



### Youth & Young Adults

Youth group has continued to go well and we've even had a lot of new faces appearing Wednesday nights this month! This influx of youth came at a great time too, with Paul and Chelsea Peterson returning to help out and even bringing their new baby, Adeline, to youth group.

This month has been primarily tackling the books of Exodus & Leviticus. We have seen God's absolute power, justice, and wrath against evil, yet his tremendous grace, love, and mercy towards the Hebrew people. With these books we see some intense topics come up such as slavery and homosexuality. These topics can certainly cause tension as we study God's Word, but I have been very impressed with the youth and their gentleness, kindness, and overall maturity as we've studied Scripture together.

Not just in our youth group study have we been tackling tough topics, but we also went to a youth apologetics conference in the cities that covered topics such as abortion, race, and homosexuality. The conference was Biblically centered and engaging for our youth – we all had a great time! The only downside was that our "fun" northern Minnesota weather brought us a snowstorm that weekend, making our drives to and from the cities pretty long.

The Lord passed before Moses and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." 8 And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. 9 And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

Exodus 34.6-9

On a personal note, Rachel and I are continuing in the process to begin foster care. Please continue to pray for us as we prepare for this in our own lives and try to serve those at ECC who are involved in this ministry as well. We serve a truly glorious God and we really need Him in these (and all) aspects of our lives!

Grace be with you,  
Marco

Christmas Eve  
in The Barn  
4:30 • Christmas Play  
5-7pm • Free Sleigh Rides & Hot Cocoa  
Open to the Community!

Mann's Farm  
4157 Hwy 332



### December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Dec 1 -- Dave Anderson  
-- Wes Peterson
- Dec 2 -- Tom & Phyllis Holm
- Dec 3 -- Kimberly Askey
- Dec 5 -- Pam Norman  
-- Carmen Zahn
- Dec 6 -- Audrey LaBlanc  
-- Melanie Clarity
- Dec 8 -- Jeff Bernard  
-- Joyce Kelly
- Dec 10 -- Emma Clarity
- Dec 11 -- Luke Hollis  
-- Gerald & Rita Forsythe
- Dec 12 -- Will Peterson
- Dec 13 -- Graci Bissonnette  
-- Ken Shoberg
- Dec 18 -- Norman Christianson
- Dec 19 -- Olli Aili
- Dec 23 -- Derek Bilben  
-- Julie Bissonnette  
-- Kathy Jackson
- Dec 26 -- Ron Herivel
- Dec 28 -- Tom Holt  
-- Marlana Sindermann  
-- Milt & Karen Layman
- Dec 29 -- Tom Holm  
-- Joel Maxwell  
-- Pat & Mary Hogan

Waffles & Widows  
DECEMBER 11  
10AM

### Celebrate Recovery

Tuesdays @ 7pm



### What is Celebrate Recovery?

John Baker, the founder of Celebrate Recovery, puts it this way, "the purpose of Saddleback Church's Celebrate Recovery ministry is to fellowship with others and to celebrate God's healing power in our lives, through the program's Eight Recovery principles. This experience allows those who work through the program to experience profound life change and freedom from their hurts, hang-ups and habits. By working and applying these Biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and—most importantly—a stronger personal relationship with God and with others. As we progress through the program we discover our personal, loving and forgiving Higher Power—Jesus Christ, the one and only true Higher Power.

This program covers many different things, like the list below, or whatever problem a person is going through. God wants to help us.

- Eating disorders
- Financial
- Spiritual
- Emotional
- Drugs
- Co-dependency
- Relational
- Sexual
- Enabling problems
- Alcohol

Tuesdays • 7pm



**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the float for the "Home for the Holidays" Parade — from those who helped behind the scenes to those who rode in the parade & walked the parade route. It took many people to make it happen and we appreciate each one of you!!



# The Family Messenger



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### A Cup of Coffee with Pastor Seth . . .

One of the best things about Christmas is the music. Is there even such a thing as too soon to play them? Ok... well maybe there is. In my family my grandma would signal when it was time to start Christmas season by putting Andy Williams on the record player singing, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

During this Advent season we are starting a new series called "Christmas Playlist." In it we will be looking at four Christmas songs in the Bible; the songs of Mary, Zechariah, the angels, and Simeon. Each one reveals a powerful truth about the birth of Jesus. There is a line from Mary's Song that I have been thinking about.

*He who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
Luke 1.49*

Here is a practice you can do for your coffee times during Advent. Pour a cup of coffee and listen to or think about a Christmas carol. As you do, see if there is a lyric that catches your attention. Ask yourself what Bible verses or truths about Jesus that brings to your mind. Finally, thank God for that truth and what He has done for you.

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year. Make sure to come and invite people to Christmas Eve in the Barn, which you will see in this newsletter. May God bless and enrich your season as you reflect on the joy and wonder of the birth of Jesus, God with Us.

Mercy, peace & love be yours in abundance.  
Pastor Seth

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### With Grateful Hearts

As has been expressed by so many, God is moving in some very wonderful ways within and through this congregation, and we give him all praise and glory for what he is doing. As we well know, the pandemic continues shaking everything it can, but despite its shaking we are making the necessary pivots to creatively expand the scope of our ministry.

