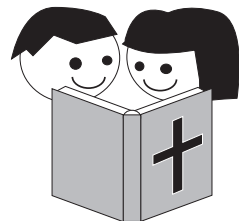


KID'S CORNER BIBLE MATH



1. How many letters are in the name of the baby whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas?
2. How many letters are in the word for the sheep tenders who came to see the baby?
3. How many letters are in the title of the royal men who came to see the Baby when he was born?
4. How many letters are in the word for what was in the sky that guided the royal men to find the Baby?

Check your answers in the next newsletter.

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1. Genesis, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
2. Habakkuk 3. Haggai 4. Deuteronomy, Song of Solomon
5. Isaiah, Lamentations, Obadiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
6. Genesis, Deuteronomy, Nehemiah, Ecclesiastes, Jeremiah, Ezekiel

by Sandra Holloway

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Do **YOU** Akaloo ? Akaloo is the name of the new curriculum introduced this Fall in Sunday School. It is an exciting online resource which comes with a DVD and CD and is fun ! Akaloo is Greek for "to follow" Jesus, which is what we are learning to do each Sunday from 10:00 - 10:30 am.

The teachers this year are Nancy McQuade and Tracey Norwood for the Preschoolers, Jennifer Sewell for the early elementary students and Kelly Cameron and Virve Sandstrom for the Grade 3 to 6 students. We have 19 children registered this year. We recently updated the Sundays and Fundays Bulletin board in the Conrad room. Be sure to check it out ! So do **WE** Akaloo ? You bet we do !

-Jen Sewell

PROPERTY REPORT

We have had a busy year at the church and parsonage with general repairs and painting. Next year the louvers in the bell tower need to be repaired and painted.

Donations for the stained glass windows continue to come in and we thank everyone . Without your support this project would not have been possible.

We thank the members of the property committee and others for the work they have done this year to keep our church and parsonage properties in good repair.

-Al Veinot

PRAYERS WHILE BAKING

Last year we provided gifts for St. Leonard's Half-way house. Eighteen men received homemade quilts as Christmas presents. This year we are looking at gathering tins and filling them with Christmas baking.

You are invited to bake at home, using the prayers provided below. On Sunday Dec. 17th you are invited to bring some baking to church with you. This is the day of our Christmas potluck; willing hands will help fill tins with an assortment of goodies.

We need goodies (baked with prayer) and tins (old cookie or candy tins would be great!

Prayer before starting:

God of abundance,

Today I plan to bake good things for my family and friends. May each step be filled with the joy of serving you and the warmth of your love. Keep me ever mindful of the needs of others. Amen.

Prayer while mixing ingredients:

God of love,

As I mix this batter may your love flow through me into each fold. Thank-you for your blessings. Amen.

Prayer while cutting / shaping:

God our creator,

You have molded me and shaped me into who I am. Your Son Jesus guides and helps me to be more. Continue in your grace to make me your humble servant. Amen.

Prayer after putting them in the oven:

God of anticipation and waiting,

As I wait for these cookies to cook, remind me that this season is about you. May I be patient and await from you great and abundant mercy. Amen.

Prayer when cookies are done:

God of fulfillment,

May those who eat these cookies be blessed with your holy presence, filling in them more than just a physical need. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Halifax, NS

News of Resurrection

Advent -
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Sunday Worship at 10:30 am



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FROM THE PASTOR

Silence!

A bitter breeze outside, cloudy, the trees are bare - standing still, no birds in the air, and I see no people from the church office window. All is quiet!

I would like to capture this moment and send it to all of you.

A gift from God before the "noise" of Christmas.

Silence!

I take pause to pray for all of you and this congregation.

As we prepare for Christ's coming, I am anticipating the moments of silence and prayer. Our church sign says, "Come in and pick up God's gift for you". My gift from God is the quiet, as another candle is lit each week on the Advent wreath. The quiet of the empty building as the sanctuary is prepared for the next service. God speaks to me in the Prayers of the People when silences are audible. The stillness between the Christmas services where one group bustles out and the next group has not yet arrived. The climax is the prayer, in the soft but strong singing of *Silent Night*.

