



The Christmas



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TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday Dec 3rd 2023
After the Church Service
with Potluck
Cake and Coffee

*Call Committee will
update us on whom they
would like to propose as
our next pastor.*

Christmas Message

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel



We would like to take a moment to say thank you. We are so grateful for how you have served so sacrificially this past year. Whether it's leading groups; setting up for worship; playing music; setting up for coffee and cake, serving coffee; clean up after coffee and cake, or any one of the countless other (usually unseen) tasks that keep our community running, We are grateful. Thank you so much for all you do!

*We would like to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season, **we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy**; We pray that all four of these will fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. We are grateful to God. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us, we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole. We pray you have a fantastic Christmas.*

Have a very Merry Christmas ■

You can listen every Sunday Morning at 10:00am via our Audio Stream at: <https://www.thornhill-lutheran.org/web-stream.htm>

Church Council Highlights

August:

- Organized September Town Hall/Congregational meeting regarding intro/information of Call Committee, legal issues with Pastor Lisinski, and purchasing of outdoor community benches
- September services covered; working on rest of Fall, Advent, and Christmas Eve.
- Unfortunately, Oakville Grace Lutheran Church is closing at the end of this year. As such, council reviewed items they have for sale and chose which to purchase.
- BBQ with St. Georges and St. Paul's moved to Spring 2024, as St. George is holding a celebration at that time.
- Need to have 2 people deal with the donations after services; will look at who would be willing.
- Council approved hiring Eric and Tyler Moulson to do various repairs and painting around our church.
- Main entrance doors have major damage; Denise Wanschura will look into who might be able to do repairs.
- Still looking for members to join the Property Committee

September:

- Final review and organization for Town Hall/Congregational meeting
- Approval of new filing cabinet (\$400.00) to be placed in the Pastor's office; for all of Treasurer's paperwork to return to church and Financial Secretary's paperwork to move from the main office.
- Organized council members attending Synod's Community Conversations Fostering Racial Justice workshop and Royal Orchard Ratepayers Ass. meeting
- Monika Bos will continue to train as back up Financial Secretary & Nancy Moulson will train as back up Treasurer
- Reviewed concerns regarding Renter and to send to Rene Samulewitsch, for him to discuss with them.

- Finalized items we are purchasing from Grace Lutheran Church and pick up of said items.
- Main doors are not repairable and Denise will get a few quotes for new ones.
- Still trying to get Church's website to work properly.

October:

- 2023 Annual reports need to be in by December 29th.
- Need a new Council member for 2024, as Nancy's 2nd term is over.
- Heating specialist coming in, as Hall heating system is not working. We will need a new heating system by Winter of 2024.
- Need more information as to the increase of cost of IconCMO, the church's data system regarding members and donations.
- Advent and Christmas Eve services have been organized and Tony Streisslberger is looking into special music for Christmas Eve.
- Newlight members would like to perform a song during one of our services.
- Meeting with Newlight regarding concerns.
- Minor legal update regarding Pastor Lisinski but no changes to where our legal counsel stands.
- Most items have been picked up from Grace Lutheran church; still to pick up stove and office chairs.

Call Committee Members:

Rene Samulewitsch, Chair Person

Monika Bos

Gunther Kunzelmann

Prisca Kenel

Doris Lottermoser



As we head into our new church calendar year, we wish to remember those whom we have lost and keep close to our hearts.

Otto Anul
Willie Behrens
Emma Bender
Hilda Birn
Theo Bos
Wilma Bos
Erika Cambell
Hannelore Gleue
Brunhilde Keller
Hannelore Kelpé
Tanya Percy nee Kunzelmann
Erna Stock
Ellen Sturm
Sigismund Sturm
Bärbel Wilhelm
Joachim Wilhelm

In Loving
Memory

Those we love don't go away,

They walk beside us
every day.

Unseen, unheard,
but always near.

Still loved, still missed,
and very dear.

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## **The Frohe Runde:**

Our German speaking group meets on the third Saturday of each month, in the church hall from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Come join us at our next Frohe Runde on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>.  
All are welcome.



**Please note the time change!** Starting in November we change the time to 1 -3pm

## **Upcoming November Services:**

|                                                                |                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> English Communion Service<br>All Saints Sunday | Pastor Rebecca Klages           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> German Service                                | Karin Schemeit                  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> English Service                               | Pastor Victoria<br>Featherstone |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> English Communion Service                     | Pastor Pamela Kormano           |



## **December Services and Events**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Advent**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Hymn Sing Service  
Lead by Adam McComb

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Advent**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**, German Communion Service  
Lead by Pastor Rasma Caune

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Advent**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>**, English Communion Service  
Lead by Pastor Ernie Skujins  
& Advent Afternoon Potluck Luncheon







## **Christmas Eve & 4<sup>th</sup> Advent**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, Heiligabend**  
**at 4:00pm**  
**Service in German**  
Lead by Karin Schemeit

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**  
**at 6:00pm**  
**Service in English**  
Lead by Iris Schweiger



**Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve at 10:00 am**  
Lead by Pastor Ernie Skujins





## ***A Very Happy Belated Birthday to:***

### **September**

Petra Boehringer  
Jesse Jack  
Prisca Kenel  
Lise Kunzelmann

Stefan Langin  
Kyle MacLean  
Helga Woldenga

### **October**

Lisa Langin  
Grace Nikolaus  
Edith Schiller

Andrew Steiger  
Erin Tobin  
Tristan Wanschura

## ***A Very Happy Birthday to:***

### **November**

Monika Bos  
Diana Habekost  
Iris Habekost

Tyler Moulson  
Anouk Teichert

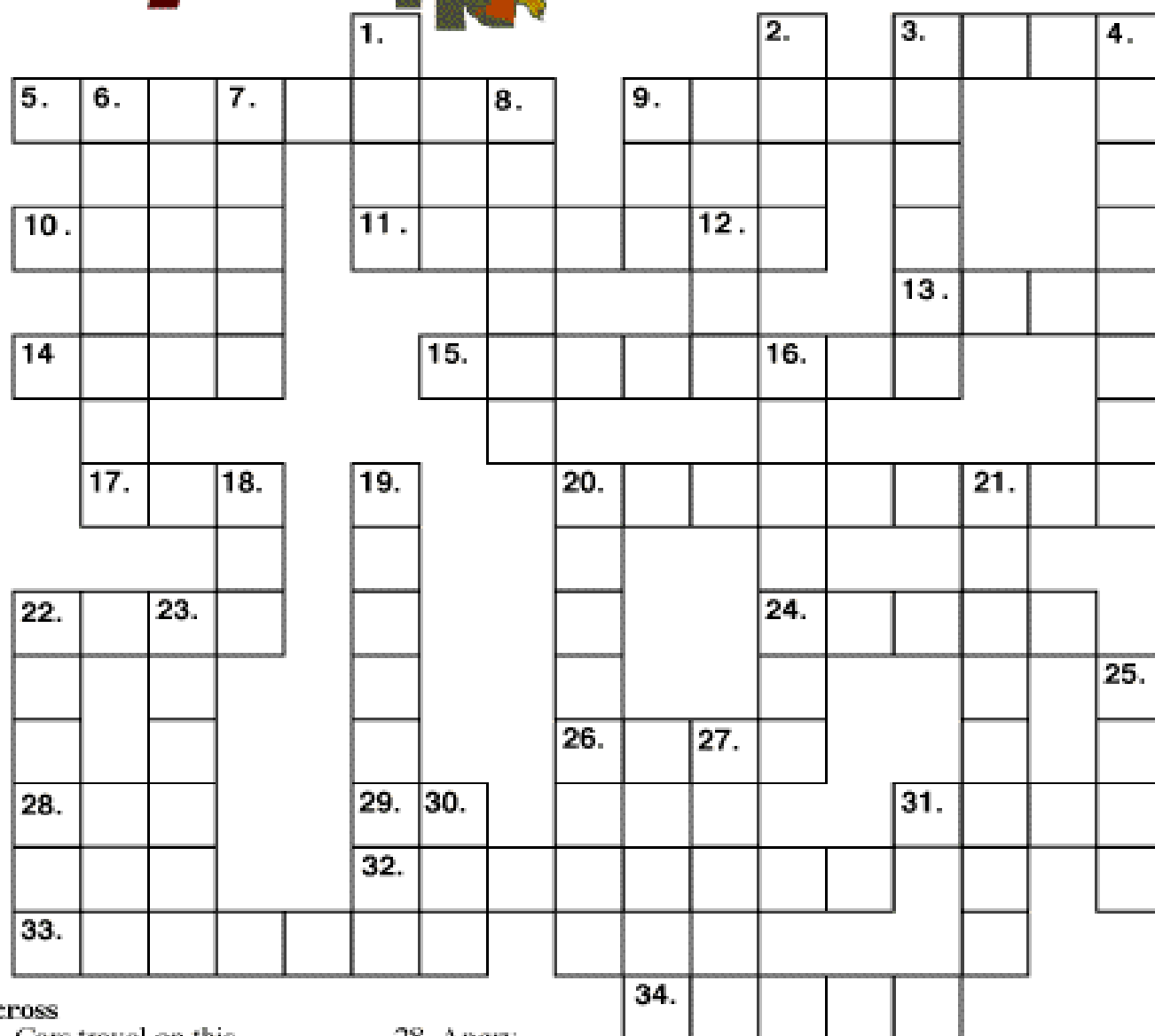
### **December**

Devon Langin

Andrea MacLean



# Autumn CROSSWORD



## Across

3. Cars travel on this  
5. Woollen garments  
9. Plural of goose  
10. An angel has this  
11. To make smooth  
13. Things aren't always as they

14. Who, what, where, \_\_\_\_?  
15. Vegetables with many eyes?  
17. Maple leaves often turn this colour  
20. The first month of Autumn  
22. Cautious  
24. A tree with white, papery bark  
26. To raise children

