

THE MESSENGER, DECEMBER, 2025

*Claimed by Christ, Gathered  
for Worship, Sent to Serve*



### **Pastor's Ponderings**

Sorry to start controversial conversations at Christmastime, but which do you prefer: Artificial or Real Christmas Tree?

I have to say, I grew up with the real thing. I can still smell that evergreen scent and remember chasing the dog away from drinking the sap-water beneath the tree. It was always a little magical going out to pick one off of a lot or to cut down our own. As I have gotten older, however, I have changed allegiances to the artificial. It is easier to deal with when the celebration is over! There are no needles to sweep up! It is always the same height!

I am sure, at one time, I thought only the real thing would suffice, but time and experience and, dare I admit, convenience, have altered that opinion. Christmas, I have come to believe, doesn't just have to be one thing anymore. It doesn't have to be the same thing anymore. And what is "real" anyway? Cannot a representation of a tree facilitate the same festivity and cheer that one grown from the ground could?

The Incarnation of God as Jesus Christ, which we celebrate at Christmas, has a way of dismantling all of our ideas that there is only one way or a right way to observe the holy day. It challenges our beliefs about what is real and not. It calls into question all of our rigidities and certainties. God is at loose and alive in the world! God is with us, not just in a certain way, but in every way! What this means to me is that however, wherever, whenever we celebrate is "right and salutary," is fitting.

I do not know the particularities of your celebration this year, but I hope that wherever this holy day finds you, whoever you find yourself with, whenever you gather, that you will not judge it as "real" or "artificial," that you will not let nostalgia get in the way of honoring the sanctity of this particular moment and circumstances where God most assuredly enters the world as the babe in Bethlehem for you and for all.



### **Worship Schedule**

#### **Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of Advent**

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

#### **Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent**

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
Second Lesson: James 5:7-10  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

#### **Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

#### **Wednesday, December 24 Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve**

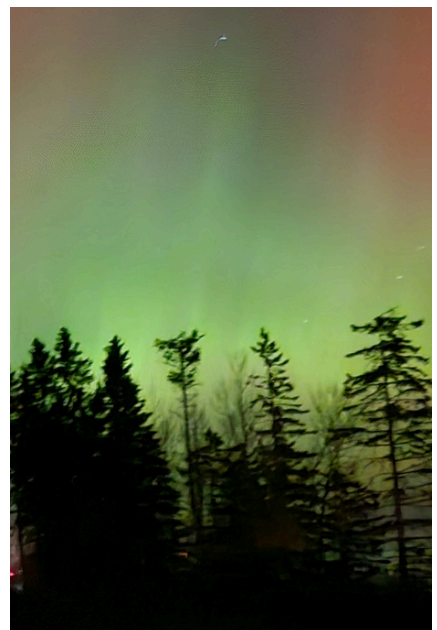
First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14  
Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

#### **Sunday, December 28 First Sunday of Christmas**

First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:10-18  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23



**Joyful Voices Rehearsals:**  
Tuesday, December 9 @ 6 p.m. and  
Tuesday, December 16 @ 6 p.m.



## **Worship Matters: New Year, New Season**

### **Advent**

The “church year” or “liturgical year” is a cycle of festivals and seasons developed over centuries that we share with Christians around the world. On November 23 we concluded the year with the festival of Christ the King, and on November 30 (First Sunday of Advent) we began a new year. This annual passage of the liturgical year – the texts, changing colors, songs, symbols – is one of the ways that we learn, remember, and celebrate our faith. Christians of many traditions have found that it adds a meaningful dimension to the passing of time and their faith journey.

Advent (from the Latin *adventus*, meaning coming) is the first season of the Church Year and includes the four Sundays before Christmas. The scripture readings, prayers, and songs in this season prepare us spiritually for Christmas (the Lord’s first coming at Bethlehem) and also for his eventual second coming, while we give thanks for his present and continual coming to us through Word and Sacrament.

The minor strains of our hymns, the simple chants, the absence of decorative items in our worship space, the blue paraments, the lighting of the Advent wreath, all are part of keeping this brief season. It is a time to pause and reflect, to wonder and hope, and to savor the beauty of God’s plan of salvation.

