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C oon we will mark the beginning of the new church year as well as the ending of the previous one. A major theme of Advent is hope. In this issue of Tidings, we not only see reasons to give thanks but also reasons to have hope.

President Debbie Yocky is thankful for her time of service in the LWML. Pastor Scheele links the two upcoming holidays with giving thanks and looking forward with hope. Through our mite box giving, we, as members of the LWML, have given hope to the children of Haiti. Read the article by Becky Meyer for more information on Trinity HOPE. Also note that we have seven mission grants that are paid in full with five remaining to be paid through your generous donations.

The LWML Gifts of Love Ministry hopes to grow LWML'S life transforming ministry and provide enduring support for Gospel based mission work for generations to come. Find out more by reading about Gifts of Love in this issue and contacting Carol von Soosten.

Also in this issue of *Tidings* is a page of Christmas cards to print, color, and send to friends and shut ins, or include with a gift. Around the District note upcoming events, inspiration from the zones, and an article about our first District retreat.

Please let Brenda Sima know what you'd like to see in the LWML store next June. Also start gathering items for the Gifts from the Heart collected at the upcoming convention in June. Consider potential Young Women's Representatives from your zone to the District Convention. More information will be given in our next edition.

Finally take time to read an article written by Emily Geisler that not only speaks to the power of prayer but also to the powerful connections we have through our faith in Jesus and our sisters in the LWML.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Romans 15:13**

Tidings Editor, Sue Giddings

Debbie Yocky
PRESIDENT

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly



Colossians 3:15-17

Biennium Theme Verse

T am so thankful for the opportunity to serve as your District President over the past three and half years. I have traveled to almost every corner of our vast district and we are blessed to live in a beautiful region of the country. I have enjoyed seeing the fall colors and the snow on the mountains over the last few weeks. I've traveled through high desert and farm communities. We have such a variety of communities in our district but we share a common bond as sisters in Christ. After a year of no travel, it has been wonderful to get out and meet face to face with the women of our district. Thank you for your kindness and hospitality.

As Thanksgiving approaches, what are you thankful for? Family, the freedom to gather to worship, your faith? We are so blessed as Christians. I am thankful for my husband and children. Our daughter is attending medical school in Albuquerque so we see her often but I haven't seen my son in person in over 18 months. He is planning on being home for Christmas and I can't wait to see him. I am thankful for the fellowship of my LWML sisters via Zoom or in person. Our District Retreat was a wonderful experience that I will never forget. Deb Burma led our Bible Study using materials and stories from her new book Be Still. Deb is an engaging and fun speaker. She was so approachable and friendly. President Debbie Larson also joined us for the Retreat. It was so much fun to get to know these ladies a little better.

I try to take the time each day to record at least one thing that I am thankful for as well spend some time in prayer. This practice helps me focus on how God is providing for me even on the difficult days. I know many of you are facing challenging circumstances. Please let us know if we can pray for you.

The Events Planning Committee and Executive Committee are hard at work preparing for the 2022 Albuquerque Convention. If you attended a Fall Rally you heard a little about the Convention which will be held June 3-5, 2022. Our theme is Perfect Gifts from Above based on James 1:17. We will be celebrating our past 50 Conventions during our Saturday Fiesta Banquet. We have planned wonderful Mission speakers, Enrichment sessions, and Servant Projects and a Moving for Mites Event. More details will be posted on our website and the registration form will be in the next Tidings issue. I can't wait to see you all in Albuquerque.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Debbie

Give Thanks as we Look Forward with Hope

s we move into the months of A November and December we are often focused on Giving Thanks and yet we are looking forward to what is coming. We begin the month of November with Giving Thanks to God for all the saints of the past who have guided us to the Word of God so that we can look forward to the Love, Peace and Joy that God is giving to us now in part and in perfect fullness on that last day, as we are taken to our heavenly home. God reminds us of this through the Apostle Peter as he writes, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Giving Thanks on all Saints Sunday, is giving thanks to God for the blessed saint He has put in our lives. These Saints have lead us to our Savior and Lord to gives us a Hope that is beyond the things of this world, as we look forward to the new life God has given to us. Giving Thanks on Thanksgiving to God for all that He has provided for us in the past year, is again also looking to all

the blessings that God has given to us in our family, friends and all the ways that God has blessed us with the good things of this world now as we look forward to our final heavenly home. Giving Thanks at Christmas is rejoicing in all that God has given to us as He sent His only Son into a dark and cold world to bring the light of the world back into focus in our lives.

