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Sundays 9:00 am
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	1	2 6:00 pm Book Club with author Tammy Borden 6:00 pm Kaukauna Christmas Parade	3	4	5	6 4:30 pm Wrightstown Christmas Parade
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From Pastor Mackie

God With Us

The ancient and popular Advent hymn “Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel” expresses a desire for God to be with us. Such a longing grows out of a suspicion that God has somehow abandoned us. For example, when Alleluia was growing, and people were excited to be here, God’s presence likely felt more real. But as people have drifted away, it is tempting to feel like God left when they left, abandoning the remaining remnant.

Four weeks of Advent sometimes feels like forever when you long for something good from your heavenly Father. We can only imagine how Mary felt in the nine-month-advent waiting for the angel’s word to come true. For a time, she may have escaped judging eyes in Nazareth by staying with Elizabeth in Jerusalem. But eventually she came back. Even decades later, rumors about her son’s suspicious origins persisted. We can only imagine the relief she felt following his birth when shepherds came echoing what an angel chorus told them about him.

Scripture tells us what she did: Mary stored what they said and pondered their words in her heart. More literally, she “tossed them together” in her heart. She likely combined them with angelic words Joseph probably shared about her son being “Immanuel” (Emmanuel as the Greeks spelled it) which means in Hebrew, “God with us.” For sure, Joseph told her about the name the angel gave because at his circumcision they named him “Jesus” which means “Savior.” Certainly, Mary treasured the words of Simeon and Anna at his purification in Jerusalem. Certainly, she treasured what happened when Jesus was left behind in the temple. She probably pondered it all, too, as he grew in body and wisdom. How could she help but ponder how he turned water into wine at her request? How could she help but toss everything around inside as Jesus hung dying on a cross? What happened even moved him to say, “My God, my God; why have you abandoned me?”

His anguished cry left a mystery for us about how the One who is “God with us” could be left behind by God. Perhaps it is meant to move us to ponder in our hearts and in our talking with one another about how God makes real his presence with us when it feels like he is so far away. He puts his Spirit on those who are baptized into his Son. His Son’s body and blood are present in the bread and wine during holy communion. He speaks to us in the words of Scripture. Even a congregation without a pastor to visibly represent him can be sure that Jesus—God with us—keeps his promise to be with us to completion of the age.

In the coming year, Alleluia will continue pondering how to express the reality of God’s presence in our fellowship. Some may see one thing as the sign that God is with us—some may see something different. By tossing around our ideas and humbling them under the words of Scripture, we can begin to leave behind our desires and begin to discern what God wants for us. No matter what happens, we can be sure God remains with us. With that confidence we can say and sing with the angels:

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”
(Luke 2:14 NIV)

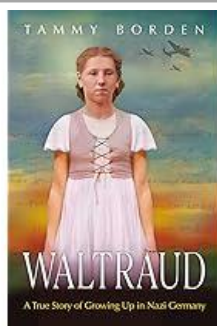
Upcoming Events



Walkers are needed!

Kaukauna Christmas Parade
Tuesday, December 2nd 6:00 pm

Wrightstown Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 6th 4:30 pm



Alleluia's book club is hosting author Tammy Borden
December 2nd at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
Borden is the author of Waltraud: A True Story of Growing Up in Nazi Germany.

All are Welcome!



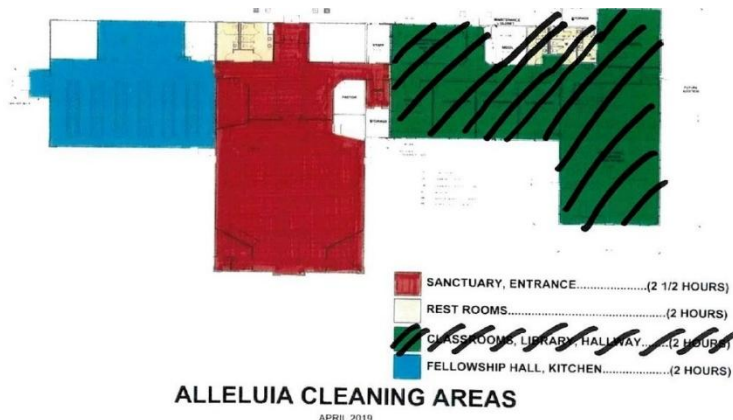
Focus on Health with Dr. Joyce Bauer

Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 pm

Join us for discussions around the principles of preventing chronic disease, improving energy, and ways to feel better every day.

