



VINJE

DECEMBER 10, 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.

SONG COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

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 61:1-4, 8-11

*Word of God, Word of Life.***Thanks be to God.****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****MESSAGE**

OUR STORY BEGINS...

AT THE BEGINNING

GENESIS 12:1-3, ISAIAH 49:5-7,

GALATIANS 4:4-7

SONG HOPE HAS A NAME**APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

"THE STORY OF
CHRISTMAS IS THE
STORY OF GOD'S
RELENTLESS LOVE
FOR US."

— MAX LUCADO

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

OFFERING**SONG** O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**OFFERING PRAYER****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****SONGS** LORD I NEED YOU
LIVING HOPE**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.****SONG** JOY TO THE WORLD**DISMISSAL***Go in peace, God's love is on the way.***Thanks be to God.**

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS	Justin Ask Dane Skilbred	COMMUNION	Lynn Peterson Jeff Holtkamp Lynn Stier
LECTOR	Kris Swanson	WORSHIP LEADER	Lily Sargent
USHERS	Mark Bredeson Kirk Davis	SLIDES	Paul & Sue Bredeson
		CAMERA	Courtney Skilbred

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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

Carol Schmiesing and family following the death of Carol's sister, Shirley Quinn on December 1st.

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 **Rolf and Joyce Standfuss in memory of their parents.**



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

Just a few days remaining to make your Light of Christmas donations and to return gifts and tags from the tree. Giving forms can be found on the welcome desk and contributions can be placed in the offering plate or mailed or delivered to the church office by December 13th. Contributions can also be made online (by the 13th). *Requests for assistance with gifts have been great this year, so your contributions are needed and very much appreciated.* Thank you!



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!

USHERS NEEDED!

We are in need of ushers for upcoming Sundays. If you can pitch in and help out with this important, yet easy task, please call or email melissah@vinjchurch.com. Thanks!

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:00 PM EXECUTIVE COMM MTG

6:00 PM JUBELLATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 AM ELIZABETH CIRCLE

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 AM VINJE QUILTERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 AM WORSHIP

4:00 PM LESSONS & CAROLS

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

WE'VE HIT OUR FIRST "BENCH" MARK!

The Creation Care Committee is excited to announce that we have collected 506 pounds of plastic bags in three months! So, our free bench will soon be headed this way! Thanks to everyone that has helped us reach this goal! Now we are working to collect another 500 pounds for a second bench.

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