The Apostle Peter's words are so true during this time of the year, because throughout these next two months we are Giving Thanks to God for what He has done in our lives and at the same time we are looking forward to a better time which causes us to, rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. (1 Peter 1:8) What a Joy it is to remember all the loving Saints put in our lives to lead us to an even greater Joy of being with them in the heavenly Home prepared for us. What a Joy it is to remember all the provisions God has given to us in the past year as we celebrate with our loved ones and friends in the bounty of God's love for us. What a Joy it is to prepare and partake in the celebration of the coming of the Christ Child into this world so that we can live in this world with the hope that Jesus has given to us by His life, death and resurrection. May these next two months be filled with Thanksgiving as we look forward to the hope given to each of us as we remember the Saint who brought us to God's Hope, as we remember the provisions that God has provided us with, as we remember the greatest gift of all the Christ Child who came into this world to give us the everlasting LOVE, PEACE and JOY that only God can give to us by His love for us. Amen.

Pr. Pete Scheele
SENIOR PASTORAL
COUNSELOR



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Becky Meyer GOSPEL OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEMBER



Providing Hope for Haiti

The country's prime minister was linked to the president's assassination. A senator tried taking power. A shooting meant to stop the takeover paralyzed the center of the capital, Port-au-Prince. Since July, when President Jovenel Moïse was shot, they've faced a devastating earthquake and flash floods, disasters that left over 2,000 dead and many more injured and displaced, adding to the toll that poverty, hunger and increasing violence already exact on the country. The daily concerns for most are simple: finding their next meal tops the list, many said.

*Excerpts from the *New York Times* article of Sept. 16, 2021

Even before the events of 2021, the people of Haiti have faced intense suffering. The statistics are staggering: 62% of Haitians suffer from malnutrition, 48% of Haitians over 15-years old are illiterate, 2 out of 3 Haitians live on less than \$2 per day, and 60% of Haitians practice Voodoo. It is a desperate situation in need of hope, and Mission Grant recipient Trinity HOPE is working to provide both hope for today and hope for eternity for the children of Haiti.

In 1999, founder John Hall was serving in Haiti on a mission trip and observed that the children were struggling in school due to lack of food. Knowing that "An empty stomach has no ears", John began a school feeding program. It started with just one school of 42 children and today serves over 52,000 meals each day at over 240 schools. Trinity HOPE directly addresses the intense needs of Haiti.

Malnutrition: Five days a week, school children receive a meal of either rice & beans or corn & beans. For 50% of those served, this is the only meal they will eat all day.

Literacy: In addition to allowing the children to focus on what they are learning instead of their empty stomachs, the children's teachers, principals, and parents say that this meal is the motivation for many of the kids to stay in school.

Economic Hardship: Trinity HOPE invests \$2,250,000 in the Haitian economy each year. All of the food is purchased from local Haitian vendors; the program employs 30 Haitians to serve as Feeding Program Directors; and, through the Shared Support program, the schools provide the cooks' monthly salaries.

Need for Christ: Trinity HOPE works exclusively in Christian schools that teach the Gospel. 95% of the children fed through this ministry come to believe in Jesus Christ.

At a cost of only 25¢ per meal, the \$5,000 grant from the Rocky Mountain District will provide 20,000 meals. This grant has just recently been funded. We need your continued support in collecting your mites! To learn more about the Trinity HOPE ministry and to grow from the daily devotionals they provide, visit trinityhope.org

There are five more grants awaiting completion before the end of the biennium. Please keep those mite offerings coming in to our treasurer and always remember them in your prayers.

Promises

I finally gave in just so she would quit asking. There was a lady at my church who wanted me to go to some conference or something, and I had just had a baby the year before. She had also asked while I was pregnant with that baby the previous year. Finally I just said I would apply. I was selected as a YWR for the Rocky Mountain District to Peoria, Illinois.

