



**VINJE**

DECEMBER 3, 2023

9:30 AM

gathering

## 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.**

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

### 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 COME 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 DOWNHYMNAL #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.****HYMN**

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

HYMNAL #270

**DISMISSAL***Go in peace, God's love is on the way.***Thanks be to God.**

## SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

**PASTORS** Seyward Ask  
Justin Ask

**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.



### *Christmas at Vinje*

**A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 4 PM**

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 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@vinjchurch.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, DECEMBER 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.

**ability** AGE  **ethnicity** RACE

AT VINJE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALL ARE WELCOME, BECAUSE GOD WELCOMES ALL. YOU ARE WELCOME. YOUR FAMILY, CHILDREN, FRIENDS, SPOUSES AND PARTNERS ARE ALL WELCOME. YOUR DIVERSITY, IDEAS, QUESTIONS, AND UNIQUENESS ARE ALL WELCOME.

**LANGUAGE** *sexual orientation*

gender identity

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

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