

# What is Happening in Advent

Advent is a season of waiting. We wait for Christmas morning when we celebrate the birth of Jesus! We wait for Jesus to come again in glory, to take us to be with him in heaven. One of the ways that we celebrate the Advent season is through the lighting of the **Advent wreath** each week. The 4 candles represent *hope, peace, joy (the pink candle), and love*. You will see the Advent wreath in the sanctuary, and if you'd like to purchase one, they will be available in the church lobby throughout Advent. We have a full Advent season ahead, and we pray that this guide would help you to worship, and join us as we await the celebration of Jesus birth!

Faith on Display Service  
November 29th, 7pm



We have many unique and interesting decorations in the sanctuary, but we also have many normal decorations that you may have in your own home. Join us as we have a service looking at those decorations, and the meaning that they have! We invite you to bring your favorite Nativity scene, cookies, and after the service, we will share in fellowship, cookies, hot chocolate, and view all of the nativity scenes on display.



Advent by Candlelight  
December 2nd, 2-5pm



Advent by Candlelight is an event to help women focus on Christ during the busy holiday season. It is also a way for us to reach out to the community and to encourage believers. We host candle lit tables, have coffee or tea with a wonderful dessert, sing beautiful Advent songs together and receive a message of Jesus our Savior.

Hymn Festival  
December 6th, 7pm



Join us as we sing and hear the wonderful carols of Advent and Christmas accompanied by organ, handbells, brass and timpani, all composed by our guest organist. We will sing: O Little Town of Bethlehem, Star Carol, and more! Robert Hobby is the Minister of Music at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.



Advent by Bonfire  
December 9th, 5-8pm



The OS� Men of courage celebrate Advent with a bonfire, good food, and great fellowship. Invite a brother, cousin, uncle, or friend, and join us for a great time of fellowship amongst brothers in Christ. This event is for men, high school age and older. Our devotion this year will be led by MSU Baseball Coach Jake Boss Jr.

## Living Nativity December 16, 5-7pm



The Christmas story. The shepherds, the angels, the stable, the manger. The Christmas story can often times feel far off. Join us for a night to walk through the nativity, see the shepherds, angels, and hear the story of the birth of Jesus. We will have cookies, hot chocolate, activities, and family fun. Invite your neighbors, friends, any and all, to join us as we join in the journey to the manger!



## Blue Christmas Service December 20, 7pm



Sometimes, the holiday season doesn't feel holly and jolly. There are many reasons why someone might be having a blue Christmas. Maybe it's the loss of a loved one, whether recent or years ago, the loss of a job, a struggling family situation, or simply feeling like you can't have joy this year. Join us for our first Blue Christmas service. This will be a service of remembrance and hope, as we are strengthened and encouraged by God's Word and fellow believers. After the service, we will have light refreshments, an opportunity to come to the communion rail to be anointed with oil and prayed over, and our Stephen ministers, will be around to listen and to pray.

## Christmas Eve Services December 24th



The culmination of the Advent season is the celebration of the birth of our Savior. This year, Christmas Eve is a little different, because it falls on a Sunday!

**This Christmas Eve we will have 5 services: 9:30am, 10am, 4pm, 7pm, 10pm**

- 9:30am: Traditional service with communion and hymns led by the organ.
- 10:00am: Christmas Eve Connect Service. This is our station-based young family focused service.
- 4:00pm Contemporary Christmas Eve worship service, led by our worship band.
- 7:00pm: Organ led service, with our adult choir, handbell choir, and brass group.
- 10:00pm: Organ with a string quartet accompaniment.

All evening services will include our candlelight ceremony and communion.



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