

CELEBRATIONS

*Celebration Lutheran Church
December-January-February 2026*

Winter Sunday Schedule

9:00AM
Sunday School,
Adult Forum,
Youth
Confirmation

10:00AM
Worship &
Livestream
Worship

11:00AM
Fellowship

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CALENDAR

Midweek Advent

Dec 3, 10, 17
6:30pm

Christmas Eve

Dec 24
7:00pm

Epiphany
January 6

Ministry Plan

Review
January 18
9:00am

Annual
Congregation

Meeting
January 25
11:30am

Ash Wednesday

February 18
6:30 pm

Midweek Lent

February 25
6:30pm

Pastor Sarah's Message

"May his blessings and peace be yours, sent to you from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord." Ephesians 1:2

Hello, friends! I don't know about you, but I'm already feeling that familiar tug of war in my that happens every holiday season. On one hand, I want to be calm, peaceful, and lean into the contemplation that Advent brings. I'd love to settle into long conversations with folks and be present to the gratitude I feel for the gifts of life. On the other hand, I look at the to-do lists and I want to give up on responsibility and stay in bed. UGH! I love Christmas cards from family and friends. I don't want to send them. I love good food for our feast days, but who is going to make it all? It's the perennial tug-of-war we can all feel in life and in this season in particular.

So, in the midst of a moment of holiday resistance recently, I saw the FedEx guy delivering packages in my neighborhood with Christmas music already playing loudly from his truck. It was the classic tune "Last Christmas" by Wham, which we will all hear way too often by the time we get to December 25th and here he was listening to it alone and voluntarily! Now, the FedEx guy will be absolutely exhausted by December 25th simply by doing his job, not counting all the other obligations of life he is needing to balance that I know nothing of. And in that moment, I thought perhaps I need to stop being such a Scrooge. If the FedEx guy has the joy of the season so alive in him that he's listening to Last Christmas before Thanksgiving, then maybe I too can set down my grouchiness and lean into the gifts of the season. After all, who will be working harder during this time than the brave folks managing all of the logistics of package delivery?

This FedEx driver acted as Christ to me in that small moment, reminding me of to watch and look for joy and be thankful for the goodness of life. I was reminded that cynicism is indeed thin nourishment when we have the hope of Christ and the gifts of Advent to explore and rest in. In the midst of struggle, in the midst of the dark days of winter and snow, we watch for the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ's birth. Watch and you too will find these gifts in unexpected places, like me and the FedEx driver.

I give thanks for the love of Christ that imbues our community and knits us together. I give thanks for you, that you were born, and that you live in community with Celebration Lutheran. May this coming season of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany be full of Christ's surprising and life-giving gifts for you and your loved ones.

With deep appreciation and love,

Pastor Sarah

MEET NEW MEMBERS

Jeremy and I were searching for a church to call home. We had been a part of a mega church and were feeling lost in a sea of people and were missing genuine connection. We were both yearning to build new friendships and be a part of a church community on a smaller more intimate scale. We love to hike, travel and spend time with our grown kids and our 3 dogs. I am beyond happy that I belong to the outreach committee, and I have been coming up with new volunteer opportunities to present in the hopes of serving our community at large. Jeremy and I both love to help where we can and we have felt so welcomed by everyone. We are grateful God led us to Celebration Lutheran.

-Shirley & Jeremy Michel



OUTREACH MINISTRY

The demand for human services has exploded over the past few months with the government shutdown and the change in priorities outlined in the current federal budget. At the same time the Serve Wenatchee offices flooded from a break in their fire sprinkler system causing the loss of inventory and requiring a move to East Wenatchee while their space is restored.

With many families in our community facing a desperate holiday season and beyond, this congregation has increased their giving in both time and money. During our September 2nd Harvest Food Truck event, we provided boxes of fresh groceries to 214 families and engaged 24 volunteers for support. Then in October, we sponsored a yard sale featuring donated household goods and clothing. The event attracted a steady stream of shoppers, raised over \$4,200 to support our community programs, and drew over 20 enthusiastic volunteers. The Outreach team is assembling Thanksgiving food baskets now and will also offer Christmas food baskets for families of select Head Start children. Additionally, we continue to serve 42 children of the Head Start and Clovis Point elementary school and support Communities in Schools, Serve Wenatchee, and Community Action Food Pantry.

Thank you for your support of our Outreach Ministry. Please remember that our annual auction will close December 7th at 10:00.

God Bless You All,

Dan Hiatt

Outreach Committee Chair

Members – Cal & Terry Johns; Laurie Holmes; Brant & Elaine Smith; Debbie Hiatt; Pat Guizzetti; Shirley Michel



All the volunteers for 2nd Harvest, wow!



Volunteers getting ready for the Yard Sale

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum is a time for faith formation for adults, aka Sunday School for our biggest kids! This is a time to bring your questions, stories, worries, and heart to engage in your faith and wonder about what it all really means for you.

Advent is the beginning of the church year, which is an interesting place to start. It does not start with Christmas, which celebrates the coming of Christ into the world. Instead, it starts with a time of waiting, a time of reflection on the darkness and murkiness of the world and our lives when we wait for the Light of the World to guide, redeem, calm, and renew us and the world. This reflects the reality of our lives and how often we find ourselves in the dark, looking for hope and renewal.

The Adult Forum will be exploring these themes from week to week through the lens of scripture and the poetry of Mary Oliver, who encourages readers to slow down, notice what is real and true around us, and to find the hope of Christ in our every day lives. Join us for the exploration of shadows and light in our lives, 9am Sundays in the fellowship hall. Materials are provided.

MEETING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Pastor Sarah attended a gathering of racial justice leaders across the ELCA as the representative from our Northwest Intermountain Synod in Chicago at the ELCA Churchwide office. The gathering was an opportunity to meet new colleagues and friends, learn from other synods about their work in supportive of racial justice, be refreshed by worship (and even a sound bath experience), and learn from racial justice experts.

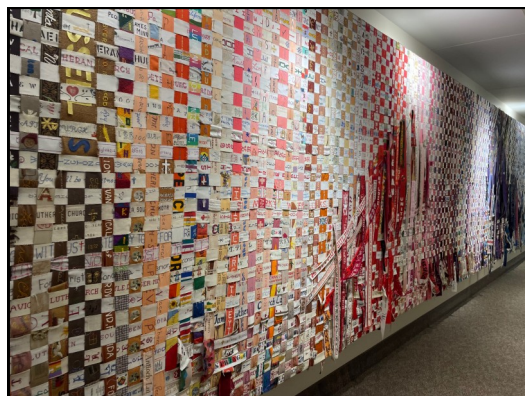
The beginning of our one long day of learning started with Aja Martinez and Robert Smith talk about their new book "The Origins of Critical Race Theory: The People and Ideas That Created a Movement." It was a fascinating discussion of the people involved and their intention of helping people of color in America have their stories and perspectives be heard, particularly within legal frameworks.



One aspect of race in America these presenters helped me to understand is the particularity of how white immigrants from Europe were encouraged to leave their cultural heritage behind in order to become American. This cultural amnesia is unique to the American experience. So, instead of being culturally German or Norwegian, we're all "just" American here, if we're white. This begins to explain some curiosities of our culture I have wondered about, such as why most white Americans I know have no connection with their extended families in their countries of origin and this is normal. And yet, a good friend is an Asian American woman from Chicago. While she lived in Texas for school, people often asked her "where she was from." She'd say Chicago, but that was deeply frustrating to these Texans who wanted to know her family's country of origin. The inclusion of American that is automatically extended to me is not extended to my friend. Small but telling interactions she had with people regularly.

We also learned from presenters from A Long Talk, a group that teaches people across the country their easily practiced and accessible way of helping people navigate and disarm racism in our midst. There's energy from our neighboring synods to bring this training to our larger region. I really enjoyed their training and left feeling like what they are asking us to do in response to discrimination we might witness is easily understood, done, and ultimately loving for everyone involved. They were very empowering. Stay tuned for more news on that front, if you'd like to participate in a training.

In general, it was lovely to be at Churchwide, see the art, and connect with people of good faith working to bring about justice and peace in our church for the sake of us all.



