

December 13th, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24). The season of Advent serves as a dual reminder of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah as well as the waiting that Christians today endure as they await the second coming of Christ. Starting today and each Sunday until Christmas we will read scripture, light a candle on the Advent Wreath, and reflect upon God's word regarding the first and Second Advent of Jesus Christ our Lord... This morning we light the "Shepherds" candle. You are welcome to read Luke 2:15-20 in preparation for the lighting of our third candle.

CLAIRE WOOD IS MOVING!!

TODAY is Claire's last Sunday at Live Oaks. She is moving to Arizona to care for her mother through her elder years. Claire has become an important partner in our congregation, though our time together was relatively short. We will miss you Claire! You will always have a church family in Wichita – and we will continue to support you in prayer. Lord bless you as you follow Christ back home and keep growing in His love. John Carter is throwing a going away party for Claire THIS Tuesday night. Below are the details. Please see John if you have any questions.

What: Claire's Going Away Party
When: Tuesday December 15th at 6:30pm
Where: John & Pam Carter's house—918 N Shefford, Wichita 67212
Chili and snacks will be served.
Come and Stay for a while or just drop by whenever.

FINAL SUNDAY TO GIVE TO THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING!

The Christmas Blessing, an important LOCC tradition, is an opportunity for you to share your financial blessings with those connected to our congregation who could use a blessing this holiday season. To participate, place a financial gift of any size in an offering envelope, write "Christmas Blessing" on the envelope and place it in our offering box TODAY. The MD Leadership team will direct your "Love Gifts" to those they know could use a financial blessing this week. THANK YOU for participating!

GREAT JOB J-KIDS!

THANK YOU for doing an excellent job in telling us the true story of Christmas! We appreciate all your practice and hard work in leading us in worship and to the truth. Special THANKS to Autumn & Dan Denayer and their ministry workers for assisting our kids in presenting the true Christmas story - that never grows old...!

CHRISTMAS DINNER WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

THANKS to the Fellowship Team led by Dave & Jeri Carson along with everyone else who made Sunday evening a wonderful gathering for our church! Decorations were awesome, meal delicious, gift guessing and Christmas Mad Lib hilarious, Christmas Trivia game challenging, and the opportunity to enjoy some of the talents of our congregation amazing! It was wonderful to enjoy the night together! Hope you are already looking forward to next year... Merry Christmas!

ELEMENT 26 NEWS:

1. Element 26 will be sending packages to Cory Denton on a regular basis while he is deployed and we are inviting the church to participate with us. We plan to send our first package tomorrow. On the table in the foyer is a list of suggested items to send. Please contact Dave Carson Jr or Grant Landenberger if you have any questions.
2. Christmas Party!! Last Wednesday's Element 26 Christmas party was a blast! We played hilarious games, fellowshiped over pizza, and handed out gifts. Thanks for attending the party and Lord bless you all as you continue to celebrate the Savior's birth this month.
3. No Element 26!! E-26 will not meet again until after the New Year. Next week E-26 will join the Live Oaks family to carol at Sandpiper. Hope to see you all there!

CAROLING AT SANDPIPER BAY – WED, DEC. 16, 6 PM

Each year this annual singing of carols brings precious meaning to our Christmas celebration. Please join us at Sandpiper THIS Wednesday, 12/16 at 6:00 PM. We will begin by singing through the halls at Sandpiper then make our way to the Waterfront where we will sing with the residents, visit, and share refreshments with them. Please bring one dozen goodies to share. Hope to see you and your family there!

JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

On Thursday, December 24 at 6 pm we will celebrate our Savior's birth through carols, devotion, and candle light. Our service is less than an hour and will conclude with an opportunity to share some delicious refreshments before departing for the rest of this special evening. Plan to bring your family and friends, and start your Christmas Eve festivities by worshipping with us! (La Quinta Inn, 5500 W. Kellogg Dr – the hotel next to Denny's just off west Kellogg where we have met the last few years) BTW, Live Oaks will also meet at the La Quinta December 27, 10 am for our Sunday service.

All Church Calendar

Sunday, December 13th:

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| Worship Service | 10:00-11:30am Auditorium |
| Nursery & Toddlers (Birth-3yrs) | 10:00-11:30am 300 Hall |
| J-Kids Junior (4 yrs—1st grade) | 10:50-11:30am 300 Hall |
| J-Kids (2nd-5th grade) | 10:50-11:30am 300 Hall |

Wednesday, December 16th:

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| Element 26 | NOT Meeting!! |
| Caroling @ Sandpiper Bay | 6:30pm—meet at Nursing Home! |

Upcoming Events:

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| Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Svc. | 6pm @ LaQuinta Inn (5500 W. Kellogg) |
| Dec. 27th | 10am @ LaQuinta Inn |



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary
Sunday, December 13th—Scott Spunaugle
Tuesday, December 15th—Nancy White
Wednesday, December 16th—Silas Hicks
Friday, December 18th—Eva Hicks

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please fill out a "Welcome Card" with the correct information and place it in the offering box on the back table.