

Dear friends in Christ,

One of the wonderful things about First Immanuel is the warm and lively spirit the congregation brings to celebrations—and this December we'll be celebrating all month long!

On Sunday, Dec. 2, we'll celebrate our restored steeple and refurbished sanctuary. Bishop David Brauer-Rieke will be with us to mark this huge accomplishment. He'll share with the Adult Forum about being Lutheran in Oregon in 2018, then join us for worship to give thanks for the hard work and generosity of so many people that have made this possible. After worship, we'll enjoy our annual chili feed and Advent workshop.

On Dec. 9, our children will present their Christmas program during worship, with a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party during the Sunday School hour. Then, on Dec. 16, the children will lead us in celebrating Santa Lucia. On Dec. 23, the choir will offer a beautiful Christmas Cantata. Then comes Christmas Eve, with candlelight worship at 5 and 10 p.m. And if that's not enough, we have the Christmas bake sale on Dec. 16, with scrumptious Scandinavian goodies, and our Swedish *Julotta* service on Christmas Day. What a month it will be! So don't miss a minute, come share in the celebration!



*Receive God's gift of saving love
in Christmas worship...*



CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DEC. 24

Candlelight Worship with
Carols & Holy Communion...

Family-Friendly Service at 5 p.m.

Traditional Service at 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY, DEC. 25

***Julotta* Swedish Service at 7 a.m.**

No Sunday School Dec. 16, Dec. 23, or Dec. 30