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**WHO'S WHO OUTSIDE THE PEWS**

**HOLY GUACAMOLE!**

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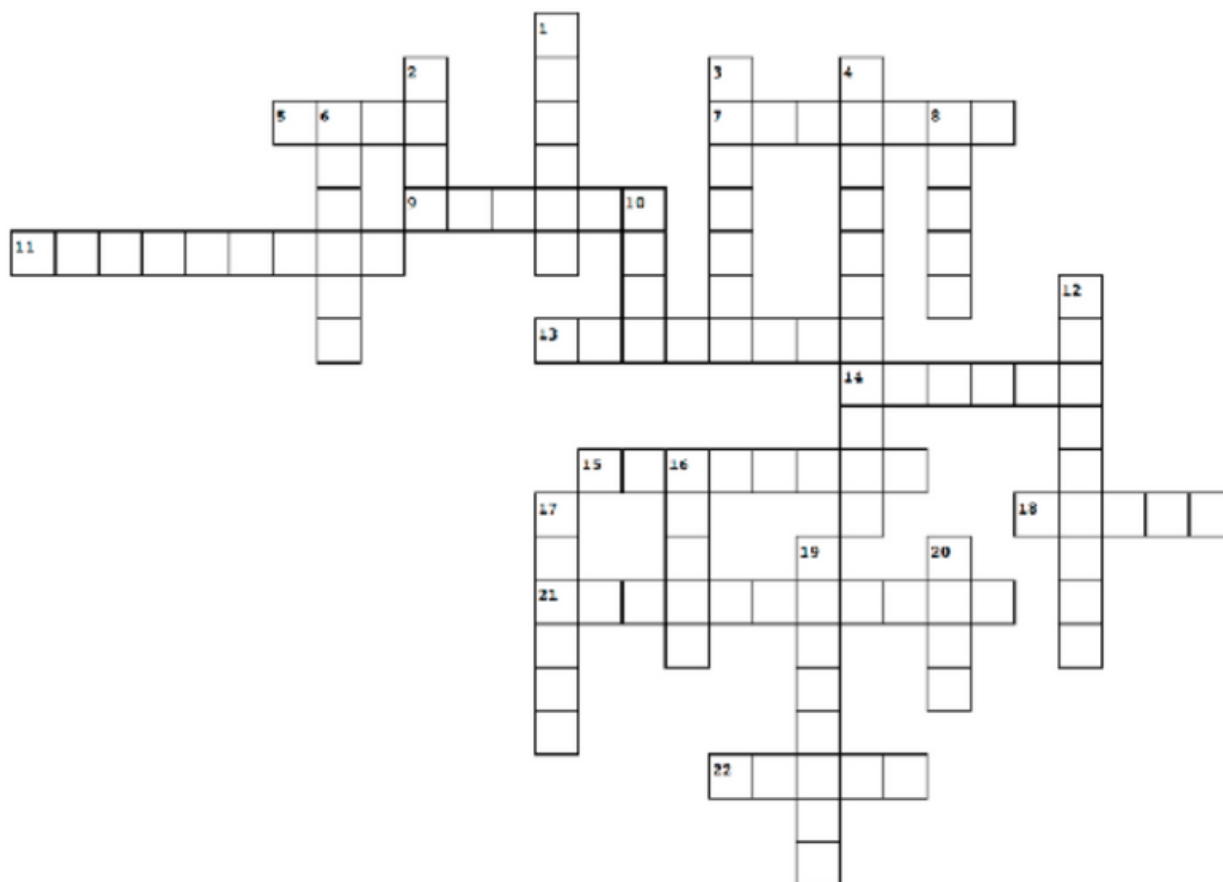
**LOCATION TBA**  
**JAN 25 | 6 PM- 8 PM**



**South Carolina Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

RSVP : You should have received an Evite in your email  
Email [Kimi.youth@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:Kimi.youth@incarnationlutheran.com) with questions or if you would like to attend.

# PASTOR EMILY



**Across**

- 5. The mother of Jesus
- 7. Good Christian Friends, \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. The heralds of Christmas
- 11. The birthplace of Jesus
- 13. Symbols of Christ
- 14. The number of days in the season of Christmas
- 15. 17th century group that banned Christmas in MA
- 18. Navidad
- 21. God taking human form
- 22. Gifts said to be given by St Nicholas

**Down**

- 1. The author of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- 2. St Nicholas, the bishop of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. St. Nicholas's meaner other half
- 4. 4th cent. emperor during the "first" Christmas
- 6. The time before Christmas
- 8. A monogram of Jesus Christ
- 10. Candles first represented these on Christmas trees
- 12. The first to hear of the birth of Christ
- 16. Once in \_\_\_\_\_ David's City (hymn)
- 17. The original instrument for Silent Night
- 19. The birth of Christ
- 20. Another name for Christmas

*Pastor Emily*



# CDC

*The SMore the Merrier!*



## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Merry Christmas everyone! It is so wonderful to hear and see the Children's Choir rehearsing and singing. Thank you Sarah and Grace Sawicki for all your hard work in making this happen.

Holy Guacamole is BACK this month! We may meet in a new location, but it will be at the same time. I can't wait to see everyone there. Please RSVP with the evite that will be sent to your email so that we can give a proper headcount to the restaurant.

Here is a simple prayer for you and your family to use during meals.



### Simple Prayer

We thank you, God, for our  
table, our family, and your  
love. Amen.

# STEWARDSHIP

*Stewarding your best year ever!*



“Stewardship is not only a matter of faithful giving but of faithful living. In response to the Gospel, we submit our lives to the rule of God, to the lordship of Christ, and to the direction of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be the people God wants us to be and have the lives God wants us to have.” –**Mark Allan Powell**, author of *Giving to God*.

Yikes! It’s January 2, and the bathroom scale shows that, once again, you’ve gained a few pounds in the five-week blitz-feast of Thanksgiving-Christmas-New Year. Clearly, you need to *steward* your health better in 2024.

Though it’s not the most common use of the word, steward is also a verb, an action word. We *steward* all that God has entrusted to us, making choices that, help us “be the people God wants us to be and have the lives God wants us to have.”

We steward our lives through our decisions and choices – the food we eat, the people we call friends, how we spend our money, the entertainment we select, the hobbies we enjoy, the many ways we spend our time, and so on.

To steward faithfully, we have to live in prayerful awareness and make conscious, thoughtful decisions that will advance us in Godly directions.

As 2024 begins, prayerfully consider the most important areas of your life, such as your physical, mental and spiritual health, as well as your relationships and time, and ask God to help you steward them in ways that will help you be the person God wants you to be and have the life God wants you to have.

**( Maybe, it will not only help you lose those extra holiday pounds, but also give you the best year ever.)**

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JANUARY 2024

| Sun                                                                                              | Mon                 | Tue                                                                                                                        | Wed                                                                                                  | Thu                           | Fri                        | Sat                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 31<br>9am - Sunday School<br>10am - Worship<br>11:30am - Confirmation                            | 1<br>6pm - Troop 8  | 2<br>9am - Staff Meeting<br>10am - Quilting Group<br>3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in<br>6pm - Pack 8                              | 3<br>11am - Kids Chapel in<br>6pm - Handbell Choir<br>7pm - Chancel Choir                            | 4                             | 5                          | 6                          |
| 7<br>9am - Sunday School<br>10am - Worship<br>11am - Executive Council<br>11:30am - Confirmation | 8<br>6pm - Troop 8  | 9<br>9am - Staff Meeting<br>10am - Quilting Group<br>3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in<br>6pm - Pack 8<br>6:30pm - Council Meeting  | 10<br>11am - Kids Chapel in<br>11am - Wednesday Bible<br>6pm - Handbell Choir<br>7pm - Chancel Choir | 11<br>6pm - Mary Martha       | 12                         | 13                         |
| 14<br>9am - Sunday School<br>10am - Worship<br>11:30am - Confirmation                            | 15<br>6pm - Troop 8 | 16<br>9am - Staff Meeting<br>10am - Quilting Group<br>3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in<br>6pm - Pack 8                             | 17<br>11am - Kids Chapel in<br>11am - Wednesday Bible<br>6pm - Handbell Choir<br>7pm - Chancel Choir | 18                            | 19                         | 20                         |
| 21<br>9am - Sunday School<br>10am - Worship<br>11:30am - Confirmation                            | 22<br>6pm - Troop 8 | 23<br>9am - Staff Meeting<br>10am - Quilting Group<br>3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in<br>6pm - Pack 8                             | 24<br>11am - Kids Chapel in<br>11am - Wednesday Bible<br>6pm - Handbell Choir<br>7pm - Chancel Choir | 25<br>6pm - Holy Guacamole at | 26<br>5pm - Pinewood Derby | 27<br>8am - Pinewood Derby |
| 28<br>9am - Sunday School<br>10am - Worship<br>11:30am - Confirmation                            | 29<br>6pm - Troop 8 | 30<br>9am - Staff Meeting<br>10am - Quilting Group<br>3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in<br>5:30pm - Midlands Foster<br>6pm - Pack 8 | 31<br>11am - Kids Chapel in<br>11am - Wednesday Bible<br>6pm - Handbell Choir<br>7pm - Chancel Choir | 1                             | 2                          | 3                          |

## LITTLE FREE PANTRY

As colder weather approaches, please remember the Little Free Pantry. We refill the pantry twice a week. Our community seems to depend on our help to feed them. Please remember to bring some of the items listed below or donate specifically to the Little Free Pantry online or in your usual donation.

Items needed: Tuna Fish, Canned Meals like Chili, Beef Stew, Mac and Cheese, and Ravioli, Cereal - hot and cold, Fruit cups, Soup, Granola Bars, Fruit bars Crackers - plain and filled, Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, Water, Toiletry items - toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo (NO mouthwash,) Hand Wipes, Hand Sanitizers - small size.

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