

# NEWS & NOTES

✦ Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Many people celebrate the sacrament in different ways. At our church, we celebrate **Member Communion**. We ask only those who are members of our congregation or our synod (WELS) to come forward during communion. **If you are unclear of your membership please speak with Pastor about your membership before coming forward.**

- ✦ We celebrate only **Member Communion** because we believe the Word of God teaches us:
- Communion is a celebration of the unity we have with Christ through his suffering and death and the forgiveness he gives us.
  - Communion is a celebration of the unity of faith we share with those who share the same beliefs and have made the same confession of faith.
  - In Communion, we are receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine (Real Presence).
  - In Communion, the Holy Spirit works faith, gives forgiveness of sins, life and eternal salvation.

✦ We realize this teaching of communion may be different from another church's practice of communion. We would love to share more of our beliefs and practices in a Bible Information Class.



## Summerlin Lutheran Church Officers:

Please call our elected officers with questions.

- Chairman: Mr. Chuck Ochsner  
 Vice-Chairman: Mr. Mark Boehringer  
 Treasurer: Mr. Eric Braun  
 Trustee: Mr. Mark Osterberg  
 Elder: Mr. Duane Meyer

## What's Coming Up....

Sunday	12/15	9:00 AM	Worship and Member Communion
		10:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
			Bible Study: TBA
Mon.	12/16	6:30 PM	Monday Night with Jesus
Wed.	12/18	10:00 AM	Morning Bible Study
Sun.	12/22	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:15 AM	Faith and Fellowship Hour
			Bible Study: A Deeper Look at Christmas
Tues.	12/24	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wed.	12/25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Celebration

## Willing Hands

<b>This Sunday:</b>	<b>12/15</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>12/22</b>
Organist:	Carol Johnson	Computer	
Ushers:	Joe Schindler	Andrew Ryan	
	Larry Wiersum	Mark Boehringer	
Altar Care:	Kelley Buch	Kelley Buch	
Tellers:	Dick and Cathy Yeakel	Dick and Cathy Yeakel	
Kitchen Helpers:	Mark Sprengeler		



**Our Thanks to the Lord:** Our congregation has prayerfully and thankfully chosen to support the ministry of our church through our thank offerings.

May God continue to bless us with his gifts and with a heart of praise and thanks to bring our offerings of thanks to do his work.

Coming Up:



**Christmas  
Worship  
Schedule**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 6:00 PM

Christmas Day Celebration: 10:00 AM



**Church Planning Seminar**  
Saturday, January 18



**Member Church Offering Envelopes** for  
2020 are here!!!

Please pick yours up on the desk to the right as  
you leave.



**Poinsettia Envelopes are here!!**

If you would like to adopt a poinsettia in memory of  
a loved one, please fill out the envelope and put it  
in the offering plate or bring it to the office. Our  
list will be included later in the month.



**Christmas Ornaments.** There are a few ornaments  
left. If you did not have a chance to get one last  
week please pick one up today. Thanks kids for  
making those for us!



*We're here to  
Serve*

December 1	Jim Moldenhauer	Tom Johnson
December 8	Wally Marsh	Bill Meyer
December 15	Joe Schindler	Larry Wiersum
December 22	Andrew Ryan	Mark Boehringer
December 24	Jim Moldenhauer	
December 25	Jim Moldenhauer	
December 29	Bryan Becht	Chuck Ochsner
January 5	Joe Schindler	Larry Wiersum
January 12	Andrew Ryan	Mark Boehringer
January 19	Jim Moldenhauer	Tom Johnson
January 26	Bill Meyer	Bryan Becht



**How are you growing in faith?**

In the Bible we see God's people joining  
together to study God's Word and to grow in  
that Word. Many have indicated in Listening  
Sundays that Bible Study is important. We  
have a number of great studies going on right  
now. Each study digs into Scripture and helps us to grow in faith.  
Which one can you attend?

**Sunday Morning: Preparing for Christmas**

We will take a closer look at the wonderful Christmas story through  
prophecies and the different Biblical accounts.

**Wednesday Morning: A study of the book of Romans**

A look at God's plan of salvation by grace through faith.

**TRY**  
*Something*  
**NEW**

## Knitting with Friends



January 6<sup>th</sup>  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6pm

For all adult skill levels and talents.

Beginners: Bring yarn and needles and learn to knit.

Experienced: Bring along a current project and work on it.

Everyone: Come and enjoy the time getting to know one another.

