

Christmas Tea


Join us for our annual Women’s Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 4, at 1:30 PM! This cherished tradition brings women together for an afternoon of fellowship, seasonal music, delicious treats, and plenty of laughter as we celebrate the joy of the season. It’s a lovely chance to pause, connect, and share in the warmth of Christmas.

We’re also looking for volunteers to provide small prize gifts or homemade goodies. To contribute or reserve your spot, please use the signup sheets in the nook (RSVP by Wednesday, November 26), and contact Deb M. with any questions.

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Ladies, you’re invited to

Christmas Tea!



Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 1:30 PM
at Wyoming United Methodist Church
(5459 E. Viking Blvd., Wyoming, MN 55092)

Donations will be accepted for Joy Bells— our annual outreach bringing Christmas joy to children in need

Please RSVP to 651-462-5276
by Tuesday, December 2



Glory
to
God in the
Highest

December
Lectionary Readings

December 7
(Second Sunday of Advent)
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 14
(Third Sunday of Advent)
Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10
Luke 1:46b-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 21
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)
Lessons and Carols
Service

December 24
(Christmas Eve)
Christmas Eve Service

December 28
Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

Christmas Pageant: An Invitation

On Sunday, December 21st, we will have our annual “no-rehearsal” Christmas Pageant during our Lessons and Carols service, for children who would like to participate. We ask those who are participating to come between 9:15-9:30 AM that day to choose a costume to become Mary or Joseph, an angel, a shepherd, or a wise one. If anyone knows of a baby to play Jesus that would be spectacular! All participants with gather around the manger as our readers share the Christmas story and the congregation sings some traditional songs of Christmas. We then will adjourn to the fellowship hall for Jesus’ birthday party. If you have any questions, contact Jane Rylander at jane21745@aol.com. All kids, grandkids, and youth are invited!

Christmas Pop Up Choir

Singers! Sunday, December 21st is our Lessons and Carols service. Accompanist Kathy Webb will direct a “pop-up” holiday choir, with one 30-minute rehearsal after worship on Sunday, December 14, and a warm-up before the Lessons and Carols. Anyone age 12+, regardless of experience, is welcome! Come make a joyful noise this holiday season! Sign up in the lobby before November 24. For more information, please contact Kathy Webb at kathysuewebb@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve Service

We are having our Christmas Eve service at 5:00 PM this year on Wednesday, December 24th. We will gather together to tell the story of Jesus, sing beloved carols, and celebrate the coming of Christ, the Son of God. Please feel free to invite friends and family to come with you to church or to stream the service via our YouTube channel. In the midst of winter’s darkness, we will welcome the Light of the World. Come and worship with us!



From the Pastor...

As I write this note, in the middle of November, Thanksgiving is not even upon us, yet the world has dived headfirst into the commercial Christmas season. Already we are subjected to Christmas music in our coffee shops, stores, and shopping malls. Christmas lists are being written, parties are planned, and Christmas trees are counting down the days till their inevitable end. Everywhere we turn, we are told that the countdown to Christmas has begun.

Yet here in the church, we will spend most of December not celebrating Christmas but celebrating Advent. Despite what Advent calendars might have you believe, Advent is not simply a countdown before the actual day of Christmas. It is its own unique season in the church year, celebrated in our liturgy. It is, without question, a season of waiting and expectation. Yet look at the lectionary texts for the first Sunday of Advent (Matthew 24:36-44) and you will see an anticipation not of the Incarnation, celebrated at Christmas, but of the return of Jesus; not the baby in the manger, but the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven.

Advent is, as the brilliant Anglican preacher Fleming Rutledge puts it in the title of her invaluable book on the season, a celebration of the “once and future coming of Jesus Christ.” It is a season of remembering that what God has done in Jesus is not fully consummated. We live in a world in which there is still much darkness, a world in which sin runs rampant. In the darkness of this season, we remember that our hope for this world is in God alone. So, we wait, living in the time in between the promise and its final fulfillment, for the light of God to break into this world.

In a world that encourages us to focus on only the most superficial aspects of the Christian season, Advent provides a helpful corrective. It reminds us that the season celebrates a radical in-breaking of God into the world, one which changed everything forever. Join me in this season of prayerful expectation.

- Pastor Jeff



December Celebrations	
Birthdays	
12-02	Carly K. Pastor Jeff
12-09	Derik I.
12-12	Nathan M.
12-13	Everyn S.
12-17	Stan S.
12-22	Lucas P.
12-23	Savannah F.
12-27	Buck B. Chevelle F.
12-28	Jane R. April L.
12-31	Dave F. Al J.

* If we don't have your special date listed, please contact the church office!



Joy Bells Thank You
Thank you to all who donated to the Joy Bells program prior to the December 1st deadline. There is a real need amongst families in our community for this ministry and your generosity is what makes it possible. Thank you for helping provide a merry Christmas for so many families!

Christmas Offering
The Christmas Offering in December will go toward a favorite charity of ours: the New Pathways homeless shelter program.

The building is coming along nicely, and it will be such a blessing! They hope to move families into their new home this August. No more moving themselves, their children, and all their belongings every week to another church. Those of us who have helped the families in the past will still have opportunities to interact with them in the future.

The funding for the building construction has been raised! Now they need funds for interior furnishings, so please be generous with your Christmas offering. Going out of town for Christmas? You can mark your check “NEW PATHWAYS” anytime between now and New Year’s to help get the families settled into their new home. Thank you for your generosity!



Thanks for Returning Your Pledge
We offer the sincerest thank you to all of you who turned in your Estimate of Giving Cards for the coming year. Your generosity is what makes this church function, allowing us to live into our mission and to be the Body of Christ for our community and our world. If you have not yet had the chance to send in your card, you can reach out to the church office (office.wyomingumc@gmail.com) with your commitment for the coming year, mail the card to the church (PO Box 247, Wyoming, MN 55092), or bring it in on Sunday and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to this church!

Goodbye Party for Nathan
Wyoming UMC’s long-time accompanist Nathan Aastuen’s final service with us will be Sunday, December 28th. While we are sad to see Nathan go, we are deeply grateful for his service to this church, for all of the Sundays that he shared his musical gifts with us, and for the joy and friendship that he brought to this community with his presence. We will be hosting a goodbye party for Nathan following the service on December 28th. Come offer your thanks and best wishes!



Poinsettia Orders
Sign up in the nook to order poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Medium plants are \$10 and large plants are \$20, and all orders are due by Sunday, December 7. Please place your payment in the envelope provided when you place your order. These beautiful flowers will add warmth and festive color to our worship space throughout Advent, and you are welcome to take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service.