The readings in this season stir up a new vision of a world in which God comes among us with themes of peace, social justice, hope, longing, judgment, and promise. For at least the four weeks of Advent, the church sets this hopeful vision and divine promise next to stories of war and conflict and the muffled cries of the poor and powerless in our world and community. The Advent journey is one of many opportunities to reaffirm that God’s activity on this earth through Christ is not finished. The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be, but the coming of Christ and his presence among us gives us reason to live in hope. During these December days, we have an opportunity to contemplate this vision as we hear the prophets’ call to act with God’s own justice, and as we prepare for what God has given to the world in Jesus Christ.

This is Advent. The coming is promised, but it is not yet here; so we wait and hope . . . together . . . for peace and healing to a world waiting to be reborn.

*Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!*





**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  
5 PM**

## NOVEMBER, 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

OCTOBER, 2025 FINANCIALS	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	\$13,690.00	\$13,696.17	\$118,699.67
EXPENSES	\$13,036.92	\$14,537.42	\$138,497.81
NET	\$653.08	(\$841.25)	(\$19,798.14)

### Concordia Announcements

**Bridges To Christ will be attending the Holiday Benefit Concert for Kids Closet Duluth on Monday, Dec 1st at Holy Rosary @ 7 p.m.** It's a concert with the Tenors (Bill Bastian, Marcus McConico, Cal Metz, John Pierce). Freewill donation. Dinner @ Blackwoods, London Rd @ 5 p.m. (Your treat) Come join us! Contact Ann Edwards @ 218-390-3095 for the reservation list.

**Bridges To Christ will be collecting hats, mittens & scarves for the young adults at the Center for Changing Lives thru Dec 14th. Or donate \$\$ and we'll do the shopping for you. Look for the green bucket in the Narthex.**

**Quilters Holiday Party will be on Thursday, Dec 11th at Pat Tessier's home** beginning at noon. Bring an appetizer & a \$10 gift to exchange. Contact Lynn Carlson or Ann Edwards for details.

**Eventide Quilters will meet on Thursday, Dec 11th** from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments provided. Quilts are being created by new quilters!

**Fair Trade Olive Oil Sale:** Equal Exchange fair trade olive oil will be available to sale later this month for \$15 each (500 ml bottle). Please contact Delores Grunwald ([deloresgrunwald@gmail.com](mailto:deloresgrunwald@gmail.com) or 218-724-3210) if you would like to purchase one or more bottles. Limited quantities will be available.

**Concordia Giving Tree** - The Concordia Christmas Giving Tree for Stowe Elementary School will be coming up very soon. This year's schedule is a bit earlier this year to enable the Stowe Staff to sort and deliver the gifts to their students before their school break. The Giving Tree supports the students and their families by providing holiday spirit to those who are unable to afford the extras during the holiday season. The Giving Tree, with the wishlist tags, will be available starting November 15th. Please deliver your wrapped or unwrapped gift(s) to Concordia by Monday, December 8th. Other items we will be collecting are SuperOne gift cards, school supplies, hats, mittens, chap stick, and winter outdoor clothing (new and gently used). If you do not like to shop, we will gladly do it for you (cash or checks, made out to Lynn Carlson). If you have any questions, please contt us at (218) 341-7190. Thank you so much for your generous support! Bill and Lynn

**Ready for something new and different within Concordia or community/world outreach!** Concordia members are invited to submit a funding request to the Concordia Endowment Fund. There is a Grant Request Form (available on church website or Endowment mailbox. The form is preferred, but not required for submission. You may submit all email applications to [deloresgrunwald@gmail.com](mailto:deloresgrunwald@gmail.com) or in the Endowment mailbox. You will be notified if any additional information is needed to complete the evaluation process. Note: Funds are not intended for current budget items nor capital improvements to Concordia facility.

(more announcements on following page)

**Thank you to everyone who has been involved in so many ways with Concordia's continued efforts to help our neighbors!**

**CHUM is creating and raffling another beautiful, one-of-a-kind QUILT!** Tickets, \$5 each, are currently available in Concordia's Church office, through the Wedins, or at the new CHUM office at 21 West First St. The raffle will be held on February 12. The hope is to raise \$10,000. While that initially sounds like a lot, . . . that breaks down to about 50 tickets at \$5 each per member congregation!"

