



Joy

DECEMBER 12, 2021

We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading – Joy

Sonshine Singers – “He Shall Reign Forevermore”

Praise Singing

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing Medley”

Congregational Prayer

“What Child is This?”

We Hear God’s

Children’s Message – Beth Redeker

Message – Gabriel: How Do You Spell Joy?

Scripture – See Sermon Notes

We Respond to God

Prayer

Jr Choir – “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Blessing

Memory Verse for Jan 5th

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-Romans 6:23



Gabriel

Exploring Heavenly Interactions

Gabriel: How Do You Spell Joy?

The Great Joy-Killer: _____ & _____

Three People Who Encountered Fear (& Gabriel)

Zechariah was troubled by Gabriel's _____. (Luke 1:8-13)

Mary was troubled by Gabriel's _____. (Luke 1:26-30)

Joseph was troubled by _____. (Mat. 1:18-21, 2:13-14, 19-21,22-3)

Fear of _____
Fear of son being murder
Fear of family rejection (Maybe)
Fear of _____

Summary:

1. Fear & anxiety are rampant in the birth story and in our stories.
2. Joy is not just a _____, it's more than a _____, it's a _____ which God grows in us as we remain connected to Jesus.

APPLICATION: Put _____ first. (John 15:1-11)

How do you spell joy?

J _____
o _____
y _____

Practical Next Step:

Quietly read your Bible and pray. Make time for Jesus.

Upcoming Events

- Dec 12** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Jr Choir, Sonshine Singers
 10:45am – Sunday School, Shepherd Meeting
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Dec 14** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Dec 15** 6:00pm – K-5th Grade Christmas Program Practice
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Mixed Choir
- Dec 16** 6:30pm – 4K Christmas Program
- Dec 19** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Mixed Choir Cantata
 10:45am – Sunday School
 6:30pm – Sunday School Christmas Program

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight is our Christmas party! See you at 6:30!

High School – Wednesday is our Bridge Christmas party 7:30-8:30. We'll celebrate the birth of our Savior and play games like "What's in your purse" so make sure you bring a wallet, purse or pockets full of random items!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Women's Worship Night – Please join us on Monday, December 20th at 7pm for a night of worship and prayer as we "make room" for the savior of the world. Not just for celebrating Christmas, but making room in our lives for his presence, salvation, redemption, and peace. We can't wait to worship with you!

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 12/12 Christian Home Chaplain, 12/19 One Waupun, 12/26 Christian Radio.

Love Offering – This year's recipient is the family of Travis & Jessica Schultz. A second offering will be collected each week in Sunday school class (parents, please explain to your children that one offering goes in the regular offering and the other should be given to a Sunday school teacher). You may also donate by placing your offering in a labeled envelope in one of the white offering boxes through December 24th. You can find more info in your church mailbox.

K-5th Grade Christmas Program Practice – As a reminder, all Kindergarten through 5th graders have Christmas program practice this Wednesday, December 15. We will do a full run-through of the program.

- 5th graders need to meet in the fellowship area of the basement by 5:45pm (we need a few 5th grade parents here by 5:30pm to set up the stage extension and nativity).
- Kindergarten through 4th graders need to meet in the fellowship area of the basement by 5:55pm. Practice will start at 6pm and go til 7:30pm.

Sunday School Christmas Program – Join us on Sunday, December 19th at 6:30pm as the PreK-5th graders present the Christmas program "A Star is Born".

Christmas Dinner at the Wesley Center – Reserve your spot for a free Christmas day home-cooked buffet style meal at the Wesley Center. The meal will be served on December 25th at 11:30am-12:45pm. Call 928-3310 for reservations.

P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

Praise: Father in Heaven, we rejoice in the sending of your son, Jesus to reveal your grace and truth through his life, death and resurrection. We praise you for the joy you brought to the world through Jesus.

Repent: Forgive us for looking to circumstances, experiences, and possessions to bring us pleasure in place the joy you promised in Jesus Christ. Help us not seek the sources of temporary bliss, but true joy in you.

Ask: Yet, we pray that you would intervene in our circumstances that we might rejoice in your work...

- Revive our faith by inspiring us to study your Word and to pray without ceasing.
- Renew our passion for your mission and draw people to believe.
- Heal and strengthen those listed below as they face challenges each day.
- Grant us wisdom as we build a new denomination. Help us collaborate well with others.
- Guide and lead our national and world leaders.
- Bring peace and hope to the poor, the brokenhearted, and the persecuted.

Yield: Today, we devote ourselves to the true Joy-giver and pledge to abide in Christ.

THIS WEEK... Pray for Rick Stelsel as he recovers from knee surgery. Pray for healing for Harlan & Judy Bossenbroek.

Pray for Betty Daane as the mass they found in her stomach is malignant. She's scheduled for imaging to determine its origin & growth, & will have a consultation with an oncologist on the 20th.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Ashley Bruins, Dusty Deming, Paul Elenius, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Annice Hopp, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jessica Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, stationed in the South China Sea

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Charleston House:** Brian & Cora Hemp **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Hillside Manor:** Harvey Daane **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