



# THE CONNECTION

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional  
8:00 a.m.

Contemporary  
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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## UPCOMING MESSAGES

### DECEMBER 1

#### The Celebration of Jesus

#### *"His Humiliation" – Philippians 2:5-8*

In this Advent Series, our focus will be upon some of the often neglected passages that highlight the purpose of the Incarnation of Jesus. As we examine this text we come to understand the story of Christmas does not begin in Nazareth or in Bethlehem, but in the courts of heaven. Paul declares two powerful truths about the coming of Jesus. First, He was fully God. Jesus was not a part of God, for God cannot divide Himself. Jesus was God. Second, Jesus was fully man. He did not become like a man, but He was a man. And the reason for His coming was that He might die on a cross. We can summarize Paul's declaration with three words: obedience, servitude, and death. We will close this service with a time around the Communion Table.

### DECEMBER 8

**Our Annual Children's Christmas Program at the 9:30 and 11:00 services; a special carol sing will be offered at 8:00 in the Youth Room.**

### DECEMBER 15

#### The Celebration of Jesus

#### *"He is the Ransom-Maker" – Matthew 20:26-28*

The Bible is strangely silent about many of the details of that first Advent. How did Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem? We don't know. Was it a stable in which Jesus was born? We don't know. Were there animals there? We don't know. What time of year was it? We don't know. But the Bible makes it abundantly clear as to why Jesus came. In fact, in this text, Jesus gives us two reasons for His coming. First, He came to serve—and He did that incredibly well. Second, He came as a ransom. Who needed ransomed? Why did they need a ransom? How was this ransom accorded? And was the ransom accepted? These are questions we will seek to discover answers to from the text.

# UPCOMING MESSAGES CNTD.

## DECEMBER 22

### The Celebration of Jesus

*"He Reveals Grace and Truth" – John 1:14*

This is perhaps one of the most powerful of Incarnational texts. It is filled with thoughts that we find almost incomprehensible. John declares that God became a man! Now God had been involved with the world He had created before. We find evidence of it in the stories within the Old Testament. But now God actually stepped into His story. And, in so doing, Jesus revealed God's glory, a glory that was revealed through grace and truth. Grace is receiving something completed undeserved and unmerited. Jesus modeled this giving of grace. Truth is that which is embodied in God Himself. Through His words, Jesus spoke truth. This is a powerful celebratory text.

## DECEMBER 29

### The Celebration of Jesus

*"His Exultation" – Philippians 2:9-11*

We close our Advent Series and enter into a New Year on a note of triumphal expectation. Because of His obedience, because of His servitude, because of His death the Father has exalted the Son above all things. His is a name to be praised above all others. His is a name to be revered above all others. It is to Jesus that we will proclaim that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. This service will close with a time of exultant worship as we anticipate that great day when we bow before Him.



## 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Pick up your 2020 offering envelopes in the Lobby today! If you would like offering envelopes, please indicate this on the contact card and place in the offering plate, sign up at the envelope table or call the Church Office. 763-682-1470

*There are many opportunities to connect with others, to grow spiritually and to be supported through participating in Classes, Bible Studies, Prayer Groups, Support Groups or Social Gatherings.*

## **MONDAY PRAYER MEETINGS**

***Mondays | 12:00 p.m. | Room 200***

Attendees of this group meet weekly to pray for BCC, the pastors and staff, and the needs of the BCC congregation. This prayer time is open to all of the BCC family.

## **GRIEFSHARE**

***Tuesdays | 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Room 202***

Join us to find healing, encouragement and support in a confidential setting where you can interact with others who are on the same journey. For more information contact the church office at 763-682-1470 or visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

## **PROPEL**

***December 5 | 7:00 p.m.***

Due to the holidays, we will only be meeting once during December. Join us December 5 for a special movie night!

## **CURRENT EVENTS & PROPHECY**

***Sunday, December 8 | 9:30–10:30 a.m. | Gym  
Teacher: Dennis Lingo***

## **S.A.L.T. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

***December 17 | 1:30 p.m. | Worship Center***

We will be hosting the Benson Family Singers for our Annual Christmas Concert. The Benson Family is from Faribault, Minnesota. Peter & Rachele, along with three of their sons, David, Aaron, and Luke, have a unique musical ministry. The concert begins at 1:30 p.m. and will be held in the Worship Center. Our SALT Family welcome everyone to this special afternoon of the music and message of Christmas. Following the concert, delicious treats will be served in the Youth Room. Come and join the Benson Family Singers as we welcome in Christmas.

## **MEN'S MINISTRY WINTER BREAKFAST**

***January 11, 2020 | 7:30 a.m. | Gym***

Join us as we welcome our special guest, Mike Max, of WCCO Radio and TV. Breakfast will be prepared by Shawn Lemp. A free-will offering will be taken. Friends are welcome!!