This is how I became addicted to LWML conventions. I have never regretted this and always encourage other women to attend Conventions and to apply to be YWRs. We are in that season again where the young women are considering and preparing their applications to be YWRs. I didn't really know what I was applying for, and I think the ladies that apply just trust whoever urged them to apply that this is something beneficial and right. We need to

remind them (and ourselves) that, all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28) I applied blindly, stepping out in faith. This is what God asks of us, and assures us that our path is being cleared by Him.

Sometimes this is hard for me. I'm a "planner" and I like to be in control and know what is going on. I don't like being surprised by circumstances I could have avoided. "Letting go and letting God" is very hard for me. Paul encourages us in his letters to the churches he ministered to that we need to remind ourselves of the past promises that God has made and kept to reassure us. So, we trust in the promise and step out in faith. This is what God intended for us to do, and He promises that it will be good.

Shelley Stewart
SERVANT RESOURCES



Which Emails Are You Getting from the District?

Are you getting the right emails from LWML Rocky Mountain District? We discovered recently that the email sign up on our website didn't have all the categories or types of email messages listed. It has since been corrected.

Wait, how do I set an email preference from LWML RMD? If you have received an email from the district (and you still have that email), you can set the preferences of which type of emails your receive from us. Some people want to receive every email and others just would like one type. At the bottom of every LWML RMD email, there is a Mailchimp logo and above that is an "update your preferences" link. If you

no longer want to receive any emails from us, then use the "unsubscribe from this list" link.

Wait, I'm not receiving any emails and I would like to. It works best to sign up from our website to receive emails. This keeps LWML RMD in compliance with spam email rules. To sign up to receive emails from us, head over to lwmlrmd.org/news-events/ and connect with us. You will receive a welcome email sometime after subscribing. Don't forget to share your birthday with us so we can send you a special message on your birthday. By the way, to answer the html vs text format question, if you want to see graphics and images, select html.

Tanya Hall
COMMUNICATIONS VP



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Beth Weber

GIFTS OF LOVE ADVOCATE



urt and Sally were simple folks. B They worked hard. They raised their family. They were comfortable but never extravagant in their lifestyle. They were shocked when their net assets added up to \$742,000 as they were doing some end-of-life planning. They had been contributing \$7,500 to their local congregation each year. They were pleased to learn that if they placed \$187,500 in a personal endowment when they were called home to heaven, their church offering would be endowed until Jesus returns. It would be just as if they were still making their faithful contributions to their church each year. With this plan, they would still be able to give over \$225,000 to each of their children as inheritance.

That plan felt right to them. They would be caring for the family they love and supporting the ministry of their congregation which they believed was sharing the Gospel of Jesus with many.

What is the plan the Lord has created for you? Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started in constructing your plan.

Contact: Carol von Soosten by email, Carol.vonSoosten@lfnd.org, Phone: 800-741-4138, on our web site: lwmlgiftplan.org or your Rocky Mountain District GOL Advocate, Elizabeth Weber, by email at weber4342@acsol.net or on her cell: 970-361-0794.

Mites

Remember to send mites to our treasurer:

Yvonne Steeby LWML RMD Treasurer PO Box 1657 Alamogordo, NM 88310 Kingdom Kids' Camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat: \$5,000 I Paid in Full

Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Co-op Financial Assistance: \$8,000 | \$3,250 Paid

God Cares About You –
"Children's Weekend Food
Bag Ministry":
\$8,000 | Paid in Full

Mercy Meals of Colorado Springs: \$5,000 | Paid in Full

Interns at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Navajo, NM: \$9,000 I Paid in Full Support for University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, CO: \$8,000 | \$3,250 Paid

Introducing Muslims to the Savior — Lutheran Heritage Foundation: \$5,000

Filling Haitian Tummies
Opens Ears to the Gospel —
Trinity HOPE:
\$5,000 | Paid in Full

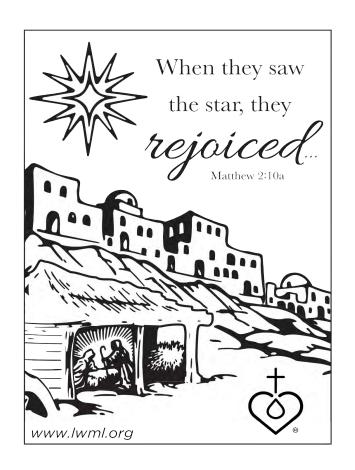
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Reaching the Hispanic Community of Commerce City, CO: \$7,996 | Paid in Full

