

# The Mountain Top Messenger

**November 2024** 

Yuck! I am looking out my office window at the first rain/snow event of the year. I guess we really can't complain, it has been a pretty decent fall, time for seasons to change and clocks to fall back an hour. It's days like these when I wish I had a fireplace in my office. Advent begins in 4 short weeks and then on to Christmas. It seems like again the time is flying by. I met with the Evangelism committee this past Monday and they are setting up a couple of Soup and Sandwich dinners for the first couple of Advent Wednesdays, (there are only 3 this year). I believe the first will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> and the second the following Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Another thing that is happening for Advent is that we are moving the Wednesday worship start time from 6:30 PM to 6:00 PM. We are going to try that for Advent and if it seems to work alright, we will continue with the 6:00 PM start time for our regular Wednesday evening worship services. For the regular Advent Sundays we are going to be doing a Sermon Series called "Savior of the Nations Come" This series is based on Isaiah 40:1-11. From this verses of this text we will look at the following Lineup of Sermon Messages:

Advent 1: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (Isaiah 40:1-2)

Advent 2: Prepare the Royal Highway (Isaiah 40:3–5)

Advent 3: Hark the Glad Sound (Isaiah 40:6–8)

Advent 4: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Isaiah 40:9)

Christmas Eve: Joy to the World (Isaiah 40:10–11)

Overall I believe it will be a great series to help us welcome in our Saviors first Advent. I hope you will join us. We will also have a separate series for our 3 Lenten Midweek services. This series is based on the three Songs from Luke Chapter 1, the Song of Zechariah, The Song of Elizabeth, and the Song of Mary. Again, welcoming our Savior as seen through the eyes of those involved in His initial Advent.

As most of you know I was at the North Wisconsin District Pastor's Conference in Rothchild last week. It was an interesting conference for a number of reasons. First, it was the first conference that I have attended that included pastors from both the North Wisconsin and South Wisconsin Districts. Met a lot of new people and had some truly amazing worship services, until you have experienced the music of 400 pastors singing together you probably can't imagine what it is like. Then we had a number of good speakers, one spoke of the Biblical roles and responsibility of men.

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The other two speakers spoke about Seminex, which was also called the walkout at Concordia Seminary in 1974. In the summer of 1973 LCMS declared by convention resolution that there was false teaching at Concordia Seminary and that such false teaching was 'not to be tolerated in the 'church of God'. Some of the actions that followed in 1974 included the suspension of the Concordia Seminary President. Then on February 19, 1974 a majority of the faculty and students walked off campus to form the Seminary in Exile (Seminex). This was a very challenging time for the Seminary and the Synod. One of the greatest items of contention focused on the inerrancy\* of scripture. The Seminary obviously survived that time of testing and continues to raise up pastors with a firm belief in scriptural inerrancy.

One of our speakers was one of the 45 students who did not walkout that day. And the other was a pastor who began his pastoral training at seminex beginning the following year. They spoke of their journey through the respective seminaries and the pastor who graduated from the Seminex Seminary later became a pastor in the LCMS. Seminex still exists in a form today as the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and is a seminary for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Well, enough on that, if you would like to know or hear more let me know, we can talk about it any time. I believe that's enough for now, God Bless

The Lord Bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Pastor Rick

\*Biblical *inerrancy*, or the belief the Bible is without error

# OFFICIAL ACTS BAPTISM Sadio James Milanowski

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### November Altar Guild

June Williams 715-208-0984 Janet Houle 715-292-8392

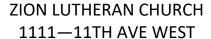


# Soup and Sandwich Supper Wednesdays December 4th and 11th 5:00-5:45pm



Our Heavenly Father, kind and good, We thank Thee for our daily food. We share and enjoy the people here We thank Thee for friends so dear We thank Thee for Thy love and care. Be with us Lord, and hear our prayer.

Amen.





#### Sunday Worship Service 9:00am live streamed Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm

**Sunday School** - 1st. – 7th grade Sunday 8:45am (Sept.-May) **Bible Studies** 

Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am (Sept.-May)

Pastor Rick Williams - 715-209-0479

Office Hours: M/Tu/Th 9-5 Wed. 12-8 Fri. off Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor.

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Days and times may change.