COUNCIL CORNER

As we are ending the year, I have a lot of things to be grateful for. I had a big prayer answered for me. It was something I had been praying on for several years. I was reminded that God has his own timing on things, but what a great Father. I needed to learn some humility.

Now, about the church. It is looking like we are going to end up in the Positive financially, after working with a budget that was not. Yay! We seem to be attracting new faces to worship. I keep hearing how welcoming and fun we are. Thanks everyone, Joy is contagious. As we go into the holiday season, let us not forget about each other and the people that do not have such a wonderful church family. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Betsy Schweitzer
Council President



JOIN OUR DISCORD!

Celebration Lutheran Church has joined Discord! Do you want to have an easy line of communication with the church and its members? Discord is an easy app to use and have access to a church chatroom. Type the link down below if you want to join:

<https://discord.gg/Cp4AvsYH>

*This will not replace prayer chain or the church email



ADVENT

Advent services will be every Wednesday through Advent at 6:30pm where we will together sing the Holden Evening Prayer led by Dave and LeAnn Haven. We will also take time to light candles in prayer as we bring our fears and worries as well as our hopes and thanksgivings to God. Advent services are December 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 6:30pm.



Council Members 2025 - Take a look at the Council Member Board Outside the Office

Betsy Schweitzer	Council President	Finance	670-5664
Laurie Holmes	Council Vice-President	Sunday School, Youth/Confirmation	683-2153
Pat Guizzetti	Council Secretary	Outreach	670-7141
Barbara Weaver		Service Groups	733-1993
Cal Johns		Property	679-9993
Debbie Cockle		Evangelism	669-3067

STEWARDSHIP

2025 Finance Report

*Thank you for your
support and pledge
to the Ministry of
Celebration!*

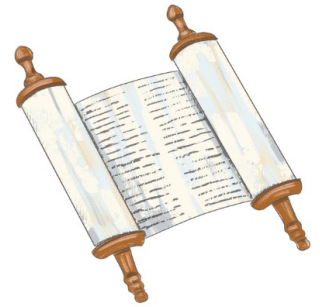
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>2025 Monthly Budget</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Total Income	20,000	19,065.90	24,762.21	16,214.52
Total Dispersed		18,326.55	17,237.97	14,804.23
Net Fund Gain (-Loss)		\$739.35	\$7,237.97	\$1,410.29
Beg. Fund Balance	\$110,294.35			
Ending Fund Balance		\$111,033.70	\$118,557.94	\$119,968.23



BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTIONS

Did you know that Celebration is updating our constitution and bylaws? Did you know that this has not been done in decades? Did you know that this is really exciting?

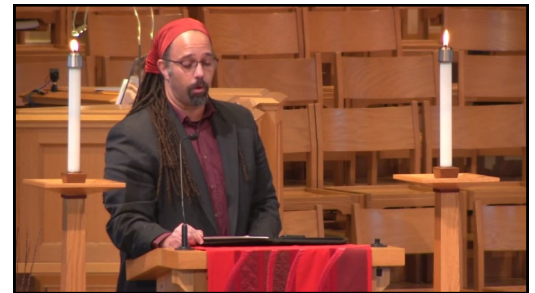
Well, OK, maybe it's not really exciting, but it is important because the constitution and bylaws are our governing documents, but they do not accurately reflect our values or how we operate. For example, our current bylaws state that we will track who does and does not take communion every week. It also says that council will vote on who gets to be a member and who doesn't. We do not do this! So, we're updating our governing documents to reflect how we function and how we want to function moving into the future.



Previous president Dan Hiatt did much of this work last year along with Pastor Sarah, current president Betsy Schweitzer, and the synod office. This same team is currently finalizing drafts to prepare to give to the council and the congregation for review. The ratification of these documents will be a part of the upcoming annual meeting in January.

