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WOODHAVEN NEWSLETTER

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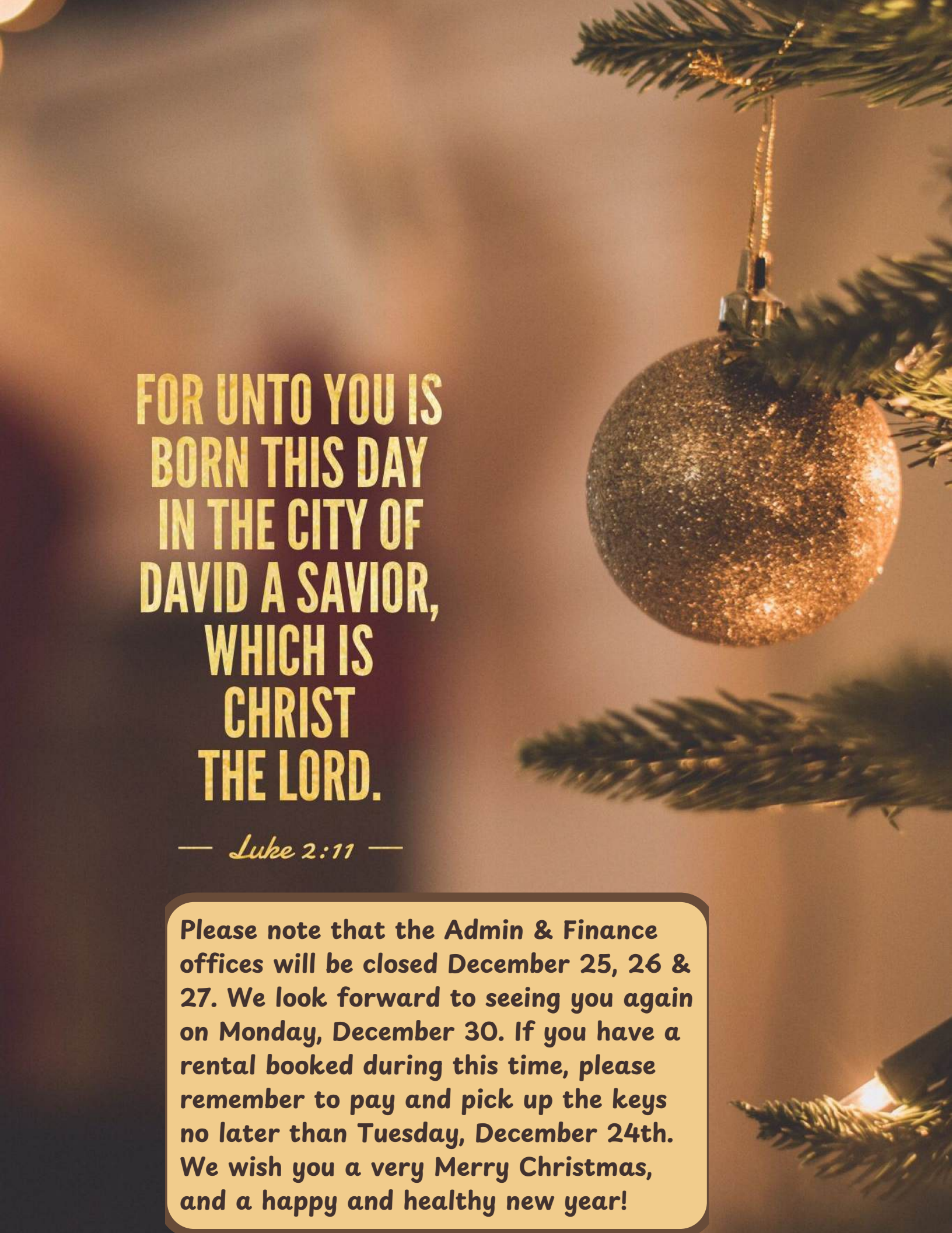
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**FOR UNTO YOU IS
BORN THIS DAY
IN THE CITY OF
DAVID A SAVIOR,
WHICH IS
CHRIST
THE LORD.**

— *Luke 2:11* —

Please note that the Admin & Finance offices will be closed December 25, 26 & 27. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday, December 30. If you have a rental booked during this time, please remember to pay and pick up the keys no later than Tuesday, December 24th. We wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy new year!


A NOTE FROM HELEN

I just wanted to take a moment to say "thank you!". Thank you all so much for such a wonderful year! It is truly the biggest blessing for me, that I get to work here and spend every day with you. Our Woodhaven family is so special to me, and I love you all very much! I'm looking forward to the new year, and all of the fun things that we will do together! From the very bottom of our hearts, my family and I would like to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy new year. May God bless you all, now and always!