Church President: John Pruss 715-292-4825 Head Elder: Darryl Warren 715-492-0488

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PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

Ingrid Pocernich Violet Basina

#### PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

David Wright Jordan Thimm Andrew Pruss



**Brad Prill** Harold Larson Tim Erickson Janet Houle

Karen

Mike Trimble Molly Colgrove

Carl Kubley

Sheryl Hildebrandt

Wayne ```` Linda Parrish Chuck

Dwayne Lynch

Dave Solle and those in our hearts

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING For good test results, treatment, positive thinking,

healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Vi Basina James Fletcher Linda Stenroos Steve Key Jean Wickman Patty Hmielewski Pam Ekholm Nick Frisco Riley Bretting Jamie Klema Karen Piff **Chuck Sandor** Mary Dahl Sandy Bosma

Immanuel, Mellen and Trinity, Berglund Congregations while they seek a new Pastor.

Dear Lord, "We come to You today with heavy hearts, as we lift up those who are in need of prayer. We ask that You would bring healing and restoration to their



Dartball is starting November 11th. Practices on the Oct. 28th and Nov. 3rd at 7:00pm

L.I.F.T. is coming back. . . . What is it? Find it in the newsletter or Sunday bulletin.

Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, 2024 - This isn't the only day we should be thankful, but it is a nice reminder.

I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

#### **FOOD SHELF**

#### Last Sunday of each Month

The BRICK's Food Shelf Program focuses on providing a wide variety of food options in a



range of forms (canned, frozen, fresh) to program participants. At times, some of the items we offer are not available through our usual donations' network. This means we either need to purchase those products or go without. YOU can help out to ensure that the Food Shelf Program has a wide variety of nutritious foods to offer pantry shoppers. Any items will be appreciated We have a "monthly request" and throughout November The BRICK is asking for donations of:

#### potatoes, including packaged potato mixes

Thank you for your support! The Brick

MASHED POTATOES

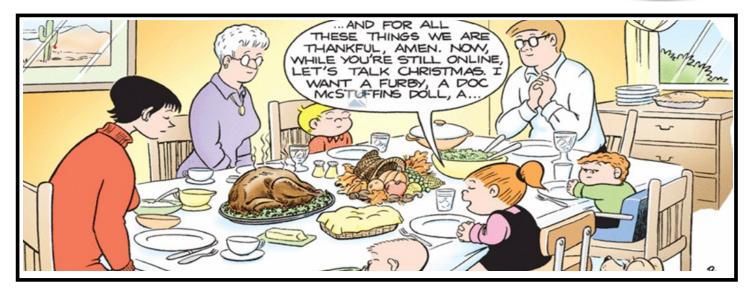
Thank you Ron for bringing the basket of goods to The BRICK at the end of each month.



# November/December Mission

Helping LFOJ with some items that they would like for their kids and programs. Further information will be on the mission table in the Narthex..





# LIFT: "Lutherans In Fellowship Together"

Starting Friday, November 15th, at 6:00pm we will meet at the church. We'll play a few games of Bingo, socialize, have some laughs and a good time and we will plan for the next gathering. Looking forward to a fun evening of fellowship. Please bring your own beverage.

**Contact Sue Spangle**, 715-209-1082, if you have any questions

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<sup>&</sup>quot;When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude." — G.K. Chesterton

<sup>&</sup>quot;The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for." — Norman Vincent Peale

<sup>&</sup>quot;Be thankful for everything that happens in your life; it's all an experience." - Roy T. Bennett

<sup>&</sup>quot;Gratitude is the ability to experience life as a gift. It liberates us from the prison of self-preoccupation." — John Ortberg

<sup>&</sup>quot;Being grateful does not mean that everything is necessarily good. It just means that you can accept it as a gift." — Roy T. Bennett

<sup>&</sup>quot;Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." — Melody Beattie

<sup>&</sup>quot;Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." — Voltaire

#### Can you guess the words and expressions?

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#### **BIBLE TRIVIA**

- 1) How many books are there in the standard Bible?
- A: 39, B: 54, C: 66, D: 72
- 2) When were Israelites required to free their servants?

A: In the seventh year of service, B: In the twelfth year of service, C: When the servant produced offspring, D: Never

- 3) Who climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus as he entered Jericho?
- A: Zerubbabel, B: Zacchaeus,
- C: Nicodemus, D: Nebuchadnezzar
- 4) What is the longest book in the Bible?
- A: Psalms, B: Proverbs, C: Acts, D: Exodus
- 5) What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?

A: Ants, B: Locusts, C: Beetles, D: Scorpions

6) What is the shortest book in the New Testament?

A: Jude, B: 2 Peter, C: 2 John, D: 3 John

7) Who is the author of the Book of Revelation?

A: Paul, B: Peter, C: John, D: Jesus

8) What kind of bird brought Elijah food while he hid in the Kerith Ravine, east of Jordan?

