

MISSION & MINISTRY PLAN 2023:  
To know Jesus Christ and make him known.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 31st  
10:00 am-Worship

Sunday, January 7th  
8:30 am-Confirmation  
9:00 am-Bible Study w/Melva  
9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
10:00 am-Worship w/Communion

## Prayer Requests

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Bev Schmidt
Melva Bainbridge	David Walker
Coleen Baughman	Margaret Weber
Lance Bellinghausen	Sherie Ellis
Donna Blom	Rob North
Jay Butterfield	Harold North
Virginia Carlson	Barb Seiler
Marlon Gasner	Wayne Stark
Drew Havens	Kathy Wadsley
Wally Johnson	Tyler Crandell
John Nichols	Those battling depression.
Kim Piercy	
Deb Richardson	
Karen Salmen	

## Birthdays this week Dec/Jan

James Camerer	31st
Avery Wilson	31st
Neal Kuehl	4th

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

## VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad  
& Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



## New Church Directory is Here!

The printed version of our new Church Directory is here and will be available for you to pick up after the worship service in the Narthex. We have put labels on them so we know who has or hasn't been able to pick them up.

The Directory is also available on a mobile app. Follow the directions to download the app and create a login. (see to the right) If you have any questions, please talk to Lynn Snyder, 732-5458.



Android Mobile App QR Code



STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DECEMBER 31, 2023  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
COLOR: WHITE

PRELUDE

"Lord Christ the Only Son of God"  
"In Thee Is Gladness"

Deanna Larson, organist  
J. Krieger  
D. Bish

WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

**UMH # 230**

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep  
The angels keep their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And peace to men on earth

Verse 3

How silently how silently  
The wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven  
No ear may hear His coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in

Verse 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

*Please join in the Call to Worship and read responsively...*

*Jen Hecht*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 148 - UMH 861)**

- L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord,  
in the heights!
- P: **Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts!**
- L: Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!
- P: **Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens!**
- L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created,
- P: **Who established them for ever and ever, and fixed their bounds which cannot  
be passed.**
- L: Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps,
- P: **Fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**
- L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- P: **Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**
- L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- P: **Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**
- L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose  
glory is above earth and heaven.
- P: **God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones,  
for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the Lord!**

*Please join in the...*

*Jen Hecht*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

We come to you with joy and happiness, but we know it won't always be so. The human heart is a fickle thing. As we celebrate the birth of your Son, open us to the many ways you seek to bless us. Free our lips to sing your praises, even when we feel alone and in need. As a new year dawns, help us bring righteousness and praise to all the earth in your heavenly name. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

**UMH # 70**

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning  
Is now, and ever shall be  
World without end  
Amen Amen

*Please be seated and join in the...*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"**

**UMH # 349**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow  
Strangely dim in the light of  
His glory and grace  
(repeat all)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

*Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: Hear our prayer.*

Together, let us pray:

L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer**

L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer**

L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer**

L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer**

## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT THE CHURCH IN MISSION

### HYMN OF ILLUMINATION "Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH #601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

### THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 22-40

*Jen Hecht*

### SERMON

Time to Celebrate!!!!

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

### MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION

(This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are, or you can come to the altar as we sing "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (UMH # 204).

Emmanuel Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel  
(repeat all)

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Colton Lindgren

**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. Amen.**

**THE INVITATION TO GIVING  
OFFERING**

"There's a Song in the Air"

W. Held

Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC  
Offering plates will be passed.

*Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.*

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

*Jen Hecht*

God of the heavens and the earth, we come before you in celebration, bringing gifts for those who cannot celebrate with us. Our songs of praise are for your name and honor. May these gifts give others the opportunity to sing praises to your name as they come to know the endless love you have for each of your children. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

**UMH # 251**

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

-Verse 1-

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shown a holy light

-Chorus-

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

-Verse 2-

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth

-Chorus-

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born  
(continued...)

-Verse 3-  
Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

-Chorus-  
Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

**\*CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;  
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.  
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,  
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.  
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,  
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.  
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;  
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

**POSTLUDE**

"Allegro moderato"

Deanna Larson, organist  
F. Reissinger