

Pastor: R. Garret Szantner **Director of Church Music:** Jean LaCrosse
Director of Faith Formation: Amy Chevalier **Office Manager:** Emily Conti

Social Gathering for Seniors: Susan Spring-Meggs would like to invite you to a new small-group for seniors at Lynnwood. This group will have their first meeting on January 7th, with a snow-date of January 14th.

Pastor Garret's Time Off: Pastor Garret will be away from Friday, January 12th until Friday, January 19th to go back to Michigan. If you have any care needs during that time please contact the office or reach out to a member of Consistory.

2024 Consistory Nominations: Interested in serving as an elder or deacon? Contact a member of the Nominations Committee: Pastor Garret, Kathy Mix, or Suzanne Wilber.

The Giving Tree Project is beginning next Sunday. If you have any warm winter items including but not limited to: hats, gloves, coats & scarves, that you would like to donate please place them either under or on the tree in the Fellowship Center. If you would like more information on how to be a part of this program please see Betsy Hollander or email the office at office@lynnwoodreformed.org.

Poinsettias graced our Christmas Eve service as a tribute to loved ones, the following are those who donated them and who the plant was in honor/memory of: Amanda & Suzanne Wilber: *Eugene and Roselie Hagemeyer JR., Abram Winchell & Todd Caskey.* The Pris Family: *Tom Olson.* Nancy Rhodes: *Alan, Our Parents, & Grandparents.* Daryl Webb: *Jeffery Webb.* Jean Anderson: *Howard Anderson.* The Wilder Family: *Great Grandma Marie Gorman.* Lynnwood Choir: *Ruth Anne Burby, Jean Dean, & Ron Delorenzo.* Ann & Neil Satterly: *Loved Ones.* Jim Van de Wal: *Bob & Jean Hungerford, & Jean Dean.* If you have not already, please make sure to bring them home after service.

Drop-in Hours: The office is open 9am-4pm every day. If you would like to see Emily feel free to drop by at any point. Pastor Garret's drop-in office hours are on Tuesday from 10am-12pm, and Wednesday from 3pm-5pm. Amy's drop-in office hours are on Wednesday from 3:15-5pm.

Pledges: Although the deadline has passed, it is still not too late to turn in your pledge card for the 2024 calendar year! If you still need to do so please contact a member of consistory or leave your pledge in the office. Thank you!

Later Today	Coffee Fellowship <i>Happy Birthday Jackie Truax!!</i> Street Soldiers Meal Prep 11:30
Mon 01	<i>Happy New Year!!</i> <i>Happy Birthday Charlotte Amigo & John Watson!!</i> Offices closed for the holiday
Tues 02	Girl Scout Troop 5048 6:00
Weds 03	Stretching with Friends 6:00
Thur 04	In His Presence 9:30
Sat 06	Maria's Prayer Group 10:00 <i>Happy Birthday Karsen Rittner!!</i>

Upcoming Birthdays: Jackie Truax 12/31, Charlotte Amigo & John Watson 01/01, Karsen Rittner 01/06, Nancy Moore & Walt Jones 01/10, Anthony Colloton 01/20

LYNNWOOD

REFORMED CHURCH

DECEMBER 31ST, 2023



“Incarnation:
God With and For the Poor”
Luke 2:1-20

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Welcome		Neil Satterly
Prelude	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”	Hymn #28
Lighting the Advent Wreath and Gathering Prayer		
Call to Worship		Karen Messercola

As we sing your praises, O God,
**tune us in to both the wonder
 and the gritty truth of your birth.
 Make us like the family who found a safe space
 for Mary and Joseph amidst the chaos of the day,
 and like the shepherds who run immediately toward
 the Christ-child in the night,
 like those who work behind the scenes
 to serve in a difficult situation
 and those who simply marvel at the miracle of life.**

On the night of contrasts:

**light in the darkness
 vulnerable strength
 witnesses we wouldn't choose to call
 respectable and marginalized
 attune us to your world-changing truth in the middle of it all.
 In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

Songs of Gathering	“Silent Night”	Hymn #60
	“Open Our Eyes, Lord”	

Moment with the Children

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination		
Scripture Reading	Luke 2: 1-20 (NLT)	Amanda Wilber
Sermon	“Incarnation: God With and For the Poor”	Pastor Garret

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response	“What Child Is This?”	Hymn #53
Ministry Updates		Amy Chevalier
The Offering		
Prayer of Dedication		Amanda Wilber
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		Neil Satterly

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*Song of Sending	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	Hymn #23
*Benediction		
Postlude		

indicates standing for those able. **Bold type indicates congregational response
 At Lynnwood Reformed Church, we affirm the great diversity of God's creation in our communities.
 This diversity includes persons from various economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, gender
 expressions and sexual identities, and gifted with a variety of abilities. We also believe that God's
 unconditional love, as demonstrated through Jesus Christ, is intended for all. As such, all people are
 welcome to participate fully in the life of the church.*