Thank you to our volunteers who keep our building clean and welcoming!

We are seeking new volunteers to help keep our church tidy! See the weekly announcements for more information.



Upcoming Events



Christmas Eve Worship, December 24th, 4:00 pm

New Year's Eve Worship, December 31st, 6:30 pm

Consider buying Scrip to tackle your holiday needs:

Christmas shopping

Holiday travels

Dining Out

Groceries



We are excited to announce Alleluia will have a Christmas choir again this year! If you are interested, contact Joyce at 920-716-4864 .

The food pantry is seeking cash donations for the holiday season. Please see the “food pantry” table in the front of church for all donations.

Wrightstown Community Food Pantry
(2nd Saturday at 8:30 am & 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm)



ONLINE GIVING
QR code for online giving. It's easy to make your donation weekly or monthly with your debit or credit card.



Thank you for your loose change donations! We will be sending your donations to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Loose change donations for 2026 will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. And save your pop tops! We will collect, recycle and turn them into money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

ACE FUN

Our ACE children packed up 40 boxes for Operation Christmas Child!!



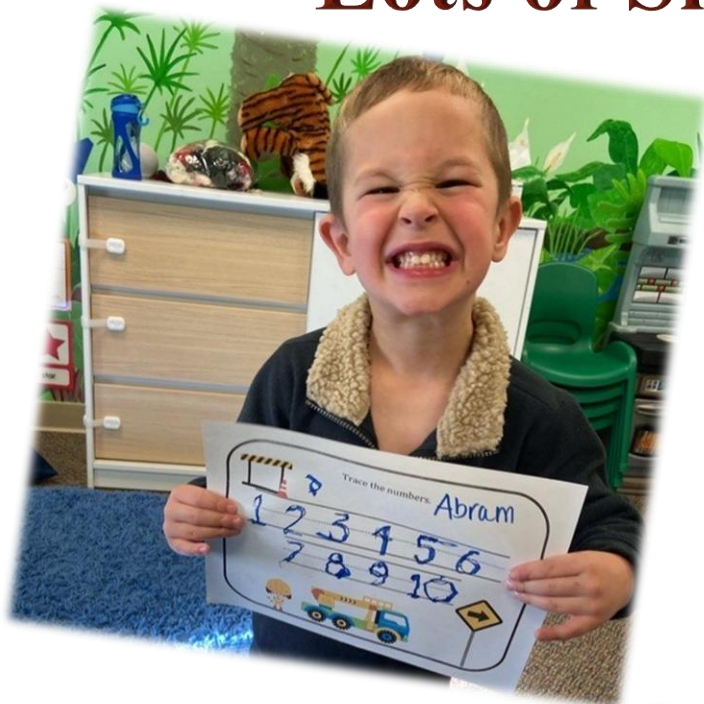
Winter Fun

Look for information in weekly emails about the winter fun your FIRE team is planning!

- Ice skating and broomball in Hollandtown
- Sledding at Triangle Hill in Green Bay
- March 15th Faith and Family Night with the Green Bay Blizzard



Lots of Smiles at ABC!



Happy
Birthday!

Name	Mth-day
Ilya Franz	1-Dec
Grace Nemecek	1-Dec
Melanie Laedtke	2-Dec
Eric Bauer	3-Dec
Julie Burns	3-Dec
Bowyer Franz	4-Dec
Ellie Witcpalek	4-Dec
Danielle Diny	6-Dec
Brian Swanson	8-Dec
Pat Rossal	13-Dec
Kim Bayerl	14-Dec
Tim Bayerl	15-Dec
Gregg Schuster	19-Dec
Pam Thomson	19-Dec
Dawson Chase	20-Dec
Robert Ott	21-Dec
Jack Genke	22-Dec
Aubrey Witcpalek	22-Dec
Megan Petersen	25-Dec
Brad LaCount	26-Dec
Sam DiPiazza	27-Dec
Cheyenne Nackers	31-Dec

