



Christmas Traditions Lessons & Lunch

Sunday, December 10

One Celebration Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Followed by Lunch & Program

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Caroling

Sunday, December 16

6:00 p.m.

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Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. *Children's Service*

7:00 p.m. *Contemporary Candlelight*

10:00 p.m. *Christ-Mass Candlelight*



EXTENSIONS

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Worship

As believers, we are called in John 4:23 to “worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks”. So what does that mean?

From an article in *Kenneth Copeland Ministries*, “When we worship in truth, we don’t worship empty philosophies that come from the world’s way of thinking (Colossians 2:8). Instead, we focus on the message and the truth of Jesus Christ.

“Worship is not a feeling. Worship is not an experience. Worship is an act, and this takes discipline. We are to worship in spirit and in truth. Never mind about the feelings. We are to worship in spite of them.”

– Elisabeth Elliot

The more we discipline ourselves to worship in spite of our feelings, the more we discipline ourselves to come before the Lord no matter our schedules; the more we discipline ourselves to step out on faith that God will meet us, the more we will see Him move in our lives, in our churches, and in our world.

In order to worship in truth, we must know the truth, which is found in the Bible.

The bible talks about several different types of worship – from kneeling, bowing down, celebrating, raving about our Lord, singing praises, extending hands, to rejoicing and making music. Check out – Psalm 72:12-15, 1 Chronicles 16:4, Psalm 47:1, Psalm 22:3, Psalm 50:23, Psalm 150:3-6, and 2 Chronicles 20:21.

Here at KOG we try to incorporate all types of worship in our services. Not all types in every service but correlating the type of worship to the occasion.

Our Lord and Savior likes all kinds of worship and I would like to tell you about a worship experience at a church in Chambrun, Haiti.

Chambrun is a small village about 15 miles outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. It is a very impoverished community with most of the villagers living in mud huts or small concrete block homes with rusted tin roofs. On Sunday morning the villagers walk to a concrete block church with no air-conditioning and wood benches for pews in their Sunday best clothing – some carrying their “church clothes” as they walk so they won’t



get them dirty. They want to give God their best even in their clothing.

As the service starts, the rustic wood pews are full and the music begins. The congregation, young and

old alike, sings loudly and with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has done for them. These beautiful people who have so little in material possessions, praise God for who He is and all He has done for them with singing for 45 minutes. Pastor Pierre begins the sermon in Creole (the Haitian language) but stops periodically to interpret his message in English. He talks about who their Lord and Savior is and what He has done and how He gave His life for them. He talks about community and caring for others. After the sermon, communion is served, we hold our bread and wine until everyone is served and then we all partake at the same time. We, the mission team, are then invited to sing a song for the congregation. The service ends with more singing and praising. The joy and thanksgiving these people leave us with fills us for the entire week. The Spirit is active and powerful even in difficult circumstances.

God has given us the gift of worshipping the one who died and rose again for each of us. Let us do it with joy and thanksgiving every Sunday and each day as we live our lives.

Your King of Glory Elders



The Office will be closed December 24 at Noon and all day December 25 so our staff can enjoy time with their families.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Give Them the “Oily” Word(s)!

I like watching movies. Many of these films involve watching a group of people try to pull off a plan – trying to accomplish something that requires everyone doing their part.

Many times, on the day the plan is set for action, the participants are not all in one place, and it requires some to tell others when to do their bit. Then, when that communication is done, the chief will ask the returning underling, “Did they get the word?” The answer? Hopefully “Yes, we gave the word to go.” We need words to go.

We know that “a picture is worth a thousand words” and “actions speak louder than words” but that doesn’t mean that words are unimportant. In fact, God values words so much He “spoke” creation into being (“Let there be light” God said, and there was light, Genesis 1:3). God the Father values words so much that one of the names He gave His Son was “The Word” (“And the Word became flesh and lived among us...full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14) Words – especially “good” words – matter.

That’s why it is of great concern to me to learn recently that, according to researchers, over the last several decades to the present, words like “love,” “patience,” “faithfulness” “humility” and “kindness” have each de-

clined in use by some 50 percent or more as experts have surveyed millions of books and written records as they have become digitized. It’s a good bet that that is reflected in our culture’s “talk” as well.

Is this a bad or good thing? I would hope it’s clear that this is not a good thing. We need good, uplifting communication like a car engine needs oil. Car engines need oil as a lubricant to keep engine parts running smoothly. Car engines need oil so that that oil, as it filters through the engine, removes debris and keeps the engine clean. Car engines need oil so that the oil can cool the engine so that it does not overheat and go to ruin.