BISHOP'S CONVOCATION

The Bishop's Convocation was held in Richland, Washington this past October. ELCA pastors from our regional synod had the opportunity to hear the news from our synod staff and bishop, connect with each other, worship, and learn from Dr. Anthony Bateza who teaches at St. Olaf College. Dr. Bateza presented on the reality of anger, outrage, resentment, and division in our world right now and what might be a healing word for us preachers to bring to our congregations. He reminded us that our relationships are what shape us most. Communities of trust and love shape us to be loving and trusting, which will help us all lay aside the stuck-ness of resentment and outrage. As people of hope and resurrection, we can together reckon with reality, be inspired by God to respond to reality with trust and grace, and to be courageous in hope. Through relationship God transforms us and the world! The holiday season provides us a wonderful opportunity to focus on our relationships in the world and at home.



Can you help with a special donation?

\$25 = one month of support for a child

\$75 = three months of support for a child

\$150 = six months of support for a child

\$300 = an entire school year for a child

You can give online or write a check with a note in the memo line to designate your gift for Packing Friendships.

Your support for this program is so important and appreciated by the children, which shows in their excitement and sometimes tears of gratitude for these bags that are packed special for them.

Thank you for feeding and loving our valley's kids!



Safety and Housekeeping

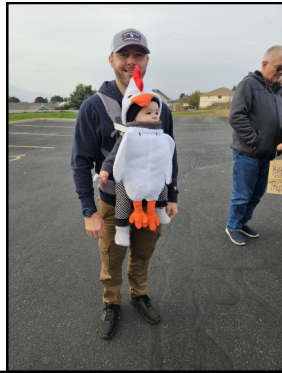
- ◇ PLEASE CHECK ALL THE DOORS THAT THEY ARE LOCKED WHEN LEAVING THE BUILDING - WITH SUMMER AND THE WEATHER CHANGE SOMETIMES THEY DO NOT LIKE TO CLOSE PROPERLY. CHECK & CHECK AGAIN!
- ◇ EVERY GROUP - EVERY INDIVIDUAL- EVERY TIME: PLEASE WASH YOUR DISHES! THANK YOU!
- ◇ EVERY GROUP - PLEASE TAKE OUT THE TRASH! Check the cans around the kitchen if you use it, empty it! Icky garbage stinks!
- ◇ DOUBLE CHECK FAUCET IN KITCHEN IS TURNED OFF. NO DRIPPING WATER
- ◇ PLEASE LEAVE THE ROOM YOU ARE USING AS TIDY AS YOU FOUND IT...OR BETTER!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk-or-Treat 2025 at Celebration was another fun and successful community event! Well over 300 hundred families, friends, Grace and Celebration members came to trunk-or-treat Halloween afternoon. Those daylight hours are very popular for families with little ones. Although, you'll see in the pictures, there were plenty of big ones too. 10 cars were decorated in an array of Halloween holiday fashion as were the owners of those trunks. It's fun to see how everyone participated in the festivities of trunk decor, dressing up, handing out candy and visiting with those going from trunk to trunk. One thing that stood out to me this year was all the genuine "Thank You for doing this" we received from so many families. I believe people appreciate the involvement of our little church here in East Wenatchee and the space provided for a fun, safe, family-friendly, candy filled place to go to. The trunk-or-treating went for almost 2 hours...we started to run out of candy! There were A LOT of people! A few trunks had enough candy to stay until the end. Something to think about for next year...more candy!

A HUGE thank you to all those who came out with your festive or spooky trunks and for all the donated candy!

-Darcie Price



THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

This Thanksgiving, Celebration Outreach Committee organized and gathered volunteers to put together 5 Thanksgiving meals for families in Head Start. Pictured to the right is Shirley Michel, who organized this Outreach project, next to some of the baskets full of food! Thank you Celebration Family for your generosity this Holiday season.



CELEBRATION HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday December 21st from 2-5pm, John and Kathy Jo Evans are graciously hosting a Celebration get together at their home at 1420 Westpoint Place in Wenatchee. They will provide hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Guests may also bring beverages of their choosing. Parking is limited, so if possible please drop passengers off at the house, then park on the street. All are welcome! Thank you to John and Kathy Jo for hosting!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Walking with Grief Group celebrated its graduation on November 20th. It was a bittersweet celebration of love, connection, and hope stemming from personal despair and grief. Over a meal of smoked pork sliders (wonderfully prepared by Jeremy Long!), the participants shared one take-away from the group that will serve them moving forward in their lives. One of our participants said she was finally able to move beyond her anger. Another said she felt empowered in how she would continue to navigate grief in ways that will be healthy and safe for her. Another said the major gift for her is that she felt free to speak of her loved one again and she didn't need to hide from the loss anymore.

Barbara Weaver lovingly and gently supported the group's journey, starting from fear and disconnection and moving towards empowerment, calm, and connection. The group will be offered again starting February 12th at 6pm for 12 weeks. This group is not explicitly faith-based, so people of any faith or no faith are welcome to attend. The group is free to attend and includes a book and journal which the participants use throughout the group. Participants are encouraged to make a \$25 donation to cover the cost of the materials, if they are able to do so.



When: Starts February 12th, 6pm. Meets every Thursday at 6pm for 12 weeks

Where: Celebration Lutheran Church 801 8th St NE, East Wenatchee, WA

Please register by calling (509)-884-3817, emailing churchclc@nwi.net or filling out the online form at clcewen.org/grief.



Participate in the flow of God's love through the practice of hospitality and service during Worship. Each Sunday worship offers various ways to express and practice our Christian faith.

If you are interested in serving, please see Judy Hussey (509)421-7476, Jacki Seale (509)860-5582 or call the church office (509)884-3817. Training & support provided! Thank you!

Service Care Handbooks are available in the Narthex by the bulletin board.

- **Greeters**
*1-2 persons, Greet, welcome and handout worship bulletin
- **Ushers & Sanctuary Clean-up**
*Assist greeters, take attendance, collect prayer request during Song of the Day, manage offering plate, tidy up sanctuary after worship
- **Communion Assistant (Adult & Youth)**
*2 Adults-2 Youth, Assist Pastor during communion, prepare & clean-up
- **Scripture Reader**
*Read First & Second lessons as well as the Psalm
- **Acolyte**
*Light candles to begin worship, extinguish candles to end worship
- **Sound & Livestream Technician**
*Set-up & shut-down, monitoring of sound/Livestream during worship
- **Fellowship Refreshments & Coffee (Set-up & Clean-up)**
*Arrive 1/2 hour before worship, make coffee, set-up of treats, provide simple cookie/treat, clean-up following Fellowship

JACKI SEALE, CHANCELLOR OF THE APPLARIANS

It is with deep pride and heartfelt gratitude that I share this news: I have been named Chancellor of the Wenatchee Applarians for the 2026 Apple Blossom Festival.

Born and raised in the Wenatchee Valley, I've long cherished the traditions that make our community shine—from the Grand Parade to the Royalty Program, from the food booths to the laughter echoing through Memorial Park. The Apple Blossom Festival isn't just an event—it's a celebration of who we are, where we come from, and the joy we share with one another.

As a longtime member of Celebration Lutheran Church, I've been blessed to experience the power of community, faith, and fellowship. These values guide me as I step into this new role. To be entrusted with the title of Chancellor is both humbling and exhilarating. I'll have the honor of representing the Applarians throughout the season, welcoming guests, supporting our Royalty, and celebrating the volunteers and families who make this festival thrive. I carry this title not alone, but with the spirit of our valley—and our congregation—behind me.

I look forward to a season filled with connection, tradition, and heartfelt celebration. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this way—and for being part of the story we continue to write together.

With gratitude,
Jacki Seale
Chancellor, Wenatchee Applarians



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Thank you Grace Lutheran for hosting Family Game Nights here at Celebration! It has been a treat to host this event as Grace has navigated their remodel. Celebration members are still more than welcome to attend Family Game Nights at Grace Lutheran Church's own fellowship hall, the 3rd Friday of every month at 6pm. They will meet again starting January 15th.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It is already time again to sign up for snow removal around the church! Snow shovels and snow blowers are ready for volunteers to dress warmly, help out, and get some fresh air!

The Sign-up sheet is under the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. Any help is appreciated, thank you.



FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Fun!

Join us for Fellowship Fun at 2pm the following Sundays!

January 18th

February 22nd

Look out in the Bulletin for Locations!



BITS & PIECES

Bonaventure Christmas Pageant

You are invited to attend the Christmas Pageant at Bonaventure! Residents, staff, and their children and grandchildren will be participating under the leadership of resident Pastor John Rogers. Join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ!

Tuesday December 23rd, starting at 1:00pm.
Bonaventure, 5029 NW, East Wenatchee, 98802



This year Celebration donated 24 boxes to Operation Christmas Child! Thank you to Ann Black for organizing and delivering them to the drop off site, and thank you Celebration for making this a success!

Marilynn Weaver has her 2026 calendars available for sale again this year for \$25. They are available in the church office Monday - Friday 9-1:00 and on Sunday. Thank you for your interest in and love of these great little pieces of art. Marilynn is very talented!



Annual Congregational Meeting— The Annual Meeting of Celebration Lutheran will be held **January 25th, 11am**. We will listen to reports, elect Church Council members, and consider this year's ministry plan (annual budget). All confirmed members of Celebration are eligible to vote on issues brought to the floor. It is important that we hear the voice of every CLC member as we come together and support our ministry, so we look forward to seeing you there.

Ministry Plan Review— **Sunday, January 18th at 9am** Council members and Annette will be in the office to answer your questions prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Mourning Moms Support Group

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

This is a place where mom's can connect, share stories and learn how to cope with our grief in a loving and supportive way.

When: 3rd Monday of the Month 6pm

Where: Celebration Lutheran Church 801 8th Street NE East Wenatchee, WA

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Weaver 509-733-1993
mourningmothers@hotmail.com



FROM DWIGHT BYERS

Greetings from Dwight

I have had so many wonderful cards, texts, and calls that I decided to respond with a quick letter to everyone to save time and effort.

First off, thank you for your outpouring of love. Sharon certainly deserved it and I really appreciate it. Everything changed so quickly. I feel like I'm two in one. The mourner who cries every morning and sometimes more, and the spiritual side that is doing great. Let me explain.

The crier. That is me missing my Sharon, wishing to share but she is no longer there. The tears are because of the love we had and that will never change. It is hard. No words can change that.

The Spirit filled. That is me remembering the good that Sharon did. Her putting others first, her love of the children and just flat out loving everyone. It is also the faith God has given me and the comfort he has sent me. Let me share some examples.

The first responders were here in 6 minutes, did their thing and had her on the way to the hospital. I could feel their love and concern for Sharon. My mind was swirling during the drive, about 40 minutes. I pray, I ask questions, imagine scenarios, etc. Upon arrival a doctor of tall intimidating stature asked, "do you want her on a ventilator? She has bad pneumonia!". My mind is far from being prepared for this. I think back to Covid times and how many died while on ventilators. I just watched my brother die who was on a ventilator for over a week. If that is the best thing for her, why do they wait to ask me? Confused, I stall and say I want to talk to family first. I fire up a prayer to God asking for wisdom. Reponse was quick. An angel (nurse) very calmly and politely asked if we could talk. She took the time to explain the benefits and cons of the ventilator in layman terms, then answered my questions, and I immediately agreed to it.

Another circumstance was bumping into a security guard that was on break seeking to warm up. He was a newer Christian, and he prayed a magnificent and powerful prayer for me and Sharon as a total stranger. Not a coincidence.

A male nurse on first meeting addressed Sharon as Miss Sharon (her preschool moniker) and she immediately asked who he was, as if he were her former student. She previously was not responding to the rest of us. God had sent her comfort through him.

About 2 months ago, Hank and I met a gentleman on our walk who we had never seen before even though he has lived within a block of us for 8 years. He shared about being a widower and how he was involved in a support group. Two days after Sharon died we run into each other again. Coincidence? I think not.

The blessings of: Niece Wendy being available to be an interpreter of Doctor talk and providing meals, of granddaughter Holly & friends dog sitting Hank for a week, of my church family for hospital visits and filling our refrigerator.

