



gathering

SONG

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this season of giving — not to earn or to prove, but to receive.

We know the best gifts can't be bought, and God's love comes with no receipt attached.

God shows up in unexpected places — in the light that breaks through darkness, in the kindness that mends what's broken, in grace that keeps showing up again and again.

We come to unwrap the gifts that last. Come, Lord Jesus; be our light, our hope, and our joy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

SONG

GLORY

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
ONLINE! →



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!

MESSAGE

NO RECEIPTS NEEDED...
THE GIFT OF GRACE
EPHESIANS 2:4-9

LOVING ARMS SONGS

JINGLE BELL OPPOSITES
WE WISH YOU A MERRY
CHRISTMAS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"WE ARE MIRRORS
WHOSE BRIGHTNESS IS
WHOLLY DERIVED
FROM THE SUN THAT
SHINES UPON US."

— C.S. LEWIS

*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

SONGS

GOD WITH US
SHINE ON US
COME NOW O PRINCE OF PEACE

BLESSING

*As you go, may you notice the gifts that don't come in boxes: the
kindness shared, the grace given, the peace that settles in your
heart.*

*Go and share what really matters, because God has already given
you more than enough.*

Amen

SONG

EVEN SO COME

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS

Dane Skilbred
Justin Ask

VIDEO

Courtney Skilbred

SLIDES

Easton Munsterman

MUSICIANS

Worth Saving
Loving Arms Kids

USHERS

Ashtyn Solberg
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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

Mary Mielke, Kerry Selseth,
Serenity Erbst

BEREAVED

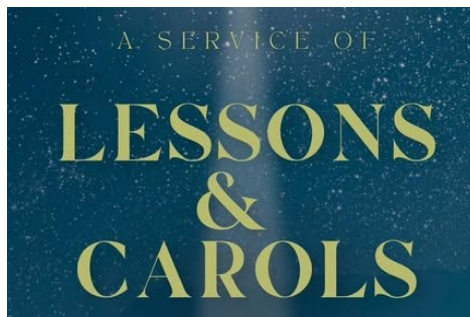
Rolf and Joyce Standfuss following
the death of Joyce's sister, Harriet
Amundson on December 6.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office or email tanyas@vinjchurch.com if you would like to sponsor the bulletin (\$75), broadcast (\$95), bus (\$60), or coffee (\$40) or all (\$250). **Sponsors are needed for: 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/8**

THANK YOU

This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of Harris and Joan Hinderaker by their family. This week's broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Ed & Muriel Haats.



A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DEC 14 | 4 PM

We hope you'll plan to join us for this special service in which we walk through the story of Jesus' birth with the help of all of our wonderful Vinje musicians.



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As a reminder, we will still welcome your 2026 pledge cards if you haven't submitted one yet. Also, if you give via automatic withdrawals, please remember to update your pledge amount. If you need assistance, please contact Tanya.

Receipts

WEDNESDAY SERMON SERIES

We like things to go as planned — especially in December. But Advent tells a story full of interruptions: an angel interrupts Mary's quiet life, Joseph's dreams are disrupted, the shepherds' work night is invaded by glory, and the whole world is turned upside down. Maybe God's love most often arrives when our plans fall apart. This series invites us to think about how God shows up in the interruptions that shake up our lives.



LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

Please consider making a Light of Christmas donation (using the form in your bulletin). Contributions can be made via cash, check or online and completed forms should be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office by December 15th.

Also, our Light of Christmas Giving tree still has several tags remaining. Most of them are for gift cards that will go to area teens. If you are able to help, this is a wonderful way to be God's light in our community.



THIS WEEK AT VINJE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 AM ELIZABETH CIRCLE
3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!
4:45 PM PRE-K WEDNESDAY LIVE!
5:00 PM SUPPER—PIZZA
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM CHOIR
6:00 PM WORSHIP
6:00 PM MENTORS
6:45 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM VINJE QUILTERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:45 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:25 AM KIDS TIME
9:30 AM WORSHIP
4:00 PM LESSONS & CAROLS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!
4:45 PM PRE-K WEDNESDAY LIVE!
5:00 PM SUPPER—PIZZA
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM CHOIR
6:00 PM WORSHIP
6:45 PM WEDNESDAY PAUSE
6:45 PM CONFIRMATION
6:45 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

6-12TH GRADERS: AFTER WORSHIP YOU HEAD TO...

6-9th Grade Stay in Sanctuary
High School UMC

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

ability AGE ethnicity RACE

gender identity

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.



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