LWML Global Bible Studies by Donna Pyle: \$3,964.28 | Paid in Full

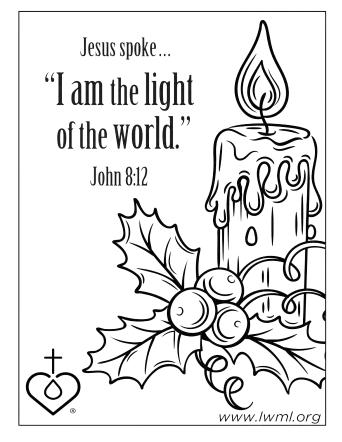
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*Bethesda grant removed ...









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Our First Fall Retreat, Be Still

On the weekend of September 10–12, over 50 women from the Rocky Mountain District found their bunks at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp and prepared to *Be Still*. The weather was lovely and the group met outside for Bible Study with leader, Deb Burma. We went to God's word and found inspiration from stormy situations like the disciples in the boat with a peacefully sleeping Jesus while a storm raged around them. Or the storms of disease, like the woman who hoped so much in Jesus healing power that though she could not touch him, she touched his garment. Or the storms of scurry that Martha created when Jesus visited her home. In all of the examples studied, people came to God burdened and He took their burdens from them.

After Bible study we were sent out to find a quiet place to be still and know God in our lives. After that we enjoyed camp activities such as archery, wood carving, hiking, and picking choke cherries.

On Sunday morning we worshiped and communed together with Pastor Scheele as our leader. God blessed us as we found ourselves being still.

Be still and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth! Psalm 46:10

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Inspiration From our Zones

I t was a busy fall with the district retreat and activities in our zones. President Debbie Yocky attended many of the rallies and sent along a powerpoint for those she could not personally attend.

YWR, Stella Shoultz attended the Four Corners Zone Rally via Zoom. Her presentation included slides from the National Convention and she spoke of how important the ability to connect with multigenerational Lutheran ladies was to her spiritual growth at a time when she was feeling isolated.

Nancy Kraft from Grace Fellowship in Gypsum, CO shared a fun idea for

collecting mites. In her church they gave out plastic tubes containing mini candies. In return for the treat, congregation members were asked to return the plastic tubes filled with their own Mighty Mites.

The North Central Zone was able to Zoom with Deaconess Rachel and Pastor Philip Jaseph regarding their mission to Uruguay. Pastor Leitzau gave a Bible study centered around faith. He used the example of Peter walking to Jesus on the water.

We welcome all to contribute anecdotes from their society or zone. Email Tidings editor, Sue Giddings.

Upcoming Events

November 1 Online Bible Study with Tanya Hall Dwelling in the

Word Through Hymns

November 15 Online Bible Study with Tanya Hall

November 13 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom

November 29 Advent Begins

February 1, 2022 Quarterly Renewal is due

February 4-5 Board of Directors Meeting in Denver area

May 1 Scholarship Deadline

June 3-5 LWML RMD Convention in Albuquerque, N.M.

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Brenda Sima CHRISTIAN LIFE VP

Restocking our Store

ur 2022 District Convention is looming right around the corner and I am trying to update the LWML store! We have some beautiful items in our LWML store, all branded with the LWML logo. Items range from clothing, including polo shirts, sweaters, baseball jerseys, t-shirts, blouses, socks, aprons, scarves, and baseball caps; jewelry, including bracelets charms, earrings, lapel pins, and necklaces; devotionals, including mustard seeds, devotionals of various themes, and lots of cards; gift items, including notes, notepads, stickers, mugs, cups, water bottles, kitchen gadgets, pot holders, phone wallets, emery boards, luggage tags and LWML bags. The items in our store range in price from \$1.00-\$50.00 each.

I am requesting your help with our endeavor to increase our store's inventory for the Convention. I know most women love to browse and shop, and I am asking you to go to the LWML website at lwml.org and browse the items that are available for purchase. I would like you to send an email to me at rbdsima@frontier.net with your selections, the sizes you want, and/or the quantity needed. We will take the information that you send to me to select the items that we will

order for our Convention. This would really benefit our Christian Life committee by helping us select for the LWML store items that you would like to buy at the Convention. Remember: you can always order online from our LWML website, but to eliminate paying freight costs, buying at the Convention can be quite a savings.