Our Leadership Team is working closely with our Ministry Leaders and their teams to turn our focus away from ourselves and toward our community and world. For example, the very well attended “Trunk or Treat” at Halloween brought together many from our community for a festive and very enjoyable evening. A hymn sing, with Joe Belanger of Zion Lutheran at the piano, was a wonderful time of worship attended by people from several congregations. And the Sunday before Thanksgiving turned into a festival of praise as eight people of our congregation testified to how God has seen them through struggles and transitions over the past year. One by one they told of God’s goodness and faithfulness in their lives.

More events are on their way, with one of the big ones being our Christmas Eve gathering at Mann’s Farm where we will have a 4:30 carol sing before a live nativity scene, followed by refreshments, bonfire, and sleigh rides. The entire community has been invited, and we hope you can be there too!

In early February a dozen will be off to Costa Rica where they will serve for a week through the auspices of a local church. The varied tasks, stemming from English instruction to construction to children’s ministry, will unite the ambassadors of our congregation with brothers and sisters on a coffee plantation north of San Jose, and will expand our team’s awareness of how God is working in another part of the world. What we already know is that the church around the world is growing faster than at any time in history, and our team will get to see what God is doing in Costa Rica.

Here at home, we are taking responsible steps within the church to safeguard against COVID, choosing to align with our community’s efforts to contain the spread of this dreaded and deadly illness. Everyone’s cooperation is greatly appreciated as we strive to protect our most vulnerable members. As thirty gift bags were distributed to

our church shut-ins, a number expressed their longing to be among us again when the time is right, and until a safer day arrives, we pray for God’s protection over each and every one, including you!

Alan Johnson, Church Chair



### Costa Rica Mission’s Trip

We continue to meet and prepare for our trip in February 2022. We have watched videos from Helping without Hurting, to help us have the right mind-set before we go. In December and January, we will be using material from Merge Ministry to prepare us further. We would like people to commit to praying for each of us. We will be contacting you or you can offer to pray for specific people who are going. Again, we would like to thank you for your contributions towards the trip.

### Upcoming Fundraiser:

- Soup Luncheon—December 12 - following the worship service.



### Good Neighbors

In order to be a good neighbor to the church’s neighbors, we are asking all who are able, to park in the church’s parking lots. For those who must park on 17th Street — please park only on the north side. When we park on both sides of 17th Street, we make it difficult for our neighbors to see when leaving their driveway.



### Connected Christmas

It’s Christmastime again! The “most wonderful time of the year,” as the song goes. But we know that Christmas can also be one of the busiest, most stressful and disconnected times of the year. Amid the hustle and bustle this season, we want to help you and your family connect—with God and with each other!



That connection starts with remembering what Christmas is all about. Sure, Christmas trees, cookies, Christmas sweaters, piles of presents. They’re all great. But Christmas is really about something way better than any of that.

Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus’ birth!

God gave the whole world the chance to reconnect with Him through His Son, Jesus. AND God gave some simple shepherds a great reason for connecting with others! Now *that is one incredible gift—a gift worthy of our worship!*

Each week in December we will be releasing an online video and handing out an at-home activity kit. To register your family for our Connected Christmas program, email me at [stacy.hall@ifallscovenant.org](mailto:stacy.hall@ifallscovenant.org)

So this Christmas we invite your family to reconnect with each other and with God as you watch some sweet ...and sometimes silly reenactments of the events surrounding the birth of our Savior. Along with each episode, there are lots of activity ideas for your family to choose from to help you continue connecting. Whether you love to sing, create, bake, be active, or serve, there is something for you! We hope you’ll laugh and learn along with us as we celebrate together. May we all have a very connected Christmas this year!  
Serve with Love,  
Stacy



### Missions Update

This is a gentle reminder to continue to fulfill your faith promises for 2021-2022. The monthly giving from the congregation is not keeping up with amount we send out to our missionaries each month. If you are new, and would like to give, label your contribution for missions. Please be in prayer about this.

**Michelle Paulino** - YWAM, Minneapolis Michelle and her husband, Raffi, work with Bilingual (Spanish) YWAM outside of the Twin Cities. They welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Marik, on September 29, 2021. Please pray: 1. For the Bilingual Discipleship Training School (BDTS) coming up in the new year. 2. For God’s hand over them as new parents to Baby Marik. 3. For guidance for Michelle as she prays about how much to be involved in the ministry.

**Nathan Enns** - Canada, Camp of the Woods He thanks us for praying and supporting him for the past 2 years. The summer camps went very well, with the Lord working in the kids and staff. His requests are: 1. That we are able to reach the community and find opportunities to connect despite COVID restrictions. 2. For wisdom as we plan for winter camp and other off-season events. We need to figure out what we are allowed to do. 3. For prayer, as he is raising support again for the coming year.

**Anna and Peter Kim** - Serve Globally, Taiwan Anna has been in the States to attend her father’s funeral and reunite with her family after many years of separation. Before coming, they were thankful to have the peace of knowing that Taiwan was where God wants them to be. Their children are happy there. Their requests are: 1. That Anna returns safely to Taiwan, and all COVID tests are negative. She has to quarantine at a hotel for 15 days after returning. She can go home December 5. 2. That Peter has managed the family activities since she has been gone. 3. For wisdom as they help Nathan, their oldest, decide on the right college. 4. Thanks that Taiwan is returning back to “normal”, since vaccination rates are up.

A note: We will have weekly missionary prayer requests on the back of the bulletin beginning January 2022. Penny Zoupas will be editing the requests each week.