

Sunday, December 22nd "Christmas Music Sunday"

9 a.m. Worship

After Worship Breakfast with Sunday School Children (*See details below...)

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve Day

4:30 p.m. *Candlelight Christmas Eve Service*

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day

NO In-Person & Zoom Bible Study

10 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service **Note the time!*

NO Evening Worship

Sunday, December 29th

9 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 New Year's Day

NO Bible Study

NO Evening Worship

Sunday, January 5, 2025

9 a.m. Worship



Thank you so very much for donating unique handmade items, passing on what you had at home, bringing in baked goods and fudge and asking businesses for donations!

Special thanks to Ted and Mardy Lazaris for being our esteemed auctioneer and our very own Vanna White!

Your winning bids helped ALC have another successful "We Love Our Church" auction last Sunday! All the money goes right back into our church!

Stay tuned for what we made...!!!

Thank you to everyone who came out in support of Adoration this past Monday!

Your generosity throughout 2024 has been greatly appreciated!

Special thanks to all those who volunteered at the monthly events...none of this would've been possible without you!

See you there next year!

Adoration Lutheran Church

Announcements for December 22, 2024

Adoration wishes everyone a very merry, blessed and safe Christmas!

I wish you all the very best Christmas season! -Crystal



Join the Sunday School children as they prepare a complimentary pancake breakfast for the congregation **today, Sunday, December 22nd, after worship!**

Donations of syrup would be much appreciated! Bottles can be brought in ahead of time and placed on the kitchen counter or brought in the morning of.

Feel free to bring a breakfast or brunch dish to share! Desserts are more than welcome too!

If anyone has a Santa costume - or knows of a Santa that might want to visit that day - please reach out to Olivia via email at: fluder.olivia@gmail.com

Thank you & Merry Christmas!

Special recognition goes out to Olivia and her family for doing this! Thank you!

2025 ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Thank you to those who attended the Adoration Lutheran Church Annual Budget Meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2024 after worship.

-44 pledges received

-Pledges total \$117,645

-The 2025 budget was reviewed, discussed and approved.

**If you have yet to submit your pledge for next year, it is not too late! You can drop it off in the collection plate during worship, mail it or drop it off during office hours.*

As we await the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus, please consider a special Christmas gift to the Lord's ministry here at our community of Adoration.

Worship Attendance

December 11th: 7

December 15th: 52

MET Team Members

Jeanette Nowakowski
Fran Chimielewski
Doreen Timmerman
Kathy Imp

NOTES/UPDATES:

-The last meeting was November 3rd after 9 a.m. worship.
-Pastor Kristin Nielsen joined the Church Council meeting on November 12th.

****Please reach out to Pastor Dean and/or the MET Team members if you have any questions or concerns.**

We need to fill a vacant position on the MET Team as soon as possible!

Please reach out to Pastor Dean or Kathy Wakefield if you want more information or want to join.

Thank you in advance!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Give gloves, socks, hats or scarves to Tippy Homeless Shelter (bin in cloakroom)
- Provide transportation for the visually impaired to events...Go to BOLD by visiting www.wisconsinBOLD.com



Please help us update our church directory by filling out the form that has been attached to the bulletins for the past few weeks and has also been in the emailed announcements. You can find extra copies on the table in the entranceway should you need one. Please place them in the designated basket in the back of church.

Adoration will be a polling location for local Greenfield residents on the following dates in the future:

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

We Need Communion Assistants...

If you are able to volunteer for any Sundays coming up, please contact Crystal by phone (414.281.0414) or email: adorationlutheran@gmail.com

We continue to pray for strength for:

For Pastor Dean as he continues to guide us;
Joanie Bettin as she recovers and prepares to move to Minnesota;
Linda Kolar-Wood who is grieving the loss of her father;
Joe and Joyce Tevz;
Betty Wing;
Darlene Witkowiak;
Bernice Young;
Kathy Imp;
Ruth Bauer;
Pat Koch;
Nancy Czarapata;
Joani Bettin;
Jan Zeit;
Mary Anne Markiewicz;
Linda and Donna. Bettv Wing's sisters



Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Remember to give to those who continue to suffer.