## NO REGRETS MEN'S CONFERENCE 2020

*Saturday, February 1, 2020 | BCC*

Mark your calendars for the 2020 No Regrets Men's Conference.  
There is no registration fee. More details coming soon.

# SMALL GROUP

As a new year quickly approaches your group may be thinking about what to study after your break for Christmas. The values of BCC are Know, Live, Share, and we are going to focus on "Share" in 2020. So, the following are some great resources to consider using in your small group in 2020, focused on the privilege we have to share the good news of Jesus with those who do not yet know Him.

*Witness Essentials: Evangelism that Makes Disciples*—Daniel Meyer

*Living Proof*—Jim Peterson

*Lifestyle Evangelism*—Joe Aldrich

*The Story of Reality* and *Tactics*—Greg Koukl

*Tell the Truth*—Will Metzger

*Evangelism Outside the Box*—Rick Richardson

*Reimagining Evangelism*—Rick Richardson

*Sharing the Truth in Love*—Ajith Fernando

*Irresistible Faith*—Scott Sauls

*Workplace Grace*—Bill Peel and Walt Larimore

Pastor Mary's  
CHRISTMAS  
**BOOK SHOP**

**Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, 22**  
**In the Commons**

Give your loved ones a fantastic Christmas gift—God's Word that you can read together at home! Purchase a Bible, Bible story book, devotional book for kids or other family resources from the collection on display in the Commons. Great for your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or any special child in your life. There are limited supplies on hand, but orders can be taken and will arrive a week later.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sunday, January 5**

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." (Mark 16:15)

In 2020, we will be intentionally focusing on sharing our faith with those we interact with, our families, our neighbors, our coworkers, our classmates, etc.

This special Faith@Home Sunday will spotlight **Share the Word through service and mission.**

Enjoy free resources for all families and all ages. More details to come.



## ACCESS GROUP

**December 14 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Room 108**

ACCESS is a group for those in 6th–12th grade with special needs. Contact Tonya Sands at 763.381.7822 or [tonyasands20@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyasands20@yahoo.com).



## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES

**CHILL OUT—December 8**

**HANG TIME—December 11**



## YOUTH HOLIDAY BREAK SCHEDULE

**NO HANG TIME**

Dec. 18 through Jan. 1 (*Resumes Jan. 8*)

**NO CHILL OUT**

Dec. 1, 15, 22, 29 (*Resumes Jan. 5*)

**NO TRACK CLASSES**

Dec. 1, 15, 22, 29 (*Resumes Jan. 5*)

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Dec. 22, 29 (*Resumes Jan. 5*)



## SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

**January 17–20, 2020 | Grand Marais, MN**

Experience the power of God as we explore His creation, study His Word, fellowship together and unplug from a noisy world at the Adventurous Christians camp in Grand Marais, MN. More information on Adventurous Christians (AC) can be found here: [covenantpines.org/adventurouschristians](http://covenantpines.org/adventurouschristians).

**Activities:** Broomball, snowshoeing, moonlight hikes, quinzee overnight hut, sauna, polar swim, bread making, board games and cards, and rock climbing.

### **Times/Dates:**

**Bus Leaves:** Meet at and leave BCC at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17. We will stop for dinner on the way and arrive at AC by midnight.

**Bus Returns:** Leave AC for BCC on Monday, January 20 at 12:00 p.m. and arrive at BCC sometime between 7:00–8:00 p.m.

### **Packing List:**

- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Slippers or Shoes for Lodge
- Outdoor clothing: Boots, hat, gloves, snowpants...
- Camera
- Swimsuit and Towel for Sauna (one-piece suits)
- Flip flops for the Polar Plunge
- Flashlight
- Cash for meals on the way there and back



## DECEMBER 11

- **Theme Night:** *Dress like Christmas*
- **Christmas Store Night**—Kids can use their accumulated Awana shares to shop for mom, dad, grandparents, siblings and friends.



### NO AWANA

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### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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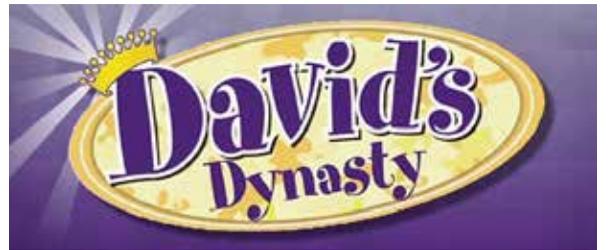
*(There WILL be nursery care for pre-school children available)*



## PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**December 8 | 9:30 & 11:00 Services**

Our three, four and five year old kids' Christmas program will focus on the sheep and the shepherds on that hillside near Bethlehem. They will also share the good news that Jesus is OUR good shepherd!



## KIDS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM

**December 8 | 9:30 & 11:00 Services**

Our elementary aged kids (K–5th) will be performing a fun version of the Christmas story from the viewpoint of the shepherds.

### PRACTICE SCHEDULE

December 1 | 9:30–10:55

December 4 | 6:05–7:05 | During Awana

December 7 | Dress Rehearsal | 9:30–11:00 a.m.

December 8 | CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | 9:30 & 11:00



## ISRAEL TEAM 2020 FUNDRAISER: CHRISTMAS COOKIE BOUTIQUE

**December 8 | Morning Services | Commons**

Israel Team 2020 will be selling an assortment of delicious, homemade holiday cookies during the morning services. Make sure you get there early, before they all disappear!

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**December 24 | 1:30, 3:00 & 4:30 p.m.**

Keep Jesus at the center of your Christmas Celebration. Join us on Christmas Eve for beautiful music and the message of Hope that is found in the birth of our Savior. *Childcare is provided for infants through age 5 for all three services.*

## 2019 CHRISTMAS LOVE PROJECT

Jesus Film Project: To The Unreached with Motorbikes and Backpacks

For this year's Christmas Love Project, the BCC Mission Commission is excited to partner with our supported missionary, Damtew Kifelew and the CRU Jesus Film Project. Many of the remote locations they reach out to do not have public transportation and roads are rugged or impassible for larger vehicles. In order to spread the Gospel, nurture new churches and disciple new believers in these remote areas, Jesus Film teams begin using motorbikes for transportation. Teams are reporting this has increased the number of people they are able to reach by 25%.

This year, we are committed to financially support this ministry by providing both the resources for the Jesus Film, and the means of transportation to deliver it. This is a unique, creative and exciting way to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who may otherwise be unreachable. Please prayerfully consider a financial gift towards buying these sets of motorbikes and backpacks equipped with the Jesus Film. There are envelopes marked "Christmas Love Project" available for either cash or check contributions, in the Lobby near the motorbike display. You can also give securely online anytime at [buffalocov.org](http://buffalocov.org) under the "Give" tab. When giving online, please enter your donation in the "Christmas Love Project" box, fourth option from the top.

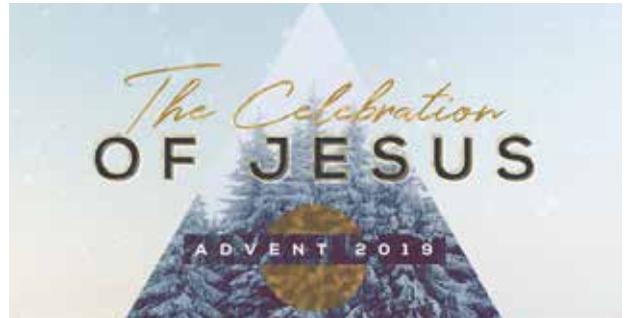


## CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL

### AN EVENING IN BETHLEHEM

December 15 | 4:00 p.m. | Worship Center  
Refreshments at 3:30 | Prelude at 3:50

This year's festival, *An Evening in Bethlehem*, will showcase the Festival Choir, a Chamber Ensemble and featured guests, Arielle Flores and Dean Sorenson.



## ADVENT SERMON SERIES

### THE CELEBRATION OF JESUS

Dec 1, Dec 15, Dec 22 & Dec 29

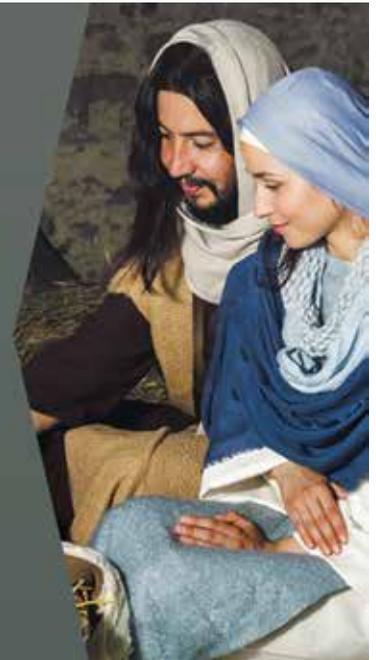
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*The meaning of Christmas comes to life at the*

# LIVING NATIVITY

*A free interactive event!*

December 21 & 22  
5:00–7:00 p.m.





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## **PASTOR MARY'S CHRISTMAS BOOK SHOP**

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## **CHILDRENS HOLIDAY BREAK**

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