**CHUM Food Pantry:** during the 11 months of 2025, so far, together at Concordia, we have donated approximately 335 lbs of canned soups, boxes of macarroni & cheese, Girl Scout cookies, fruit cups, boxes of breakfast cereal, and so many other appreciated foods. And every Friday, when Dave & I sort food stuffs at CHUM, we see how quickly they are distributed to and appreciated by our siblings in need. **So, Thank you for continuing in your generosity!**

**Please add to your shopping list:** Canned Soups (please not creamed) &/or Canned Spaghetti meals in Pop-top cans. Keep in mind ease of preparation & serving. Some don't have a kitchen, a can opener, or a serving dish. Look for items that are nourishing; shy away from sweets.

**As we've discussed in the past, CHUM has a bigger buying power for foods through sources other than our traditional grocery stores. So CASH can go farther when given directly to CHUM. Add a check of cash to the offering basket on Sunday, note that it is for CHUM. The shopping will be done for you. Whatever works best for you! Thanks for your help.**

**Winter is coming:** new pairs of sox of all sizes, hats, mittens, sleeping bags, hand warmers, gloves. Remember that some folks live outside even as the weather gets colder. Thank you to Bridges to Christ for their continued knitting, crocheting, and fund raising to help provide warm wear in abundance! And to all who are involved in Love Laundry, another amazing cause.

**St Francis Apartment Meals:** On October 22, residents at the St. Francis Apartments in Duluth's downtown area enjoyed the third meal provided & prepared by so many of you, through the generosity of our Endowment Fund. The meal consisted of roast ham, baked beans, cheesy carrots, and a choice of apple crisp and rhubarb crisp -- or both for dessert! Apples were provided by the Bohn family, and the apple peeling, crisp preparation, and baking was a fun activity for our Sunday School families. And because of these much appreciated donations and good sale prices, we were able to feed 40 residents for a total cost of \$135.30! Which means that we can certainly schedule at least 2 more meals, our first for some time in January. We plan to serve meatloaf. More news to come!

**Fabric for Mexico:** To date, we have sent 11 boxes of fabric and sewing supplies to our neighbors in the Copper Canyon region of Mexico. These amazing families live in the rugged mountain areas where they farm in the fertile valleys, growing corn, potatoes, goats & chickens. When we were there, we woke most mornings to the beautiful sunrise over the mountains, the crowing of roosters, and the giggles of the children as they chased their goats down the side of the mountains to better grazing spots. They live simply -- being light, not burdened by so many things. Sewn and woven items are often sold at market or traded for what they need. Again, thank you to the Endowment Committee for supporting this project, and to all of you who have donated. At least 3 of the 11 boxes were made of donations from your sewing boxes and fabric supplies. There are so many ways to be involved in helping our siblings who need us. Thank you for all that you do & please, let us know if you have questions or concerns.

Best always,  
Dave & Jane Wedin

Let the Prayer Chain members join with you in your prayers and supplications. They are just a phone call away. All prayers are confidential and names or details are not needed. God is aware of all circumstances and waits to hear from you.

Please contact Reba Almquist at 525-6968.

For hospital or other visitations, please contact the office at 728-4229.

### **Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember the following people who have been hospitalized, under a doctor's care, those recuperating, struggling, or those grieving since our last newsletter: Those affected by natural disasters (especially the people of Cuba and Jamaica), The people of Palestine, Sudan, and Ukraine, Phillip Hedges, Those unlawfully detained, Carrie Birdseye-Erickson, The families, the survivors, and communities where mass shootings have occurred. Patti Pearson, Shawn Jamison, Those marginalized for their sexual or gender identity, race, or ability, Tom Nelson, Max, Wayne Kari, Roger Erickson, Tim Bell, and migrant families.

