



VINJE

DECEMBER 17, 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 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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!

BAPTISM

KIRA CAVANAGH SCHOLLMEYER

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 11:1-10

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

OUR STORY BEGINS...

WITH OUR RESPONSE

LUKE 1:26-38

SONG AWAY IN A MANGER**APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

THEOLOGIAN'S OFTEN TALK ABOUT HOW THE WORK OF GOD HAS TWO EDGES, GREAT JOY AND GREAT DIFFICULTY. MARY EMBRACED BOTH. SHE KNEW HER CULTURE. SHE KNEW THE DANGERS AND REPERCUSSIONS OF WHAT THE ANGEL WAS TELLING HER. SHE LISTENED TO THE MESSAGE, PONDERED IT, THEN SAID, "I'LL DO IT."
-REV. GREG HOLMES

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

OFFERING**SONG** THE FIRST NOEL**OFFERING PRAYER****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****SONGS** PEACE BE STILL
YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL**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** GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**DISMISSAL***Go in peace, God's love is on the way.***Thanks be to God.**

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS	Andrés Albertsen Dane Skilbred	COMMUNION	Lynn Peterson Jeff Holtkamp Lynn Stier
LECTOR	Marvin Napgezok	WORSHIP LEADER	Lily Sargent
USHERS	Norm Strehlow Mark Bredeson	SLIDES	Suzanne Napgezok
		CAMERA	Anthony Buzzeo

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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, Karen Wiehr, Sonja Westre, Kathy Hund, Lane Leedahl, Mona Welker

CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

BEREAVED

Kevin and Sandi Unger following the death of Sandi's dad, James Loehr on December 8.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Kira Cavanagh Schollmeyer, daughter of Ali & Scott Schollmeyer. Kira's sponsors are Grant & Sarah Christianson and Kai Christianson.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsors are needed for bulletin, broadcast, bus and coffee 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 in loving memory of Arlene Sietsema who passed away on December 19, 2018 by her husband, Ken.



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.



SHARE A CHRISTMAS GREETING WITH YOUR VINJE FAMILY!

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!

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Family Promise is working to raise \$325,000 by February 2024 so that they can operate their new facility at a greater capacity to meet the increased local needs. Please visit familypromiseofkc.org to donate.

VINJE IS HIRING!

Vinje is hiring a PT Faith Formation Coordinator for Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. This 8-10 hour/week position is responsible for coordinating and administering programs for children and youth that foster spiritual growth and faithful understanding. Contact Pastor Justin if interested!

WEDNESDAY TREATS NEEDED!

We are in need of treats (any kind!) to serve with Wednesday suppers! If you are able to bake or buy any sweet treats to share on Wednesdays, they can be dropped off in the office at your convenience. Thanks so much!

MISSION TRIPS!

Info about the youth mission trips to St Louis and Nebraska can be found on the website! Parents, please talk with your kids about this fun opportunity! Contact Pastor Justin with questions.

SCAN HERE TO GIVE ONLINE!



THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:30 AM WORSHIP
4:00 PM LESSONS & CAROLS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:00 PM FAITH & FINANCE MTG

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
5:00 PM LOVING ARMS BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!
5:00 PM BAKED POTATO BAR
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM
6:00 PM WORSHIP
6:00 PM CONFIRMATION
6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:30 PM BLUE STAR MOTHERS
6:00 PM AIM-PEOPLE FIRST

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

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 email melissah@vinjchurch.com or call the church office. Thanks!

ability AGE ethnicity RACE
LANGUAGE sexual orientation

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.

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES
gender identity



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