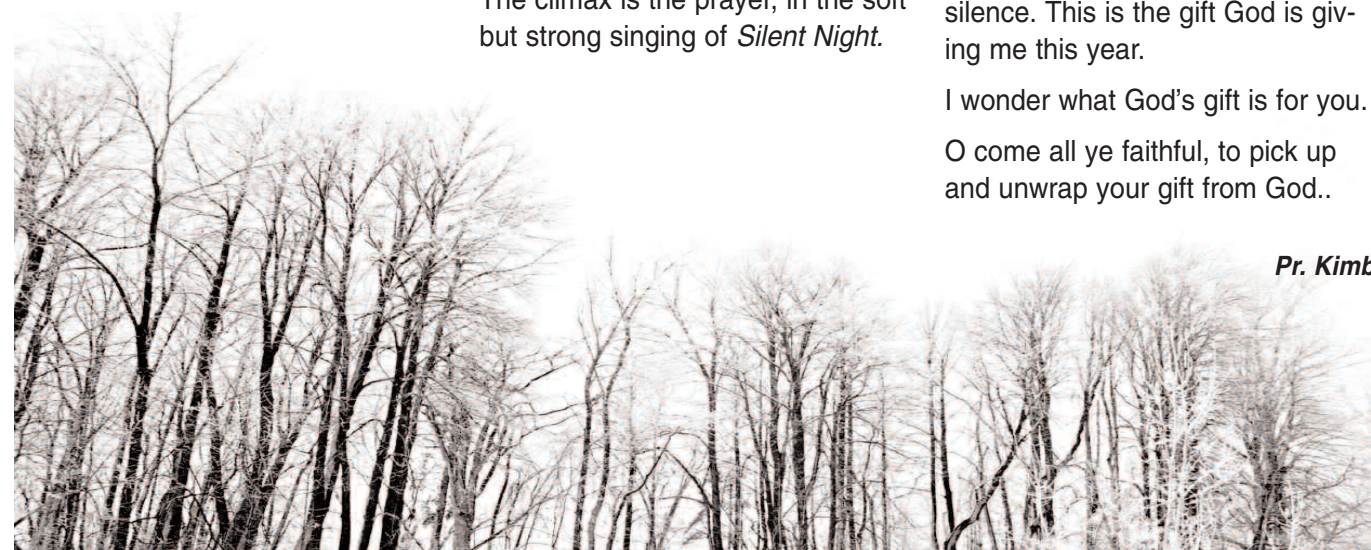
This silence is settling in and giving me a peace as I look out my window at the same scene. I feel like the quiet of this morning has seeped into my bones. The thoughts of my parents coming, preparing for my brother's children, cookie baking, decorating, final quilts to make for the half-way house, Christmas cards, learning to lead worship from a new book, et cetera....have all become relaxed happenings, covered by a blanket of peace.

Silence and prayer. Prayer and silence. This is the gift God is giving me this year.

I wonder what God's gift is for you.

O come all ye faithful, to pick up and unwrap your gift from God..

Pr. Kimber



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Advent 3 Sun. Dec. 17

AFTER CHURCH COME FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

This Sun. we will also put together Prayer Made Cookie Tins for our local half-way house (see article "Prayers While Baking")

Advent 4 Sun. Dec. 24 10:30am

This service will be the **SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT** and there will be no communion.

Christmas Eve Sun. Dec. 24

6PM

THE NATIVITY SCENE AND COMMUNION

This service will be designed for families and children. During the service children (and a few adults) will be invited to join in the making of the nativity scene. With each character in the scene we will reflect on what prayers they might have said the night of Jesus' birth.

Communion is being offered because more and more children are receiving the sacrament.

8PM

CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION

For many, the highlight of this service is the candlelight portion. We remember that Christ came into the world as a light to the world.

There will not be a Christmas Day service on Dec. 25

Sun. Dec. 31 10:30am

CAROLS AND COMMUNION

The service will be relaxed and we will do lots of singing. You are invited to wear your pyjamas to church!!! Pastor Kimber will be wearing hers.



