

January Newsletter



214 Harvey St, PO Box 98 Viborg, SD 57070 · ph: 605.326.5577 · www.oslcvb.org · oslc.office@oslcvb.org

On Advent by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Christmas songs are on the radio, houses are being decorated inside and out, the Christmas tree is set up in the church, and the hustle and bustle of Christmas vacation is ramping up. As far as the church year goes, we are into the well - known season of Advent!

And what is Advent all about? First of all, the term "advent" cannot be found in the Bible.

It actually came about in the early church (the first observation of Advent is uncertain), and comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming".

We typically think of this season as a season of preparation, preparing for baby Jesus to be born. Some churches hold off on all Christmas songs until Christmas Day and the couple weeks post -

Christmas. But here's the kicker: Jesus has already been born! There is nothing for us to prepare for (as far as Jesus goes)! We are actually freed from needing to prepare our souls, or needing to hold off on the Christmas hymns, or even from any fasting.

Jesus not only has been born, but also has already come to do what God, the Father, sent Him to do. He came to redeem us, save us, forgive us, from all of our sins and give us eternal life! Paul writes to the Galatians: *"When the time came to completion,*

God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4- 5).

This is what Christmas is all about Charlie Brown.

Yes, we celebrate time with family and friends. Yes, Christmas is a time for joy and love and peace. But when we move all of the light, fluffy snow away from what lies at the bottom of the pile that is the mountain of Christmas traditions, interpretations, and celebrations, we find that it is in fact our Savior and our God that grants us all of these things! What the Son came to do is the reason for the season. It is in His love and mercy that all the other facets of Christmas are even possible.

"When the time came to completion, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons"

(Galatians 4:4- 5)

As you prepare for your various Christmas activities, know this to be true: no matter how anxious you get, or unprepared you may feel, Christ has already come for you. Christ has already taken your sins, died for you, and has been raised for you so that you may have eternal life in His name. There is no more preparing that you need to do, no more preparing that you can even accomplish. You have been redeemed and received by Christ now and forever.

This is most certainly true.
Pastor Max



JANUARY

Sunday, Jan 1

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

Wednesday, Jan 4

7:30 AM Bible Study

NO Jr VCIS

NO Confirmation

NO VCIS

7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sunday, Jan 8

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service (traditional)

Wednesday, Jan 11

7:30 AM Bible Study

3:45 PM Jr VCIS

5:30 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, Jan 15 **NOTE TIME SWITCH!**

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)

10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Jan 18

7:30 AM Bible Study

3:45 PM Jr VCIS

5:30 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM VCIS

7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sunday, Jan 22

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service (Contemporary)

11:30 AM Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 24

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, Jan 25

7:30 AM Bible Study

3:45 PM Jr VCIS

5:30 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM VCIS

7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sunday, Jan 29

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

January Scripture Readings

1/1 1st Sunday after Christmas: Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 111, Galatians 4:4-7, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-20

1/8 1st Epiphany: Isaiah 42:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

1/15 2nd Epiphany: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

1/22 3rd Epiphany: Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

1/29 4th Epiphany: Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

2023 Committee's of the Month

Each month's committee members are responsible for reading the Scriptures on Sundays. Confirmed youth of committee members are included in the month in which the parent serves. A full list of duties is on the bulletin board and in the committee of the month binder.

JANUARY

Mike and Lisa McIlvenna

Josh and Jenae Duus

Evan Stevens

Mike and Laura Stevens

Please sign up for 2023

Committee of the Month on the sign-up sheet which is located on the bulletin board. Thank you so much in advance!

Worship Helper Schedule

Sunday, Jan 1

Reader Laura Stevens
Acolyte/Communion Helper Curtiss
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, Jan 8

Reader Lisa McIlvenna
Acolyte Quinn
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, Jan 15

Reader Cath Peterson
Acolyte/Communion Helper Westin
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, Jan 22

Reader Laura Stevens
Acolyte Godwin
Live Stream Maxx
Music Praise Band

Sunday, Jan 29

Reader Evan Stevens
Acolyte Jazmyne
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Thank You Volunteers!!



Jan 15 OSLC Service will be at 9:00AM to accomodate SVLC's Annual Meeting.



OSLC Annual Meeting is January 22 @ 11:30AM

According to the by-laws, to be an active, voting member, one must have communed with the congregation and given a contribution of note (check or other statement) within the last year. If one does not fit this criteria, one is not considered a voting member.



ATTENTION!! Committee of the Month Leaders

Please submit your reader schedule line-up to oslc.office@oslcvib.org before the 25th of the month so we can get it into the January 29th bulletin & the February newsletter.

Looking ahead to



Wednesday, Feb 1

7:30 AM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS
7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sunday, Feb 5

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

Wednesday, Feb 8

7:30 AM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS
7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sunday, Feb 12

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (traditional)

Wednesday, Feb 15

7:30 AM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2022

January Council Meeting is
Wednesday, January 4
at 7:00PM



Dear Friends,

Over the last year, the Viborg Community Food Pantry has seen an increase in the number of community members benefitting from our service. This increase has restricted food availability and the funds it takes to keep food on the shelves. We are very grateful for all food and monetary donations given.

We want to bring to your attention the "Round Up for Hunger" program at Hometown Grocery. You can round up your total to the nearest dollar (or more). That spare change will go directly to the Viborg Community Food Pantry to help those in need of our service. It may not seem like much, but if we would make a habit of "Rounding Up for Hunger," it can significantly impact those in need. Please keep the Viborg Community Food Pantry in mind the next time you visit Hometown Grocery.

Thank you so very much, The Viborg Community Food Pantry Board



Please Consider helping if you can. We are in great need of the following items...

- * Facial Tissue
- * Toilet Paper
- * Shampoo
- * Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- * Lotion
- * Body Wash
- * Sauces -
 - » Soy
 - » Worcestershire
 - » BBQ.
 - » Ketchup
- * Canned Goods
- * Toaster Pastries

- * Cereal Bars
- * Granola Bars
- * Cooking Oil
- * Mayo
- * Salad Dressings
- * Spices
- * Peanut Butter
- * Jelly
- * Pastas
- * Rice (not instant)
- * Ramen noodles

We have a freezer for cold storage items as well (meats, cheeses, etc).