

# WHITE CREEK CHURCH

Independent Congregational 2948 14<sup>TH</sup> Lane Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 53965 Village of White Creek, Rural Adams County

# whitecreekchurch.org

December 17, 2023 Morning Service Welcome to Worship

Meet and Greet Announcements Hymn 83 "O Come All Ye Faithful" Devotional - ADVENT - LOVE Prayer Hymn 45 "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" Offering Doxology Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men. Special Music Testimonies/Prayer Requests Message Song 218 "It's Just Like His Great Love" Prayer

## CALENDAR

| Sundays:   | Adult Sunday School - 9:15 A.M.       |  |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--|
|            | Morning Service - 10:30 A.M.          |  |
| Tuesdays:  | Women's Bible Study - 10:00 A.M.      |  |
|            | Senior Housing Clubhouse, Adams       |  |
| Thursdays: | Men's Bible Study @ Church -5:30 P.M. |  |

#### December 17<sup>th</sup> -TODAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

December 21<sup>st</sup>- Country Christmas Jam 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Adams Community Center [weather permitting]

December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Service - 5 P.M.

#### **ADVENT**

We want to thank Nancy Burdick-Seelenbinder for volunteering to lead us in observing this Advent season.

#### LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The ladies meet on Tuesday a 10 A.M. at the Senior Housing Clubhouse behind the Library/Community Center in Adams. They are studying the Book of Acts. All ladies are invited.

#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Each Thursday from 5:30 to about 7:00 P.M. the men meet for Bible Study. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. All men are welcome to attend.

#### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Two ways you may send church-wide Christmas Cards this year:

1. Address 1 card to all members, and post it on the bulletin board in the Sunday School room.

2. Address and deliver or mail cards to each family. A list of attending families is available from Beverly.

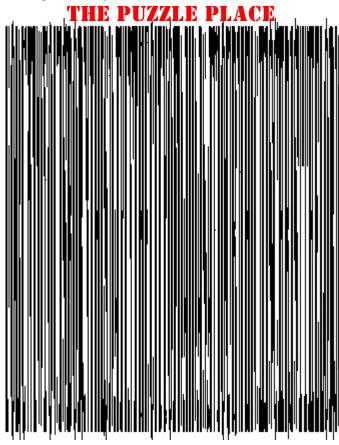
#### CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

Someone special has arranged to provide a Turkey for Christmas for every family in our Church. They are available TODAY at the conclusion of the worship service. A list of recipients has been composed and is on the piano. Please pick up your turkey BEFORE fellowship dinner.

#### **CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS 2024**

| Pastor:            | Sam Downey            |           |  |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|
| Clerk:             | Pam Morse             |           |  |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>  | Meryl Lanphear        |           |  |
| <b>Deacons:</b>    | Martin Sytsma         |           |  |
|                    | Stuart Burdick        | Moderator |  |
| <b>Trustees:</b>   | Larry Smith           |           |  |
|                    | Skip Collins          |           |  |
|                    | David Seelenbinder    |           |  |
| Missions Director: |                       |           |  |
|                    | <b>Beverly Downey</b> |           |  |
| Other Officers :   |                       |           |  |

Custodian - Meryl Lanphear Sunshine Person - Anna Sytsma If there is anything that needs consideration by the Church Board, please notify a Board member.



#### **REFERENCE:**

#### **December Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Pat Townsend 2 Chelle Sytsma 3 Herb Babcock 15 Ava Clausen 16 Michael Smith 20 Gary Bacon 30 Remi Clausen 31 Martin and Anna Sytsma 12 Travis & Michelle Clausen 14

Matt & Kathy Anderson 18 Sam & Beverly Downey 23

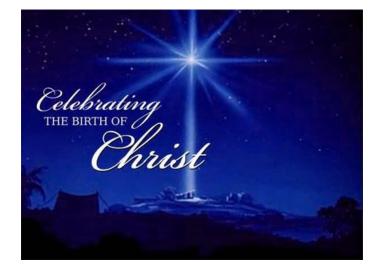
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#### **NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE**

If we have a service on Sunday evening, New Years Eve, will you attend? 6 p.m. weather permitting. Didn't get much responce so how about a show of hands?

#### **CONSIDER THIS**

Many experts doubt that Jesus was born on December 25<sup>th</sup>. They have studied calendars, maps, ancient literature, all kinds of charts and graphs, and have concluded that He must have been born in the Spring, or the Summer, or Autumn. The hard-core skeptic will say that He was never born at all! But, we know better. We have a more sure source than any of those skeptics and experts, for we have the Bible, the Word of God. While the Bible does not suggest a specific month or year of His birth, it tells us unequivocally that He was surely born. The record of His birth was preceded by numerous prophecies, giving us many specific details that were known only to God, until revealed to us. These were given so that we could properly prepare for His coming, and also served as proof of His coming, adequate for all but the most hard-headed among us. The afterglow of His appearance on this earth has been sustained for over two thousand years, and grows brighter as we anticipate Hos soon return to establish His everlasting Kingdom. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.



We celebrate because the old prophets were correct, The New Testament saints were faithful, And, We have received the resultant blessings We Love You! Pastor Sam and Beverly Downey

### PRAYER LIST

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should **pray for** as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." <u>Romans 8:26</u>

Susan Burdick Kathy Sonny and Patrick