

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TONIGHT AT 8:00 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church invites you to a joint Service of Lessons and Carols at **8:00 P.M.** You will see some familiar faces from both churches reading the lessons. You can view the service on our website OR Facebook page. You may also access it from St. John's website: www.sjlcsayrepa.org/ links and click on the Facebook icon. Alternatively you could drive to St. John and tune in on your car radio, to 93.3 F.M. to hear the glorious story and sing the familiar carols. If you live within a half mile of St. John you should be able to hear the service on the same F.M. radio station. Pastor Melinda has recovered most of her voice and has a mild head cold as well as a negative COVID test. She hopes you'll join us and regrets the cancellation of our 6:00 PM Christmas Caroling. Below are other Christmas worship opportunities:

Washington National Cathedral

There's still time to register for a Christmas Season Pass at cathedral.org/christmas; or, return later to join the service at your convenience. It's quick, easy and free. Services start at 6:00 P.M.

Trinity Wall Street 6 different livestreaming services to choose from

[Www.trinitywallstreet.org/Christmas](http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/Christmas)

Christ Church, Towanda <http://www.christchurchtowanda.org/SermonsOnline.htm>

Last week Fr. Arthur and Pastor Melinda pre-recorded a Christmas Eve service for Christ Church Towanda. Join in at your convenience.

As Christians, we get to celebrate **Christmas** for 12 days! Please join us next Saturday (12/26) or Sunday (12/27) for worship at our normal times of 5:15 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. respectively. There will be no Wednesday noon day prayer this week. Make sure you come back for services on Jan 2 and Jan 3rd!



MORE ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

You can view Bishop Kevin Nichol's Christmas sermon on our Facebook page. You will also find the link below: <https://diobeth.org/bishop-kevins-christmas-message-2020/>

RAFFLE WINNERS:

We are pleased to announce that **Glenda Hinsman** won the beautiful Christmas Quilt made and donated by Terri House. **Julianna O'Boyle** of Centreville VA won the two framed pictures. Thank you to all who sold tickets and purchased tickets for our fundraising raffle. Raffle ticket sales raised over \$1,100 for the church.



LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Feast of the Epiphany (3 Wise Men arrive) January 6**
- **Season after Epiphany lasts 6 weeks, ending February 16.**
- **Our Annual Meeting will be held virtually on January 24**
- **In Person Worship has been suspended indefinitely by our Bishop - so we pray that the vaccine works and good weather arrives quickly!**

Christmas Poinsettias are given by:

Jennifer Greenwood Bennett & Lauren Greenwood in memory of their mother Margaret Greenwood.

Judy Lovell in memory of Elizabeth, Babe & Dora Thomas and Tommy & Mary Cocco.

David & Phoebe Marshall in memory of departed family members & friends.

The Marshall Family in memory of Richard, Victoria, Derek & Maddox.

Betsy Schumacher in memory of Betty & Lyle Moore and Rozella Duff.

Linda Murrelle in memory of Joe Murrelle and Joe & Dorothy Yanuzzi.



Please call the office on Monday between 8am-noon to make an appointment to pick up your poinsettia.



John Storelli	12/20
Bonnie Maio	12/21
John A. Johnson V	12/23
David Cole	12/26
Tory Henry	12/27
Charles Lattimer	12/27
Bryson Hoffman	12/27
Alice Bennett	12/28
Brenda Zello	12/28
Pat Haggerty	12/30



Grocery Gift Card Give Away was a spectacular success. With generous donors from both the Church of the Redeemer and St. John \$4,000 in grocery gift cards were distributed to 72 households on Monday morning. In addition, families with children were given age appropriate board games which our parishioners so generously donated. Together we made Christmas a little brighter to families in need throughout the Valley. Thank YOU.

If its Friday, our office is closed. If its Christmas and Friday, there will definitely be no one in the office. Pastor Melinda will take a break Christmas week (although she will be available for pastoral emergencies and she will be attending worship). She returns to the office on Monday, January 4. Our Parish administrator, Jerry Evans will be in the office as usual Monday morning, December 28 and through the week.



A silent night, a star above, a blessed gift of peace and love. Wishing you a merry Christmas.

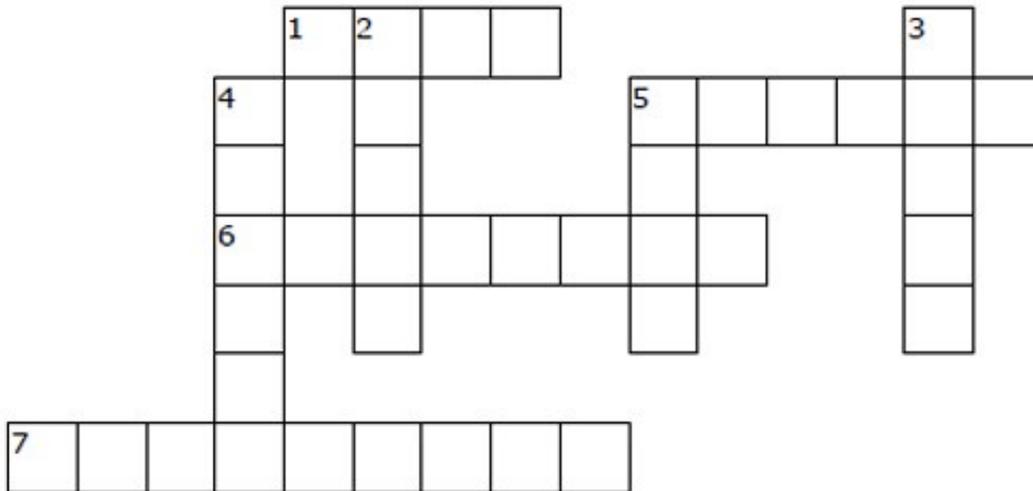
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Puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



ACROSS

1. An infant or very young child
5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
6. A person who takes care of sheep
7. The city where Jesus was born

DOWN

2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
3. The savior of the world
4. The earthly father of Jesus
5. The mother of Jesus

JOSEPH	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY
MARY	SHEPHERD	JESUS	MANGER

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J B E T H L E H E M N G I H K
 S A F P V T E N C D N Z B H H
 F H A T Y F S O N B B D Q B J
 A V E R E P D R K C A M G Z O
 S S A P N P V U R I B G Q D S
 E M D B H A E O I Z Y A K H E
 L B X I C E I C E N S U S L P
 S Q O H V V R B R O O M G R H
 I M U R A N R D B S W S A R K
 Y F E S N C A B S C H I L D R
 C M A S L V A X F T E I S E G
 A J H E S Q M E Z I Z L G K P
 Y T G K Z I T G S C M N W R Y
 A N G V W E A G J A A S R X G
 A Z H X Y W Y H M M R S F F C

SAVIOR	CENSUS	MARY	MANGER	BORN
CAESAR	SON	JOSEPH	MESSIAH	ROOM
CHILD	SHEPHERDS	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY