

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

~ Philippians 4:6-7

Please place in offering basket.

Email prayer chain requests must be sent to prayer.chain@charitylutheran.org.

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Charity Family Prays for

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER? Please use the detachable prayer request form on the left side of this page to request prayer and place it in the offering basket. You may also have your prayer request put on the email prayer chain.

December Congregational Prayer

Pray for the persecuted church around the world!

Anniversaries


December 5-Dave and Barb Lee
December 8-Jim and Jennifer Skjod

Healing

Sharon Schock, William Seedorf, Roland Wiedrich, Alan Smith, Sharon Zimmerman, June Benedict, Jason Weaver, John Rahn, Sue Balcom, Kacie Schlecht, Marlin Fried, and Dennis Torgerson.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME LISTED HERE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 258-1228.

Our Military

Brett Miller, Jason Hoge, Garret & Lorna  Ilerbrunn, Rob Duncan, Al Dohrmann, Wyatt Gross, Austin Wald, John Forde, Stephanie Hawronsky, Leroy Taylor, Michael Berman, Missy Dassinger, Donovan Clark, Zachary Watkins and Joshua Kuhn.

Congregational Condolences

Congregational Condolences & Sympathies go to the family of Macel Monthye for the passing of her son, Jeffrey Monthye on November 21st, 2023. A Memorial Service will be held after the first of the year in 2024.



How to Wait for the Second Advent of Jesus

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7
I Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Pastor
Jon Aamodt

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023
9:30 a.m.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

If you believe in Jesus, we invite you to join us at the table regardless of your background. Please let us know if you received communion today by filling out the tear-off tab in this bulletin. You can place it in the offering basket or hand it to an usher.



Welcome to Charity Lutheran Church

Sunday, Dec. 3 - Saturday, Dec. 9

SUNDAY:

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Budget Forum Meeting | Sanctuary |
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study | Fireside Room |
4:00 p.m. Advent Family Fun Night

We have children's bulletins available in the sanctuary.

TUESDAY:

9:30 a.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study | "Luke" by Lisa Harper | Fellowship Hall | Carol Bjork |
6:30 p.m. Corporate Prayer | Sanctuary |

WEDNESDAY: **WOW**

5:00-5:45 p.m. Wow Meal | Fellowship Hall |
6:15-7:30 p.m. - WINGS | Pre-K - 5th Grade |
6:15-7:30 p.m.- Confirmation | Grades 6-8 |
6:15-7:30 p.m. - High School Youth | Grades 9-12 |
6:15-7:30 p.m. - Bethel Bible Series | Sanctuary |
7:45 p.m. - Men's Bible Study | "Discussing Mere Christianity" | Fireside Room | John Seedorf or Ray Eckroth |

THURSDAY:

9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study | "Experiencing God" | Fellowship Hall | Shelley Traynor |

SATURDAY:

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study | Fireside Rm | Mike Smith |

Our Vision: Charity is a place for healing where changed lives are gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit and released to serve in the community for the glory of Christ.

Offering: Thank you for your tithes and offerings. You can give during the service or anytime by clicking the GIVE link on the middle navigation pane of our homepage or by text to give; 701-401-8250.

Livestream: Charity live-streams the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service on Facebook, our YouTube Channel or on our website by clicking on watch now.

Dates to Remember

December 10 - Last Day of Sunday School before Christmas.
December 13 - Winter WOW Finale.

Sunday, January 7



Charity's annual meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held on Sunday, Jan. 7, at which time the budget vote will be held. Nominations will be reviewed and elections held. The meeting follows the 9:30 a.m. service with a short time for fellowship with muffins and fruit before the meeting.

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Please call the church office at 258-1228 if you would like more information. Our Stephen Ministers are here to help!

Upcoming Events



Event is open to anyone who loves to sing along or hear Christmas carols and holiday music! Words are projected up on screen. Led by Fueller sisters, Lorri Mittleider and Christie Neumiller. Please feel free to bring Christmas goodies to share during coffee fellowship. The offering taken is for Heaven's Helpers Soup Café.

Pinochle Group

The Pinochle Group will meet Friday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. Reserve a spot by texting John Seedorf at 701-426-9768. **January 19 is the next evening.**



COME ONE, COME ALL AND GET TOGETHER FOR A CHRISTMAS FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE AT CHARITY, WHERE WE WILL WATCH "THE STAR"; AN ANIMATED MOVIE ABOUT THE FIRST CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF THE ANIMALS. THIS MOVIE IS SURE TO PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS. ALL AGES WELCOME. POPCORN AND TREATS WILL BE PROVIDED. DOORS OPEN AT 2:30 P.M. AND WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEW YOUTH ROOM.



Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I am:

- a visitor
- a member
- received communion
- interested in Charity
- requesting a visit
- other

Youth Ski Trip

Sign-up is now available for the youth ski trip in January. This fun event is for kids in 4th-12 grade. Please scan the QR code to sign up. Checks made payable to Charity Lutheran with "ski trip" in the memo and can be dropped off at the church office.

BOTTINEAU SKI TRIP

ENJOY WINTER WITH US



19-21 JANUARY, 2024

WE WILL BE STAYING AT LAKE METIGOSHE CHRISTIAN CENTER. BREAKFAST AND DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED. YOUTH WILL NEED LUNCH AND SNACK MONEY.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHARITY LUTHERAN
COST IS \$180 DUE 12/15/23**

CHARITY YOUTH
4TH -12TH GRADE



SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER!

WOW

DECEMBER 6

WOW

WORD ON WEDNESDAY

5:00-5:45 p.m. WOW Meal
Chicken Strips, Mac & Cheese, Veggies, Fruit & Dessert

6:15-7:30 p.m.
Preschool-5th grade: WINGS program
Middle School (6th-8th grade): Confirmation
9th grade-Adults: The Bethel Bible Series
9th-12th grade: High School Youth Group

Poinsettia Plant Order Form

Join us in decorating
the church for
Christmas

Scan QR
Code



Corporate Prayer

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary. Please
join us. 1st week is a Healing
Service.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

CHRISTMAS Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30AM

CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00PM & 10:00PM

BOTH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
WITH CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

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Welcome

Pastor Jon Aamodt as Guest Preacher today!

We welcome Pastor Jon Aamodt, his wife Cheryl, and three adult children and their families to Charity this weekend. Pastor Jon earned a Master of Divinity degree from Gateway Seminary and has been a Christian minister for more than 30 years. He has served as a senior pastor, retirement community chaplain, worship leader, youth pastor, church planter, retreat leader and guest speaker, as well as a high school teacher and football coach. He's also ministered internationally in Africa, Southeast Asia, and South Asia.



Since 2014, Pastor Jon has pastored the Evensong Chapel Service, a mission worship outreach he founded in Hillsboro, Oregon. In 2020 he began sharing his weekly sermons in a Hope on The Way podcast that reaches a global audience. He has been involved with the Alliance of Renewal Churches, formerly the Lutheran Renewal Movement. And, he has a special interest in ministry to children, teenagers and young adults, as well as grassroots generational harvest and revival.

Pastor Jon's father grew up in the Rugby, North Dakota, area before moving to Idaho as a young man. A veteran, Pastor Jon served in the U.S. Army as an airborne infantryman in Alaska. He and Cheryl, who is a nurse, have been married for 41 years, are parents of four adult children, and have 10 grandchildren.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839. A Lutheran minister working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lit on weekdays and the four white candles were lit on Sundays.

Eventually, the Advent wreath was created out of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life in the midst of winter and death as the evergreen is continuously green. The circle reminds us of God's unending love and the eternal life He makes possible.

The most common Advent candle tradition involves four candles around the wreath. Additional decorations, like holly and berries, are sometimes added. Their red color points ahead to Jesus' sacrifice and death on the cross, shedding his blood for our sins. Pinecones can symbolize the new life that Jesus brings through His resurrection.

A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle represents something different, although traditions vary.

Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-colored. Sometimes all the candles are red; in other traditions, all four candles are blue or white.

Occasionally, a fifth white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth.



The first candle symbolizes hope and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

Charity's Advent Banners

This is the first Sunday in Advent, a time of transition from darkness and death to new life and fulfillment, with the birth of the Christ Child at Christmas.

Around 1988, several women from Charity created the banners for the wall to your right. There are four panels in a series depicting the prophecy of Christ's birth as written in Isaiah. Each Sunday, a new banner will be added crafting the sense of anticipation and progression during the Advent season. This series is based on Old Testament readings.

These lessons from Isaiah tell about a time when people will return to God. There will be justice and peace. The stump of Jesse and the barren desert will sprout and bloom. Sorrow will give way to joy, war will be replaced by peace and God will give his people the ultimate sign: a virgin shall conceive and bear a son. Although each banner is independent, all four together form a unified panorama.

The first banner is a mountain towering over a barren desert. This represents the mountain of the Lord spoken of in the first reading from Isaiah.