

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Sunday, December 1st

1st Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP – 10:30am
*Worship service also available
live on Facebook*



Reminders & Announcements



**Join us this Saturday, November 30th at 9am
to decorate the church for Christmas!**

New prayer partners will be selected this Sunday! See Tiffanie after church to draw a name.



QUILTING GROUP

**The next Peace by Piece Quilting Group meeting is Tuesday,
December 3rd at 9:30am.**



Angel Tree

**There will be two donation trees in the Narthex this
Christmas season! We will be collecting gently used (or new)
blankets, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and bedding to give to
Lutheran World Relief to help those hit by the recent
hurricanes.**

**We also have 6 children from Rainbow House with clothing
and gift card wants and needs. Please see the tree in the Narthex this
Sunday and select an angel from the tree if you would like to help.
Items are needed by Sunday, December 15th.**

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Our annual Birthday Party for Jesus will be on December 15th, following service. A list of items needed around church are listed below. If you would like to donate, please wrap the items and bring to church on the 15th for the children to unwrap.

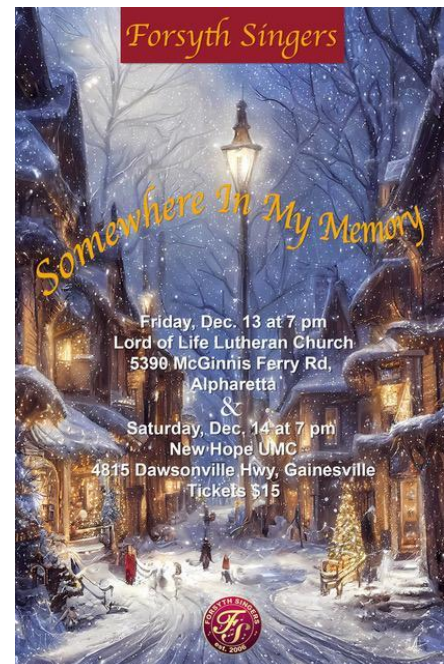
- Communion Wine -
Manischewitz Concord
Grape
- Large cans/jars of mixed nuts
- 6-8in clear plastic plates
- Napkins
- Clear plastic forks
- Clear plastic punch cups
- 8oz coffee cups (no lids)
- Lemonade mix
- Coffee
- Gallon size ziploc bags
- Paper towels
- Multifold (z-fold) paper towels
- Kleenex
- Toilet paper (septic safe)
- Hand sanitizer
- Liquid hand soap
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- 33 gal large black trash bags
- Reams of 8.5x14 paper
- Reams of 11x17 paper



**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Services – December 24th at 5pm
and 7pm**

The Forsyth Singers will be performing at Lord of Life on Friday, December 13th at 7:00pm.

Tickets are \$15 at the door.



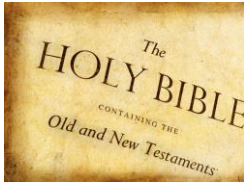
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The Lessons for Sunday, December 1st First Sunday of Advent

First Lesson:	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Second Lesson:	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Gospel Lesson:	Luke 21:25-36

The Lessons for Sunday, December 8th Second Sunday of Advent

First Lesson:	Malachi 3:1-4
Second Lesson:	Philippians 1:3-11
Gospel Lesson:	Luke 3:1-6



Don't Wait for the Kingdom—See It

As Advent begins, we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' first coming to the world in the light of a text that promises his final coming. We, like the gospel writer, Luke, live in the time between these two "advents" of Jesus. Sunday's gospel gives us guidance on how to live faithfully as we wait for Jesus to return. However, in this in-between time, it is easy for us to become distracted and lose sight of the promises of Jesus. Daily tasks and routines can lull us into apathy. Ease and success can allow us to ignore our spiritual needs. Struggles, setbacks, and disappointments can cause us to lose hope and fall into despair. But Jesus tells us we should not feel beaten down or defeated by the struggles of this world, but *instead "stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near"* (Luke 21:28).

Jesus goes on to say that there will be signs, signs of new life and growth, such as the sprouting of a leaf on a fig tree in the summertime. These signs are perceptible to us here and now. These signs help us know that God's kingdom is coming. In fact, they remind us that in Jesus, God's kingdom has already come near, and Jesus words will not pass away until this kingdom has fully come. We should live with our eyes focused on today's signs that demonstrate God's reign and trust that Jesus' redemption of the world will one day be complete.

Worship with us this Sunday as you prepare for the coming of the babe of Bethlehem