

The Journ-E

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the weekly e-newsletter of *Journey Lutheran Church*
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www.journeyluth.org

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Devotional thought:

In the next week many of us will be gathering to give thanks with family and friends as our nation sets aside a time for Thanksgiving. It is a great time to reflect on our blessings and our responsibilities to us the gifts we have been given. A friend of mine, Nate Aaseng, wrote a great little article to get us thinking. You can read it here: [Stewardship Refund](#)



Men's Group...remember we meet the third Saturday of each month at 7:30am for a Bible Study....this month that is Nov. 19 (Tomorrow!) We meet at Holmen Lutheran Church in the lounge with men from all three ECLA churches in Holmen. Join us for breakfast followed by study.



“Let the Children Come” a Passing on Faith Event Sat. Nov. 19 at First Lutheran in Onalaska. The Event is free because we have a group going. *You can still join us* if you have children who are preschool or have an interest in ministry with our youngest members. [Click here](#) to see the brochure.



Sunday School Christmas Program...practice schedule

We have scheduled the **Sunday school Christmas program for Sunday, December 11th** at the 10:15 worship service. In order to prepare and practice with the kids for the program, we will not have a regular Sunday school rotation this time around. We will still meet during the regular Sunday school time between 9:15 and 9:30 to practice and learn the songs for the program. We will plan to meet as a group in the back Sunday school room where the science center is held. All kids from preschool, age 3 through the 5th grade will be part of the program so hopefully the date will work out for most of you.

This will be the schedule through the end of the year for Sunday school.

Sunday, Nov. 20th following the 1st service	Christmas program practice
Sunday, Nov. 27th following the 1st service	Christmas program practice
Sunday, Dec. 4th following the 1st service	Christmas program practice
Saturday, Dec. 10th (time to be announced)	Dress rehearsal/program practice
Sunday, Dec. 11th at the 10:15 worship service	Journey's first S.S. Christmas program.
Sunday, Dec. 18th, 25th and Jan. 1st	No Sunday school
Sunday, Jan. 8th following the 1st service	Sunday school resumes

Please let either Lisa Reimler or myself know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Christmas program or Sunday school in general. Thank you! Amy Denson 788-1440



“Drawn from Darkness to the Light”

You are invited to a special Advent Celebration sponsored by Thrivent at the

Pumphouse Art Center in LaCrosse (119 King St.) on Sunday, Dec. 18. Artist Paul Oman will create a large mural as part of an evening of worship and song. The event is free by seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 608-514-2747 or email gale.hellpap@thrivent.com to reserve space for you and your guests. Treats served at 5:30, program at 6:30pm

Help us decorate Journey for Christmas Monday, Dec. 5 at 6:30pm...Altar guild will provide cider and cookies.

Coulee Region Gospel Choir presents "Sound the Trumpets" at Sand Lake Wesleyan Church. Tickets are \$7.50 Nov. 25 at 7pm and Nov.26 at 4:30pm. For more information call Ruth at 526-2218



Thanks to all you helped with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing...you make a difference, we raised over \$1200 on opening weekend

Thanks to Bob and Jim Tracey and John Haese for building shelves in the attic and pantry.

Thanks to the whole congregation from Pastor Steve and Diane for the wonderful gifts of appreciation.



WORSHIP UNPLUGGED...is what we call our Wednesday evening worship. It is offered **every Wednesday night at 7pm.** (*except this coming Wednesday, Nov. 23 because of the community Thanksgiving Eve service*) The worship is in "the chapel" the back of the fellowship hall. Join us for a quiet, reflective, interactive, candlelight midweek worship opportunity.

Like to sing?

Journey Choir sings every Sunday alternating between the early and late services and practices Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

Worship Band that leads the 10:15 service and practices on Thursdays at 7:00pm.



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Don't forget to check out the new web page www.journeyluth.org

On the lighter side:

it would be funnier if it wasn't so true



Pastor Steve Meyer