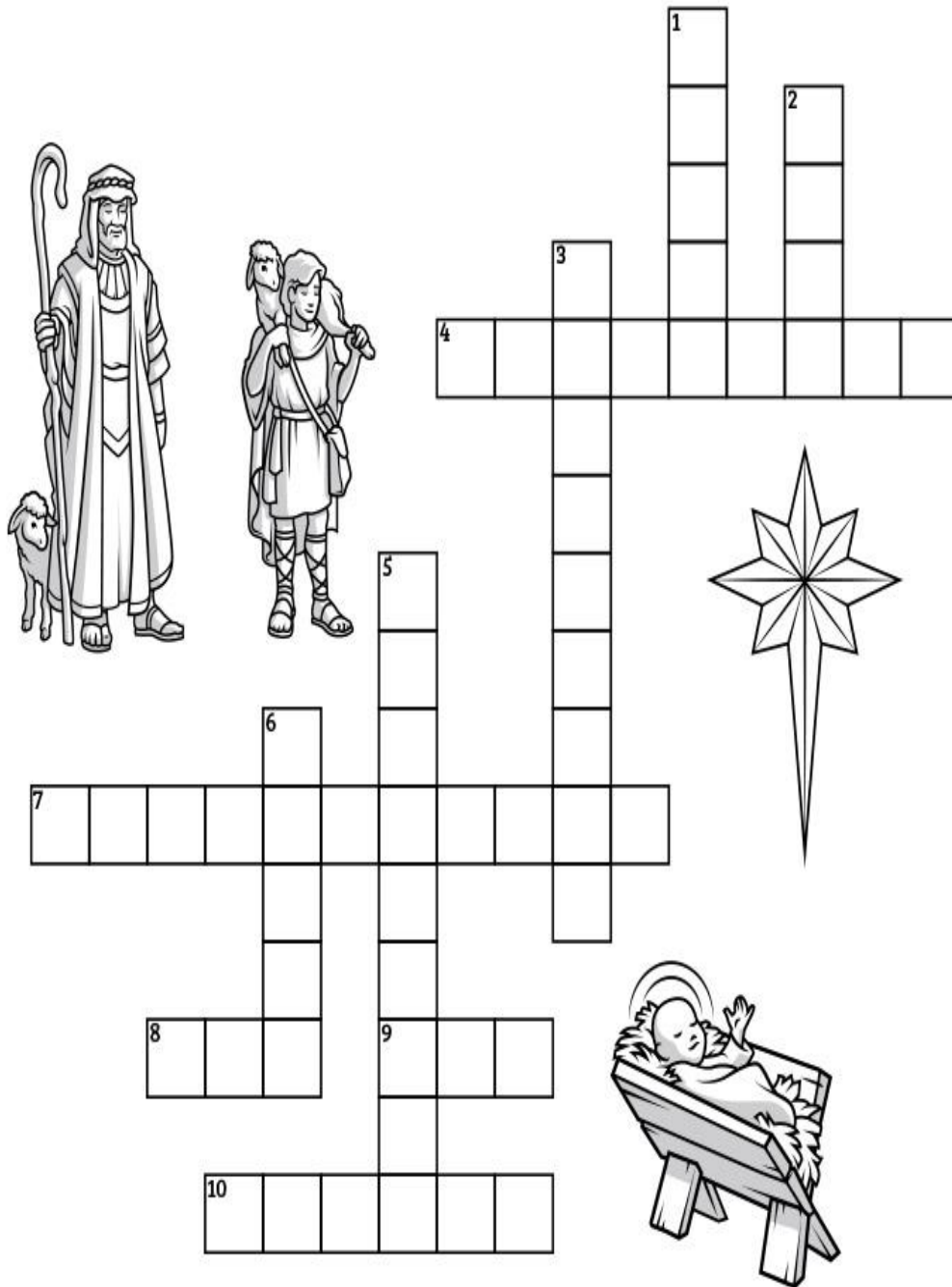
28. Angry  
29. Opposite of out  
31. Another name for Autumn  
32. Autumn month  
33. Gather a crop  
34. Ripe fruit or vegetables

## Down

1. Grows on a tree  
2. \_\_\_\_ager  
3. Playtime in school  
4. Last month of Autumn  
6. Sunny, cold, rain, eg.  
7. The nut from an Oak tree  
8. Spring, summer, fall, winter eg.

9. Fetch  
12. " \_\_\_\_ your supper."  
16. Autumn month  
18. Opposite of night  
19. Large orange fruits which grow on a vine  
20. Nut hoarding animal  
21. Used to carry school books  
22. What you get from a fireplace  
23. One who reads  
25. Opposite of hot  
27. Brownish yellow colour  
30. " He is \_\_\_\_ here right now."

# CHRISTMAS NATIVITY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## ACROSS

4. \_\_\_\_\_ watched their flocks by night.
7. Mary and Joseph brought \_\_\_\_\_ as a sacrifice to the temple.
8. Angels brought good tidings of great \_\_\_\_\_.
9. There was no room for Mary and Joseph in the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Jesus lay in a \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

1. The wisemen brought gold, frankincense, and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ appeared in the East.
3. Mary and Joseph traveled to \_\_\_\_\_ to be taxed.
5. Jesus was wrapped in \_\_\_\_\_ clothing.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord shone down on the shepherds.