Also, if you have items that were for sale at your Zone Rally, please return the remainder of the items in your Zone Rally bags to: Brenda Sima, 904 Leyden Street, Durango, CO 81301. I need to inventory all our items before placing an order for more items. Please send the money for any items sold at the Zone Rally to Brenda Sima or Yvonne Steeby. Please put a note in the bag to Brenda if you are including money for sales. Thank you for your help. Your postage for sending the bags to Brenda can be billed to the District.

I thank each of you for taking the time to check out our online store and for sending me a follow-up email with your selections. I hope you all are enjoying our brilliant Fall season. Our Savior certainly created a season of beauty and bliss this year!

Until next time..

Perfect Gifts from the Heart Wish List

H ere are the wish lists for the three outreaches we will be supporting with our Gifts from the Heart Ingathering in Albuquerque. Now is the time to start watching for bargains!

God Cares About You shares Christ's love to the disadvantaged in ABQ's "international" zone:

~Children's Bible Story Books, new or used in good condition Check library sales, thrift stores and dollar stores for Bible story books.

~Hygiene Kits, hand towel, wash cloth, bar of soap and small packet of tissue in a large ziplock bag

Hartley House provides support and provisions to battered women:

- ~New Underwear, all sizes and in original packaging
- ~Feminine Hygiene Products, in original box or packaging

Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care proclaims the Gospel on both sides of the border:

~Blankets, all sizes, new or gently used. Why not donate extra blankets in your closet or sew simple blankets out of extra fabric?

~New Toys,	for ages 1 through 12		
All Ages	Toy Vehicles (no batteries)	3-7	Pretend Play
All Ages	Puzzles	3-12	Fidget Toys
All Ages	Lego Blocks	5-7	
	Coloring Books	1-3	
	Learning Toys	5-8	
	Cooking & Kitchen	1-5	
	Plush Toys	7-9	
	Surprise Toys	2-12	
	Action Figures	7-12	
	Craft Kits	2-12	
	Dolls	10-12	
	Board Games		

The Mission Servants Committee is looking forward to collecting all your "Perfect Gifts." Let's touch lots of people with the love of Jesus through these three ministries!

Linda Harsh MISSION SERVANTS CHAIR



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Emily Geisler
GUEST AUTHOR

Connected to Christ and One Another



s I sit down to write this, my ${f A}$ thoughts are rather scattered. I had intended to write about connections, and now, even more so. As many of you know, on May 18th, 2021, my daughter, Abigail fell approximately 15 feet. As a result of her fall, she shattered part of her skull, which tore up her temporal lobe. Abigail is currently in Carrie Tingly Rehab Unit at the University of New Mexico Hospital. I've lost track of the number of times we have moved rooms, I think it's around 10 times now. Abigail has also visited 4 pediatric units.

Throughout this experience, my family and I have had so much support from people, many of whom we don't know, and it is through the various connections that God has given us that we have been able to draw strength, comfort, and support.

First, I would like to direct you to I Corinthians 12:12. In this verse Paul writes, For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. Paul later writes that we are connected to Christ through His baptism, death, and resurrection, and thus we are connected to each other. Paul then writes that we all have different gifts and talents that we have been allotted. My gift is to teach. Others have the gift of compassion, some are gifted at prayer, and others still the gift of generosity. The Church would not grow and progress if we all had the same gift, and yet, we have a common purpose, not only to spread the Gospel, but to support one another. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. I Thessalonians 5:11.

My family and I have been surrounded by support from around the world, and we can never accurately express our gratitude for all the support we have received.

From the LWML we have received numerous cards of encouragement and gift packages. We have received quilts and blankets, care packages with items for not only Abigail, but for her twin sister Elizabeth, as well as items for Mark and myself. What amazes me the most, is that not only have we received items from the societies that I have been a part of, we've also received from ladies in Florida and Maine. I thank God for this powerful group of women.

I must confess I was disheartened when I was not going to be able to attend the convention in Kentucky this past summer, but I knew that I would have sisters there. My dear sister Beth, told me that y'all had prayed for Abigail at convention, and I couldn't hold my tears back. Knowing of the hundreds of prayers that have been offered on our behalf, I can't even find the words to describe what that feels like.

