

JOURNEYS



On December 13-14, the Geminids Meteor Shower will be visible in the night sky. Join us for this spectacular sight on Saturday, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the parking lot. We will be serving Christmas goodies and may do some caroling around the neighborhood if the weather cooperates.



Want to write a Journeys article?
We'd love to read your story.
Call the church office at (308) 382-1952

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
ADVENT CANDLE #2.....(ON SCREEN)
A: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.
CALL TO WORSHIP.....(ON SCREEN)
L: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.
P: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.
L: We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.
P: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.
L: We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's prophetic guidance.
P: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.
L: We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God's creation.
All: We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.
OPENING HYMN.....#211 "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"
OPENING PRAYER.....(ON SCREEN)
Loving God, be to us as a bulldozer of the spirit. Clear your road in us; clear a path through the detritus of possessions and obsessions. Thrust aside our divided aims and devious games. Topple the ramparts of pride and the doubts that deride. Make a highway on which Christ may come and take possession of the whole territory of our being. To the glory of your name, we pray. Amen!
OFFERTORY.....(ON SCREEN)
DOXOLOGY.....#94
PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(ON SCREEN)
Persistent God of new paths, we have been called to prepare the way—not with platitudes, but with changed hearts and lives. In this season of turning and anticipation, we offer these gifts as signs that we long to live by your story. Use them and use us to bear fruit worthy of repentance: fruit of justice, compassion, hospitality, and peace. Let our generosity reflect the nearness of your kingdom and the urgency of your call. In the wilderness of fear and want, may this offering clear a path for hope to be seen, known, and shared. In the name of the one who is coming and is already among us—Christ, our Lord. Amen.
CALL TO PRAYER.....(ON SCREEN)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....(ON SCREEN)
LORD'S PRAYER.....#895
HYMN OF PREPARATION....#210 "ALL EARTH IS WAITING"
SCRIPTURE LESSON.....MATTHEW 3:1-12
SERMON....."STORY TO TELL"
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
APOSTLE CREED.....#881
CLOSING HYMN.....#431 "LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH"
BENEDICTION

Assistive listening devices are available to anyone that needs it to experience our worship services to the fullest.



2nd Saturday of Advent
6 PM Traditional Worship
December 6th, 2025

SENIOR PASTOR...Rev. April Wegehaupt
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SATURDAY WORSHIP IN GOLLAHER CHAPEL
Traditional.....6 PM
SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY
Traditional or CrossPoint....9:30 AM

WELCOME ☆ CONNECT ☆ DISCOVER

We speak to God before the service,
God speaks to us during the service,
We Speak to each other after the service.

Volunteers For Service		
Greeters	Communion	Reader
Sherri Hiatt, Rhonda Hawthorne	Margie Balderston	Lynne Coates
Usher		Advent
Linda Harris		Linda Harris, Penny Allen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baskets of Love . . .

Silent Auction is December 6th - 14th with bids ending at 11 AM. Proceeds go to the roof. Thank you.

Our 34th Live Nativity & Soup Supper . . .

is Sunday, December 7th from 5 - 7 PM at Fonner Park. This is free-will fundraiser for food pantries. Chili and chicken noodle soups end at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday Night Meals this week . . .

12/10/2025: Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn Casserole, Variety Pumpkin

Get your order in for Poinsettias . . .

By December 16th! We are at that time of the year again to dedicate poinsettias. Thank you.



Questions or comments?

Please contact the church during office hours. Thank you.

We Cordially Invite Everyone . . . in this congregation to become a member of this church, a working member. Call the church if you would like to talk it over with someone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loaves & Fishes Food Distribution . . .

December 13th, 2025 at College Park 3180 W Highway 34. Enter Tech Boulevard. Distribution is at 9:30 a.m. until Food is gone. It is best to arrive between 9 am and 11 am. Do not arrive before 7:30 a.m. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Hospital Visits & Prayer Chain . . .

If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like to be visited or put on the prayer chain for prayer, please get in touch with the office. Due to HIPAA security rules, Regional Medical Center cannot release the names of patients to the church.

Advent . . .

Celebrate the coming of Christ all month long with our Advent kits! All materials are FREE and are available. Choose from these activities to make a custom Advent kit for your family:

- devotional book
- Advent calendar
- ornament craft
- star gazing party on December 13
- star diffraction glasses
- Bethlehem soup

Get your roof donation before the end of the year!

Everyone that donates or pledges to the roof this December, will receive a hand-crafted Nativity. Thank you.



Blue Christmas Service . . .

Have you struggled finding joy throughout the Christmas season? If so come to this worship service Dec 27th at 6pm and lets release grief for joy as we enter into 2026.

CALENDAR

December 7th - 14th

Sunday Baskets of Love | Communion

9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery
10:30 AM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place
PreK - Elementary Sunday School, Nursery
Sharing Our Life Stories, Youth Room
Trinity Cup Distribution
Way Seekers Study, Room C
Xmas Pageant Rehearsal, Zone Room

5:00 PM 34th Live Nativity & Soup Supper, Fonner Park

Monday Baskets of Love

4:30 PM Senior Wii Bowling, Youth Room

Tuesday Baskets of Love

10:00 AM Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place
1:00 PM Mathetes Study Group, Youth Room
7:00 PM Trustees, Parlor

Wednesday Baskets of Love

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meals, Miller Hall
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Bell Choir Room
6:45 PM Empowered Women, Youth Room
High School Youth Zone, Tower Room
Middle School Youth Zone, Rooms 1 & 2
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Zone Room

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday Baskets of Love | Newsletter Article Deadline

6:45 AM Bible Study, Tommy's Restaurant
11:00 AM Lectio Divina, Zoom
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group, The Parlor
2:00 PM Coloring at the Chocolate Bar

Friday Baskets of Love

1:00 PM Bulletin Folding, Parlor

Saturday Baskets of Love

9:30 AM Loaves & Fishes Food Giveaway, College Park
10:00 AM Grand Island Senior High Concert Rehearsal
5:00 PM Scripture Discussion, Parlor
6:00 PM Worship, Gollaher Chapel
7:00 PM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place
Stargazing Party, Caroling

Sunday Baskets of Love Ending at 11 AM

9:30 AM CrossPoint Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery
10:30 AM Confirmation, Miller Hall
Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place
PreK - Elementary Sunday School, Nursery
Sharing Our Life Stories, Youth Room
Way Seekers Study, Room C
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary
3:00 PM Grand Island Senior High Concert