Go to the following to donate: <https://give.elca.org/page/68904/donate=true/1>

We pray for those in need:

Jeanette Nowakowski and family who are grieving the loss of Jeanette's sister, Ethel;
Mary, friend of Rich Regent, who is having back surgery;
Welton Dye's wife, Marylee, Welton and their family;
Tom Nowakowski so that he may gain strength and resilience and for Jeanette so that she may remain steadfast;
Rick Rinderle who was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease;
Nancy Czarapata's brother-in-law who was diagnosed with cancer;
Kayla, daughter of Athena Minto, who is being tested for autoimmune illnesses;
Victoria (Deanna Posig) who has cancer;
Earlann Wilson, sister of Jeanette Nowakowski, with cancer;
Karen, sister of Sandy Ringwall;
Mary, Sandy Young's sister;
Eric, brother of Crystal;
Frank Mauro, friend of Bruce Crueger, who is battling cancer;
Jerry, Bruce Crueger's brother;
Amy & Family, friends of Kathy Wakefield, as they battle ALS;
John Imp;
Cheryl Hagfors;
Laurie and Betty, friends of Cheryl Hagfors



We keep in our prayers:

Our sister parish in Mulala;
Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris);
Susan (Darlene Witkowiak's daughter);
Jeremy (Tom Nowakowski's nephew);

We pray for the following with our siblings across the ELCA:

For Syria and all nations facing conflict, transition, and uncertainty...
For victims of gun violence, especially in Madison, WI...
For political stability in South Korea, France, and Germany...
For post-earthquake recovery and rebuilding efforts in Vanuatu...
For victims of Cyclone Chido in south-east Africa...
For access to healthcare, food, and shelter for those most vulnerable...
For health and safety in areas where avian flu has been identified...
For the many world religions celebrating holidays in this season...

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ADORATION'S 2024 REFRIGERATOR LIST



Sun. Nov. 24, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. – Christ the King Sunday – PRAISE Music Worship Service.

Wed. Nov. 27, 2024 – 6:15 p.m. – Thanksgiving Eve Service of Psalms and Hymns, with a Pie Social.

Sundays of Advent

Sun. Dec. 1, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – 1st Sunday of Advent – Candle of Hope

Sun. Dec. 8, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – 2nd Sunday of Advent – Candle of Peace

Sun. Dec. 15, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – 3rd Sunday of Advent – Candle of Joy

Sun. Dec. 22, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – 4th Sunday of Advent – Candle of Love

Wednesdays of Advent – from Martin Luther's Christmas Book

Wed. Dec. 4, 2024 – 6:15 p.m. – 1st Wednesday of Advent – Focus on Mary

Wed. Dec. 11, 2024 – 6:15 p.m. – 2nd Wednesday of Advent – Focus on the Shepherds

Wed. Dec. 18, 2024 – 6:15 p.m. – 3rd Wednesday of Advent – Focus on the Magi

Sat. Dec. 7, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. – Decorating our church for Christmas.

Sat. Dec. 14, 2024 - 1:00 p.m. – Caroling to our home bound members via phoning from church.

Sun. Dec. 15, 2024 - 10:15 a.m. – “We Love Our Church” Christmas Auction.

Mon. Dec. 16, 2024 – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Culver's Fund Raiser – S. 60th & W. Layton Ave.

Week of December 15 through 22nd - Bring Your Own Poinsettia Adventure - We see them in all the stores while shopping, so pick out the poinsettia you love and bring it to church to help us decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Drop them off between Dec. 15th and Dec. 22nd. Here below



are the dates for drop off or make an appointment with Barb Regent (414 282-0312) or Crystal Rolder (414 281-0414) to drop them off. Sunday, Dec. 15 between 8 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Worship Day), Wednesday, Dec. 18 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. (Worship Day), or Dec. 22 between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Worship Day). Other times

by appointment. Thanks everyone. Please put your name on your plant and you can take it home after the Christmas Worship service(s). Any questions - please see Barb Regent.

Sun. Dec. 22, 2024 – Christmas Music Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service featuring our own Adoration Chancel Choir, Instrument Ensemble and Sunday School Children.

Tues. Dec. 24, 2024 – 4:30 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service

Wed. Dec. 25, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service

Sun. Dec. 29, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. Worship – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Wed. Jan. 1, 2025 – NO WORSHIP SERVICE – New Year's Day

Sun. Jan. 5, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. Worship – 2nd Sunday of Christmas



A very special thank you to Barb Regent for all the work she has done for the past 10 months in preparing at least 2 bulletins a week (more during the holidays). This is no easy task and takes a lot of time, research and careful thought. She also has to proofread and correct Crystal's many, many mistakes!

