



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Now is the time when we hear the old story

Of God's love born into this world.

Now is the time when we watch and wait

For God's hope to break into our lives again.

Now is the time when we sing the old songs Of God's comfort and joy given for all.

Now is the time when we prepare our hearts, our homes, and our lives And we share God's light and God's love with each other.

In this season of Advent, we hear the story of the God who is with us, our Emmanuel. And here, today, God's story becomes our story, as God says to each one of us: you are not alone. I love you, I am with you, and you are mine. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE HYMNAL #256 **HYMN**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

SONG SHINE ON US

welcome...we're glad you're here!

We are so glad that you are here and worshiping God with us today. We know that God loves and welcomes all people and so we do our best to do the same. Feel comfortable being who God created you to be in this space and listen for the ways that the Holy Spirit is calling you to faith and a deeper love for your neighbor. Thanks for joining this community of faith, service, and worship today. You are always welcome!

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 7:10-16

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

OUR STORY BEGINS...WITH A SONG

LUKE 1:39-55

HYMN

HYMNAL #723

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

"ON ONE HAND, MARY WAS JUST A FRIGHTENED GIRL WHO HAD THE GOOD SENSE TO BELIEVE WHAT AN ANGEL TOLD HER. ON THE OTHER HAND, SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF THE SON OF GOD, WITH FAITH ENOUGH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS, TO SING ABOUT THE VICTORIES OF HER SON ... WHEN WE ALLOW GOD TO BE BORN IN US, THERE IS NO TELLING AT ALL, WHAT WILL (OME OUT"

- BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR

At Vinje, we believe all people are welcome at the Lord's Table regardless of any circumstance.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

HYMNS

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

HE CAME DOWN

HYMNAL #257 HYMNAL #253

BLESSING

God Go now to live in the joy of this season, knowing that

God's peace is with you

God's love is all around you

God's hope is just ahead of you

And God is always with you.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING HYMN

HYMNAL #270

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, God's love is on the way.

Thanks be to God.



SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS Seyward Ask

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COMMUNION

USHERS

MUSICIANS Tim Burns, Vinje Choir

LECTOR Marilynn Tiede

SLIDES Paul & Sue Bredeson

CAMERA Paul Nordin

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Remember in Prayer

We would like to check in on you or your loved ones when ill or hospitalized. If you or someone you know is in the hospital please let one of the pastors or the church office know.

RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Don Handahl, Marvin Turnipseed, Jim Loehr, Karen Wiehr, Sonja Westre, Kathy Hund

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Lane Leedahl, Merle Berkeland, Shirley Brandt, Ted Olson, Trevor Hansen, Randy Patton

BEREAVED

Craig and Lori Schellberg following the death of Craig's father, Arlyn on November 25.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office if you would like to sponsor the bulletin, broadcast, bus, or coffee.

Sponsors are needed for 2024! Please call or email the church office to reserve your dates. Thanks!

THANK YOU

This week's bulletin, broadcast, bus and coffee are sponsored by James and Eve Blomquist.



Join with the choirs, hand bell choir and Wednesday Live! students as we share the story of the first Christmas through favorite Christmas songs and scripture.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:30 am Piano led worship including Christmas hymn sing and communion. Pastor Dane preaching.

3 pm Wednesday Live! Kids singing.
Modern worship service led by
Praise Team. Service includes
candle lighting and communion.
Pastor Justin preaching.

5 pm Traditional worship service with organ and special music by Vinje Choir. Service includes candle lighting and communion. Pastor

Justin preaching.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

SUN, DECEMBER 10 | 10:30-11:15 AM WED, DECEMBER 13 | 6:30-7:15 PM

We are conducting a congregational meeting (two date/time options) focused on strategic planning around Vinje's purpose and mission. We will have tabletop discussions, facilitated by our council members, and opportunity for our members to share thoughts on how we would like to see Vinje described in our community.



LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we want to share the joys

want to share the joys of the season with others in the community. This year contributions to the Light of Christmas funds will once again be used to purchase gifts and necessities for our neighbors in need. We will also be collecting donations for our holiday décor (poinsettias, trees, wreaths, etc). Forms can be found on the welcome desk and contributions can placed in the offering plate or mailed or delivered to the church office by December 13th. Contributions can also be made online. Also, if you know of someone with specific needs in our community please call or email Melissa (melissah@vinjechurch.com).



SHARE A CHRISTMAS GREETING WITH YOUR VINJE FAMILY!

Back by popular demand is the Christmas Card bulletin board! We'd love to include your family's Christmas card on the bulletin board in the entry way! If you'd like, please bring one with you and put it on the bulletin board to share. Thanks!

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMEBER 3

8:30 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL

9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 6:00 PM JUBELLATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 2:00 PM NAOMI/SARAH CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!

5:00 PM SUPPER

5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM

6:00 PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM CONFIRMATION 6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

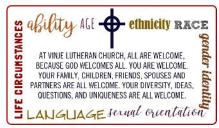
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Nursery care is available during all worship services in Loving Arm's Pre-K Room located in the east hallway.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

\$2,350.00 and approximately 50 pounds of food were donated to the Kandiyohi Area Food Shelf from the offerings given at Thanksgiving Eve worship. Thank you so much for your generosity and love for your neighbors.



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