Likewise, we need good, kind words that express appreciation and care for one another on a regular basis so that the engines of our relationships run smoothly. Clear, open communication, sprinkled with understanding and kindness, filters through our dealings with one another to “clear up” whatever misunderstandings might get in our way, and so that we “keep cool” when times are difficult.

As we meet others during Christmas and beyond, let’s go to worship and be reminded that not only did “The Word” come to earth as a Savior, but also that OUR “word” we give others daily – a word of kindness, of love, of patience, of humility, of many kinds of “godly” talk – can make all the difference in someone’s life – and be the “oil of gladness” that keeps their engines running!

I have noticed a difference even in my interactions with relative strangers when I am, in my words and actions, more kind to them, more engaging, and more willing to recognize and appreciate that other person and what they bring to the table. Let us bring back these “lost” words, as we give “the Word” this blessed season...and beyond!

Pastor David

Year-End Giving

At the end of every year many of our members find themselves in need of “catching up” on their General Fund Pledges. There are others who desire to make special gifts above and beyond their pledge before the end of the year. While this is a real boost to the church, it’s also a tax advantage for many individuals. Stock contributions and IRA Charitable rollover gifts may also be made. Contact Nancy for details on these giving options. In order to accommodate this year-end giving, our church books for 2018 will be kept open until 12:00 noon on Monday, December 31, 2018. All gifts dated January 2019 will be recorded on the 2019 statements. If you have questions about where you stand with your General or Freedom Fund pledges, please don’t hesitate to contact Nancy in the office, 317-846-1555.



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Sr. High Christmas Fund Raisers

The Senior High Youth is selling DiscoverIndy Books for \$25 throughout the month of December. Many of the coupons are "Buy One Get One Free" so one nice dinner out or a round of golf pays for the book! These make great Christmas Gifts so plan to stock up! All proceeds raised will go toward the summer mission trip. Questions? Contact Jenn Stumpp at jennstumpp@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support of our youth

Christmas Traditions Lessons & Lunch

Join us for a combined worship service on Sunday, December 9 at 10:00 to remember what Christmas is really about. All of our music teams will be participating – including our youngest. Following worship we will share brunch together in our Bethlehem Inn (usually known to us as Fellowship Hall). Ham and rolls will be provided. We would like you to pitch in a Christmas favorite - enough to serve 12 people. Breakfast items are welcome. You can drop your food off downstairs before the service. Sign up on the clipboard or the large bulletin board today or on Flocknote.

Caroling

New this year we will be caroling for the residents of Woodland Terrace on Sunday, Dec. 16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will meet in the entrance of that facility and then we will sing in their ballroom. Woodland Terrace is at 689 Pro-Med Lane, off Old Meridian just northeast of St. Vincent Hospital in Carmel. Sign up on Flocknote or here at church in the coming week.



Cantata

Plan to join us for a special service in song as we present our Christmas Cantata at all three services December 15-16.



Scrip Order Placed December 15th-16th

From Lowes to Kohls; Starbucks to Maggiano; Disney to Speedway and everything in between, Scrip (gift) cards make the perfect gift and KOG gets a percentage of the sale on each one.

Nora Tutoring

Please consider giving an hour or so a week to improve the reading and math skills of a child at Nora Elementary School. You may choose to work in a classroom for a teacher during school hours or after school one day a week. you don't need to have teaching experience to help a child. Students will usually have assignments, and their teachers will inform you of the student's needs. Some of the time spent may be reading a book together or playing a simple math game. If you are interested in this outreach program, please e-mail Carole Rahn at cjrahn@sbcglobal.net or call her at 317-846-7818.

Altar Poinsettias

Would you like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve by purchasing a poinsettia? The cost is \$9.00 per plant. Complete the form below and drop it off in the office (or in the offering plate) with your check make payable to King of Glory (with Poinsettia in the memo line). You may take your plant home any time after the 10:00 p.m. Christ-Mass service.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Your Name _____



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Missionary News

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you will take the time to read our November EPES Update and get a sense of some of the highlights of our work during these past months. In this Update, you will read about our nutrition and justice program, how our post-earthquake work in 2010 led us to working in Puerto Rico after Hurricane María, a training program for the National Disability Service, the visit of ELCA Global Mission director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Rev. Jaime Dubón to EPES, how our investing in Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) from Kenya continues to bear fruit in the fight against Female Genital Mutilation, our work to share strategies for humanitarian aid with an ecumenical organization from Peru and the ongoing work to end gender-based violence.

A heartbreaking event affected all of our lives at EPES in July when Amelia, the one year and nine-month old daughter of Camila and Mauricio, the wonderful young leaders in Valparaiso who we have worked with since the tragic fires in 2014, died from medical negligence and the consequences of profound inequality in Chilean society. We have been working with Camila and Mauricio, their families and the entire community on a Justice for

Amelia campaign, accompanying them and providing support as they face such profound loss and grief. Our friend and pastor, Rev. Dr. Dale Young, will be arriving next week from Miami to run workshops on grief support for the family and community. We thank you in advance for keeping them in your prayers.

We were also deeply saddened by the unexpected death of Tulio Farias, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile (IELCH) and long-term friend of EPES. Tulio was diagnosed with cancer in late July and died in less than a month. He was a wonderful, kind, smart and even-tempered leader who was so needed at this time in the life of the church. He was also the husband of Soledad Puebla one of first health promoters trained by EPES in 1983 who went on to finish high school and college and directs two daycare centers for the church with over 40 staff and 300 children from poor communities. She is a remarkable leader and a close, close personal friend. We have been accompanying her and her family during this difficult time of loss. Many days in July and August I sang loudly in my car on the way home from the hospital or from Valparaiso:and He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His Hand. We trust we are in the palm of His Hand, walking together towards a new morning.

As the year comes to an end, the EPES staff never forgets how blessed we are to have your love, support and prayers that enable us do our work and help us move forward in difficult times. May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas and a grace-filled New Year. And may we all continue to work for justice, human rights, dignity and peace for all people and communities in our ever polarized world.

abrazos y bendiciones,

Karen

*ELCA Global Mission Personnel in Chile
online giving: <https://community.elca.org/chile>*

Special Worship Schedule Throughout December

December 9 - Christmas Traditions

One Service Only at 10:00 a.m.

December 15-16 - Cantata

This special music offering will be included at all services

December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Eve Service

7:00 p.m. - Contemporary Candlelight

10:00 p.m.- Christ Mass



WORSHIP & MUSIC



December Helpers

	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Communion Assistants	Acolytes	Ushers
Dec 9					
10:00 a.m.		Gagen	Ellises, Gagen, Hollingsworth, Lempke		VanTries
Dec 16					
9:00 a.m.			Copeland, Culvers, Gagen, Palecek		Stuck, Peterson
11:00 a.m.	B Krohn	Lillard	Buddenbaumn	C Hermann	DeLor
Dec 23					
9:00 a.m		Saffen	Calcamuggio, Retzlaffs, Saffens		Lillards
11:00 a.m	G Peterson	Eckard	Otto	L Vreeman	Prasuhn
Dec 24.					
7:00 p.m.		Behlmer	Behlmer		Lillards
Dec 30					
9:00 am		Crampton	Cramptons, Ellises, Wimer		Schmohe, Spahn
11:00 a.m.	Larson	Lillard	Rasmussen	C Hunt	Johnson

Notes of Note

You may remember that recently I have been sharing memories of my years at King of Glory and the writing of my newsletter articles. I wrote the quoted material here for the December 2011 edition:

“I used to really enjoy an ongoing column in my local newspaper written by a journalist and PR colleague of mine. He entitled it – thoughts while shaving... and he would proceed to list random reflections that came to mind or things he pondered over or questions about daily life which often produced laughter or consideration.

So I could call my article this month – thoughts while playing the organ... What if we couldn't make the organ work? Did you know that one of our most famous Christmas hymns came about in just such a situation? Father Mohr on Christmas Eve 1818 discovered the nightmare that his organ would not work and his music plans had to be scrapped. He must not have felt very calm but have prayerfully hoped he could write and sat down to pen *Stille Nacht – Silent Night, Holy Night! All is Calm, all is bright!* He went to his organist friend Franz Gruber who set the poem to music and they sang it at the service as a duet accompanied by guitar. This might have been the end of the song, however, when the repairman came, he was so charmed that he asked for a copy and took it about all the villages to which he traveled. The folk singing Strasser family took it to the Leipzig Fair and the rest as they say is history!”

Did you notice the date – Christmas Eve 1818? Here's the significance:

On that quiet Christmas Eve in the snowy Austrian village, our most beloved Christmas carol was born 200 years ago! The collaboration of Josef Mohr, with a text that he penned, and a simple melody from his friend and colleague, Franz Gruber, created a magical moment in music history. Gruber quickly wrote the melody and guitar accompaniment for Mohr's six original verses in German to create a carol that would speak to the hearts of the rural villagers on that blessed night. Recent finds have authenticated the date, authorship, and timing of the carol so that we can confidently celebrate this milestone!

