

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR December 23, 2023

For more information check out our website or contact the church office

BUSINESS MEETING Attention church family, join us for our Annual Church Business Meeting on Sunday, December 31st at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us and see what is being planned for 2024.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR Help us welcome 2024 at our Annual New Years Eve Celebration with games, an early toast, and a snack potluck on December 31st from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Bring your favorite snack for the potluck and a group game to play and bring in the New Year in a positive way with your church family.

CHURCH BUDGET is short \$28,141 to date. Please prayerfully consider giving today to the Local Church Budget and help end the year in a positive way. To receive a tax deduction for the 2023 year, any donations must be received at the church or postmarks by December 31, 2023.

BIBLE READING GUIDES These are designed to assist you in reading your Bible through in one year. Available in the foyer, just ask a Greeter or Deacon.

HOUSE OF PRAYER is on hiatus for the holiday and will resume on January 17th.


KINDRED SPIRITS The Winter Newsletter was sent out via email this week. If you didn't get your copy, contact Debbie in the church office. There are a few printed copies in the foyer for those of you who would like a paper copy.

"PSALMS" The Adult Quarterlies are here for the 1st quarter of 2024. Pick up your copy today in the foyer.

SACS HOLIDAY CLOSURE The Salem Adventist Community Services center will be closed until January 8, 2024. Thank you for your prayers and generous support!

LAA DONATIONS No gift is too large or too small! To receive a tax deduction for 2023, all donation must be postmarked by December 31st.

TRIBE THRIVE The East Salem Health Ministry will be starting a new group in January. A community for doing whole person health together, Tribe Thrive. More information coming soon.

 **We wish you a happy, safe, and God-filled Christmas!**

PRAYER MINISTRY

Send your prayer request to prayers@eastsalemchurch.org or the church office

Livingstone Adventist Academy, Cheryl Young, Bill Fisher Jr, Dave Chrowl, Lue Stout, Dave Hathaway, Merlin Schreiner, Steve Schreiner, Sue Hunter, Lou Wildman, Lois Wilson, Arlene Trout, Felicity Young, Darrell Michel, Rochelle Teague, Fonda Cox, Jo Peters, Joanne Robertson and family, Cathy Cherry, Charlene Stroh and family (Kathy, Jim, Ashlea, Marilyn, Maryann, and Jeremy), and Owen, Jeff, Nate, and Dusty Van Kirk.



Adventist Giving



Today's Sabbath Rest Ends: 4:30 PM
Next Sabbath Begins: 4:35 PM

East Salem
CHURCH

Happy Sabbath and Merry Christmas!



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WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?



PRELUDE

WELCOME/OPENING PRAYER

O Come, All Ye Faithful - #132

OFFERING – *OC Youth Support*

OFFERTORY – *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - #122

SPOKEN WORD

Noel

SPOKEN WORD

Somewhere in Your Silent Night

Dwayne Stevenson

Congregational Hymn

Josue Gabriel

Phil Olds, *piano*
Lainey & Amanda, *vocals*

Congregational Hymn

Marty White, *reader*

Lisa Reynoso, *vocal*

John Perry, *reader*

Jennifer Tyree, *vocal*

SPOKEN WORD - *RESPONSIVE READING*

Mishael Tolan, *reader*

Reader: In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register. So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belongs to the house and line of David.

Congregation: The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him. My father's God, and I will exalt him.

Reader: He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and place him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Congregation: He is our praise; He is our God, who performed for us those great and awesome wonders we saw with our own eyes.

Silent Night - #143

Congregational Hymn

CHILDREN'S STORY

Troy Walker

Jingle, Jingle Happy Bells

Beginners & Kindergarten Classes, *vocals*
Victoria Minder, *song director*

O Little Town of Bethlehem - #134

Congregational Hymn

SPOKEN WORD - *RESPONSIVE READING*

LuDell Parrett, *reader*

Reader: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Congregation: I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!

Reader: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

Congregation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.

A Cradle in Bethlehem

Frank Kecskes, *vocal*

SPOKEN WORD – *RESPONSIVE READING*

Daniel, *reader*

Reader: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shephards said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Congregation: I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Reader: So, they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen which were just as they had been told.

Congregation: The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted by God, the Rock, my Savior!

O Holy Night

Andrew, *piano*

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear - #130

Congregational Hymn

SPOKEN WORD

Bill Fihser, Jr, *reader*

One King

Rhonda Patrick, *vocal*

SPOKEN WORD

Sarah Corbett, *reader*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - #122

Congregational Hymn

MESSAGE

Pastor Chad Reisig

Ring the Bells

Peggy Casebier, *flute*

SPOKEN WORD - *RESPONSIVE READING*

Jerry Magee, *reader*

Reader: You will tell the people how to find salvation through the forgiveness of their sins.

Congregation: Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us.

Reader: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death

Congregation: and to guide us to the path of peace.

This is Christmas

Traci Wolfsen & Nathan Johnson, *vocals*

CLOSING PRAYER

Gene Starr

Joy to the World - #125

Congregational Hymn

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Tyree & Nathan Loewen: Song Leader

Peggy Casebier: Pianist ~ Roxanne Stevenson: Organist

Trumpet: Lyf Halvorsen ~ Guitarist: Pastor Parker LeClerc

Thank you to Rhonda Patrick, the production crew, and all the members of East who participated in this Christmas program.