I stated my soul is good because I trust in God. I don't like what has happened, but God has a plan and has done and will do what is best. I cry, but I also am thankful for spending the last 26 years with Sharon 24/7, for 57 years in marriage, and for having a great family. The four of us (Dean & Tammy) got to spend a day together for the first time in many years the day after my brothers memorial service. What a greedy man I would be to complain about the One who has blessed me so much. I have the peace that is not possible to fully explain or understand, but is a gift from an awesome God. I wasted 60 years knowing God but not accepting Him in a true relationship. Don't be me. Learn about and accept His love, you will be glad you did.

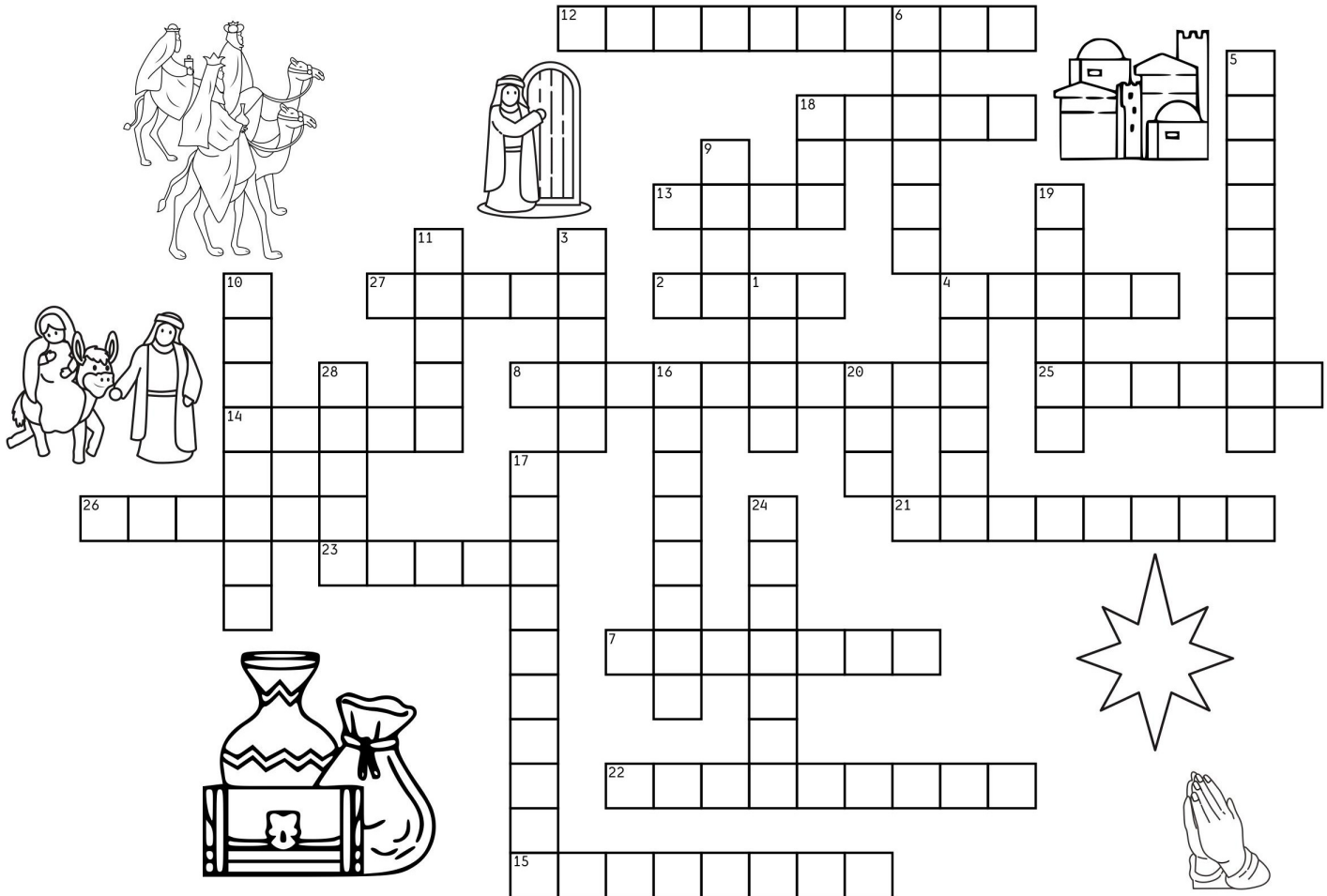
As I try to find my new normal I will pray that you find or increase your faith to gain the love and peace God has freely offered. I am willing to answer your questions if I can. Call or text at 509-679-3568.

Peace to you, Dwight.



Advent Crossword

Work out the answers to the clues and fill in the puzzle.



DOWN

1. Biblical symbol depicting divine guidance to the birthplace of Jesus
3. What pastoral animal is iconic in religious representations of the nativity?
4. It's not an inn, but it held the greatest gift
5. The nativity story in the Bible offers this to believers
6. Despite not being Jesus's biological father, he raised Him as his own in biblical accounts
9. Mystics from the East who visited the newborn king in Bethlehem
10. This individual kept an eye on the flock by night and visited a newborn king
11. Intrinsic part of Christian theological studies, contains Genesis to Revelation
16. What the angel called Jesus in the Nativity narrative
17. The nativity story implies that Jesus' birth provided this for humanity
18. The feeling of elation inspired by the nativity story
19. He fulfilled Old Testament prophecies as the Messiah
20. The place of refuge in Bethlehem that rejected the holy couple due to overbooking
24. The act of showing religious reverence and admiration
28. Undoubting belief in the Christmas miracle.

ACROSS

2. In the Biblical narratives, who interpreted the signs and prophecies about Christ's birth?
4. Starts with "M" and was presented to Jesus by a Wise Man
7. Son of God, central in the nativity scene.
8. Upon spotting the Star of Bethlehem, the wise men had a ____.
12. An exclamation of rejoice in the biblical event of Christ's birth
13. Who, according to the Bible, conceived Jesus by the Holy Spirit?
14. The harmony symbolized by the Star of Bethlehem
15. A Christmas tradition involving the display of the birth of Jesus
18. He is represented by the baby in a manger in nativity scenes
21. What was foreseen by the prophets regarding Christ's birth
22. The individual proficient in transforming wood into useful items in the Nativity narrative
23. Jerusalem's ruler who was threatened by Jesus' birth
25. Christmas is a celebration of the birth of this significant person
26. Span of time before Jesus' birthday we spend preparing
27. The act or instance of bringing forth young or producing new life



December

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				1 <i>New Years Day</i> 6pm Sons of Norway 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service 	2 7:00pm NVC Music Practice	3
4 9:00am Adult Forum, Youth Group, & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC	5	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB 6pm Scouts	7	8 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	9 7:00pm NVC Music Practice	10
11 9:00am Adult Forum, Youth Group & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC	12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">6pm Council meeting</div>	13 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB 6pm Scouts	14	15 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service 	16 7:00pm NVC Music Practice	17
18 9:00am <u>Ministry Plan Review</u> , Youth Group & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC 2:00pm Fellowship Fun! 	19 6pm Mourning Mothers Support Group	20 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB 6pm Scouts	21 	22 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	23 7:00pm NVC Music Practice	24 12pm-2pm NVC Devotionals
25 9:00am Adult Forum, Youth Group & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am <u>Annual Congregational Meeting</u> 1:00pm NVC 	26	27 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB 6pm Scouts	28	29 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	30 7:00pm NVC Music Practice	31



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1 9:00am Adult Forum, Youth Group, & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC	2 	3 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB 6pm Scouts	4	5 6pm Sons of Norway 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	6 7pm NVC Music Practice	7
8 9:00am Adult Forum, Youth Group, & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC	9 <div>6pm Council Meeting</div>	10 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB 6pm Scouts	11	12 6pm Grief Group 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	13 7pm NVC Music Practice	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 
15 <i>Transfiguration</i> 9:00am Adult Forum, Youth Group, & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC	16 6pm Mourning Mothers Support Group 	17 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB 6pm Scouts	18 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 	19 6pm Grief Group 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	20 7pm NVC Music Practice	21
22 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 9:00am Adult Forum, Youth Group & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC 2:00pm Fellowship Fun! 	23	24 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB 6pm Scouts	25 6:30pm Midweek Lent Service	26 6pm Grief Group 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	27 7pm NVC Music Practice 	28 12pm-2pm NVC Devotionals

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