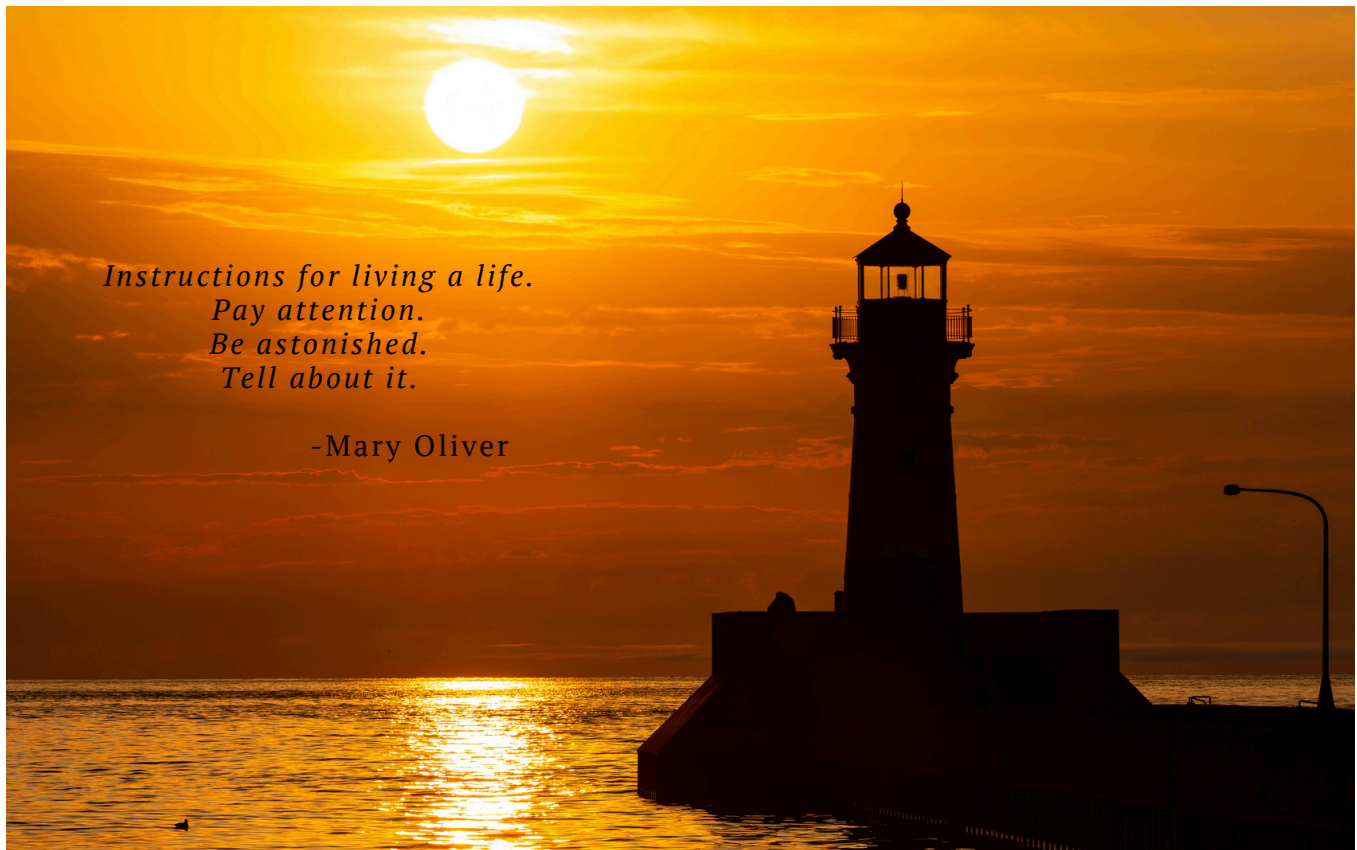
### **Prayer and Visitation Ministry**

Please remember those in our congregation who are in nursing homes or are homebound. Please pray for them and consider stopping by for a visit.

Prayer and visitation are important ministries of our congregation.

**Open Arms:** Warren Roberts

**Aftenro:** Wayne Kari





## December Birthdays

- 1 Evelyn Christensen
- 4 Aaron Edwards
- 13 Allie Bergman  
Carol Kari
- 15 Kristin Peterson
- 19 Lynne Erickson  
Lorena Holmstrom

If your birthday isn't listed or has the wrong date, please let the office know.



## Flower and Sanctuary Candle Sign-up

A nice way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion is to have altar flowers or the sanctuary candle on Sunday morning. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for both. Cost for flowers is \$22 and the candle is \$8. Contact the office with any questions.

Please note that when you have altar flowers for worship, you may take them home following worship. The glass vases must stay at church, however.



## Equal Exchange Coffee Donations

Equal Exchange coffee donations needed for church coffee supply. Coffee funds are running low. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex information rack. Place an envelope with any donation amount in the offering plate with note "Equal Exchange coffee fund."







