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Dear Covenant Church Family:



The season of Advent marks the beginning of the Church liturgical year, and we begin with eager anticipation of Jesus the Saviour. Advent is a time of waiting and watching, to prepare us for the hope and joy of Christ! This year our theme for Advent is Coming Home For Christmas, and we hope to enjoy the season in simplicity, keeping God's Salvation Story central within our gatherings for worship and fellowship.

Yet again this year we will be building a sense of joy, celebration, and eager anticipation for King Jesus with our community as well, through a few events with a missional focus, including:

[Wonder and Awe - Women's Advent Evening November 23 from 7-9pm:](#)

Our Advent feasting traditionally begins the week before the first Sunday of Advent, with a special evening called Women's Advent. Come and enjoy an evening of good food (served by the men of the congregation!), wonderful Christmas music, the telling of the Christmas story, and good company and conversation. A wonderful way to begin the season of anticipation and celebration of Jesus our Saviour; invite your friends and neighbours to come and enjoy with us!

[The Advent Missional Challenge:](#)

It's that time of year again! We'll split into **Red** and **Green** teams and compete in blessing the Jasper Wellness Center with donations of much needed items for those they serve. Bring your donations during the worship services in Advent and put them in the boxes at the front of the church. You can also bring your donations during the week (office hours are 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday).

November 27: *Hot Paws - Gloves and Mittens.* Bring new or gently used clean gloves and/or mittens for adults (men and women) size M, L, XL.

December 4: *Hats Off for Toques!* Bring new or gently used clean toques and scarves for adults (men and women) size M, L, XL

December 11: *Warm Feet, Warm Heart!* Bring new or gently used clean socks for adults (men and women) size M, L, XL

December 18: *Undies Sunday!* Yes indeed, it's undies Sundies! Bring new underwear and long underwear for adults (men and women) size M, L, XL

Sunday January 1, 2023 we will announce which team "wins"!

CovYouth Advent Events:

CovYouth will be enjoying 4 Christmas movies together at the church, with eats and treats, as they delve into the simple truths of those movies that connect back to the Bible. In a devotional booklet, Josh will be providing a podcast to listen to and a Scripture text with reflective questions to engage in throughout the week!

CovKids Advent Events:

Advent kicks off with a **Gingerbread Nativity Event December 4th**. We will have a gingerbread building time, storytelling time, a hot chocolate bar, snacks and Sinterklaas (Saint Nicholas) will even make an appearance!

Each Sunday in Advent all CovKids will be invited to join the Cozy Corner during the worship service, and together learn about the Advent Wreath.

Advent Faith Formation Kits: we will be making use of our kits from last year, with an updated reading schedule to accompany it!

CovKids will have a Christmas celebration December 18th and join parents and the congregation in worship for Christmas Day.

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols December 18, 2022, 6:30pm:

This year we will enjoy a more traditional service of Lessons and Carols, and plan to have a special evening enjoying Scripture leading us into the story of the Messiah's birth and singing the traditional carols we know and love. This would be an excellent service to invite friends and neighbors too and will be "kid friendly".

Many of our ministries are also finding creative ways to connect and bless, during this unusual Advent season. Praise be to God for the creativity, imagination and enthusiasm of our ministry leaders and the work they are doing to gather us in and help us remember that we belong to God and to each other! Be

Blessed this Advent Season!

~Pastor Michelle