On top of this, she is dedicated to the Worship and Music program here at Adoration. She schedules, plans and hosts choir rehearsals...on top of the beautiful music played during each worship service.

She has also taken charge of Bible Study. Again, a lot of planning and consideration goes into this. We are happy to say that attendance for Bible Study has drastically increased over the months as well!

This past year, she was instrumental in organizing the various special worship services we proudly offer - especially the Lent and Easter services, Outdoor Service, African Service and All Saint's Day celebration.

The "Refrigerator List" you see above, and in the weekly bulletin over the holidays, is also courtesy of Barb.

She also helped gather folks to decorate the church for Christmas. The "Bring Your Own Poinsettia Adventure" has been Barb's doing for a few years now too.

She also arranged people to sing Christmas carols to our Friends at Home.

Everyone...when you see Barb, be sure to thank her for her countless contributions to ALC and her continued dedication to making this church what it is.

Barb, *Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!* -Crystal

Bible Study

Join us in-person and via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday!

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dean.

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Adoration Wednesday Bible Study – The Chosen – Season 3 - Starting in November 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

DATES HAVE BEEN UPDATED DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS...SEE BELOW...

We will be watching the video series "The Chosen" Season 3 for our Bible Study sessions starting in November 2024. We will meet at our regularly scheduled time from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will start the session in-person and on Zoom,

watch the video in-person at Adoration, followed by a discussion in-person and on Zoom. We will have the Zoom link open but muted during the showing of the video. For those of you at home – please watch the video on your own – see links below.

The Chosen – Season 3

Episode 7: "Ears to Hear" (63 minutes) Wed. January 8 – Esther 7:7-8, 9:17-19, Mark 7:31-37, Luke 14:15-24, Matthew 22:1-14. (Andrew and Philip return from their trip with desperate news: they need Jesus's help to solve a huge crisis in the Decapolis.)

Episode 8: "Sustenance" (83 minutes) Wed. January 15 – Matthew 14:13-36, Mark 6:30-52, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-21, Psalm 77. (Thousands arrive to first argue with, then listen to Jesus as he preaches.)

You Version Web Site Link

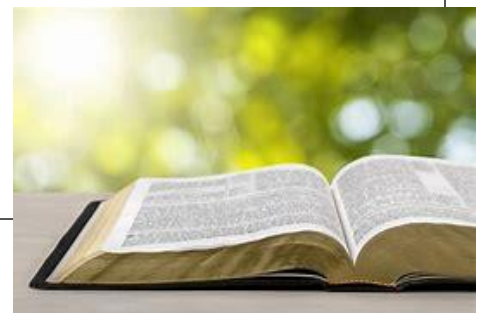
<https://www.bible.com/videos/41880-201-thunder?collection=1389>

The Chosen – Web Site Link

<https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/seasons%201-3>

The Chosen – CW TV Web Site Link

<https://www.cwtv.com/shows/the-chosen/sustenance/?play=073045a0-b4f2-4dfa-88ab-2d2bbd46d05b>



Adoration Lutheran's Reinvented Book Club

- Join us every first Thursday of the month from 7 p.m.-8 p.m.
 - January 2nd will be our next meeting.
 - Meet us in the gathering space in the back of church.
 - Bring and share a book that you are currently reading or just finished reading.
- The group will ask questions about the book. Examples: How did this book change you?
Would you recommend this book to others?
- Let's enjoy each other's company, unite in our passion for literature and enjoy a cup of coffee or hot tea. Feel free to bring a pastry, dessert or snacks to share.

Books We Think You May Enjoy:

Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys

It is a historical fiction book about life in fascist Spain under General Franco.

First Songs of Christmas by Nancy De Moss

It is a non-fiction book about Advent and Christmas.

We Solve Mysteries by Richard Osman

It is a book about humorous mysteries. (There is a series of ten books and this is #6.)

Check out the book club bulletin board adjacent to the front door. We will keep adding book recommendations to the index cards that are sorted by genre.

**Book recommendations come from the leaders of the book club and are not endorsed by Adoration Lutheran Church. ALC recommends you vet the recommendations prior to reading them.*

