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**Share**

highs and lows



**Read**

a Bible verse

or story

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**Talk**

about how the

Bible reading

might relate to

your highs

and lows



**Pray**

for one another’s

highs and lows



**Bless**

one another

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY BEGINNINGS 2024-early 2025**

**“The Main Characters of the Christmas Story”**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The journey from the first Sunday in Advent to Christmas **unfolds as all good stories should, step by step**. Why? Could it be to keep us from getting too stunned by the awesome truth it bears? **Advent is a time of preparation, a time to get ready**! And a time to let the awesome truth - God came to live among us - truly sink in. Don’t rush to Christmas – observe Advent, the time of preparation – so that the awesome truth this season bears can sink into your heart anew!

This year’s adult and youth Advent/Christmas Devotions, “The Main Characters of the Christmas Story,” will be readings about those blessed to be part of, or witnesses to, our Lord’s incarnation – God becoming one of us - Emmanuel – God with us. They are Zechariah, Elizabeth and John; an angel of the Lord, Mary and Joseph; Jesus, of course – the main, main character; and the shepherds and the wisemen.

**This Advent and Christmas** – read the story of our Savior again and anew. **Take it slow, day by day, savor each moment, do it with your family, let it sink in, and prepare to welcome the Christ Child into your heart and into your home.**

We also encourage you to make worship a regular part of your preparations so we can get ready together! And we hope you’ll invite someone you know who has no church family to join us. This is a terrific time of year to make such an invitation!

I will continue to post daily verses and a short comment about each on **the Christ Lutheran Church Facebook page** *(facebook.com/christlutheranchurchdubois).* **And REMEMBER:** you can join our e-mail group and receive the same daily verses and short comment posted on Facebook. How do you join up? Simply send a request message to Pastor Amy at *pastorsmiller12@gmail.com*.

May your preparations be fruitful and your days blessed.

Peace+, Pastor Amy