A: Vultures, B: Eagles, C: Falcons, D: Ravens

9) What is the last word in the Old Testament?

A: Messiah, B: Judgment, C: Amen, D: Curse

#### **LOOK HERE**

#### Veteran's Day November 11th

On the following two pages are pictures of Zion's veterans. Look them over carefully and figure out who they are. Then the page after will give you some brief information on each one.

We would like to recognize more of our veterans - James Bullis, David Buss, Charles Chronis, Harold Larson, Donald Pocernich



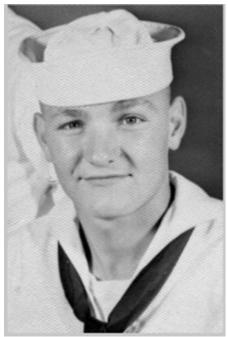








































Andrea Dollen Airforce USAF Broadcast Specialist Misawa Air Base, Japan

Warren Draeger Sgt. USAF 1975-1979 Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

Herb Ellis Army 1965-67 Thailand

**Gerald Frisco** Air force, Squadron 6486 Camron 1962-1965 Some service in Hawaii as a parachute rigger

Nick Jarvela Recon 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. 11<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Vietnam

Otto Korpela Air Force 1966-1970 Staff Sergeant Supply and Equipment Texas and Alaska

**Traci Lynn (Colgrove) Meller** Army National Guard 1999-2007 724 Eng.Bn Boot Camp Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri AIT Training Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Chaplain Assistant 2003-2004 deployment to Iraq After deployment Chippewa Falls, WI National Guard

**Clarence Osmak** US Army 1965-1968 Basic training Ft. Lenard Wood, Missouri Nov.1965-Dec. 1966 South Korea assigned to 44<sup>th</sup> Engineers, operated an 830 rubber tire scraper, building roads through rice paddy fields. January 1967 until discharge stationed at Fort Leonard Wood.

**Andy Pruss** Army 2014 - present. I started as a cook in the 724 Forward Support Company of the 724 Engineer Battalion. I was a cook for 6 years until I deployed to the middle east with the 829 Engineer Vertical Construction Company, at which time I became a carpentry/masonry specialist. I currently serve as the 829's Administrative NCO in Ashland. It is a full time position.

Randy Spangle US Army National Guard Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri – Ashland, WI Unit 1971-1977

Ron Schwiesow Marines from 1969-1971 Stationed in Hawaii and Vietnam

Jordan Thimm US Navy 2019 – present active duty

**Scott Thimm** US Air Force 1989-1993 Fire Protection Specialist Stationed at Hill AFB Utah with a deployment to the United Arab Emirates and one to Saudi Arabia

Gordon Vyskocil Army 3 yrs. Fort in Washington 25 yr. Army National Guard Ashland, WI

**Tim Vyskocil** Army 3 yrs. Fort Carson Colorado Springs, CO 6 yrs. Army National Guard Ashland, WI

**Richard Williams** US Air Force Mar.1974 – April 1978 – Minnesota Air National Guard April 1978- Sept. 1995

Duane Allen Ylitalo Army and Army Reserves August 1981-August 2005

#### God of peace.

We pray for those who have served our nation and laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom, asking that we remember their sacrifice and make right use of our liberty.

We pray for those who still bear the scars of their service, asking for healing for them in mind, body, and spirit.

We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way, asking that you shield them from danger and bring them home in safety.

We pray for all those who may have not seen battles, but are or were prepared at a moments notice and did their job that was also needed.

May the peace you gave us, the peace that passes all human understanding, be the peace that guides and sustains us. For it is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.

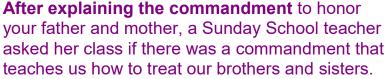
A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping"

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked."

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"



