

**Children's CHRISTMAS Program, during
10:00 a.m. worship, December 2nd**



Jesus Means
Christmas
to Me



To the angels, Christ's birth meant great joy on earth. To the shepherds, He meant hope for all. To the wise men, He represented the greatest gift one could ever receive. As we follow the story of Jesus' coming in our musical, the Sunday School students will discover what Christmas truly means to them! The children's choir will share the wonder of the manger scene as it teaches them the real reason we celebrate the season. Don't Miss it!

College Congregation Connection: (Adopt-A-College Kid)

With December coming, the students will be finishing up fall classes and heading into Finals! Remember them with your prayers, your messages of encouragement, your little 'treats'!



HEIFER PROJECT:

During the month of December, we are asking the Sunday School classes to bring in their QUARTERS...each Sunday...and we will collect them to share in our church's mission of the Heifer Project. Thank you for your participation in a program helping to end world hunger!



TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD



Judy Hora ~ Lay Leader

Do you ever think about how our Lord God sent his Son to earth, knowing what may happen? How many of us have fretted, and worried, when we watch our children go out the door? Would we let a child, a loved one leave us, knowing that harm would come to them to save someone else? The Lord did that, to save us. How can we even measure the love the Lord has for us? Our Father loves you the same way He loves Jesus. Think about that! Even though you are not yet perfected, you are perfectly loved. So fear not, but open your heart fully to your Father in heaven who loves you. When you see Him the way He truly is, your soul will take comfort in His great mercy and love.

Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,

Christ died for us.



John 15:9-11 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

God Bless you. Merry Christmas



NOVEMBER REVIEW

Date	General Budget
November 4	\$3,905.52
November 11	\$2,317.25
November 18	\$3,118.00
November 25	\$2,835.00

Needed monthly: \$13,352.00

May your generosity to the general budget, the auction, and mission projects be blessed.



Finance Committee

Outreach Opportunities

First thank you for all your generosity:



- ◆ 101 shoeboxes were delivered to Operation Christmas Child. These will be distributed world wide by Christmas. What a special time for the kids!
Thanks Lynne Peters, Confirmation Class, and all who contributed.
- ◆ East Central Iowa Coop gave us three turkeys to give away. We gave these to local families, along with gift cards to Thriftway.
- ◆ to all who celebrate their birthdays by giving to the birthday box
- ◆ for peanut butter that is sent home with school children to help their families food situations

During December you may wish to share the Christmas spirit by

- ◆ Selecting a local child's name from our giving tree. The child's age and a gift idea will also be on the tag. Please wrap the gift with the tag attached and return it by Tuesday, December 18. We suggest a gift worth around \$20.
- ◆ giving to our annual Advent offering. This year's projects are :
 - Heifer Project, which helps people around the world become more self-sufficient by starting an animal enterprise. This is truly life-changing for these families.
 - Women at the Well - This prison ministry is funded by private donations through churches like ours. This support system teaches these women that Jesus loves them. It is hoped they will gain hope and skills for a better life.
 - KNWS - Do you enjoy listening to our local Christian radio station? Their positive message touches lives across eastern Iowa.



May you have a blessed Christmas season.



You are all invited to join the choir at the LPC Care Center on Wed. Dec. 19th at 4:30 and then on to the home of Ron & Bev Crooks for a little more singing. Please bring an appetizer to share.



DECEMBER



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship & Christmas Program 10 am Christmas Tea @ Sacred Heart at 6:30 pm	3 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	4 Outreach 5:30 pm Trustee Mtg. 7 pm	5 Prayer 9:30 Chimes 4:15 pm Jubilation! Practice 5 pm Finance Mtg. 6:30 pm Education Mtg. 7	6 Fitness @ 6 pm	7	1 Fitness @ 8 am <hr/> 8 UMW Brunch @ 9 am
9 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship 10 am SPRC Mtg. After Worship	10 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	11 Council 6:30 pm	12 Prayer 9:30 am Jubilation! 5 pm	13 Faith Kindness 9 am Fitness @ 6 pm	14	15 Fitness @ 8 am
16 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 10 am 80th Birthday Celebration for Judy Anton 2-4 pm	17 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	18 Council 6:30 pm	19 Peace Circle 9 am Prayer 9:30 am Chimes 4:15 pm Caroling @ Care Center @ 4:30	20	21	22 Fitness @ 8 am
23 NO Sunday School Worship Service 10 am	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight ! service @  7:00	25	26 Prayer 9:30 am	27	28	29 Fitness @ 8 am
30 NO Sunday School Worship Service 10 am	31 Office Closed			Bible Study 9 am		

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