

RCC *messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ROSENDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH | DECEMBER 2020

Live Nativity



Live Nativity at Rosendale Christian Church, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 5 & 6 from 6-8pm. Sign up on the back table!

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

The annual Rosendale Christian Church Candlelight Christmas Eve service will be Thursday, December 24th at 9pm. Plan to attend and invite your friends and loved ones to attend.



It's the Most Crazy, Lonely, Wonderful Time of the Year!

This is the title of the December sermon series.



"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Luke 2:14

Church Events

- Dec 5th – Live Nativity 6-8pm
- Dec 6th – Live Nativity 6-8pm
- Dec 9th—Elder/Board Mtg 5:30 & 7PM (New Leader Orientation)
- Dec 13th—Men's Study 6:30am
- Dec 24th—Candlelight Christmas eve Svc 9pm
- Dec 25th – Merry Christmas!
- Dec 27th—Men's Study 6:30am

Encourage!

Be strong and of good courage..." (Deut 31:6)

A monthly page from Pastor Kent to encourage you to
grow stronger in your walk with Jesus!

FAREWELL TO YOU... As you're all aware, I resigned as Sr. Pastor from RCC on November 8th. My last Sunday will be Jan 3, 2021. I know some of you were disappointed to hear this news, yet you have remained encouraging and supportive. Some of you have actually told me that you are being selfish, because you don't want us to go. I appreciate your honesty about your struggle. Please know that it wasn't an easy decision to make, either. We (Ana and me) have been praying, thinking and talking about this for several years. Being your pastor for 14 years made the struggle even harder. It's difficult to leave when you've been here that long. But, that's exactly the reason to do so. I have been comfortable in my position and I've also seen how RCC is being stagnant and complacent. Sometimes, in order for change to occur, some drastic changes need to be made. You may be aware of the definition of insanity is--doing the same things over and over again with the same results. I believe I am and RCC is in a rut spiritually and ministerially. I would like to say that much of this is due to Covid-19 and the church being on lockdown from March through June of this year. But, that would not be accurate. Because much of our stagnation has been going on a while. In order for all of us to wake-up, I think we need to go through a shake-up!

The best way to make that happen is to take a step of faith. Faith doesn't mean we have control or understanding. Faith means that I'm going to trust in God to provide and it means the same thing for you as well. David writes, "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You." (Ps 56:3) And a few verses later, he says the same thing, only switches the wording around. "In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid." (Ps 56:11). The whole goal of man in the Bible is to trust God with his whole life no matter what. But, even as Christians, we tend to walk by sight and not faith. I'm feeling a lot like Abraham right now, "And he went out not knowing where he was going." (Heb 11:8). We have no human "safety net"--with no church or no secular job lined up. It will be a great but not an easy lesson for all of us to trust God to provide for a ministry and for the next pastor of RCC. I want to say Thank-you for the last 14 years and are praying for God to display His power and glory through the church here. He has more that He wants to do here to Win, Build Send in the Name of Jesus Christ! Since we're remaining in St. Joe for the time being, I'm not going to say good-bye because our lives may still intersect. But, I will say farewell for now and pray that you all will fight the good fight, keep the faith and finish the race that God has all of you on. Be strong and courageous my brothers and sisters in Christ! --Pastor Kent



Preschool was off to another crazy start! We have had several kids missing and several people helping to try and keep it going. A big THANKS to all of them. We talked about being thankful and how we need to thank God for everything. The kids made it through the letters AB&C. We will be working on recognizing our name in the next few months.

RCC Missions

- Trans World Radio
- Indian Mission-Church of God
- Salvation Army
- Andrew County Ministries
- Emmanuel Children's Home
- Grace Covenant
- 3:18 Ministries
- Heinrichs
- Chosen People
- His Princess
- Show Me Christian Youth Home
- Lighthouse
- Campus House Ministries
- Rapha House
- Back Pack Buddies
- Creation Truth
- Pregnancy Resource Center
- Amanda W -Thailand
- FCA-Zach Weston
- AC Senior Center

Volunteers

Greeters:

- Dec 6: Miles & Holly Mitts
- Dec 13: Phil & Tatia Shahan
- Dec 20: Gary & Theresa Nie
- Dec 27: Wehr Family

Teachers: Nursery

- 1st Sun: Peggy Hart
- 2nd Sun: Deb Wehr & Lauren W
- 3rd Sun: Judy Lewis & Amanda K
- 4th Sun:

Children's Church Craft

- 1st Sun: Judy Lewis
- 2nd Sun: Peggy Hart
- 3rd Sun: Shannon Schuman & Tyler
- 4th Sun: Holly Mitts

Lead Deacon:

- Dec 6: Michelle Grimes
- Dec 13: Heather Roberts
- Dec 20: Phil Shahan
- Dec 27: Tracie Warder

Children's Moments:

- 1st Sun: Sallie Jo Potter
- 2nd Sun: Steffanie Bishop
- 3rd Sun: Holly Mitts
- 4th Sun: Peggy Hart

Hospital Callers:

- Dec 6: Gary & Theresa Nie
- Dec 13: Bill & Barb Elliott
- Dec 20: Phil & Tatia Shahan
- Dec 27: Stacy Cole



THE NATIVITY

RCC Student Ministry



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It may come as a slight surprise to some of you that I have a fairly large collection of nativity scenes at home. There are many different sizes and themes in my collection. I started collecting them not long after I left my 9 ½ years of working at Walmart. During the time I was employed there, the true meaning of Christmas had been lost for me on the commercialism and hysteria that was involved in consumer marketplace. Christmas to me meant long hours stocking shelves, dealing with grouchy customers, and breaking up fights over Black Friday deals. I dreaded Christmas.

The November following my departure from the insanity at Walmart, the boss at my new job in sales gave me the task of decorating the office building for Christmas. He gave me a budget and some suggestions on decorations, but one thing he said to me really stood out. He said, "Be sure to get a nativity scene and make it prominent. I want people to know that is what Christmas is really all about." That rekindled in me once again for the season in which we celebrate the season of God becoming flesh and dwelling among us. Every time I set up a nativity now, I reminisce on the incredible gift of love that simple scene represents.

The word nativity is taken from the Latin *nativus*, which means "arisen by birth." The birth of Jesus gave rise to the greatest act of love man has ever known. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17

Like the shepherds depicted in most nativity scenes, we have been given the divine commission to go and spread that message near and far.

Don't let yourself get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of the "commercial Christmas". Yes, celebrate, eat too much, give gifts and all – but first and foremost – remember that Jesus deserves the most prominent place in our celebration. We want people to

We will do our best to make sure students are practicing safety measures laid out by the Andrew Co. Health Department and the CDC. If your student is not allowed to attend school because of Covid-related issues, we would ask that they only attend student meetings when they are cleared to return to school.

KICK meets on Wednesdays after school to 5pm

MomentuM meets Wednesdays at 5:43 pm

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Due to scheduling conflicts and virus complications we are having to be flexible with our youth schedule this year. Please watch for

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Live Nativity 6-8pm
6 Live Nativity 6-8pm	7	8	9 KICK Elder/Board 5:30/7pm	10	11	12
13 Men's Study 6:30am	14	15	16 KICK Momentum	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Svc 9pm	25 Merry Christmas!	26
27 Men's Study 6:30am	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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