One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

#### **Rebus Puzzle**

1 – Forehead 2 – Good looking 3 – Waterfall 4 – Wake up

5 – Tuna fish 6 – Foreign language 7 – Seahorse 8 – Middle-aged

9 – Broken heart 10 – Seesaw 11 – Miss you or missing you

12 - Teabag

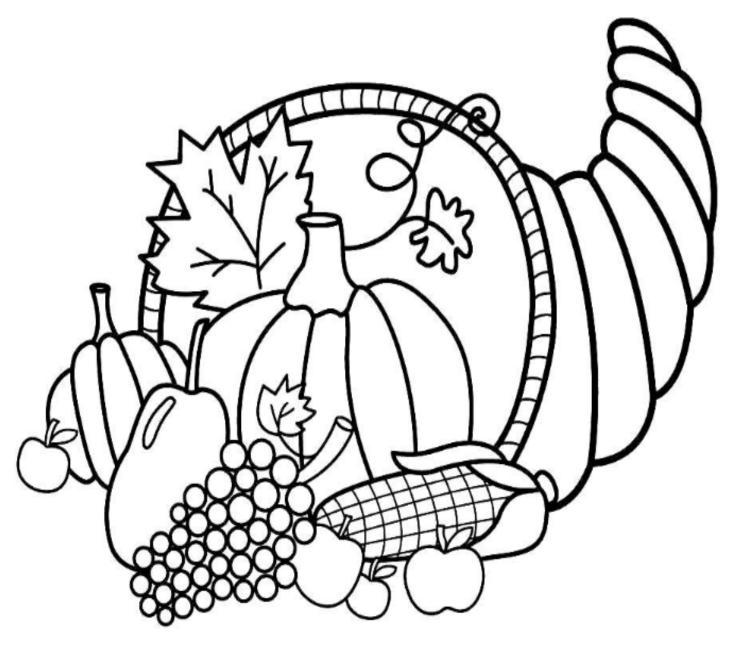
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"What are the last four digits of your Social Security number?"



#### **BIBLE TRIVIA**

- **1)** C-66
- 2) A-in the seventh year of service
- 3) A Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus as he entered Jericho. LUKE 19:1-10
- 4) A with 150 chapters, Psalms is the longest book in the Bible
- 5) B John the Baptist ate locusts and wild honey in the desert.
- "John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River." MATTHEW 3:4-6
- 6) C with only 13 verses, 2 John is the shortest book in the New Testament, or the Bible for that matter.
- **7)** C The author of the Book of Revelation calls himself "John". He gives his account of a vision describing the end of the world.
- 8) D Ravens brought Elijah food while he hid in the Kerith Ravine, east of Jordan.
- "Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook." 1 KINGS 17:1-6
- 9) D The last word in the Old Testament is "curse".
- "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful say of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse." MALACHI 4:5-6



#### Two Travelers and the Plane Tree

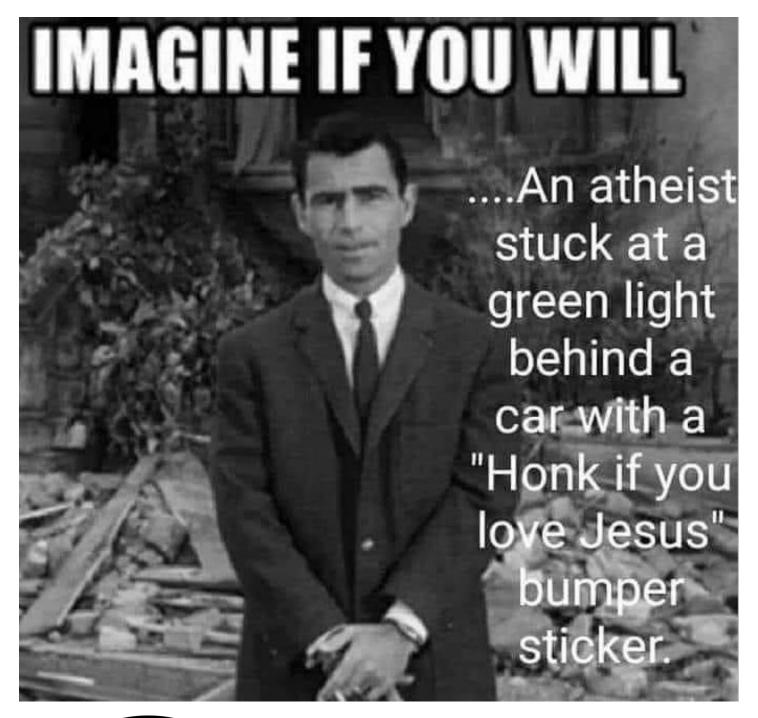
One hot day, two travelers were walking along a road and decided to rest under a large tree. They enjoyed the cool shade and looked up at the tree's branches. They realized it was a Plane Tree, a kind of tree that does not produce any fruit.

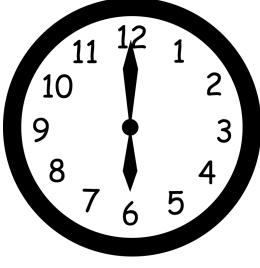
One of them complained, "What a useless tree this is! It only drops leaves on the ground and does nothing else."



The Plane Tree heard this and spoke to them, "How ungrateful you are! You are lying in my shade and still you insult me! You should be thankful for the blessings you have, not complain about what you don't have."

The moral of the story is that we should appreciate the good things in our lives and not take them for granted.





Wednesday Evening
Service Time Change
Starting Wednesday,
December 4th, the service will
start at 6:00pm.
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December 4th will also be the first mid-week Advent service.

#### OCTOBER LFOJ NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and guardians,
We hope your October has been full of fall fun!
National Pumpkin Day is October 26th! Fitting, right?

#### TOTVILLE NEWS:

#### Greetings from the Infant Room!

As the season changes, the weather <u>is</u> <u>getting</u> cooler. Please send <u>appropriate and</u> extra clothing for your child.

Our Bible stories this month were: David and the biggest man, Joshua and the big wall, The boy who went away, Jesus and the children, and Ten Plagues.

The older children have been practicing counting and colors. They made leaf sun catchers, <u>finger painted</u>, <u>and</u> are doing very well using their manners. They love to "help" with the babies. We have also been working on the songs for <u>parents</u> night.

Happy birthday to Reagan who turned one on the 18th! She has started walking and is doing a good job keeping up with her friends.

Happy Halloween! -Denise and Nikki

#### TODDLER TIDBITS:

#### The Toddler class has been busy lately!

We are working hard on potty training, and each student is doing amazing. Aside from our weekly lesson plans, we have been really working on our clean-up skills, using our silverware to eat, transitioning from one activity to another, and overall, just getting used to our daily schedule.

Next week, we are going to start giving specific jobs to each student weekly. Since they all really enjoy helping, we will have various jobs like "door holder," "class librarian," and "teacher's helper."

-Miss Jane



#### LEARNER LANE: Happy October!

Our themes in the Learner room this month have included: Apples, football, black cats and ghosts, pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns, and monsters. We have read The story of Adam and Eve, Jesus washes the <u>disciples</u> feet, Jesus walks on water, Jesus teaches about humility, and the story of Zaccheus.

The children are getting very good at following routine and are learning many new things. Halloween is coming up, and we've got some fun activities planned, including special games, a special Halloween snack, a scavenger hunt, and trick-or-treating around the classroom and church! Be sure to send your child in their costume. I can't wait to see what everyone dresses up as!

Brr, it's getting cold! With the change in weather, please start bringing hats and coats for when we go outside.

We hope you enjoy the beginning of the holiday season! It's my favorite time of the year!

-Miss Hanna

CPPOATES: We will be having a Halloween celebration and do trick-or-treating between rooms at the center and the church on Thursday, October 31st. Children are welcome to dress up in their costumes! We will try to keep the treats semi-healthy as we know the kids will have enough candy that day.

God Bless, Tressa Groom, Director JoAnn Martikonis. Administrator

#### Sundays' Advent "Savior of the Nations Come"

Located on the front of the historic Trinity Church in Boston are the sculptures of six men. At the center are four Gospel writers who are flanked on the right by Paul and on the left by Isaiah. Isaiah's presence in this distinguished cloud of witnesses speaks volumes about his importance for the church.

Jerome (c. 342–420) wrote of Isaiah, "He should be called an evange-



list rather than a prophet because he describes all the mysteries of Christ and the Church so clearly that you think he is composing a history of what has already happened rather than prophesying about what is to come." Likewise, when Augustine (345–430) asked Ambrose (c. 327–400) for his advice on what he should read, the latter suggested Isaiah, "Because, I believe, he is more plainly a foreteller of the Gospel and of the calling of the Gentiles than are the others." Isaiah is one of the most theologically significant books in the Bible.

My series for Advent and Christmas employs a section in this book—Isaiah 40:1–11. For Advent grandeur, majesty, and supreme artistry, no section in Isaiah comes close to these verses. Their soaring language and unforgettable imagery are tightly woven into the fabric of the season's hymnody, liturgy, and devotional literature. An inspiring time awaits us as we sing anew, "Savior of the Nations Come."

Here's the lineup of sermons:

Sunday, December 1 Advent 1 | Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (Isaiah 40:1–2) Sunday, December 9 Advent 2 | Prepare the Royal Highway (Isaiah 40:3–5) Sunday, December 15 Advent 3 | Hark the Glad Sound (Isaiah 40:6–8) Sunday, December 22 Advent 4 | O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Isaiah 40:9) Tuesday December 24, Christmas Eve | Joy to the World (Isaiah 40:10–11)

In Christ, Pastor Rick





thanks and take









"Are you all ready for us to be thankful yet?"



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