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## The Christian Meaning of a Snowman

The white snow represents God's forgiveness of our sins.

The circular snowballs show the everlasting life God promises us.

The carrot nose shows us that God has given us the Earth and all living things.

The black coal mouth reminds us to give God praise.

The scarf keeps us warm just as God's love does.

The top hat reminds us to honor God above all things.

The twig arms are open to hold us the way God does whenever we need Him.



*Merry Christmas*

*From Your Church Staff*

*Pastor Joel*

*Wendy*

*Keith*

*Meredith*

*Eileen*



# Tidings of Peace

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*Our Mission is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ.*



## Sunday, December 10th During Worship

Join us as the younger kids and our youth tell the story of Christmas through a play entitled, " " This is always a special worship experience. This could be an excellent opportunity to invite a friend or a neighbor to come experience the birth of baby Jesus with some cute faces and voices.

## Tis the Season Community Event

Sunday, December 10th 1-3 p.m.

**NOTE: Simple Meal between worship/meeting and this event.**

Caroling

Crafts for Family, Kids & Individuals

Mason Jar Nativity Snow Globe

Nativity

Hot Chocolate Ornament

Possible Wood Project



Cookies & Cocoa

Christmas Ornament Exchange (Optional) Bring an ornament you no longer use and pick another one.



## Christmas Eve Worship @ 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Our Sunday morning service will be brief. We will pray, hear scripture, sing carols and listen to the story written by Leo Tolstoy named "The Cobbler." This guy is told he will meet Jesus on Christmas eve. He feels like he missed the special visitor. Come and find out the rest of the story.

Our evening service at 8 p.m. will include our traditional candlelight experience. It will also conclude our special series on "Amazing Grace." Besides obviously hearing about Jesus, we will look at Christmas night through the lens of the shepherds.



## Worship Matters



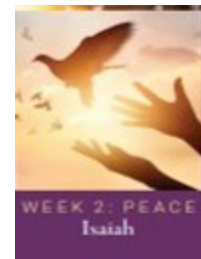
In this worship series for Advent, issued in honor of the 250th anniversary of the hymn “Amazing Grace,” we celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World who shines on us with his amazing grace. Through Scripture, song and reflections, we are reminded that Jesus makes his grace known through the undeserved gifts of hope, peace, joy and love—gifts revealed in special ways in the lives of Zechariah, Isaiah, Elizabeth and Mary.



**Week 1: Hope: Zechariah (Psalm 39:7):** In his old age, after years of waiting and not giving up hope, Zechariah is blessed with a son, John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the Light of Grace, Jesus.



**Week 3: Joy: Elizabeth (Philippians 4:4):** The boy in Elizabeth’s womb leaps for joy and so does she when Mary arrives, carrying the little Lord Jesus inside her. The Light of Grace is soon to come.



**Week 2: Peace: Isaiah (Isaiah 9:6):** Isaiah announces to an unsettled people that relief is coming soon through the Prince of Peace, the Son of God, the Light



**Week 4: Love: Mary (Isaiah 54:10):** The mother of the Light of Grace sings a love song to the Lord for his undeserved favor toward her and toward all the world.

## December Opportunities

### Annual Meeting Part I

Our annual meeting takes place in two parts, on **December 10th following worship** we will vote on leaders for Consistory and the 2024 proposed budget.

The Long Term Feasibility Task Force will make a brief presentation about longer term plans for physical plant upgrades and how to be intentional about inviting people & church growth.



### FAMILY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Join members and friends of our three Waldo churches at St. Paul’s Lutheran on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m.. for our annual potluck and program. This is for all ages! People from Peace are to bring salads, both green and fruit.

A friendly reminder that if you ordered cookies from our fundraiser, please pick them up on Sat., Dec. 9th from 9-Noon.



### Christmas Eve 3:30 p.m.

Last year we were ready to continue our tradition of caroling to local nursing homes, but the weather was bad. We will try again this year. Meet us at church or at our first stop, Residential at 524 Jamesway in Marion (behind Kingston).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Christmas in Waldo Fri. Dec. 1st and Sat. Dec. 2nd.** See announcement at church/on our website.
- **Fresh Produce Giveaway on Friday, December 1st from 9-11 a.m.** at All Occasions.
- **NO Drive Thru Community Dinner** in December

## Monthly Activities

**Advent Bible Study** will be led by Jeff Klingel using the book, “The Case for Christmas” by Lee Stroebe. Dates are: **November 29, December 6, December 13, December 20.**

**Pizza and Movie Night** will be **Thurs., Dec. 21st.** Meal will be served at **6 p.m.** and the feature presentation will be “Chosen: Christmas Edition.”

**Lunch Bunch** will meet at Ralphie’s on **Sun., Dec. 20th at 11:30 a.m.** It is located at 1833 Marion-Mt. Gilead.

There will be **NO Youth Breakfast** in December because it will be Christmas “Eve” Day.