



A Community of Faith

1st Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 7, 2025



Scriptures: *Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:(29-31)36-44 (+Romans 12:17-21)*

Sermon: He Shall Return: Are You Ready?

– *Preparing our hearts to be present, peaceable, and prudent...*



Coming up this month:

- Thank you to those who helped with our Hanging of the Greens.
- We will have our Presbyterian congregational TODAY, immediately following the service. Please stay for the meeting if you are a member of that church or interested in the business we will take care of.
- If you wish to offer special music during Advent, individually or in a small group, please let pastor Lorna and Laura know, so we can plan ahead to rehearse with you.
- Tags from the Angel Tree disappeared quickly! All gifts (boxed and wrapped) are to be here at the church NEXT Sunday (Dec 14th), as we must drop them off Monday, Dec 15th.
- Advent devotionals have been emailed to you (if you have given the office your email address). I will only be printing a limited number of devotionals, just for those who do not have access to technology and email addresses.
- The memorial poinsettia list is on the back of this page.
- The pastor's office hours will be this Wednesday and Thursday, with Bible Study Thursday evening and Sunday School meeting at 9am next Sunday – we're looking at the birth of Christ through Joseph's eyes!
- The Panhandle food pantry is in need of donations as many new people signed up in November. Bags are available in the narthex to fill and bring to drop off at the church. Please consider helping out our struggling neighbors in this way as we are directed to in *Matthew 25* – “*I was hungry, and you fed me...*”
- We collected \$175.00 during Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Service's baby bottle drive in November!
- Our Christmas Eve service will be at 6pm again this year. Please come and bring your families and friends! Let us celebrate the birth of our Savior together.
- Our new website is up: www.CommunityofFaith-Raymond.org so let me know of upcoming events within the church that should be posted there.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

November 27 Darrell Cannedy
November 20 Laura Bender
December 19 Evelyn Blackford
December 19 Melvin Wempen
December 20 Dana Pitchford
December 22 Peggy Hampton
December 29 Dade Pitchford
December 29 Dmitriy Redka
December 31 Terri Pope



Anniversaries:

November 25 Larry & Pat Ziegler
November 26 Fred & Sue Rossi
January 1 Steven & Donna Wood



Those to keep in your prayers:

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- Wayne Angle
 - Larry Lanter
 - Jane Ethen
 - Fred & Sue Rossi
 - Dan Rossi
 - John Cerotti
 - Judy and Lou Weitekamp
 - Fred Gass
 - Pat Jackson
 - Melvin Wempen (recovering from bronchitis)
 - Donna Lemon
 - John Fletcher
 - Tom Irwin (blood cancer)
 - Dana's daughter, Desi
 - Willow (talk again)
 - Trent Boston (in hospice)
 - John Danner (hospitalized)
 - Ali Kay – whole family sick, but doing better
 - Jacob Mizera (healing after car accident)
 - Alyssa & Levi Whitacre
 - Jerry Midkiff (melanoma removed)
 - Kevin Edge, Toby Dean (health and well-being)
 - Joan Graham (at St. John's in Springfield)
 - Harry Jackson (healing, cracked ribs)
 - Darrell Cannedy (home from hospital)
 - Lisa Stewart – LuAnn's niece, daughter of Jim & Emma Bergman (sepsis)
 - Pastor Charles & Dave Rovey (healing and health after heart surgery/stints)
 - Betty Jenkins' father (broken pelvis/spinal injury)
 - Martha Holt, Hillsboro (valve replacement surgery)
 - Richard Bender (lung cancer)
 - Regan Morris (recovery)
 - Melissa Morgan, Debra Cole (recurring cancers)
 - Steve Gottshall, Bev Walch (cancer)
 - Sharon (Martha's friend – continued pain)
 - Danny Hughes & Ronnie Glover (back pain)
 - Vonnie Marten (Moving to Eastland Retirement Community in Auburn)
 - Mary Herschelman, Nolan Slightom
 - Family and friends of Ron Polston, Carolyn Matli-Smith, Cheryl Hampton, Deacon Reisburg, Robin Leeke, Gene Hitchings, Bob Mulch Sr.
 - David Weir (deployed)

New mailing addresses:

Vonnie Marten
901 Eastland Drive, C1
Auburn, IL 62615

Marilyn McWard
Timber Creek Assisted Living
101 W Sallee Ave,
Litchfield, IL 62056

Poinsettia Memorials

Chris Meisner in memory of Anita & Bruce Hall
Pat & Larry Ziegler in memory of Gerald & Alice Goby
Laura Bender in memory of Family & Friends
Mick & Sally Broaddus in memory of Family & Friends
Sandy Smith in memory of Carl & Phyllis Peger and Reuben Smith
Martha Zimmerman in memory of Don Zimmerman
Greg & Peggy Hampton in memory of our parents