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

- **Bus tickets and Tim Horton certificates**....these are ideal to give to the church because they are given out to those in need
- **Global Hunger and Development / Canada Lutheran World Relief**...."Gifts from the Heart" that keep on giving in communities that are being developed around the world
- Gifts include **education for a young person in India to pediatric dialysis** and support for Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem. (see web-site or pamphlets in Conrad Room)
- Perhaps your family is looking for a project during the Christmas season? Consider getting involved in the **We Care program**. For a donation of \$5 you will receive a beautiful We Care cloth bag (handmade by artisans in India), along with instructions on what necessities to include inside. The supplies you provide will be meaningful gifts to the women, men and children who receive them. (to see a list of kits check out the ELW bulletin board in the church hall).
- **Waterloo Lutheran Seminary**gifts to aid the seminary in continuing to train lay and ordained
- **persons for the ministry of God and the church** (see web-site)
- **Love gifts** to God given to the church for every day ministry expenses.

WEB SITES WORTH LOOKING AT:

- www.freehugscampaign.org
- www.clwr.org
- www.elcic.ca/ghda/index.html
- www.seminary.wlu.ca
- www.waytolive.org
Christian web-site for teens

Congregational Life Corner

NEW HYMN BOOKS

The worship and music committee is excited about our new hymn book and wishes to share with you how it is going to be introduced.

Starting at the beginning of Dec., the liturgy CDs will be played as background music during coffee time. The CDs include eight of the ten settings found in the new book. This will get us familiar with what is in our book.

We have chosen setting two as our starting liturgy. One reason is that it is in a lower range than the first setting. This means that more people will be able to sing it comfortably. It is also more spirited than setting one. The Kyrie has a prayerful lilt and the Gloria is joyful.

The books have arrived and we begin using the first Sunday of Advent.

The green and blue books have been retired. On the last Sunday of their use, people in church removed the books from their pews and placed the books on a table in the fellowship hall. Books that have memorial name plates in them, are being offered to the family members. Other people who wish to take a book may do so after the memorial ones are taken. If you would like a book, please pick one up!

The first Sunday we use the new books, congregation members are invited to take a book and place it in their pew.

During the season of Advent we will not be using a printed liturgy from the hymn book. We will be singing lots of Advent carols and hymns. We will also be using the Psalm section of the new book. For the upcoming year the Psalm will no longer be printed on the bulletin. Pastor Kimber will also use the Prayers of the Day that are printed in the front of the book.

For the season of Christmas we will be using the hymn book for our hymn singing.

In January, we will begin to learn setting two. We will use setting two until August 2007. When Pastor Kimber goes away, the service will be the Service of the Word, which is the music from the liturgy we used in With One Voice (the blue book). For the month of August setting ten will be used. This setting has all the liturgical music set to famous hymn tunes like "Ode to Joy". There is lots of singing so only one hymn will be picked for the day to follow the sermon.



Sun. Oct. 22.
Rev. Kevin Baglole
was our guest preacher.

He was here to lead part of the workshop on our new hymn books in Mahone Bay on Oct. 21st.



WHEN THINKING ABOUT GIFTS:

- **For those of you who make red wine**, consider donating a bottle or two to the church for communion?
- **For those of you who receive the newsletter via mail**, consider adopting the newsletter for a month (covering the cost of postage and envelopes)?
- **For those who use the bulletin on a Sunday morning**, consider adopting the bulletin for a week (covering the cost of paper and printing)?
- **For those who drink coffee during the fellowship time**, consider donating supplies (serviettes, coffee, real juice, Timbits, dish soap)?
- **For those of you who have difficulty hearing**, consider giving a little extra to cover the cost of batteries for the microphone?



PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Confirmation class this year has seven students, four of whom are planning to make an affirmation of faith April 1, 2007 (Palm Sunday). Pray for them and their faith buddies:

Jillian MacDonald and Claire McIlveen
Julia Bell and Marion MacLaine
Karen McNabb and Sherilyn Polvi
Flannery Head and Jen Sewell
Cameron Rasmussen and Tim McNabb
Josette Terrio and Carol Grantham
Catherine Polvi and Norma Wrigley