

Nursery-High School

Special Dates.

- * **Wednesday, Nov. 22**
Worship, 7 p.m.;
no youth group or meal
- * **Sunday, Dec. 3**
No Sunday school
grades 2-8; pageant
rehearsal, 11:15;
Hanging of the Greens
and Advent Tea
- * **Wednesday, Dec. 6**
Compline service,
6:15 p.m., chapel
- * **Sunday, Dec. 10**
Choral Sunday; no
Sunday school gr. 2-8;
pageant rehearsal,
11:15, chapel
- * **Sunday, Dec. 17**
Christmas pageant;
no Sunday school
- * **Sunday, Dec. 24**
No Sunday school;
10:00 a.m. worship;
5:30 p.m. family wor-
ship; 8:00 p.m. worship

Pageant Rehearsal

Christmas pageant rehearsal and Angel Choir practice will not be held Sunday, November 26.

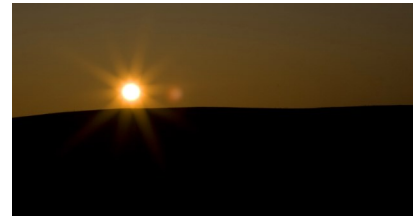
The cast will practice Wednesday, November 29, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday rehearsals resume December 3.

First Congregational Church: Nursery-High School
Eau Claire, WI

November 26, 2017

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Eau Claire United Church of Christ congregations give thanks together for our blessings on Thanksgiving Eve. Join members and friends of First Congregational, Plymouth and Truax UCC churches at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, in our sanctuary. First's Chancel Choir will sing, and Rev. David Huber of Plymouth UCC will be the preacher. Offerings go to The Community Table. The nursery will be unstaffed and open for families' use.



Hanging of the Greens December 3



Our annual Hanging of the Greens tradition on Sunday, December 3, will clothe the sanctuary in the season's greenery.

At noon, after the Advent Tea, boxes of ornaments and lights will be ready for families to work together to decorate the trees. Hot chocolate, snacks and a soup lunch will hold families over until nap time.

If your family could get out the ornaments and ladders or prepare soup or snacks, contact Shannon Joshi, shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org.

Date Night December 8

Trained and supervised middle and high school students will provide care and activities for children on Friday, December 8, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at First Congregational. Enjoy free time while your children make cookies and crafts and watch a Christmas movie. A suggested donation of \$5/child, \$15/family maximum, goes to the youth travel fund.

RSVP: Shannon Joshi, 715-834-2668 or shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org.



Preschool, K-1 November 26: Get Ready for Jesus

Preschool

- Location: nursery, 10:00
- Leaders: Katie Griffith, Paul Braun, Stewart Gundry, Rachel Lester

K-1

- Location: K-1 room, 10:15
- Leaders: Randi Salter, Maria Woodburn

The prophet Isaiah told people to prepare for the coming of God's son. (Isaiah 9:6) During Advent, we get ready for Jesus. Opening an Advent calendar, baking cookies, decorating a tree, and reading stories about Jesus prepares us for Christmas. Amid the activity, we remember that Christmas is the time to celebrate God's most special gift to us: Jesus.

On Nov. 26 during Sunday school, preschool and K-1 children make an Advent greeting card for their families and create a nativity scene.



Grades 2-5 November 26:

Grades 2-3

Leader: Kelly Nordstrom

Shepherd: Leah Olson-McBride

Location: Thou Art

Isaiah Faith Today: Learn about the prophets, the call of Isaiah and the issues of his time. Compare these with contemporary issues and make headline collages that could be found in both Isaiah's time and ours.

Grades 4-5

Leader: Emily Ruth

Shepherd: Shannon Joshi

Location: Awesome Oasis

Isaiah Video Live: View the opening scene of Disney's *The Lion King*. Discuss as if it were the dream of Isaiah holding up the long-awaited Messiah to the nation of Israel. Learn some of the prophecies of Isaiah about a messiah and create a movie trailer for the feature film *Today's Messiah*.

Grades 6-8 November 26

Leader: Kristen Gundry

Location: Youth room, 10:15

Topic: Why Should I Pray? Youth define prayer in their own terms and explore its possibilities for their lives.



Drop in the Bucket November 26

Haiti Allies: \$29.57 so far



Traveling Jesus Kits

Create a Christmas memory by inviting Jesus into your Advent days: Host Traveling Jesus in your home for a day or two between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Each kit has a carved wooden baby Jesus, a DVD, a Christmas book, and a craft. Families let Jesus share their family activities. In the journal, families record experiences in words or pictures. Kits are outside Ingram Hall.

Middle School Youth Group

Wednesday, November 22: no meeting or meal.

Wednesday, November 29: 5:30 meal; 6:00-7:30 p.m., plan December 8 Date Night and party.

Contact: Mary Beth Tusing, lestertusing@gmail.com.

High School Youth Group

Sunday, December 3: Help with Hanging of the Greens after worship.

Contact: Angie Stokes, beetrue2u@aol.com.