### **Wish Lists**

The Chum Wish List is where we keep what we need most for each program. Donations can be brought to our administrative office at 102 W 2nd St from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. If possible, please sort your donations into separate bags/containers by item. We do not accept miscellaneous clothing items; kindly take miscellaneous clothing items to the Damiano Center or the Salvation Army. We are no longer in need of blankets or coats this winter.

Thank you so much for partnering with us and supporting our mission!

Check out our [Amazon Wishlist](#) to have items sent straight to those in need.

### **St. Francis Apts.**

#### **High Priority: Furniture**

- We're running out of "nonessential" furniture for tenants, especially the ones just moving in.
- Comfy chairs
- Bookshelves
- Small dressers
- Tables

#### **Always Need**

- Monthly bus passes
- Gift cards for grocery stores, dollar stores, pharmacies etc.
  - when tenants have no cash, it would be nice to have gift cards to get them through the month
- Toiletries
  - shampoos
  - conditioners
  - deodorants
  - mouthwash
  - air fresheners
- Quart-size Ziplock bags
- Can openers
- Cleaning supplies
  - dish soap
  - bleach kitchen cleaner
  - Tide Pods/Laundry detergent
  - window cleaning solution
  - disinfectant wipes
  - Scrubbing bubbles fresh gel toilet cleaning stamp or Clorox toilet cleaning wand
- Towels of all kinds
- Regular light bulbs
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

### **Steve O' Neil Apts.**

#### **High Priority:**

- Shelf-Stable Food Donations
- Sponges
- Mops
- Brooms
- Laundry baskets
- All purpose cleaner
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Lysol wipes
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Lice Kits
- Garbage Cans

#### **For Those Who Are Living Outside**

- Two Person Tents Preferably with a rain fly.
- 0 Degree Sleeping Bags.
- Rain Tarps.
- Winter Gear: Socks, Hats, and Mittens.
- Gas Cards to Gas Stations \$20.

#### **For Those Who Are Hungry**

- Canned Fruits and Vegetable
- Juice
- White or Brown rice
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Soups (not Creamed)
- Canned Pasta

#### **For Those Staying in Our Shelter**

- Hygiene Products
- Combs
- Sewing Kits
- Socks
- New Underwear (Men's and Women's)
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Fitted Single Sheets
- Adult Coloring Books and Markers

#### **What we do not need**

- Mouthwash Containing Alcohol
- Make-Up
- Perfumes
- Stuffed Animals
- Decorative Pillows
- Miscellaneous Clothing
- Used bottles of any product



**Available now**

You can now download the Adult Advent Series Four-Week Devotional Guides, an additional “Biblical Botany” resource, and our Children’s Christmas Book resource from the Sumud webpage. Be on the lookout October 15th for an instructional video which will walk through and introduce each resource.

### **ELCA World Hunger Advent 2025 and Lent 2026 NEW Calendar and Study Guide**

This season’s Advent calendar and study guide invite you to prepare room in your home and hearth for yourself and your community before going into the world to act on behalf of your neighbors. In a time of global suffering and anxiety, Richard Wilbur’s hymn “A Stable Lamp Is Lighted” calls us to embrace the tension of the moment, the natural desire for a place of our own, and our call to care for the stranger.

This year, we’re excited to introduce a new Advent calendar. Read more at the following link: <https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger/wh-advent>

### **Sparkling Hope through Tuesday Gospel-based Discipleship**

#### **Every Tuesday at 4:00 pm via Zoom!**

How can prayer help us make sense of the 2000-year-old Christian story? Gospel-based Discipleship (ChatGBD) is a form of contemplative prayer where there is both an essential and an accidental. Essentially, the Holy Spirit is fully involved in the reading, listening, and pondering of the Word. Accidentally, the human spirit is still wandering around and wondering through two unanswerable questions, what is truth and who am I? During our time together we will ask the Holy Spirit to guide us into the inspired Word of God, as it is present in this unique and precious life, and for Jesus to make himself known. Please join us for this time of faithful listening and learning.

#### **— Every Tuesday at 4 O’clock with ChatGBD —**

In GBD, there are no right or wrong answers. The engagement is with the Gospel, not with a leader or the search for correct answers. Experienced leaders are not required, and leadership rotates. Groups and/or individuals using GBD regularly should expect to begin to see their call to mission differently. Some congregations use GBD as a way to focus on what God is calling them to do in their communities.