With love from,

♥ Helen

Contest Time!



Noel the Gnome is back...and this time, he brought his friend **Jingles** along! From **Monday December 2, until Friday December 20**, we will be having another "Find the Christmas Gnome" contest! This time, with two gnomes to find each day, you have even more chances to win! **Each weekday morning starting at 9:00am**, these cheeky little gnomes will be hiding somewhere in the building, just waiting for you to find them! Whoever finds Noel and/or Jingles each day and brings them to Helen, will have their name entered into the **prize draw**! The more times you find a gnome, the more chances you have to win! **Two winners will be picked during the birthday party on Monday December 23rd!** Good luck, and happy hunting! Remember to check on each floor!

Just a friendly reminder that while Noel and Jingles are very sneaky, and will sometimes be hard to find, they will NEVER be found:

- Outside of the building (in the parking lot, at Resthaven etc.)
- In a place that requires you to stand on furniture to reach them
- In a non-common area (in a suite or locked room/office)
- In the basement

"NOEL"



"JINGLES"



Just a friendly reminder that as per our policy, guests are only permitted to stay in your suite for a **maximum of 7 days**, unless pre arranged with management. Please see Alison for more information. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



Just a reminder as we head into the snowy and icy season: **please use extreme caution when walking outside!** While maintenance does their best to keep up with plowing and salting, accidents can still happen! Please be safe out there!

Join us on Christmas Eve for a pajama party! Come to the main floor lounge at 2:30pm on Tuesday December 24th. We will have cookies, hot chocolate, and sing Christmas carols together! (Pajamas are not mandatory to attend; you are welcome to come in regular clothes!) Please let Helen know if you would like to donate cookies!



Come early to Coffee & Connect on **Tuesday December 10th** to hear a choir from Stonybrook Middle School perform for us! **Starting at 9:15am** in the main floor lounge.



Did You Know?



If your car won't start Maintenance can give you a boost! Please call the admin office for assistance!

Let's raise a toast, and countdown to the new year together! Join us at **2:30pm on Tuesday, December 31st** for a **New Year's Party** in the main floor lounge! **Please bring \$1 and a small snack to share if you are able!** Drinks will be provided! **Please sign up if you're coming!**



Come to Coffee & Connect on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30am. For the month of December, in addition to coffee and tea, we will have hot chocolate and apple cider available to enjoy! No cost to attend - everyone is welcome!



Special Christmas Bingo Thursday, December 19th at 2:30pm.



The Heinrichs family will be here at 7pm on Friday, December 6th.

Come and hear our very own Michael & Leah Obviar in the Couples for Christ choir on **Saturday December 14th at 4:00pm**. Couples for Christ is a Filipino organization intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life.

For **Chat & Craft** this month we will be assembling some gingerbread house kits together. **Wednesday December 4th at 2:30pm. Cost is \$6 per person. Please sign up to be included!**





Let's Celebrate

Its Christmas Party Time!

**Tuesday, December 10th
2:30pm to 4:00pm**

You're invited to celebrate the season with a Christmas party in the main floor lounge! Food, drinks, fun and games, prizes, and more! There is **no cost to attend, no sign up required and everyone is welcome to come!** Coffee and tea will be provided, but please **bring a small snack or plate of something to share!** Please also **bring your own mug.** Enter the **Festive Christmas Outfit** contest too! Come dressed up in your brightest, sparkliest, most festive outfit! Christmas sweaters, hats, tinsel, garland and glitter are all welcome! **The most festively dressed person will win a prize!**





From **Monday December 2** until **Friday December 13**, we will be collecting donations for the **Steinbach Helping Hands Food Bank**. Please bring any donations to the bin in Helen's office during business hours. While all donations are appreciated, the top items needed are:

- Canned fruit & vegetables
- Canned stew, chili & meat
- Cereal
- Diapers
- Formula
- Items for lunches
- Jam
- Juice
- Oatmeal
- Pasta
- Peanut butter
- Personal hygiene products
- Rice
- Toys for Christmas



Please ensure that all donated items are new, unopened, non-perishable and not too close to their expiry date. Thank you for your kindness and generosity - it is appreciated!

Special Christmas Faspa: Rocco's Chicken Dinner



Wednesday December 11th at 4:30pm

You must sign up no later than Friday December 6th, so we know how many to order! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin boards on each floor! \$13 per person. Includes a 2 piece chicken meal with fries, coleslaw, a bun, dessert and a drink. In the basement MPR. Please bring your own mug!