The next time you have a struggle or a challenge, and you think you are alone, look for your connections that God has given you, because I promise you, you are not alone. It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:8.

If you would like to follow Abigail's recovery, please visit: https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/abigailrecovery/journal If you would like to support the family, contact Emily Geisler directly.

wwid_chick2004@hotmail.com

Attention Young Women

W hy do the Rocky Mountain
District and the National LWML
have Young Women Committees?

The goals behind the Committee on Young Women are threefold:

- 1) to encourage young women to attend the LWML National Convention and local district conventions.
- 2) to energize and mentor younger women to connect and grow in relationships as sisters in Christ.
- 3) to equip and encourage young women to become more involved in their congregation and the mission of LWML.

Who are the young women in your congregation you can reach out to? Young mothers? Yes. A college student? Yes. A recent transfer who

moved for a new job? Yes. Take the first step to introduce yourself and then personally invite them to a Women's Bible Study or a Lutheran Women in Mission meeting.

While we are all different ages in the LWML, Jesus Christ links us all together, complementing each woman's gifts, talents and strengths.

Finally, pray for the young women in your congregation. Smile at the young mothers. Put a card of encouragement in their church mailbox (signed or anonymously). Tell them you are praying for them and that they are an important part of your church.

I would love to hear your stories of reaching out to the young women in your congregation. You can reach me at <code>comygwomen@lwmlrmd.org</code>

Lisa Weber
COMMITTEE ON
YOUNG WOMEN
CHAIR



Child of Promise, An Advent Devotion

L utheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has a new series of devotions for Advent called, *Child of Promise*.

A joyful look at the miracle of Jesus' birth, Christians may use this devotional series to reflect on the hope God offers the world at Christmas.

From the beginning, foretold in Genesis and proclaimed throughout the Old Testament, God announced the coming Messiah to a wayward world. Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of God's promises. Announced beforehand by the prophets, in the Christ Child we have the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of life eternal.

Daily devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith. You can share them with friends and family.

Go to Ihm.org where you can choose to have them delivered to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, or access them on your mobile device.

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An Advent Devotion For the Family Table

The Advent wreath is lighted, adding the lighting of one candle for each week of holy Advent. Each week sing one verse from the hymn, O Come O Come Emmanuel (LSB 357) in this order: verse 4, 5, 6, and 1.

Family members can take turns reading the prophecy for each day.

Dec. 3 – "The scepter shall not depart from Judah" (Gen. 49:10).

Dec. 4 – "A star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel" (Num. 24:17).

Dec. 5 – "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers" (Deut. 18:18).

Dec. 6 – "He shall build a house for my name" (2 Sam. 7:13).

Dec. 7 – "Your throne shall be established forever" (2 Sam. 7:16).

Dec. 8 – "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Is. 7:14).

Dec. 9 – "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given" (Is. 9:6).

Dec. 10 – "And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Is 9:6).

Dec. 11 – "Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end" (Is. 9:7).

Dec. 12 – "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse" (Is. 11:1).

Dec. 13 – "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him" (Is. 11:2).

Dec. 14 – "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb" (Is. 11:6).

Dec. 15 – "And a little child shall lead them" (Is. 11:6).

Dec. 16 – "In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples" (Is. 11:10).

Dec. 17 – "The Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you" (Is. 60:2).

Dec. 18 – "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down" (Is. 64:1).

Dec. 19 – "I will raise up for David a righteous Branch" (Jer. 23:5).

Dec. 20 – "And this is the name by which he will be called: The Lord is our righteousness" (Jer. 23:6).

Dec. 21 – "The sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (Mal. 4:2).

Dec. 22 – "O Bethlehem ... from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel" (Micah 5:2).

Dec. 23 – "[His] coming forth is from of old, from ancient days" (Micah 5:2).

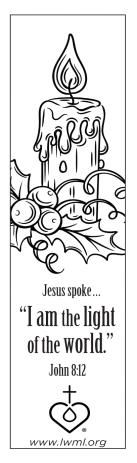
Dec. 24 – "When all was still and it was midnight, Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne" (Wis. 18:14,15). (See Introit for Christmas Midnight.)

Grace All pray or sing together:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blest. Amen, amen, amen. LSB 776

The candle or candles are extinguished following the meal.

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