

## "Walk It Out" from Laurentian Wesleyan Church

Inspiration and Information to Help You "Walk Out" Your Faith Everyday.

### Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Thanks for joining us! We pray you are filled with the grace and peace of Jesus. We encourage you to fill out a welcome card, located in the pews, and give it to me, Pastor Jason. You can also head over to <u>www.laurentianchurch.com</u> and click on "HELLO" to let us know more about yourself.

Today - Sunday Service - 10am In-Person & Online Nursery available (unstaffed) Refreshments to follow

## **Candle Light Shines**

Each Sunday, we light a candle representing a different aspect of the Christmas story... Hope - A living hope because of who our hope is in!



"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade." (1 Peter 1:3-4a)

Love - Our creator made a way for us to be in relationship with Him!

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1a)

Joy - Not dependent on our circumstances. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:11) Peace - Calm assurance that a good God has "got this".

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)

The Birth of Christ - All these things...born into our world...into our hearts.

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

May these truths shine into your life today!

### **Prayer Corner**

•Fern Turcott is home (again) from the hospital. Continue to pray for health and strength.

•Pray for Christ-conversations to continue for all of us during this season.

•Peace & Justice: Peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). Persecuted church. War in Ukraine.

•Healing & Comfort: Lorna Powell, Loes Verlinden (Tony's sister-in-law), Tony Verlinden, Sharon Graff, Nancy (Ernie Reise's wife), Sharon Webster, Lorna Powell, Kevin Trombley (Chrissy's Uncle), Pauline (Nancy Mercier's sister), Cecile Muise (Madeleine Daly's mom), Annabelle (Fern Turcott's sister), Thomas & Johnathan (Barb Daw's sons).•Wisdom & Freedom: Accessibility Project. Celebrate Recovery Ministry, Braydon, Andrew.

•Salvation. Lift up some names that come to mind. This website gives a clear presentation of the Gospel: peacewithgod.net

If you have requests to add or remove, or an update to share, please let Pastor Jason know.

Join and share requests on our "Laurentian Prays" Facebook group: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/laurentianprays</u>

# Why Not Give (or Get) A New Bible This Christmas?

We have free Bibles available at the church, however, perhaps you'd like to purchase one as a gift or for personal use? We primarily use the New International Version (NIV) at Laurentian.

#### **Accessibility Project**

To see the whole project, visit: <u>www.laurentianwesleyan.com</u>

Check out the binder in the foyer if you have questions about our fund-raising efforts.

#### Accessibility Fund-Raising

Questions/pick ups – ask Tony 705-358-1263 •Collecting large metal items & pop cans

#### Upcoming Events, At a Glance

Bible Study - Thursdays at 7pm

•On Thursday, December 21st, join us for "The Calm Before Christmas". A simple time of prayer, worship and reading the whole Christmas story together.

•We'll be taking a two week Christmas Break and will begin Thursday Bible Study again on January 11th.

**Celebrate Recovery** - First Baptist Church Every Wed 7pm – Teaching \* 8pm - Share Groups \* Everyone welcome.

## CR Men's Step Study- Thu's @7pm at First Baptist – still time to join!

Men, if you want to get serious about addressing your "hurts, habits and hangups", this study is for you!

Seniors' Pot-Luck Lunch -Upcoming Dates Dec. 19 & Jan. 16



•Bring "finger-food" to share •Carol Dawson will be giving her testimony •Christmas carols after lunch

Everyone welcome!

## Christmas Eve Sunday Servies, Sunday, December 24, 2023

Before service breakfast brunch upstairs (bring something to share and enjoy fellowshipping)
Sunday Service at 10am

•Christmas Eve Service at 7pm. A perfect time to invite friends and family as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

## "Moving Is Christ" Group - Coming in 2024

A great turn out for our interest meeting last Sunday. Watch for details in the new year of the next "move". Thanks Danielle Lewis for leading this ministry.

### Financial Update – Dec 10th

General: \$2,425 Missions: \$20 Access. Project: \$142 <u>Change for Change: \$10</u> Total: \$2,597

### Do you give with cheques? Please make sure you make your cheque payable to "Laurentian Wesleyan Church". Thanks!

(Budget Required Per Week: \$2,170.71) For more information about giving, visit <u>www.laurentianchurch.com/give</u>

**Upcoming Church Family Celebrations!** 

#### **December**

31<sup>st</sup> Peter & Madeleine Daly's Anniversary

<u>January</u> 12<sup>th</sup> Jason McCutcheon 17<sup>th</sup> Marg Anderson 27<sup>th</sup> Sharon Graff

#### **Community Announcements:**

Free Christmas Dinner - Nobody should spend Christmas hungry or alone!!! Monday, December 25, 2023 from 11am to 1:30pm Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption