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Blessed Advent to you! This year the calendar compresses the season of Advent. This time of waiting begins on December 3 the first Sunday of Advent and concludes with December 24 the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve all wrapped up together.

Advent is a time of preparing. Preparing to remember how Jesus changed the world by being born not like a king in a palace, but being born on the edge of society, in a barn. Advent is not just about looking to the past, in Advent we seek to prepare for Jesus return.

Because of Jesus birth in a barn and flight to Egypt as a baby, Christians have given special care to refugees and those who live unsettled lives. May this Christmas remind us all, that Jesus birth is not just a time to exchange gifts, but a time to remember those in need, those close to home and those far away.

The Christmas season is a time to celebrate. We celebrate Jesus birth with gatherings with family, with friends and with co-workers. Christmas programs and music concerts.

We count down to the day we celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. It is a day of joy that God came down from heaven and lived among us. We hear the Christmas story each year and are enthralled by the details of God being born in a stable. God truly is with us! Advent is also a time to think on peace. The world we live in is filled with violence. Jesus teaches that violence is not the answer. We are called to turn the other cheek. We struggle to understand how to respond to those who do violence to others.

As you and your family prepare for the holidays this year, God Bless you with joyful times and great memories. But also remember how the world was changed by the birth of a little child in a tiny town in a small country long ago. God is still at work in the world. What part are we going to play?

God Bless you this Christmas time,

Pastor Chris Mathiason

# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/ Sunday School/ Decorating Pastor Chris	4	5 9:00 AM Quilting/ Prayer Shawls	6	7	8	9
10 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/ Confirmation Class  Pastor Carl	11	12 9:00 AM Quilting/ Prayer Shawls	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 AM Worship  10:00 AM Fellowship/Break- fast/Sunday School  Pastor Chris	18	19 9:00 AM Quilting/ Prayer Shawls  6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion Pastor Carl 10:00 AM Fellowship 4:30 PM Candle- light Svc Pastor Chris	25       <b>Christmas</b>	26 9:00 AM Quilting/ Prayer Shawls	27	28	29	30
31 9:00 AM Worship  10:00 AM Fellowship  Food Shelf Sunday						

## December 2023

Team Bueckers: Norb & Jan Bueckers, Ken & Judy Shorter, Roxie Flicek, Charlie & Anna Hansen, John & Phyllis Nelson, Don & Heddie Wolbeck, Wade & Kayla Sandbakken, Rick & Donna Lundgren

## January 2024

Team Oberton: Elizabeth & Jim Oberton, Gary & Pam Bellamy, Tom & Patty Crawford, Harvey & Helen Bloom, Arnie Akkerman, Tracy Kjeldergaard, Steve Poole



Dec 18th      Jim & Sandy Werner  
Dec 31st      Darren & Lynn Bushinger

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>              Don Wolbeck  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup>              Norma Pantzke  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup>              Erin Mathiason  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup>             Anna Hansen  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup>             Mark Schlangen  
Dec 11<sup>th</sup>             Brianna Hansen  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup>             Chris Mathiason

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# Leone Marie Johnson

JUNE 8, 1946 - NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Leone M. Johnson (Onie) age 77 passed away peacefully on November 17, 2023 at her home in Randall MN with her son Todd and his wife Connie by her side.

Leone was born at home in Augusta Township on June 8th, 1946 to Leo Pillatzki and Clementine Libor. She graduated from Hutchinson Minnesota. In 1964 she worked at Nilfisk Advance in Plymouth MN where she met the love of her life, Dwayne Johnson. They were married in Watertown, South Dakota on August 3, 1971. They built their forever home in Randall, Minnesota in May 1994, where they shared many memories with family and friends.

Leone lived her life to the fullest. She enjoyed spending time with her son and daughter in law, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved camping, going on vacation, casino trips, playing bingo, card games and E-tabs. Leone truly enjoyed going out and meeting up with all of her friends.

Leone is survived by her son Todd (Connie) Johnson; grandchildren Gina (Nick), Teagan (Matt), Mitchell (Lindsey), Torri and Treysen; great grandchildren Natalee, Milee, twins Maximilian and MacKinley; twin brother Lee (Debbie) Pillatzki of Chanhassen; sister Pat (Ollie) Wilner of Grove City; sister in law Mary Johnson of Osakis; brother in law Warren (Yvonne) Johnson of Motley along with several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents Leo and Clementine (Libor) Pillatzki; her loving husband of 41 years Dwayne; her triplet infant siblings Leo, Lois and Louise Pillatzki; sister Delores (Ardell) Walgrave; brother in laws Erwood and Allen Johnson.

Leone will be laid to rest with her husband at Camp Ripley at a later date with a private, family interment.