



Planning is in full force for our Christmas services. We hope you will make plans to join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus! We are still praying for a Christmas miracle that our elevator will be operational but indicate the service locations in case it is not.

**Sunday morning, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love**

**9:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant in Fellowship Hall**

Led by our Confirmation Class, this service will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning. We will join Mary and Joseph as they journey toward Bethlehem. Together we encounter angel messengers and follow the shepherds as they discover a child wrapped in swaddling cloth, laying in a manger. There is still time to commit to joining the four confirmands “on stage”! All high schoolers and adults are invited to play a role. All you need to do is attend the one and only rehearsal on Sunday evening, December 15, from 5:00-6:00. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

**Tuesday evening, December 24, Christmas Eve**

**7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service in Fellowship Hall with Chancel Choir and Christmas Brass**

Come and enjoy a classic and meaningful service led by Rev. Don Niederfrank. We sing Christmas Carols and hear the sacred stories of the coming of the baby Jesus into the world. It is a beautiful and inspiring narrative featuring our Chancel Choir and Christmas Brass.

**Tuesday evening, December 24, Christmas Eve**

**9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service in the Sanctuary with Christmas Quartet**

Our late service also led by Rev. Don Niederfrank, includes the story of Jesus birth, singing the beloved Christmas carols, and adds an essential element of Jesus’ ministry as we break bread together and celebrate Communion. What could be more meaningful on Christmas Eve than sharing the sacrament with one another and with Christ in the beauty of our Sanctuary.



**CHRISTMAS GIVING AND POINSETTIA ORDERS**

In celebration of Christmas, it is one of our traditions to invite members and friends to order a poinsettia and/or make a financial contribution to one of the six community organizations that our church supports: Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity, The Food Pantry, Ozaukee Family Services, Balance, and Advocates. Your poinsettia will help decorate our church for Christmas (you may take your poinsettia home any time after the Christmas Eve services). Your gift of money will help lift the spirits of those who are in need. You may give in honor or in memory of loved ones. Names will appear in our Christmas Eve bulletins. [Click here](#) for the form. Please submit the information and a check to the church office by Friday, December 20. Thank you!



## HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITY - Support Local Homelessness Assistance

Homelessness has continued to rise since the Covid pandemic, including in Ozaukee County. As we prepare to retell the story of Mary and Joseph searching for a warm, safe place to stay with the newborn Jesus, we ask you to consider supporting Ozaukee County service organizations that address homelessness here and now.

We usually think of homeless people living outside, but in Ozaukee County the homeless person is more likely to be living in their car or moving from one friend's couch to the next. The homeless person may be fleeing domestic violence, dealing with loss of a second household income, or experiencing mental health challenges. However, in the past two years, homelessness has risen amid the rising costs of housing and now, the end of federal pandemic relief funds.

Approximately 6% of Ozaukee County residents live in poverty and about another 20% have incomes described by the acronym ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, and Employed; these incomes are above the federal poverty line but insufficient to meet monthly living costs). People fitting the ALICE definition are constantly at risk of homelessness.

Our church continues to lift up the work of two Ozaukee service organizations offering shelter for persons who are homeless. Here are ways to support this work:

**Family Promise** provides resources and services to individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Ozaukee County. Since 2015, Family Promise has provided shelter and a comprehensive case management program for single persons and families who are homeless. First it was overnights in local participating churches, now at the Portlight Shelter in Port Washington which opened early last year.

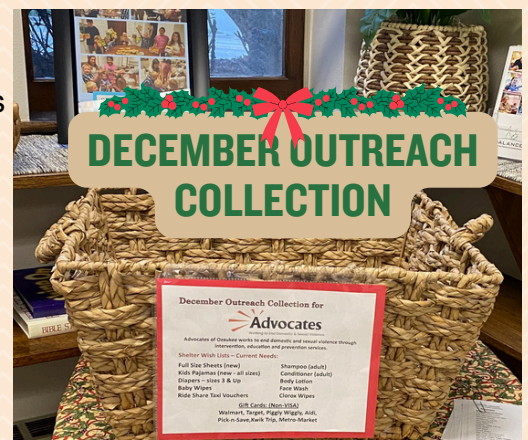
- [Click here](#) to make a donation.
- Join other church members in providing meals for shelter guests during the week of December 16. Contact the church office for more information.
- Checkout the [Portlight Shelter Wish List](#) on Amazon. Items will be shipped directly to FP.

**Advocates of Ozaukee County** provides advocacy, safety, and awareness for persons experiencing domestic and sexual violence.

- [Click here](#) to make a donation.
- Checkout the [Advocates Shelter Wish List](#). Current needs include new full-size sheets, shampoo and conditioner, gift cards, Shared Ride taxi vouchers...and more. Items can be placed in the two large collection baskets at church (one near the Outreach Nook, and one outside of Fellowship Hall).

Thank you for helping to care for one another this Christmas season.

Submitted by Louise Mollinger, Jeanne Mantsch, and Renee Proctor  
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## 39th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Our 39th Annual Christmas Tree Sale is underway! Please help spread the word that there are no price increases this year! Thank you to everyone who helped us prepare for the opening of the lot, and those who support the sale. We need help to fill the rest of the sign-up. Please take a look at your calendar and volunteer for a shift or two. [Click here](#) to be directed to the SignUpGenius page. Thank you!







# Breakfast with Santa ON THE HILL