RSVP to Shawncee Osterberg by DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

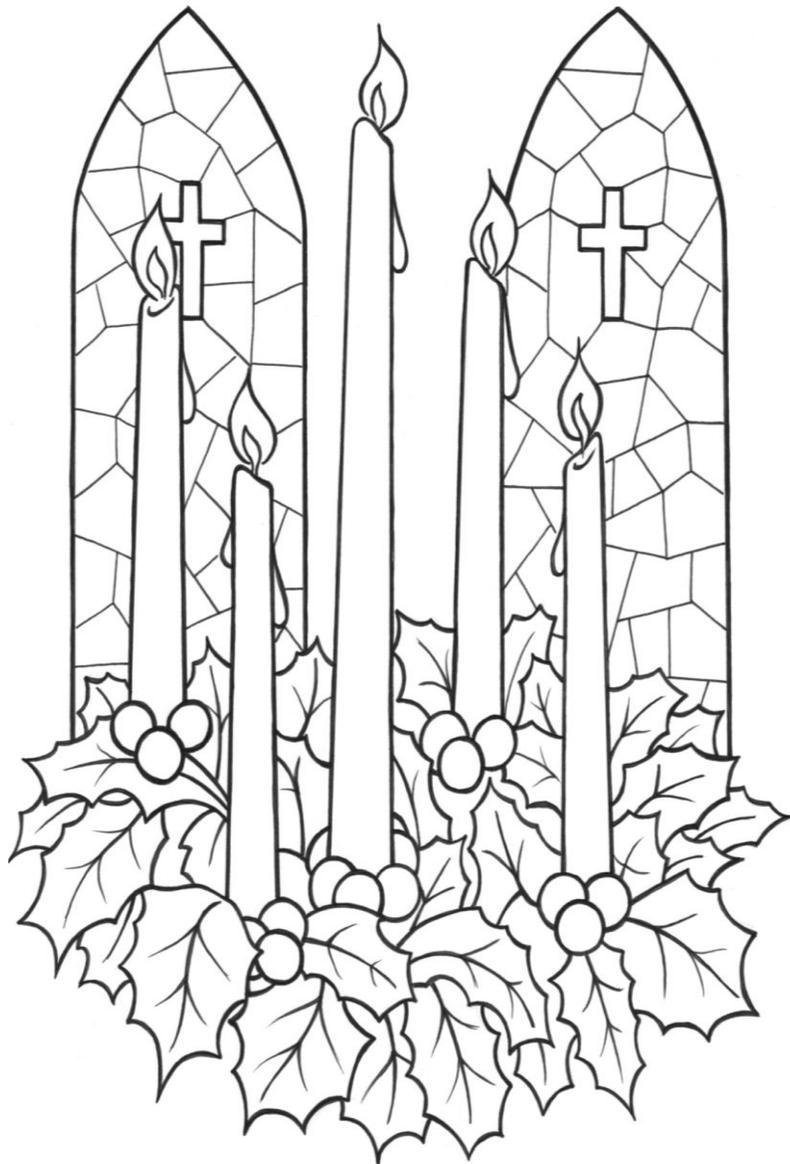
Please find our Christmas door hanger invitation on the table in the entryway. Make sure to take a few and invite your family, friends and neighbors to see why there is no Christmas without the Cross. Take as many as you need.



**My Special Savior, My Special Gift**

As we prepare for Jesus to be born, we contemplate the gifts that he brings to us. We can never repay Jesus for the gifts he brings. As we think about those blessings, please take a moment to prayerfully consider giving a special offering of thanks to the Lord.

For the Young.... and Young at Heart  
Crayons are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.



# Advent Wreath

**1st Candle** (Purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF HOPE.** We have hope because God is faithful and will keep all of the promises he has made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

**2nd Candle** (Purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION.** Preparation means to get ready. God keeps his promises, especially his promise to send a Savior. We prepare to welcome our Savior as God fulfills his promise again. (Luke 3: 4-6)

**3rd Candle** (Pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY.** The angels sang the good news with joy. The shepherds went to find the Savior and returned with joyful hearts telling all they had seen. (Luke 2:7-15)

**4th Candle** (Purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE.** The angels announced the good news that God, in his love, has kept his promise and sent his Son to earth to save us.

**5th Candle** (White) **THE CHRIST CANDLE.** The white candle, lit on Christmas Day, reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to be the sacrifice to wash our sins away. He was born to take our place and die for us! (John 1:29)