Special Pancake Breakfast!

This month, instead of separate Men's & Ladies' breakfasts, we will have one big combined pancake breakfast together! Pancakes & syrup, fruit, whipped cream, coffee and tea! **\$5 per person, you must sign up to be included!**

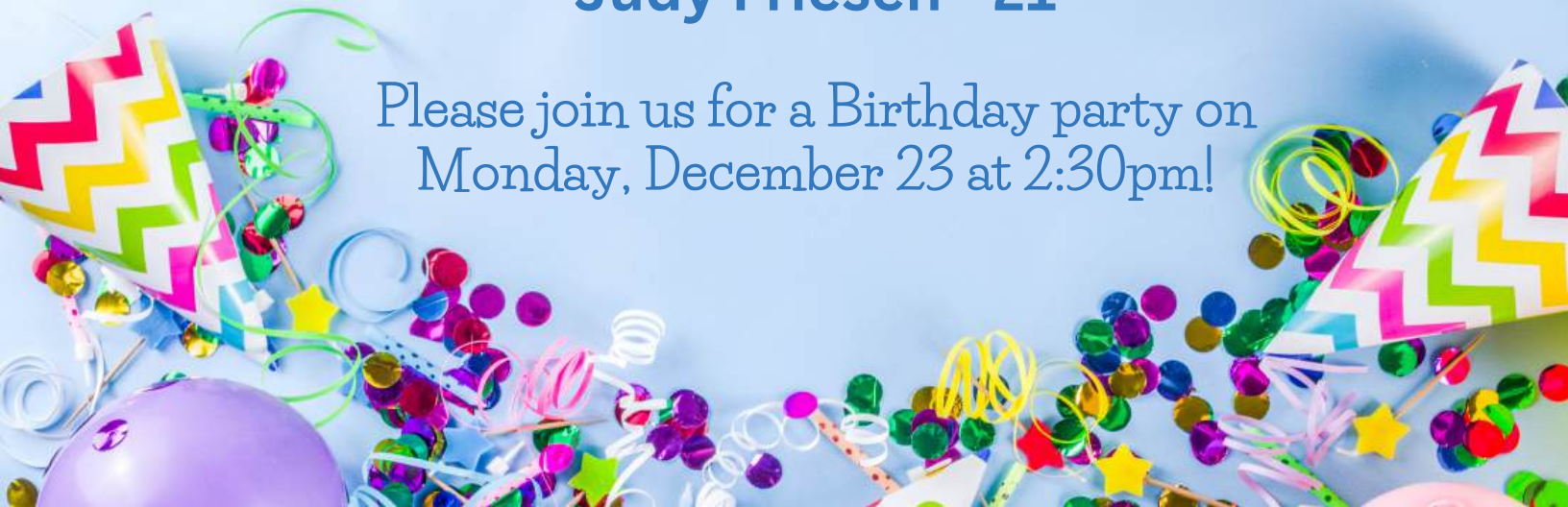
**Tuesday, December 17th
at 9:30am**



December Birthdays:

Rita Funk - 4
Bill Giesbrecht - 16
Elfrieda Plett - 18
Ethel Teetaert - 18
Sandi Hiebert - 20
Judy Friesen - 21

Please join us for a Birthday party on
Monday, December 23 at 2:30pm!



From the Chaplain's Desk

Christmas and memories—how can we separate them?

As Christmas approaches, we recall memories of children, of friends, of family, and of loved ones.

As Christmas approaches, we recall memories of hugs, of laughter, of visits, and of things done together.

As Christmas approaches, we recall memories of caroling, of concerts, of gifts, and of Christmas baking.

As Christmas approaches, we recall the reason behind it all, the birth of Jesus Christ.

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” Luke 2:11, 12

Perhaps your Christmas includes memories of someone who has recently passed away. The room is now quiet where their voice was once heard, and the table seems empty where they once sat. Christmas just isn't the same without them. May you find special comfort and strength in the Lord and in the thought of meeting your loved one again someday.

Wherever your thoughts may go this Christmas, may God bless you!

Peter Berg, Chaplain



Christmas

Word Search

S L E S N O W M A N S T A R S
T F N R Z Q G R E E T I N G S
O C R F R O S T Y Y J I N A G
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Word list:

ANGEL
CHRISTMAS
EGGNOG
ELVES
FAMILY

FROSTY
FRUITCAKE
GIFT
GREETINGS
MANGER

NATIVITY
PRESENTS
REINDEER
SLEIGH
SNOWMAN

SPIRIT
STAR
STOCKING
TIDINGS
WREATH