

Sunday Schedule:
 9:30 a.m. Prayer
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service with Nursery
 10:15 a.m. Children's Ministry
 11:30 a.m. Coffee Connection

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30 Flipside	4	5	6 10 am—noon Christmas Program practice
7 Christmas Program 4 pm Awana— Dress Up Day	8 6:30 pm Revelations in Experiencing God	9	10 6:15 pm Christmas Caroling	11 7 pm Praise Practice	12	13 Pastoral Candidate Family/ Robert Leko
14 Robert Leko speaks 4 pm Awana Offering Day	15 Robert Leko Family visit	16	17 6 pm Flipside Christmas program	18	19	20
21 Pastor Shane speaks Congrega- tional Meeting No CM No Awana	22	23	24 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 Kevin Penner speaks No Cm No Awana	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

A Free Voice

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee has had its first and last interview with our pool of candidates. We were unanimous in our decision to recommend Robert Leko to come and candidate at our church in December. We did bring this to the Board and they approved the decision. He is married and has children. Melody is his wife. Ariel, Elizabeth, Hannah, and Joshua are his children. He has been working as a prison Chaplain and has been a Youth and Associate Pastor in the past. We are excited for him to come visit and about the possibility of him becoming our next Sr. Pastor.

He and his family will be with us from Dec. 11th until the 16th. The Board has set up a variety of times for people from the church to meet with them during the week. If you are interested in having some time with them please contact Garth or Brent. I know that the Board, Search Committee, staff, Ministry Leaders, and congregation are scheduled already.

Along those lines, we will be hearing Robert preach on the 14th and then will be having a Pot Luck style lunch afterwards. During the meal, we will be having a time to ask questions of Robert and the family.

On Dec. 21st we will be putting Robert Leko to a vote by our members after the church service. The Board will also be recommending a Compensation Package at that time to be voted on. It is very important that all members attend that Sunday and make their voices heard/ vote count.

joy
 grace
 hope-love
 faith-peace
 honor— purity
 justice-charity
 courage-loyalty
 goodness-prudence
 sympathy-humility
 fortitude-temperance
 brotherhood— cooperation
 and
 God
 is
 love

May the Christmas **gifts** remind you of God's greatest gift,
 His only begotten Son.
 May the Christmas **candles** remind you of Him who is the
 "Light of the world".
 May the Christmas **trees** remind you of another tree upon
 which He died for you.
 May the Christmas **cheer** remind you of Him who said,
 "Be of good cheer."
 May the Christmas **bell** remind you of the glorious
 proclamation of His birth.
 May the Christmas **carols** remind you of the song the
 angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest."
 May the Christmas **season** remind you in every way of
 Jesus Christ your King.

FLIPSIDE

Pastor Shane Kroger



It is better to give than receive. Have you ever wondered at the fulfillment that we feel when we have made someone's day by giving them something? Maybe it is a special, unmerited gift this Christmas season or just a friendly smile. I often try to open the door for people. Older people especially seem to love that! A small word of encouragement or compliment goes a long way. Bless someone today and give them something that you both can enjoy, a warm heart.

Flipside has continued in our lessons from Experiencing God. We will be moving onto some cool video curriculum from Dare to Share, as well as exploring the book of Revelation. I am starting to plan out events for this next year and will be posting them in the coming months. We also have some spots left for the Lead/Deadwood Missions Trip this next summer. If you know of someone who wants to go, then please give me a call.

Our Star Wars Movie Marathon went well. I am personally exhausted after watching the movies. We had youth from both Gloria Dei and Lutheran Brethren churches with us. We ate a whole ton of food. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the event.

I wanted to say thank you for the wonderful gift for Pastor Appreciation Month. Michele and I used the money to purchase a new laptop computer. Ours is well worn and out of date after nine years. This will enable us to better accomplish take home work, as well as complete some personal projects like converting some old home movies on VHS to DVD. Many thanks to you all for your generosity and kind words of encouragement!

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. Christmas Caroling/Youth Christmas Party
- January Lock In
- February Super Bowl Party
- March Possible Ski Trip
- June Missions Trip
- Aug. Camping Canoe Trip
- Sept. Garage Sale Fundraiser
- Oct. Cooperstown

December Speaking Schedule:

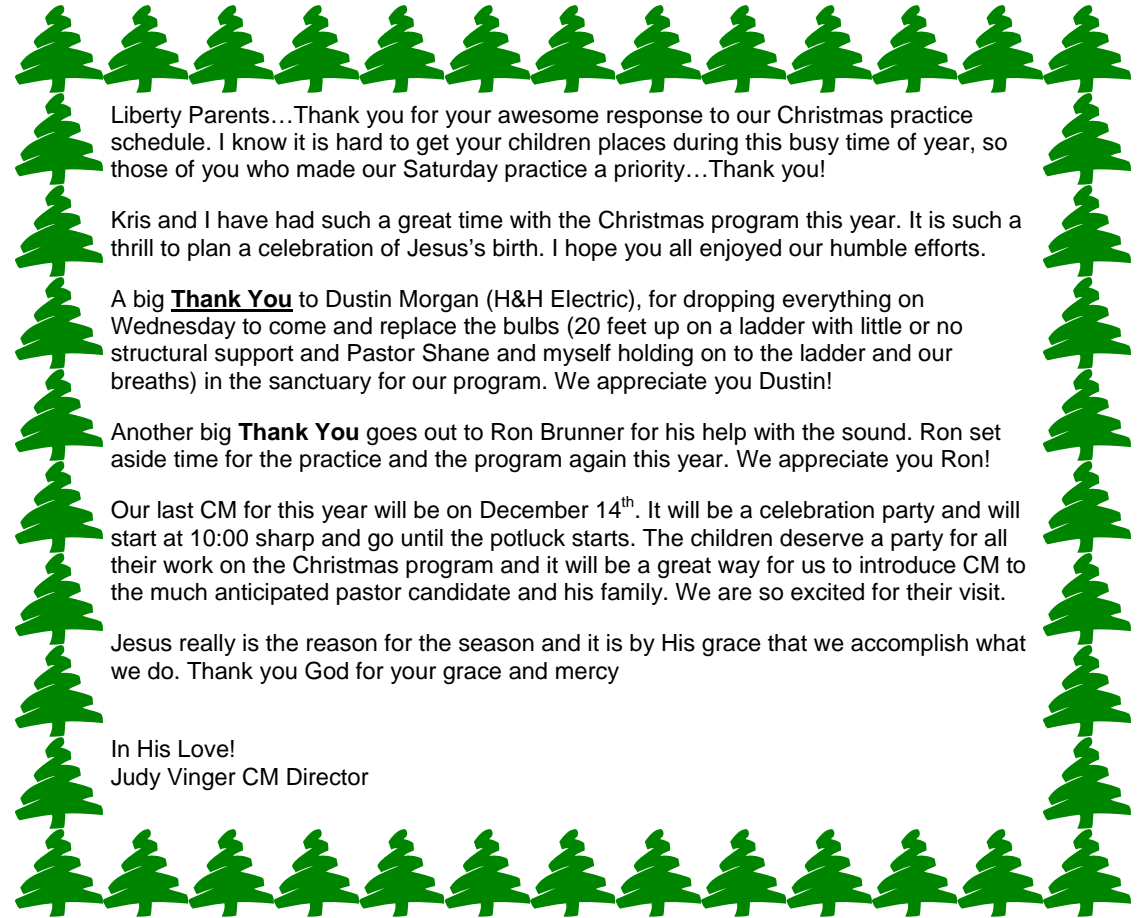
- December 7: Christmas Program
- December 14: Robert Leko
- December 21: Pastor Shane
- December 28: Kevin Penner

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THE THREE WISE MEN CALLED ON FOR THE CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS PLAY WERE JUST A LITTLE TOO WISE



Liberty Parents... Thank you for your awesome response to our Christmas practice schedule. I know it is hard to get your children places during this busy time of year, so those of you who made our Saturday practice a priority... Thank you!

Kris and I have had such a great time with the Christmas program this year. It is such a thrill to plan a celebration of Jesus's birth. I hope you all enjoyed our humble efforts.

A big **Thank You** to Dustin Morgan (H&H Electric), for dropping everything on Wednesday to come and replace the bulbs (20 feet up on a ladder with little or no structural support and Pastor Shane and myself holding on to the ladder and our breaths) in the sanctuary for our program. We appreciate you Dustin!

Another big **Thank You** goes out to Ron Brunner for his help with the sound. Ron set aside time for the practice and the program again this year. We appreciate you Ron!

Our last CM for this year will be on December 14th. It will be a celebration party and will start at 10:00 sharp and go until the potluck starts. The children deserve a party for all their work on the Christmas program and it will be a great way for us to introduce CM to the much anticipated pastor candidate and his family. We are so excited for their visit.

Jesus really is the reason for the season and it is by His grace that we accomplish what we do. Thank you God for your grace and mercy

In His Love!
Judy Vinger CM Director



- December
- 7: Dress Up Day
- 14: Offering Day
- 21: No Awana
- 28: No Awana

Keeping Track: Truth Tracker 4- completed Discovery or Challenge 4 or 28 total sections

Sparks on Target- Red Book- completed 20 total sections

Blue and Green Books- completed 24 total sections

PASTORAL CANDIDATE

IF YOU OR YOUR SMALL GROUP WOULD LIKE TO SPEND TIME WITH THE LEKO'S WHILE THEY ARE HERE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THEIR SCHEDULE!

572-8767 THANKS!