ saw angels outside the city.
- 14 - Mary rode a \_\_\_\_\_ to Bethlehem.
- 15 - The only place Joseph could find for Mary.
- 16 - At the \_\_\_\_\_ Simeon met the Christ child.
- 17 - The wisemen travelled on \_\_\_\_\_.

### DOWN

- 1 - The angel \_\_\_\_\_ revealed Christ's birth.
- 2 - Christ was born in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 - Away in a \_\_\_\_\_, no crib froma bed...
- 4 - The \_\_\_\_\_ One of Israel.
- 5 - Bethlehem was \_\_\_\_\_ David's city.
- 6 - \_\_\_\_\_ was one of the wisemen's gifts.
- 7 - The Christ child would be born to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 - \_\_\_\_\_ appeared to the shepherds.
- 9 - A shepherds job is to care for his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 - Jesus was a descendant of Kind \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 - Another gift from the three wisemen.
- 12 - \_\_\_\_\_ was the capital city.
- 13 - The House of Israel awaited their \_\_\_\_\_.



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**Sunday morning scripture readings for December**

DATE	1st READING	RESPONSIVE READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Dec. 1	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Dec. 8	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Dec. 15	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Dec. 22	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45
Dec. 29	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52