

## WEEKLY NEWS – DECEMBER 16, 2020

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Scripture: Luke 2:1-14

Children's Christmas Play

Jazz Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Join us on our Facebook page at 7:00pm for our Christmas Eve Worship service. After the service is over, everyone is invited to join us at 8:30pm on the front lawn of the Church (weather permitting). We will sing Christmas Carols by candlelight. If this event is canceled due to weather, we will post the cancellation on our Facebook page and send an email.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let us know if you have prayer concerns that you would like added to the weekly newsletter or lifted up during the Sunday worship. You may email, text, or call Teresa, 972-7093, and we will make sure your prayer requests are shared.

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HANS

Dear Friends,

Usually as Christmas approaches, things tend to get really busy and even a tad crazy. But this year Christmas is a totally different animal. The COVID reports show mounting numbers of infection and, alas, also of fatalities. Although Thanksgiving was a lot tamer than in other years, still too many people gave in and followed rather beloved traditions than warnings from governments and the healthcare system. The result is the current catastrophic increase in new cases.

It hurts tremendously not to be able to celebrate the great festival of the love of Jesus Christ by sharing this love with family, friends, and neighbors. All the things we are used to doing we cannot do safely anymore: parties, shopping trips, family gatherings, church services and prayer times. It is too painful for words.

I call on all of you to be cautious, even more, in the way of the love of Jesus Christ to share caution with your neighbors, and not to let it slide. I know the masks are uncomfortable, and I know keeping a distance makes socializing incredibly awkward. But please, this Christmas make it a gift to all those you care for to not only follow those simple rules, but also encourage others to follow them.

There will be another Christmas; there will be a day when we shall gather again face to face, when we can share the love of Jesus Christ with hugs and hand shakes. There will be a day when we all shall rejoice in living life to the fullest; there will be a day when we look back at this time as a time of trial through which the Lord led us safely.

Rejoice for unto us a Savior is born  
Pastor Hans

ON THE CALENDAR

Thurs. 12/17 Session Meeting 6:30pm zoom

Sun. 12/20 Children's Christmas Play 10:00am

Thurs. 12/24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

Caroling on the front lawn 8:30pm