

# NLC Connection

## Ministry Minute

My Christmas Playlist includes a song titled "Christmas Every day."

"He was born so far away, so the story's told. We remember Christmas Day when winter days grow cold. With the time, it passes by, we put away the trim; then we live and wonder why we can't remember Him...The Christmas star shines once a year; then it fades away...Keep the spirit in your heart, it's Christmas every day."

It seems like once the calendar changes from December to January, and the New Year kicks off, Christmas memories "fade away", just like the song says.

This year, don't let the Christmas Message: Jesus coming into the world to offer Hope, Peace, Joy, and the Love of God to you, and all people everywhere "fade away."

Keep remembering, every day, that Jesus came into this world, as the babe in the Bethlehem manger, to bring Hope, Peace, Joy, and the Love of God to you!

In Service to Christ and His Kingdom,  
Pastor Jon Benson

Reminder: I am usually available in the Church Office during the morning hours Tuesday – Friday. Afternoons I am often in and out of the Office. Please feel free to drop by the Office, or call and schedule an appointment for afternoon or evening, if you would like to visit with me.

My contact information is: (815)641-9019 or [PastorJonNLC@gamil.com](mailto:PastorJonNLC@gamil.com).

Jeannette and I would like to take this opportunity to express our most heartfelt thanks for those that have sent cards and gifts during this Christmas seasons. Thank you again.

## Please Pray For These Missions As We Support Them Financially



**AFLC**  
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations



**Free Lutheran**  
BIBLE COLLEGE & SEMINARY

### **Seminary Adopt-A-Student**

This program is an opportunity for individuals or congregations to support a seminary student and his family during his time of pastoral training. The goal is for the seminary student and the individual or congregation stay connected through prayer, financial support, and regular correspondence throughout the student's seminary education.



**CUP of COLD WATER**  
MINISTRIES

"To glorify our Lord Jesus Christ by faithful proclamation of His Word and by loving service to our fellow men, especially the poor and disadvantaged, both home and abroad."



**WAYSIDE CROSS**  
MINISTRIES

### **Mission**

To honor God by loving and serving the afflicted and powerless through sharing the Gospel of forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ by empowering them to be disciples of Christ.



Chris founded the non-profit arm of INK 180 in October of 2011 to offer the opportunity for a real second chance to the least of these, the invisible, the forgotten, the discarded. Chris provides his time, supplies and artwork, entirely free of charge to former gang members trying to get their lives back on track as well as the victims of Human Trafficking. INK 180 is entirely funded by donations, no charge is ever asked of the people receiving Chris' ministry.



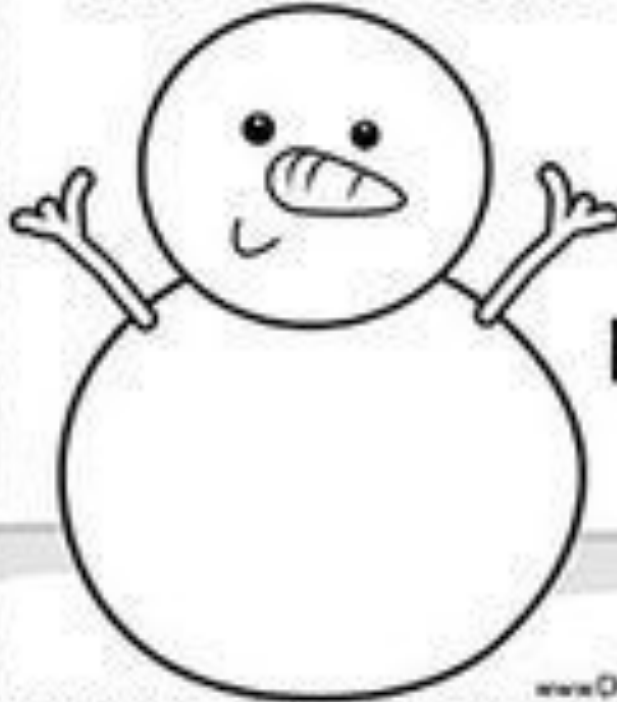
# Children's Christmas Program





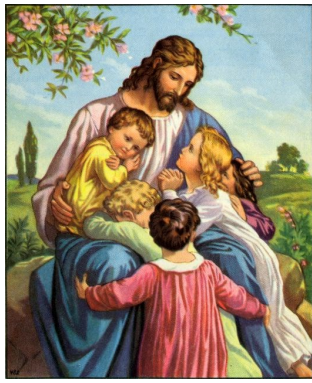
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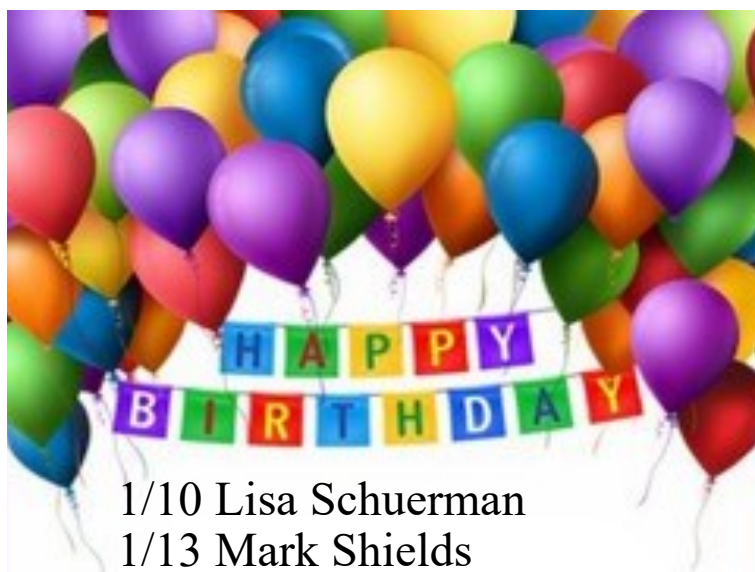
"Wash me  
and I shall  
be whiter  
than snow."



Psalm  
51:7 KJV

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1/10 Lisa Schuerman  
1/13 Mark Shields  
1/15 Taylor Kunkel  
1/17 Jim Davis  
1/19 Sharon Anderson  
1/21 Jodie Shields  
1/25 Joey Barracca  
1/25 Wendy Hammond-Walsh  
1/25 Damien Walsh  
1/29 Sandra Davis



# ♥ Happy ♥♥♥ Anniversary

1/8 Gary & Sherry Underhill

(If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and it was not listed, please contact the church office. Thank you!)



# JANUARY 2024

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7 8:45 am Meet & Greet 9:30 am Worship and Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Confirmation Class 10:30 Adult Bible Time	8	9 9:30 Prayer Time 7:00 pm Council Meeting	10 6:00-7:00 pm Kids Club	11 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	12	13 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
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28 8:45 am Meet & Greet 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Annual Meeting	29	30 9:30 Prayer Time	31
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**To Share His Love**

**To Shape His People**

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