It will feature prominently in our upcoming Cantata Christmas Dreams by Joseph Martin and Heather Sorenson. Please join our Choir and our Praise Team Orchestra for a beautiful presentation Saturday December 15th 5:01 p.m. and both the 9 and 11a.m. services on Sunday December 16th!

Merry Christmas and May it be not too Silent!

Julie

Opioid Overdose Crisis

A lot has been in the news lately about the “Opioid Crisis” in America, below is an article from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

An article from the National Institute on Drug Abuse - Revised March 2018

Every day, more than 115 people in the United States die after overdosing on opioids. The misuse of and addiction to opioids—including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl—is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the total “economic burden” of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement.

How did this happen?

In the late 1990s, pharmaceutical companies reassured the medical community that patients would not become addicted to prescription opioid pain relievers, and healthcare providers began to prescribe them at greater rates. This subsequently led to widespread diversion and misuse of these medications before it became clear that these medications could indeed be highly addictive. Opioid overdose rates began to increase. In 2015, more than 33,000 Americans died as a result of an opioid overdose, including prescription opioids, heroin, and illicitly manufactured fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid. That same year, an estimated 2 million people in the United States suffered from substance use disorders related to prescription opioid pain relievers, and 591,000 suffered from a heroin use disorder (not mutually exclusive).

What do we know about the opioid crisis?

- Roughly 21 to 29 percent of patients prescribed opioids for chronic pain misuse them.
- Between 8 and 12 percent develop an opioid use disorder.
- An estimated 4 to 6 percent who misuse prescription opioids transition to heroin.
- About 80 percent of people who use heroin first misused prescription opioids.
- Opioid overdoses increased 30 percent from July 2016 through September 2017 in 52 areas in 45 states.
- The Midwestern region saw opioid overdoses increase 70 percent from July 2016 through September 2017.
- Opioid overdoses in large cities increased by 54 percent in 16 states.

What are HHS and NIH doing about it?

In response to the opioid crisis, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is focusing its efforts on five major priorities:

1. Improving access to treatment and recovery services.
2. Promoting use of overdose-reversing drugs.
3. Strengthening our understanding of the epidemic through better public health surveillance.
4. Providing support for cutting-edge research on pain and addiction.
5. Advancing better practices for pain management.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), a component of HHS, is the nation’s leading medical research agency helping solve the opioid crisis via discovering new and better ways to prevent opioid misuse, treat opioid use disorders, and manage pain. In the summer of 2017, NIH met with pharmaceutical companies and academic research centers to discuss:

1. Safe, effective, non-addictive strategies to manage chronic pain.
2. New, innovative medications and technologies to treat opioid use disorders.
3. Improved overdose prevention and reversal interventions to save lives and support recovery.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 1
Connie Kaforke

December 2
Lisa Excell
Lucas Flaa
Scott Lim

December 3
Connie Schmohe
Katelynn Stuck

December 4
Amy James

December 5
Robin Bowen
Chris Buckley
Eli Cossell

December 6
Julie Hayden

December 7
Tim Kaforke

December 8
David Moscrip
Pam Retzlaff

December 10
Emma Hulse
Mary Palecek
Marcia Poisel

December 12
Michael Hartman

December 13
Ann Boldt
Greg Hartman
Holly Swift

December 14
Marilyn Hartman

December 15
Kate Floberg
Liz Lichtenberger
Charles Sampson
Kate Vanderveen

December 16
Jeff Boldt

December 17
Marji Schott

December 18
Sally Miller
Cole Vreeman

December 19
Broderick Loop

December 20
Joan Denney

December 22
Piper Foley

December 23
Michael Kaforke

December 24
Janis Hartman
Kayleigh James

December 27
Anna Hartman

December 28
Natalie Aaron
John Clifford
Beth Crowell
Reilly Sullivan

December 29
Becke DeWitt
Megan Ernst
Don Gross

December 30
Randy Schalburg

December 31
Evie Messick



Please Join Us For Worship

SATURDAY

5:01 p.m. - Saturday Evening Gathering - A "come as you are" gathering with music, a message and Holy Communion.

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Worship. This service incorporates popular praise music in a less formal setting than our 11:00 service and includes scripture readings, a message from the pastor and Holy Communion.

11:00 a.m. - Classic Lutheran Liturgy - Worship focuses on participation through the liturgy, hymns and corporate confession of our faith. Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.



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