

New England Messenger

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This Month: December 2024

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December Birthdays

December 2	Howard Schuetz
December 3	Jace Roca, Alysha Bernbeck
December 5	Kim Poeschl
December 7	Terri Hekrdle
December 14	Bonnie Benson
December 16	Bailey Zeleski, Kailey Poeschl
December 19	Paisley Zeleski
December 20	Con Bernbeck
December 21	Hayden Hansen
December 24	Carey Tejkl
December 25	Mary Benson, Tami Barth
December 28	LeAnn Mandl
December 30	Marysa Myers

*Wishing you a very special day filled
with God's blessings!*

These are the birthdays that are part of the permanent records at church. If one has been missed, please let Pastor Linda know so that she can add the name to her list of birthday special prayers. Thank you.



January Newsletter Deadline:
Dec/22 /24

Calendar

Office hours are generally Mondays and
Wednesdays **9 am to 12 pm**

December 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 am Worship GREENS -UP to
follow church service with lunch

December 8 Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 am Elders Meeting
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
11:00 Stanton High
School Choir

December 15 Third Sunday of Advent
**10:30 Church Service with
Childrens Christmas Program
At St.Lukes and Happy Birthday
Jesus celebration
Everyone Welcome**

December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30 am Worship with

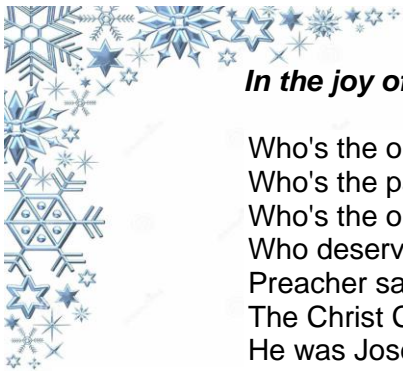
December 24
Candlelight Worship Service
6:30 pm Christmas Eve

December 29 10:30 am Worship



Lois Kingsley
Thank you to the sponsor
for this month.

The cost to sponsor 2 month's newsletter is \$73.00
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Thank-you for all your generous support.(This
covers a roll of 100 first-class stamps.)



In the joy of this Advent season:

Who's the one we need to thank
Who's the party for
Who's the one responsible for all this peace and joy
Who deserves the credit for the blessings we enjoy
Preacher said last Sunday it was Joseph and Mary's boy
The Christ Child born in Bethlehem
He was Joseph and Mary's boy.



God sent his Son because God loved his creation so much. As we keep Christmas during the season and throughout the year, we realize that we don't change the message; the message changes us, and those who see the way we live our lives know the message changed us!
In thanksgiving for God's great love and the gift of his son, Amen.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

If you know someone in the hospital, or the nursing visit, please let us know by phone or e-mail -

402-439-2175 congregationalchurch@stanton.net

Church website at stantonnecucc.org.

The Elders Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2024

Attendance: Bob C., Bob S., Mark C., Howard S., Don E., Rod B., Jim D., Tami B., Barbara H., Moderator, Bill Johnson

Chair Bob C. opened meeting at 9:30 with prayer.

Minutes of the October 6 meeting were approved as presented (Tami, Howard) Carried

Treasurer's Report: On file for audit. Bills to be paid: (Bob S., Mark) to pay all bills. carried

Old Business: Leak in gutter above kitchen outside door: Fixed

Snow removal for driveway is Kevin Goetsch but still need for cleaning the sidewalk. Water lines for sprinkling system have been cleared.

(Rod, Tami) moved to not have service here December 15 and to accept the invitation to attend St. Luke's 10:30 service for the children's Christmas Program

Church School report: We are paying for materials for our children, furnishing cupcakes for Jesus' birthday and some of the costumes for the program.

Other Old Business: only three in attendance for the council meeting

New business: Confirm December pulpit supply: Kathy Becker, December 1, 8, 22,29. Our members will have the Christmas Eve service.

Opportunity to meet and greet Rev. Roberto Ochoa, our candidate for Conference Minister, St. Lukes ,Columbus, NE November 17th at 2 pm.

Sacramental Servant Program proposal: Opportunity for members to be trained to do Communion etc.

Association dues of \$268.00 were paid for 2024.

Revision of the Church member roll is an ongoing project.

