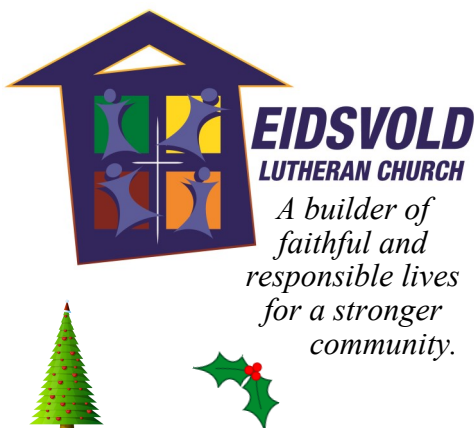




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What Is Advent?

There may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season for many unfamiliar with the liturgical year.

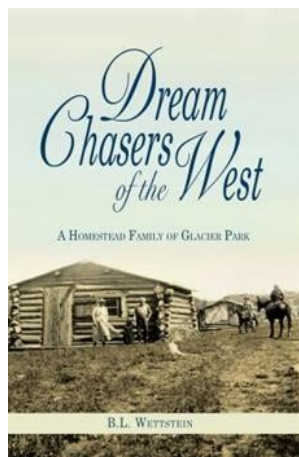
Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas.

This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days" (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2), as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis they called for God once again to act for them.

In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people. The promise for Israel and the promise for the church is Jesus Christ; he has come, and he will come again. This is the essence of Advent.





Read a good book lately?

Well I have a suggestion for you.

Dream Chasers of the West by B. L. Wettstein.

This non-fiction story of Clara Miller who, by herself rode, the Great Northern from Minnesota to the Rudyard area where she homesteaded. After many trials and tribulations she later went to East Glacier where life proved to be even more difficult.

Clara was quite an interesting woman. Give this book a try. It will be on the table by the coffee.

There are some other books on the table that might interest you. Have a look and maybe take one home with you.

What's ahead for the coming season?

Bethlehem is inviting Eidsvold to Advent soup suppers and worship beginning Dec. 6th. Come and enjoy a bowl of soup followed by the Holden Prayer Service.

Soup starts at 5:30 and worship at 6:30.

Eidsvold will be providing cookies for Dec 13th.

We need to bring 5 dozen cookies, do the set up and clean up; so we are looking for volunteers.

Give Rosella a call at 406.471.6077.

We at Eidsvold are so thankful for Bethlehem's warm invitation.



Did You Know?

The advent wreath became quite popular in homes in post-Reformation Germany. In many German homes families had a custom of lighting four candles during advent, that were placed in a wreath of evergreens.

When the candles were lit, Scripture and prayer was part of the custom and the family devotion time was a time of instructing the children about Christ's coming.

Later, the custom crossed over different denominational lines and other faith traditions adapted its use.



General and Staffing Fund Treasurers Report

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
General Fund Income	\$12,412.60	\$80,859.76
General Fund Expenses		
World Mission	\$00.00	\$4000.00
Pastoral Ministry	\$00.00	\$159.68
Worship	\$1,058.16	\$14,690.23
Church property	\$1,068.27	\$19,114.91
Staffing fund	\$1,350.46	\$15,180.03
Total Expenses	\$3,476.89	\$53,144.62



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11:00 Worship with
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11:00 Worship with
Pastor Al
Jensen

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Council
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11am Worship with
Steve Seilhymer LPA

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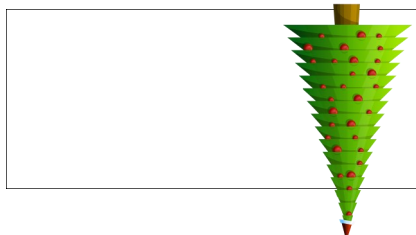
11:00 Worship with
Pastor Doug Nemitz



DECEMBER SERVANTS

Date:	December 3RD	December 10TH	December 17TH	December 24TH	December 31st
Minister /Preacher	Steve Seilhymer LPA	Pastor Scott Thompson	Pastor Al Jensen	Steve Seilhymer LPA	Pastor Doug Nemitz
Assisting Ministers	Anna Cleghorn	Karen Richardson	Pat Morgan	Rosella Thompson	Jan Vachal
Accompanists	Phillip Brous	Marlene Anderson	Susan Pierson	TBA	TBA
PowerPoint	Rosella Thompson	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
On-line	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson
Ushers	Rosella Thompson	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

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