

*“She wrapped him in cloths
and placed him in a manger,
because there was no room
for them in the inn.”*

Luke 2:7, NIV





Prelude.....

Hymn..... *“Oh Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* verses 1, 6-8.....#257

Advent Candle Lighting.....

Hymn..... *“Silent Night”*.....#281

First Lesson.....Luke 1:30-38

- *Gabriel appears to Mary
- *Mary visits Elizabeth
- *An Angel appears to Joseph
- *Caesar stands with decree
- *Census is taken

Offering Hymn..... *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*.....#279

- *No room for Mary & Joseph at the Inn

Children’s Choir..... *“Mary Had a Baby”*
“Away In a Manger”
“The Whispering Song”

- *Not ready for the Messiah
- *Gabriel reveals Christ’s birth to the shepherds

Second Lesson.....Luke 2:8-12

- * Multitude of the heavenly host appears

Hymn..... *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*.....#289

- *Shepherds leave to find the Christ Child

Hymn..... *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* v. 1&2.....#270

Third Lesson.....Luke 2:16-19

- *Shepherds glorify God
- *Wise Men see the star
- *Wise Men go to see Herod

Fourth LessonMatthew 2:3-5

- *Wise Men go in search of Christ

Hymn..... *“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

*1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of light, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*2. Born a king on Bethlehem’s plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign. (Refrain)*

*3. Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising all men raising, Worship Him, God on high. (Refrain)*

*4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom:
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)*

*5. Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heavens replies. (Refrain)*

Fifth Lesson.....Matthew 2:10-12

- *Wise Men offer their gifts

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Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer

Children’s Choir..... *“C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S”*

“Go Tell it on The Mountain”

“Come on Ring Those Bells”

Hymn..... *“Joy to the World”*#267

Pastor: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Postlude.....

~*Worship Assistants*~

Greeter ~ Florence Mathison

Ushers ~ Peace Circle

Pianist ~ Heidi Woodstock

~*Confirmation Class*~

Sydney Currie

Steven DeForest

Katie Dieckhoff

Alethea Holden

Taylor Evenson

Bailey Furseth

Noah Furseth

Molly Hensel

Matthew Kaare

Carson Kaashagen

Maggie Loomis

Reese Parker

Eli Rawinski

Thomas Stach

Veronica Wipperfurth

Nicholas Woodstock

Emily Zahn

~*Sunday School Class*~

Anna Amundson

Kellan Jacobson

Brayden Klemp

Kaylee Lund

Elias Reese

Willem Reese

Shanna Schlieckau

Brayden Lund

Amerie Timler

Anders Amundson

Justin Gritzmaker

Karly Lewellin

Autumn Evenson

Emma Nottestad

Sully Schliecakau

Tiffany Stach

Caleb Wipperfurth

Derek Glesinger

Maddie Parker

Ryan Lund

Allison Lund

Kody Lewellin

Jenna Christensen

Nicole Glesinger

Jacob Nottestad

A BIG thank you to all people involved in getting the Christmas program together. We had a lot of behind the scenes work going on and every one's contributions were greatly appreciated.

~ Announcements ~

- **Good Samaritan Fund:** As people in our congregation and community continue to suffer the impact of our recent recession, our congregation has a unique opportunity to care for its neighbors. If you are in need of assistance because of a recent job loss or other financial struggles, please know that you can apply to the EKLC Good Samaritan Fund for financial assistance. If you are a family who would like to help out people who are struggling, but you haven't quite figured out how, consider making a gift to the Good Samaritan Fund. You will know that the money is being used to help people buy food and gas, cover housing expenses, or bring relief from high medical bills and other expenses. **The Good Samaritan Fund is currently very low on funds. We invite regular and substantial gifts to the fund in order to continue to care for our neighbors in need.**
- **What's new with Family Focus?** We collected over \$700 to buy gifts for more than 17 local children! Seven families from Family Focus also rang the Salvation Army bell at Piggly Wiggly on Dec 9th. Family Focus will be planning evenings like this throughout 2012. If you'd like to be a part of it, contact Ann Nottestad to be added to our email list. Here's what's on the calendar at this time:
 - * **Million Pound Challenge:** Family Focus is organizing a team for the Million Pound Challenge sponsored by the Princeton Club. Go to www.princetonclub.net/mpc and register to join our team called Family Focus. For every pound you lose or hour you exercise per week (up to 2lbs or 3hrs), the Princeton club donates 10lbs of food to the Cambridge Food Pantry. Sign up soon—the challenge begins on January 1st!
 - * **Chili Cook-Off & Sledding Party:** January 29th at the Deerfield Rod & Gun Club—a fundraiser for the Cambridge Food Pantry.
 - * **Parents' Valentines Evening Out:** February 11th- Family Focus is organizing a Parents' evening out. At this time we are looking for high school youth who would like to babysit a group of kids (most likely at Grace Lutheran Church). If you need service hours, this is a great opportunity. We are also looking for a few adult volunteers to be onsite during the babysitting. If interested, please contact Ann Nottestad.
- **2012 Offering Boxes are available in Friendship Hall.** Thank you for picking up your 2012 offering boxes before or after worship today. They're located on tables in Friendship Hall.
- **Gifts of Service Survey.** Don't forget to return your Gifts of Service Survey that was enclosed in your December Sunday and Beyond Newsletter. There are extras available in the church narthex. Thank you!
- **Meals on Wheels.** East Koshkonong Lutheran Church will be delivering Meals on Wheel January 2 thru January 13th. Please contact Wilma Furseth, 423-3194, if you would be available to help deliver. Thank you!