Christmas Eve service, we will use one of Linda's program

Advent program will be done each Sunday by a Church family.



Names of Pastors available to do funerals, etc.: Rev, Mohr, Rev. Chris Alexander (Scott Frederickson's spouse), Rev. Terry Buol.

Other New Business: Mark Chamberlain is taking a leave from everything for a little while: for cleaning he has a suggestion. Jim will unlock church on Sunday mornings

Camp Kalao, offering some adult camps this summer.

Dates to Remember, December 1, 2024 Green's Up

December meeting: December 8, 9:30

Annual Meeting, January 19, 2025 after church service. Need 25 for quorum!!!



GREENS -UP

Sunday December 1

First Sunday in Advent. Join us in decorating the church after worship and lunch afterwards.



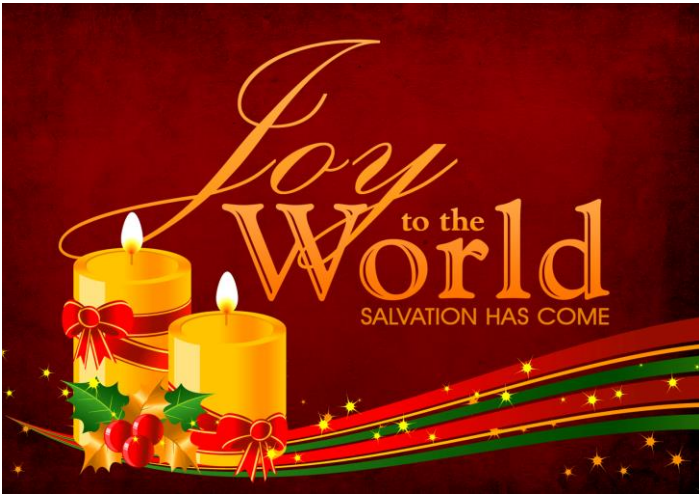
FOR YOUR INFORMATION – ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

Offerings to our Church: When you cannot attend, it may be mailed to our financial secretary, Karen Beyke, 1516 4th Street, Stanton, NE 68779. She may be reached at **402-649-8993**. Please leave a message. Thank you!

Date	Attendance	Collections
October 27	16	\$796.00
November 3	15	\$930.00
November 10	24	\$1031.00
November 17	15	\$375.00
November 24	29	\$845.00



**December Liturgists and Technologists
Thank you for your continued dedication every week.**



Something to Consider (shared from a Facebook post)

When God wanted to create fish, He spoke to the sea.

When God wanted to create trees, He spoke to the earth.

But when God wanted to create man, He turned to himself.

Then God said, " Let us make man in our image and in our likeness."

If you take a fish out of the water, it will die; and when you remove a tree from soil, it will also die. Likewise, when man is disconnected from God, he dies.

God is our natural environment. We were created to live in his presence. We have to be connected to him because it is only in him that life exists.

Let's stay connected to God. We recall that water without fish is still water but fish without water is nothing. The soil without trees is still soil but the tree without soil is nothing.

God without man is still God but man without God is nothing!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

December 15

Pageant Performance during church service at St Luke's.

No Sunday School on

December 22 and 29, January 5 and 12th.

Merry Christmas



WORK GROUP for Dec 24 & Jan 25
Group 2

- Bernbeck, Con & Lorena Co-Chair
- Hansen, Bill & Jan Co-Chair
- Benson, Brian & Wendy
- Benson, Gary & Bonnie
- Bernbeck, Cody & Alysha
- Beyke, Rod & Karen
- Daniel, Grant
- Daniel, Kevin & Jacque
- Daniel, Jill
- Denney, Lola
- Kuester, Linda
- Noelle, Dennis
- Schellpeper, Joanne
- Stamm, Tim



HONORARY

- Denney-Colsden, Joy

December 8

Stanton High School Choir will be touring the Stanton Churches on December 8. They will be performing for our church about 11:10 during our service.

Hope everyone can attend!



In trying to save on paper, postage, and ink we would like to send the newsletter via e-mail to those members who have internet. Please send me your e-mail address if you would like the newsletter to be sent this way. MY e-mail address is necchurchsecretary@stanton.net. I will be working to get this set up to begin in January if all I can.