

News & Notes December 4-13, 2025

Nursery: Dec. 7: Alyssa Brauer, Dec. 14: Marcie Van Tol, Dec. 21: Christie Cleveland, Dec. 28: Berni Geoghan

Children's Chapel: Dec. 7: Maya Garcia, Dec. 14: Eavee Walker, Dec. 21: Julie Weller, Dec. 28: Julie Weller

Welcome Center Host: Dec. 7: Sue Crider, Dec. 14: Judy May, Dec. 21: open, Dec. 28: open

Scripture Reference for Sunday: Isaiah 9:6-7, Philippians 2:1-8

This Sunday, December 7, we will participate in the **Lord's Supper** during our worship service. Be mindful of how God is preparing your heart to receive this holy sacrament.

THIS SUNDAY- Annual Congregational Meeting & Packets - Information packets with the 2026 budget and ministry team reports are available at the welcome center. You are encouraged to take one and review it before our annual congregational meeting, which will be held in the Worship Center on Sunday, Dec. 7 following the worship service.

2026 Leadership Team Candidates The candidates for Elder are Tim DeVriendt and Priscilla Hinze. Deacon candidates are Scott Jacobs and Jim Moser. Lots will be cast at the annual meeting on Dec. 7 to determine which Elder and Deacon will be joining our Leadership Team.

Sunday School Schedule - There will be no Sunday School held on Sunday, Dec. 7 so that all may attend the annual congregational meeting. Class will resume on the 14th of December.

The **Pastoral Search Team** met this past Tuesday evening reflecting on the Advent season and our need to intentionally take time to be still in the Lord's presence, seeking His will. We approved the completed Alignment Profile and Sam's communication to the Leadership Team regarding his visit here at DCC. Upon the Leadership Team's approval of the Alignment Profile, the search will be launched in January.

AWANA Schedule – Dec. 10 will be the last AWANA meeting of the 2025 year. We will resume on January 7.

Looking for an opportunity to help someone this Christmas Season? Love INC is a great place to do this. The staff of Love Inc are grateful for the many gifts over the past few years - this year they could use some loving people who are eager to share the joy of Christ to others by helping in their Christmas Store. It is an opportunity for neighbors invested in the New Directions classes to be able to purchase gifts with points they have earned. It will be held at All Shores Church, 1050 W Southern on Thursday December 11. They need help with:

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 12:00 -3:00pm - arranging gifts on tables.

Thursday, Dec. 11, 12:30 - 5:30pm - handing out meals and assisting families, bringing items to their cars.

Friday, Dec. 12, - 9:00am -12:00pm - tearing it down and returning items to their storage unit.

If you can help please sign up at the Welcome Center. Grab a friend and make a joy-filled day of it!

Christmas Cookies & Treats! Share your favorite homemade Christmas cookies or sweet treats for coffee fellowship time! We would like to offer treats on both Dec. 14 and Dec. 21. Please sign up at bulletin board A, telling which Sunday you can provide your treat! Thank you.

Blue Christmas Service - On Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00pm we're going to host a worship experience called "Blue Christmas," a special service designed to bless the people in our community and our church family who experience the holidays with the darkness of grief. If you live with a deep sense of loss during the holidays, please consider joining us for that service. If you know someone who would be blessed by this service, please invite them to come. Invitations are available at the Welcome Center.

Opportunity to Help our Missionaries – Corporately, DCC supports Cody & Tricia Groeneveld, missionaries in Alaska. Our church had a wonderful opportunity to serve the Groeneveld's on a mission trip this past summer and will be doing so again this summer! In their most recent update, Cody and Tricia shared that they are \$40,000 short of being fully funded for 2026. If you feel personally led to offer some extra support in meeting this need, you can write a check to Global Outreach International. In the memo line put account number 5787 and send to PO Box 1, Tupelo, MS 38802 or give online at GlobalOutreach.org and search missionaries "Cody and Tricia Groeneveld." Cody and Tricia say, "Thank you again for your friendship, your prayers, and your partnership. We could not serve the students at Alaska Bible Institute without you."

The DCC church family can thank and praise God for his leading us to raise \$13,694 for the Honduras mission trip that will be happening in February of 2026. As we indicated all along, our initial goal was to raise \$6,400 to build two houses. Any funds beyond that goal will be used for ministry during that trip, almost certainly in some ways that we know about (like groceries and water filtration units for needy families), as well as some ways that are yet to be determined. We are in conversation with our partners in Honduras about how those funds will be deployed, and we will give a full accounting of how God's providence will be used once a plan is developed. Thank you for your support. Give praise to the Lord for our cup overflows!

Special Friends – A list of our home-bound members is available at the welcome center. We encourage you to pick one up so that you may send extra holiday blessings to brighten the day of our special friends.

Home-Bound Friends of the Week: Take a moment to send a card, make a phone call, or visit the following friends.

Gloria Bates, 3574 E McMillan Rd., Twin Lake, MI 49457

Lois Dornbos, The Village at Rosy Mound, 17283 Rosy Mound Lane Apt #213, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Student Ministries:

RNR (High School)

- Sunday, December 7, 6-8pm – “Love”
- Mark your calendars – RNR Christmas Party will be December 14th, 6-8pm. Bring a wrapped and unmarked “white-elephant” gift to exchange. Be creative and have fun. If you purchase anything, keep it to \$5 or less.
- Our regular Sunday night meetings will resume January 4th, 6-8pm.
- We are forming a team to return to Alaska June 20-27, 2026. Look for more information and applications to join soon!
- Looking ahead – February 13-15 are the dates for the Elevate Winter Retreat to Cran-Hill Ranch. Mark your calendars and look for more information and registration in the coming weeks.

SWAG (Junior High)

- December 10th will be our Christmas party and the last regular meeting of 2025. We will continue our series on Advent as we prepare for Christmas and unwrap “Joy.” Bring a wrapped and unmarked “white elephant” gift to exchange. Be creative and have fun. If you purchase anything, keep it to \$5 or less.
- We will resume our regular meetings on January 7th, 6-8pm

Praises and Prayer Requests

Prayer for the Lead Pastor Search Process: Continue in prayer for resources and provisions. That God would bring helpers, advisors, and support at the right time. Reaffirm your trust in God's perfect plan for Discovering Christ Church. “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

Please pray for Bill and Debbie McClure and the rest of the McClure family as they mourn the passing of Bill's sister, Linda. She fought a long fight with cancer. Pray for peace and comfort during this time of grief and sadness.

Church Facility Calendar: Worship Center (WC), Family Life Center (FLC), Kitchen (K), Library (Lib.), Next Steps (NS), Fellowship Hall (FH), Prayer Room (PR), All-Purpose Room (AP)

Thursday, December 4 – Men's Bible Study-8:30am (AP), Pickleball-9am (FLC), Cadet Council-7pm (#32)

Friday, December 5 - Athletic Sensations Baton Twirling-6:00pm (FLC, FLC-1)

Saturday, December 6 – Gardner-1pm (FLC, K), L.I. V. E Group-5pm (FH, K)

Sunday, December 7 - Worship-10am (WC), Annual Meeting-11:20am, Sr. High RNR-6:00pm (FLC, K)

Monday, Dec. 8 – Pickleball-9am (FLC), Cadets-6:30pm (#32, FLC)

Tuesday, Dec. 2 – Staff Mtg.-9:15am (FLC-1), Voices of Praise-7pm (WC)

Wednesday, Dec. 3 – Hour of Power Prayer Meeting-3:30pm (PR), AWANA-6pm, Jr. High SWAG-6pm (FLC, K)

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Saturday, December 13 – Hickman-5pm (FLC, K)