~ *Prayer Requests* ~

Thanksgiving to God for...

- East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry.
- Prayers for the ministries of Arden and Jana Haug, John and Amy Lindstrom, Lindsay Stolen, and Jens Notstad.

God's guidance and direction for...

- East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Call Committee
- For peace in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and among all the nations of the world.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

- Please remember all our veterans. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and service to their country.

Healing and health concerns...

- Dave Nettum
- Jerry Behm
- Julia Schremp
- Duane Dieckhoff
- Kenneth Dieckhoff*
- Alma Houfe*
- Verna Vethe*

Please note: If you have a prayer request and want it put in the bulletin, please write it down on the back of the communion/welcome card or notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. Prayer requests week November 27, 2011



In case of severe weather, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong :

***church office @ 423-3017 (A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made)**

***web site, www.eastkoshkonong.org**

~ *Calendar of Events* ~

Sunday, December 18, 2011

9:00am Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

No Confirmation Session

Saturday, December 24, 2011

3:00pm Candlelight Worship Service

6:00pm Candlelight Worship Service

Sunday, December 25, 2011

9:00am Christmas Morning Worship

Monday, December 26, 2011

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

OFFICE CLOSED

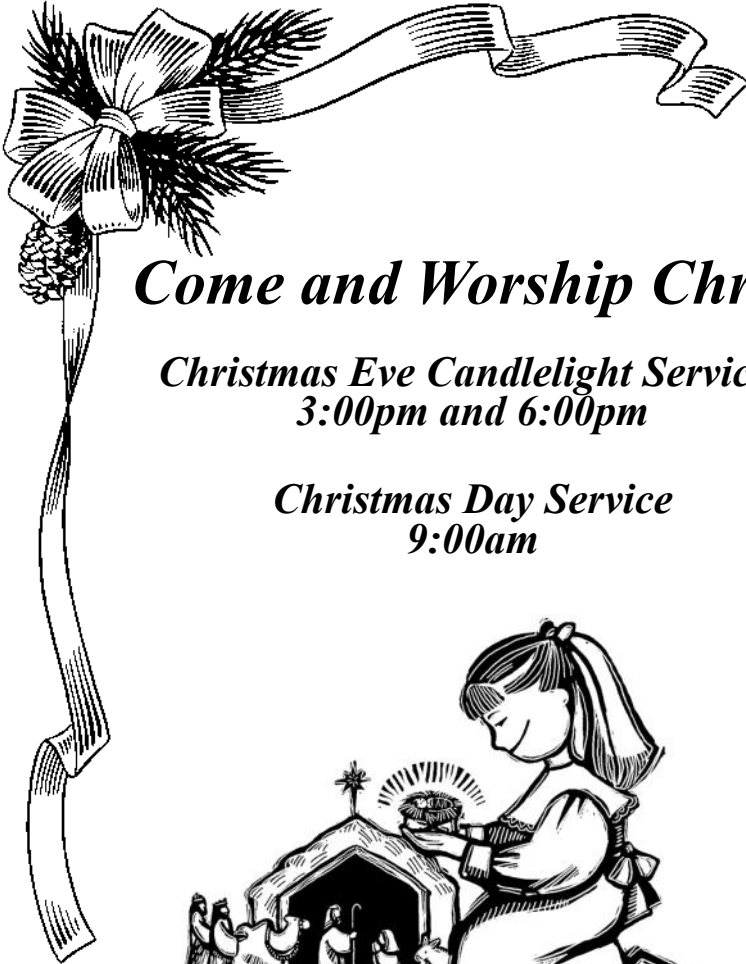
No Confirmation Session

Sunday, January 1, 2012

9:00am Worship

No Sunday School

- **The annual meeting of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church** will be held on January 22nd, 2012 at the conclusion of the 9 a.m. worship service. All voting/confirmed members are encouraged to attend. At this annual meeting of the congregation, we will review the budget for 2012, and elect council members. Nominations for council and synod assembly are welcome, and can be referred to the nominating committee through a council member or the church office. **Please submit financial and written reports for the annual report to the church office by January 8th, 2012.**



Come and Worship Christ

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
3:00pm and 6:00pm*

*Christmas Day Service
9:00am*



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