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# St. Paul's Newsletter

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#### That's Christmas

This is the time of year when our hearts turn toward home and loved ones. We look forward to family gatherings, and we

are saddened if we can't be home for Christmas.

For our sake,
Christ left
his home at
Christmas. He
left the glory of
heaven to come to our
sin-filled world. He paid
our debt to provide the
way home to the Father.

Through Jesus we are adopted as God's beloved children. It is through Christ that we can call the almighty, holy God "Abba, Father." Our equivalent word for Abba is "Daddy."

I know how I feel when Rachael calls me Daddy, it warms my heart. Abba is the trusting child's cry of joy and love. What a privilege we have in Jesus that we can call God "Abba, Father."

May we grow as his children in an

ever-deepening relationship of gratitude and love. That's Christmas.

Pastor Kim



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# **December Red Hats**

The Entire Church is invited to this event!

Get your "Merry" on and come sing Christmas Carols at the Care Centers!

Date: Monday, December 1st. TOMORROW!

Time: Meet at the church at 10:00am.

1st Care Center: Caroling at Applewood Morning Star at 10:30am

(2800 Youngfield St. Lakewood)

Lunch: We are having a Sloppy Joe lunch at the church prepared by Dorothy and

Bette between our singing engagements! THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU!

2nd Care Center: Caroling at Western Hills at 12:30pm

(1625 Carr St. Lakewood)

We have music books for everyone and Connie will be joining us on the piano! Singing ability optional!

RSVP by signing up or talking with Bette or Sharon!



# **Christian Women of Faith**



Our December Women of Faith Christmas Party is at an unusual time and on an unusual day!

Date: Wednesday, December 3rd. Time: 6:00pm

Place: Bette and Katie's! (Avenida - 11001 W. 15th Pl.)

Food: Potluck to go with Bette's Swedish Meatballs!

If you didn't sign up, please contact Bette to see what we need!

**Bring:** A wrapped toy (preference for Teddy Bears this year for Children's Hospital). We will play our fun Christmas Game with the toys (bears), enjoy the fun of unwrapping them, then donate them to the toy drive! If the toy is a teddy bear, we will put it in the bin at Bette and Katie's place for Children's Hospital. If it is a non Teddy Bear toy, we will bring it back to the church for the St. Paul's December Mission Toy Drive which is going to the Boys and Girl's Club.

RSVP to Bette or Katie ASAP!

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# **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Our Candlelight Service will be at 5:00 pm. The service lasts about 45 minutes and always ends with "lighting" individual candles while singing "Silent Night". Please set the time aside in your busy schedule to join us for this special service.

## **No Bible Studies**

Because of the holidays, we will not have Bible Study Tuesday December 23 and 30 and Thursday December 25 and January 1. Our studies will resume January 6 and 8.

# **Noon Year's Eve Party**

As is our annual tradition, we will have a NOON Year's Eve party on Wednesday, December 31st. We will gather at 11am and have a ball drop at noon, celebrating 2026 with sparkling juice, party hats, noise makers and cheers! This is a potluck game day! Bring your favorite game-snacking food and your favorite game and join us! If you don't have a favorite game, no worries! Come and join in the fun and find a new favorite! This event is lots of fun and we will be done long before it gets dark and the roads fill with crazy people.

## SERMONS AND SCRIPTURE



#### December 7

#### "Worthy Fruit"

Psalm 72:1-7 Romans 15:4-13 \*Matthew 3:1-12

#### December 21

"It's A Boy"

Psalm 80:1-7 Romans 1:1-7 \*Matthew 1:18-25

#### December 14

#### "Are You the One?"

Psalm 146:5-10 James 5:7-10 \*Matthew 11:2-11

#### December 28

"Time To Go"

Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 \*Matthew 2:13-23

\*Message Scripture

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# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	10:00am Church-wide Red Hat Caroling!	2 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	3 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's (6th and Simms) 6pm Women of Faith Christmas Party	4 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	5	6
7 Team 4 Second Week of Advent 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship	8 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice	9 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	10 5:30pm Church Event Planning 6:30pm Church Council	11 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	12	13
14 Team 5  Third Week of Advent  10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship	15	<ul><li>16</li><li>10:00am Quilters</li><li>6:30pm Tuesday Evening</li><li>Bible Study</li></ul>	17	18 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	19	20
21 Team 6  Fourth Week of Advent  10:00am Worship  Fellowship after Worship  Happy First Day of Wintert	22	23 10:00am Quilters	5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas!  IESUS is the reason for the season!  Merry Christmas!	26	27
28 Team 1  10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship  Newsletter Items Due	29	30 10:00am Quilters	31 11:00am NOON Year's Eve Party!	1 September 1	2	3

November Attendance							
Worship Service		Tuesday Bible Study		Thursday Bible Study			
November 2:	57	November 4:	15	Nov. 6: N	lo Bible Study		
November 9:	53	November 11:	15	November 13	: 15		
November 16:	54	November 18:	12	November 20	): 19		
November 23:	61	November 25:	10	Nov. 27:	Thanksgiving		
Men's Prayer Breakfast November 5:		6					
Church Olive Garden Lunch November 13:		34					
Women of Faith November 17:		13					
Christmas Decorating November 29:		19					

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

8 Tim R 23 Shirley S 1 Gary and Pennyrae J

10 Michelle J 23 Peggy T

18 Keith A



# Cans for Christ (Shauna)

Starting Balance 11/1/2025	\$ 0.83
Income	\$ 29.42
Outgoing	\$ <u>-0.00</u>
Ending Balance 11/28/2025	\$ 30.25



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# **Update to New Roster!**

We have our first update!

Marlys Duggan has a new phone with a new number! 720-246-9046 cell

Please add this to your new roster!

# November Church Council (Gary)

The holiday season is upon us.

The council approved the new 2026 annual calendar which are now for sale \$10.00. They are very nice and more substantial than last year.

Our gifts to help Slater Elementary Families were greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone who help feed and provide assistance. (Previously money provided by the Federal Government)

Pastor Kim reminded us of the upcoming advent Sundays: November 30, December 7,  $14^{th}$ , and 21sr. Our Church Christmas Candlelight service will be the evening of December  $24^{th}$ .

The Council approved the Parsonage concrete repair via mud jacking. They will be repairing settled concrete all around the Parsonage property.

Carpet stretching/repair estimates for the Church, have been secured by Clark and received preliminary approval.

Helen provided the proposed 2026 Church Budget for discussion. A few changes were agreed upon and an updated proposal will be reviewed at our next meeting. The budget will be presented to the congregation for December  $14^{th}$ , 2025.

I have confirmed that at least for the coming year (2026) all council members will continue to serve their positions. Thanks to all.

In closing this month, I would like to recognize Keith A for his ongoing efforts to keep the Church clean and in order. Thank you, Keith.

In Christ Gary



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# MISSION MOMENT (PASTOR KIM)

## Missions for December Split

November 30, December 7 and December 14 our mission will be toys and money for the Boys and Girls Club of Denver Metro Area. There is a box for the collection of toys placed in the entrance area. A suggested list of items needed is posted by the box for your help in buying. December 21 and 28 will be for our Compassion Fund. Thank you for helping those in need.

