

Worship Lifeline

Congregational News

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

We are continuing the tradition of decorating our altar with poinsettias during Advent. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, **please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter (the form is also attached to Lisette's email) and submit via email to Kelly Kraus at kkrausblitz@gmail.com by Tuesday, Dec 22.** The cost per poinsettia is \$12. Make checks payable to All Saints Lutheran Church and note "poinsettias" in the memo line. Send payment in your usual offering mode.

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### \*\*\*CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE\*\*\*

The Call Committee has completed the congregation description and community characteristics modules of our Ministry Site Profile. Work continues on the remaining modules of the profile.

The Rev. Karen Boda is our Synod liaison, and committee members are Tom Wagner (Chair), Maddy Faass (Secretary), Martha Wooden, Barb Litke, Mary Yale, and Blandon Johnson. Herb McCaulla is the Council liaison.

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DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE

10am at the church - drive by to drop off donations:

Jan 9 SE Gwinnett Coop
Jan 23 Lilburn Coop

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### \*\*\*CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 7pm\*\*\*

Worship in person or via Zoom at 7pm with candlelight, hymns, and Communion. We will not have a 10:45pm service this year.

## Readings for Dec 27

### Isaiah 61:10--62:3

Clothed in garments of salvation

### Psalms 148

The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

### Galatians 4:4-7

Children and heirs of God

### Luke 2:22-40

The presentation of the child



## Ministry This Week

### Sunday, Dec 20, Advent 4

10:00 AM—Zoom/S ASLC Worship  
8:00 PM—F AA

### Monday, Dec 21

6:00 PM—F Cub Scouts Pack  
7:30 PM—Virtual Meeting OA

### Tuesday, Dec 22

9:00 AM—F Sandwich MeetUp\*  
10:15 AM—Z Christian Conversations  
7:00 PM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness  
7:45 PM—GR or LL NA

### Wednesday, Dec 23

6:15 PM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness  
6:30 PM—LL Word of Faith  
8:00 PM—F AA

### Thursday, Dec 24

6:00 PM—LL Cub Scouts Den  
7:00 PM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness  
7:45 PM—GR or LL NA

### Friday, Dec 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

### Saturday, Dec 26

9:00 AM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness  
9:00 AM—Virtual Meeting OA

### Sunday, Dec 27,

10:00 AM—Zoom/S ASLC Worship  
8:00 PM—F AA

Z=Zoom; F=Fellowship; OC=Out of Church; OO=Outer Office  
GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1;  
CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N=Narthex; S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper Room; A=Away from All Saints

\* Calendar Note: The Sandwich MeetUp limits participation to 4 individuals at this time. Sandwiches are shared with Rock of Ages in their ongoing shepherding with homeless/street people.

## In Scripture Today

### Fourth Sunday in Advent

Throughout Advent we acclaim that God comes, in the past in the history of Israel and the incarnation of Jesus, in the present in the word and sacrament of each Sunday, and in the future at the end of all things. Only on this fourth Sunday do the readings refer to the story of Jesus' birth as an arrival of God among us. At holy communion, we too become houses for God.

### Luke 1:26-38

Since Mark has no infancy narratives, the lectionary now turns to Luke. The annunciation narrative describes Jesus as coming from God and following King David as a son of God. God is triune: the narrative speaks of the Lord (YHWH), the Holy Spirit, and the Son of God. The imagery of parthenogenesis is intended to indicate that God is the sole source of salvation. We are to follow Mary, in lives of obedient service.

## 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

The passage from 2 Samuel is chosen to articulate the royal ideology upon which Luke's narrative depends. Christians see Jesus Christ as the chosen king and the house of God who embodies God's presence on earth.

## Romans 16:25-27

All of Advent, all of the entire Christian year, is summed up in Paul's concluding doxology. We praise the eternal and only wise God, who is revealed in Jesus Christ.

## Russ' Reminders

### Anniversaries

#### DECEMBER

31 Charlene Adams

### Birthdays

#### DECEMBER

16 Raymond (Ray) Klages  
18 Cindy Murphy  
29 Anna Elizabeth Crutchfield  
30 Richard (Rick) Robinson  
31 Susan Lystad

#### JANUARY

18 Blandon L. Johnson  
20 Morgan Zupan  
21 Sharon Marion  
25 Julie Boyer  
28 Lorraine Herring  
29 Barbara Litke

## Worship Assistants

### Dec 13 (in-person/Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Joann Rosselle  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Amy Cauble  
Ushers: John Holdrich  
Greeter: Jack & Lisette Branscomb  
Sound Board: Roger Boyer  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Angie Sanderlin

### Dec 20 (Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Susan Holbrook  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Jack Branscomb  
Ushers: Herb McCaulla  
Greeter: Mary Kay Kates & Martha Wooden  
Sound Board: Al Kates  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Angie Sanderlin

### Dec 24 Christmas Eve (7pm Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Joann Rosselle  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Mary Kay Kates  
Ushers: Bruce Kraus  
Greeter: Jack & Lisette Branscomb  
Sound Board: Al Kates  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Children's Sermon: Pastor Ruth Hamilton

### Dec 27 (Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Lisette Branscomb  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Kelly Kraus  
Ushers: Lisette Branscomb  
Greeter: John & Joyce Holdrich  
Sound Board: Al Kates  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Angie Sanderlin

## Jan 3 (Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Joann Roselle  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Miriam McCann  
Ushers: Mary Kay Kates  
Greeter: Rica Kelly & Melody McCaulla  
Sound Board: Al Kates  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

## Jan 10 (Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Susan Holbrook  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Lisa Mitchell  
Ushers: Herb McCaulla  
Greeter: Lisette & Jack Branscomb  
Sound Board: Roger Boyer  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

## Jan 17 (Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Sheila Wagner  
Lector/ Worship Assist: John Yale  
Ushers: Tom Wagner  
Greeter: Mary Kay Kates & Sheila Wagner  
Sound Board: Roger Boyer  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

## Jan 24 (Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Joann Rosselle  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Kelly Kraus  
Ushers: Sheila Wagner  
Greeter: Herb & Melody McCaulla  
Sound Board: Roger Boyer  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

## Jan 31 (Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Sheila Wagner  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Kevin Swanson  
Ushers: Bruce Kraus  
Greeter: Herb & Melody McCaulla  
Sound Board: Roger Boyer  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

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Who do I contact at All Saints?

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- ❖ Report facility maintenance issues – Mac McCann
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- ❖ Pastoral Needs– Pastor Ruth Hamilton
404 556 2322
- ❖ For all other compliments!, suggestions, complaints 😊 – Lisette Branscomb
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POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

My name

I would like to purchase ___ poinsettia(s) at \$12 each.

- **Checks should be made payable to All Saints Lutheran Church (note Poinsettias in memo line). Include your payment via your usual method of offering.**
- **Return the completed form to Kelly Kraus at kkrausblitz@gmail.com.**

Please dedicate my poinsettia(s) as follows:

(Include as much information as needed to clarify the relationship to you/your family.)

In Memory of:

In Honor of:
