



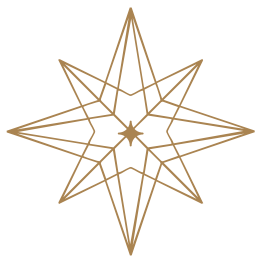
This year's Advent calendar includes everything you need to build a chain, but instead of making it all in one sitting and then tearing it apart to count down, we invite you to build it up, adding one link each day until Christmas. Then, keep it displayed at home for all twelve days of the season. It's a simple daily ritual to help us remember the world needs more building up, more connections, more love linking us all together, near and far.

Our theme is "Bethlehem: Close to Home" and the strips for making a chain stretch from Bethlehem Lutheran Church Twin Cities to Bethlehem in the Holy Land. Each day includes a scripture reading from the daily lectionary and phrase from that scripture that you might use as a breath prayer or refrain as you go about your day. We hope that adding this simple and creative repetition to your rhythm this season is a welcome reminder that God is making something new, even now!



Sunday, December 1, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Lord says, "I will fulfill my promise made long ago."
- Jeremiah 33:14-16



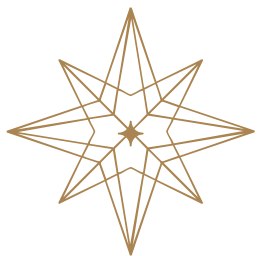
Monday, December 2, 2024

God is patient with you and does not want anyone to perish. - 2 Peter 3:1-18



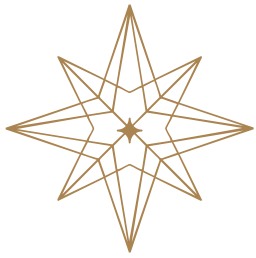
Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Jesus said, "I am the bright morning star."
- Revelation 22:12-16



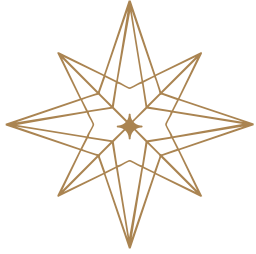
Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. - Psalm 90

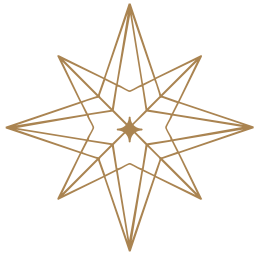


Thursday, December 5, 2024

God has shown mercy to our ancestors.
- Luke 1:68-75



Friday, December 6, 2024
FEAST DAY OF SAINT NICHOLAS
Guide our feet onto the paths of peace.
- Luke 1:76-79

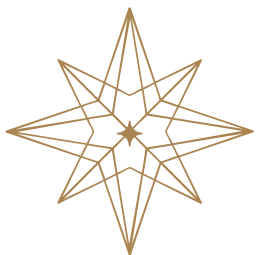


Saturday, December 7, 2024

Jesus said, "Take nothing with you for the journey."
- Luke 9:1-6

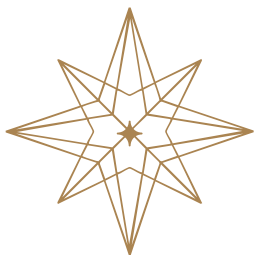


Sunday, December 8, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
May your love overflow with wisdom and understanding.
- Philippians 1:3-11



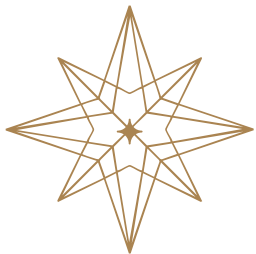
Monday, December 9, 2024

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues knew
songs of joy. - Psalm 126



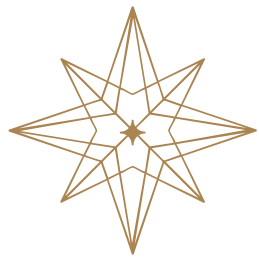
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

I will always remind you, even though you already know.
- 2 Peter 1:2-15

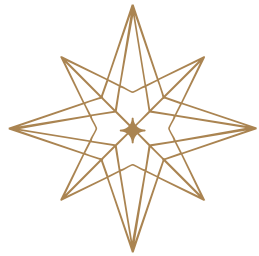


Wednesday, December 11, 2024

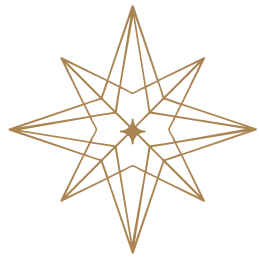
Be strong and do not fear; your God will come.
- Isaiah 35:3-7



Thursday, December 12, 2024
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Woe to you who are complacent. - Amos 6:1-8



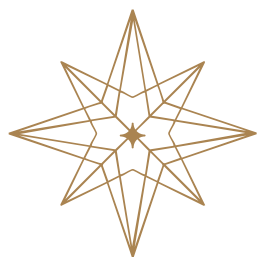
Friday, December 13, 2024
FEAST DAY OF SAINT LUCIA
Tell every nation what God has done.
- Isaiah 12:2-6



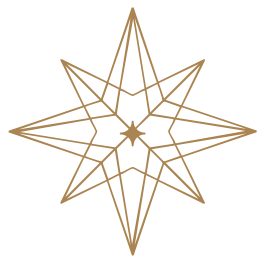
Saturday, December 14, 2024
All of the neighbors were filled with awe and wonder.
- Luke 1:57-66



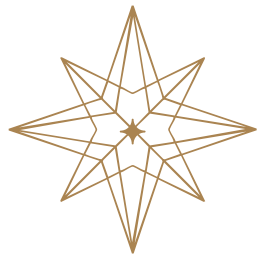
Sunday, December 15, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
The Lord says, "I will change their shame into praise."
- Zephaniah 3:14-20



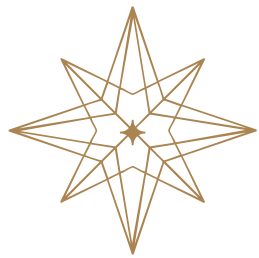
Monday, December 16, 2024
...and a little child will lead them.
- Isaiah 11:1-9



Tuesday, December 17, 2024
He boldly proclaimed the kingdom of God and could not
be stopped. - Acts 28:23-31



Wednesday, December 18, 2024
Now why do you cry aloud?
- Micah 4:8-13



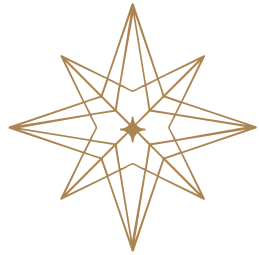
Thursday, December 19, 2024

Let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- Psalm 80:1-7



Friday, December 20, 2024

We do not shrink back; we are not lost.
- Hebrews 10:32-39



Saturday, December 21, 2024

Can a whole land be born in one day?
- Isaiah 66:7-11



Sunday, December 22, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

They shall all live secure, for God is great to the ends of
the earth. - Micah 5:2-5a



Monday, December 23, 2024

Two nations struggle in your womb.
- Genesis 25:19-28



Tuesday, December 24, 2024
CHRISTMAS EVE

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- Isaiah 9:2-7



Wednesday, December 25, 2024
CHRISTMAS DAY

The Word became flesh and lived among us.
- John 1:1-14