

VINJE

DECEMBER 20, 2023

6:00 PM

gathering

HYMN

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

#289

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

SHINE ON US

LOVING ARMS SONGS

AWAY IN A MANGER
JINGLE BELLS

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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**MESSAGE**

ISAIAH 43:1-4A, JOHN 1:14
 A WEARY WORLD REJOICES...
 TOGETHERNESS/LONLINESS
 PASTOR INGRID

ANTHEM

NOEL



"WE ARE BIOLOGICALLY,
 COGNITIVELY, PHYSICALLY, AND
 SPIRITUALLY WIRED TO LOVE, TO
 BE LOVED, AND TO BELONG.
 WHEN THOSE NEEDS ARE NOT
 MET, WE DON'T FUNCTION AS
 WE'RE MEANT TO."
 - BRENE BROWN

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

COMMUNION**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be
 thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
 forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
 the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
 Amen

HYMN

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

#296

HYMN

THE FIRST NOEL

#300

HYMN

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

#276

BLESSING

*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

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

#286

LOVING ARMS SONG WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

DISMISSAL

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

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS

Ingrid Skilbred
Justin Ask

MUSICIANS

Nova/Shalom Choirs
Loving Arms Kids

USHERS

Confirmation Students

VIDEO

Courtney Skilbred

SLIDES

Nicholas Runke

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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

Marvin Turnipseed, Karen Wiehr,
Sonja Westre, Lane Leedah, Mona
Welker

CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

BEREAVED

Family and friends of Don Handahl
following his death on December 19.

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 in **loving memory of Arlene Sietsema** who passed away on December 19, 2018 by her husband, Ken.




Christmas Eve at Vinje

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.

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES ability AGE  ethnicity RACE gender identity

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



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!

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!

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

Your Circle of Welcome team is happy to announce that our refugee family has arrived and moved into their new home last week. As we have been working with them and assessing their needs, we have come up with a new list of items they'll need as they get settled in. Head to our website to check out this list and let us know if there is an item (or more) that you can help with.

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

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

6:00 PM AIM-PEOPLE FIRST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:30 AM WORSHIP
3:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

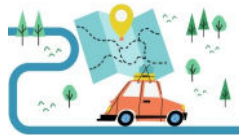
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO WORSHIP OR ACTIVITIES!

*There will be no nursery tonight...
we welcome all ages in worship!*



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.

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