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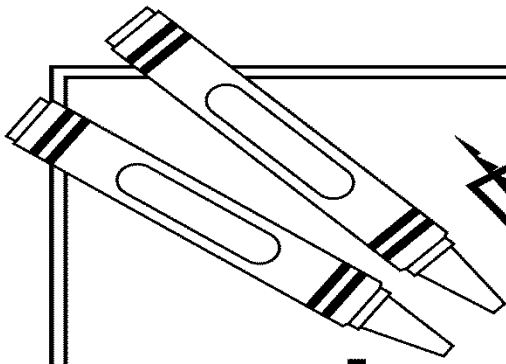
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PUZZLE

Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY:



" M T H L G H T F

T H W R L D. W H V R

F L L W S M W L L N V R

W L K N D R K N S S."

J H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV

President's Message

As you receive this, we are most likely winding down our Advent season. It has been a beautiful and busy month at church. Again, you were all so generous with your gifts for children who need them the most. Thank you so much! We had some new decorations this year, so the Sanctuary and Narthex looked especially nice. Thanks to the Worship committee and all who helped decorate! It was nice to have a quick lunch and then decorate the Sanctuary on Dec. 11th. Consider joining us next year!

I want to announce that **Our Annual Meeting will take place in early February**. We will decide the date after this writing, so please stay tune . . . it will be in your bulletins, announced at church and a letter will go out to you (either email or US Postal service- whatever you have chosen). Similar to last year, we will probably have one blended service that day, beginning at 9:30 am. Our meeting will start immediately after the end of that service at 10:30. We will quickly review the highlights of each committee and will vote on the newest applications to the Special Gifts Disbursements Committee. We are blessed to have this gift from Dominick and Anna Ricci and have some new applications to present and vote on.

So please come and stay and VOTE! Remember we do need a quorum to conduct this meeting.

Yours in Christ,
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Christmas Gifts for Kids in Need

Sixty-five kids had a more joyous Christmas because of your generosity. Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) did an amazing job organizing this year's program. Kids connected with Mentoring Moms and All Wrapped Up (through Department of Children and Families) will receive an amazing assortment of gifts they requested. Thank you to everyone who shopped, wrapped and donated to this cause. By being generous, we're making a difference.

Luther 101 –

When Luther switched studies to religion, what degree or degrees did he earn?

Was he an ordained priest or a teacher?

Luther was named after his father, true or false

Remembering Vye Messner

Vye Messner was a charter member of Christ Lutheran Church as the family joined in 1959. Vye was a warm, friendly person with an engaging smile and laugh.

In the early 1990's Vye was in charge of the Senior Luncheons that our CARE Committee put on the first Monday of the month. She planned the menu and was a wonderful hostess greeting the guests at the door.


Vye was an excellent cook. She invited the CARE Committee to a Christmas luncheon at her home as she said to have some "leftover's." What a feast she had for us! The table was laden with delicious Swedish dishes.


We all remember Vye coming to church Easter Sunday wearing her "Easter Bonnet" and a big smile.

Don and I enjoyed visits with Vye and Fred when we delivered the holiday fruit and candy baskets to her and Fred the last few years. We had good conversations about memories of Christ Lutheran Church.

We will miss you, Vye, but Heaven is a happier place with you in it.

June Rudie

2016!	DECEMBER					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Year With Bible 11:30 am  Chancel Choir 8:00 pm	1 Year With Bible 7:00 pm	2	3
4 2 ADVENT Holy Communion Contemporary 9:00 am Traditional 10:30 am Sunday Church School, 9:40 am Handchime Choir 11:30 am	5 Mary Circle meets 7:00 pm Property Work Night 7:30 pm	6 Worship Committee 8:00 pm	7 Year With Bible 11:30 am Chancel Choir 8:00 pm	8 Year With Bible 7:00 pm	9	10 January 2017 <i>Messenger</i> Deadline

11 3 ADVENT Holy Communion Contemporary 9:00 am Traditional 10:30 am Handchime Choir 11:30 am Decorating/Lunch 12:00 Noon Youth Ministry 5:00 pm Confirmation Cl. 6:30 pm	12 Finance Committee 8:00 pm	13 Care Committee 9:30 am	14 Year With Bible 11:30 am Chancel Choir 8:00 pm	15 Year With Bible 7:00 pm Council Meeting 8:00 pm	16 	17
18 4 ADVENT Holy Communion Contemporary 9:00 am Traditional 10:30 am Sunday Church School, 9:40 am Handchime Choir 11:30 am Confirmation Cl. 6:30 pm	19 Property Work Night 7:30 pm	20 Knit 1, Crochet Too 10:00 am	21 Year With Bible 11:30 am Chancel Choir 8:00 pm	22 Year With Bible 7:00 pm	23 	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Worship 5:00 and 11.00 pm 
25 CHRISTMAS DAY Worship Holy Communion 10:30 am	26 (Church Office closed)	27 	28 Year With Bible 11:30 am Chancel Choir 8:00 pm	29 Year With Bible 7:00 pm	30 	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 