– Rev’d Michael Curry (Former Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church)

For Zoom link [click here](#).

...be Together Here and learn what it means to be ‘born from above’, where Creator intends to ‘redeem the substens of which we are made’.

# *opening borders* **ABRIENDO FRONTERAS**

**El Paso, Texas - Juarez, Mexico**  
**February 7-13, 2026**

Sponsored by NEMN Synod  
**Hunger and Rural Life Committee**  
Facilitator: Vicki Schmidt

You are invited to join this delegation to explore issues of immigration and hear the stories of those who live the daily struggle for survival along the border of Texas and Mexico.



**\$600 plus airfare**  
Contact Vicki Schmidt for information and application forms:  
**Veschmidt45@msn.com**

*What's really going on at the border of the United States and Mexico?  
What's currently happening with our immigration policies? How are migrants affected by our policies? There exists so much misinformation about migrants and immigrants and refugees. What's the difference between these groups of people? How can we learn more about the truth surrounding all this?*

NEMN Synod Hunger and Rural Life Committee is sponsoring an opportunity to explore these timely questions — and you are invited to be part of this experience!

What: Immersion experience on our southern border

When: February 7-13, 2026

Where: El Paso, Texas and Juarez, MX

Who: Persons interested in learning firsthand about current realities on our southern border through the lens of the Gospel

Why: To bring awareness of these realities by hearing stories, meeting people living the reality, and moving us to advocacy for justice for all God's children

Cost: \$600 plus airfare out of Duluth or Minneapolis

Pastor Rose Mary Guzman-Sanchez and others from Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey in El Paso will lead us through various activities and events. Participants will stay at the church, eat meals together, and reflect together daily on what we see, hear and feel. Transportation and translation will be provided.

Potential activities include meeting with religious leaders, volunteers, migrants, attending court hearings, worshipping, visiting shelters, and cultural experiences, including attending the quinceanera of Pastor Rose Mary's daughter!

*The visit is facilitated by Abriendo Fronteras – Opening Borders, led by Vicki Schmidt. For more information and application forms contact Vicki at [veschmidt45@msn.com](mailto:veschmidt45@msn.com).*

*Deadline for applying is December 5th.*





**The Global Tipping Points Report 2025: The Risks They Pose and Opportunities to Act,**  
Laura Raedeke, EcoFaith Network NE MN Team, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa, MN, NEMN Synod

1. With contributions from 160 authors, 23 countries, and 87 institutions, The Global Tipping Points Report 2025 (first issued in 2023) finds that already at **1.4 degrees C of global warming**, a tipping point is being crossed that reduces Earth's ability to cope with human interference, further amplifying the negative impacts of climate change (diebacks of coral reefs, rainforests, polar ice sheets, etc.). As we approach overshooting the 1.5 degree C threshold of irreversible negative tipping points, the report issues **positive tipping point strategies** to minimize the magnitude and duration of global temperature overshoot: **1)** Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions need to be halved by 2030 (compared with 2010 levels); **2)** we need to reach net zero GHG by 2050; **3)** and then net GHG removal from the atmosphere. **What is required:** policy mandates coordinated with finance and investment to phase in cheaper and cleaner technologies (energy, transportation, heating systems) and transition away from fossil fuels. **Positive tipping points** will not only help Earth's climate, they can simultaneously combat poverty, hunger, and inequality (more details in this month's Green Tips).

2. Already at 1.4 degrees C of global warming, warm water coral reefs are crossing their thermal tipping point, exhibiting unprecedented diebacks. Coral reefs are only 0.2 % of the oceans, but **sustain 1/4 of all marine life**, and their permanent loss, should we reach 1.5 degrees C of warming, will affect hundreds of millions of people. Their resilience can be increased by eliminating overfishing and nutrient loading from industry and agriculture (requiring local and community input), but policy mandates to phase in clean technologies and transition away from fossil fueled ones can help eliminate the **75% of Greenhouse Gases (GHG)** linked to our energy systems driving climate change. These **positive tipping points** can reduce energy prices worldwide, accelerate access to cheaper electricity, and benefit economies of countries that currently rely on fossil fuels.

3. Within a few years, we are at risk of overshooting the 1.5 degree C **tipping point** that will commit melting polar ice sheets to **irreversible sea level rise**, as well as creating widespread diebacks, together with deforestation, in the Amazon rainforest (the "Earth's lungs"). The damages to the biodiversity that sustain our planet will affect hundreds of millions of people, requiring local and community action to stop deforestation and the degradation of forests, while supporting policy mandates coordinated with finance and investments to scale up sustainable and equitable carbon removal from the atmosphere. Collective action from civil society will help trigger the **positive tipping points** to give our policymakers a mandate to act in ways that **1)** establish marine protected areas; **2)** protect Indigenous rights; **3)** support community-led conservation initiatives; and **4)** ensure a fair and transparent valuing of nature and limit overshoot of 1.5 degrees C warming.

4. The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC), the powerful ocean current that brings warm water north from warm southern oceans, then returns with colder, fresher water is steadily weakening from the melting of polar ice caps. At risk of collapse **below 2 degrees C warming**, the failure of AMOC would undermine global food and water security, plunging NW Europe into severe winters. Since 2023 there has been a radical acceleration of clean technologies worldwide (despite recent backsliding by certain nations and sectors) that can offset global warming greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

5. We humans use two out of every five arable acres for our own food production (industrial-sized row crops, livestock production), which generates **25% of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG)** that are pushing Earth past its limits for supporting the life that lives on the planet. Policy and market structures currently incentivize harmful practices, but **nature regeneration** initiatives and more sustainable patterns of **consumption and production** in food and fiber supply chains can be the **positive tipping points** that enable civil society and governance to catalyze each other to establish clear policy signals and enforcement of standards for sustainable commodity production (soy, beef, cocoa, cotton, palm oil, etc.). Such actions can restore nature and biodiversity, simultaneously combating poverty, hunger, and inequality while building resilience to extreme weather events.

(Minimally abridged due to space constraints)

# BOOK DRIVE

## Big Red Bookshelf

**Donate new or gently used children's books to the Big Red Bookshelf,  
a program of Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative.**

The mission of the Big Red Bookshelf is to give children of Duluth access to free, age-appropriate books that will encourage a love for reading and learning. Bright red bookshelves stocked with these children's books are located across Duluth in locations available to families and now Big Red Donation Bins are also available!

*For more info call 218-464-0588 or email [rachel.lpcfc@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.lpcfc@gmail.com).*

### Donation Locations:

- Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative
  - 2424 W 5<sup>th</sup> St, Duluth MN 55806 Suite 108
- Whole Foods Co-op Denfeld
  - 4436 Grand Ave, Duluth, MN 55807
- Whole Foods Co-op Hillside
  - 610 E 4th St, Duluth, MN 55805
- Duluth Area Family YMCA
  - 302 W 1st St, Duluth, MN 55802
- Duluth Children's Museum
  - 2125 W Superior St, Duluth, MN 55806
- Lake Superior Community Health Center
  - 4325 Grand Ave, Duluth, MN 55807
- Lake Superior Zoo
  - 7210 Fremont St, Duluth, MN 55807
- St. Louis County Probation Office
  - 100 N 5th Ave W. rm 319, Duluth, MN 55802
- Proctor Area Community Center
  - 100 Plonk Dr, Proctor, MN 55810
- St. Luke's Pediatric Associates
  - 1012 E 2nd St 4th Floor, Duluth, MN 55805



**YOU MAY ALSO BRING GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S  
BOOKS TO CHURCH AND PLACE THEM IN THE  
BASKET IN THE NARTHEX.**



**Pastor:** Rev. Jeffery Davis  
**Cantor:** Jennifer Dums  
**Joyful Voices Pianist:** Patti Martenson  
**Sunday School Teachers:** Rachelle Anderson,  
Bryan Anderson, Bridget Bohn, and Marcia  
DeMeo-Morse.  
**Office Duties:** Carmen Norlien  
**Custodial Duties:** David Haavik  
**Treasurer:** Mark Morse

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Rachelle Anderson  
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Bridget Bohn, Vice-President  
Ashley Hoppe  
Makenzie Morse  
Mark Morse, Treasurer  
Dan Norlien

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**Stewardship:** Pastor Jeff  
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### **CHUM**

David and Jane Wedin

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Carmen Norlien

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Patti Martenson

### **NE Minnesota Synod Youth Board**

Margaret Roeser

### **Union Gospel Mission**

Lois Witchall

### **Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry**

Bridget Bohn



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