

Looking for Advent/Christmas events?

Here are the responses we received to our request for holiday listings. We thought we'd better go ahead and send this out before it got too late in the month. For updates, please check the "Conversations" tab on the synod's Web site, www.sclutheran.org.

If you don't see your congregation's events listed, please have someone add your information to the "Comments" section under the "Conversations" tab. Thanks!



Through the Advent season...at Pilgrim, Lexington and surrounding churches

Pilgrim, Lexington is joining hands and worship with 10 other churches in the Lexington area to share a common theme in worship through Advent. The theme, "Love Came" focuses on the gift of love that comes close in the Christ. Each church is preaching through the same texts and sharing a combined message of God's out-loud love for the world. Pilgrim will focus on these texts in our Sunday morning worship as well as Advent Wednesdays which will share in meals and intergenerational worship with crafts and prayer stations.

Advent/Christmas Events at Mt. Horeb -Chapin

LOCATION: 101 East Boundary St., Chapin, SC 29036

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 9:30 am: Advent Breakfast and Sunday school Topical Study

Dec. 15: Cantata during 8:30 and 11:00 am Worship

Dec. 15 @ 5:30pm: Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 24: Christmas Worship at 11:00am, 5:00pm (bring a bell), 7:00pm, 11:00pm

Dec. 4, 11 & 18 - Advent Suppers & Worship around the Cross, St. Paul, Aiken

Advent Wednesdays at St Paul in Aiken - Soup Suppers at 5:45 pm, followed by fun and educational Advent Activities for families, and culminating with Worship Around the Cross at 7 pm. AIM Kathleen will present a Sermon Series in worship on the Wednesday nights in Advent titled "God With Us - Then, Now and When?" Childcare is provided to assist with very young children, and all ages are invited to join us for food, fellowship and worship during these mid-week events. Sign up for suppers is encouraged - call the church office at 803-649-4021.

December 7 - Bound To Sing Boys Choir Concert at St. Paul, Aiken

TIME: 3:00 pm

LOCATION: 961 Trail Ridge Rd, Aiken SC

The *Bound to Sing* Boys choir of Aiken, SC will present their Holiday Concert Saturday, Dec. 7th at 3 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 961 Trail Ridge Rd, Aiken SC. Titled "Now

We'll Make the Rafters Ring!" this festive concert will feature fun and seasonal music for the whole family. Admission is free - A love offering will be accepted.

December 8: Advent/Christmas Concert at Mt. Tabor, West Columbia

TIME: 3:30 pm

LOCATION: 1000 B Ave., West Columbia, SC

Free! The choirs of Mt. Tabor, along with guest musicians, sing and ring forth the Advent of our Lord in a concert featuring all ages of vocal and handbell ensembles.

December 14: Christmas Festival at Grace, Rock Hill

TIME: 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Grace Lutheran Church, 426 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC

This is free, and open to the public; but an offering will be taken to help with costs of guest musicians from Winthrop University. Remaining funds will be put to use in the community. The Annual Christmas Festival is a decade's old tradition at Grace. The music ministry unites combined handbell ensembles, the Festival Choir, and a full orchestra of Winthrop University students, to present Joseph Martin's "Canticle of Joy." From expectation to fulfillment, from longing to joy, the message of Advent and Christmas is brought to life in music. All are welcome. QUESTIONS? Contact Matthew McCall (musicdirector@comporium.net) (803-324-5295)

December 14-15: Live Nativity at Grace, Prosperity

TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Grace Lutheran Church is located at 210 Grace Street, Prosperity, SC

Free and open to the public.

The Birth of a Savior, a live, outdoor nativity will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Prosperity, SC on Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15. The time for the event is 7:00 p.m. each evening. The event displays live characters and animals, including a camel. For more information call the church office at 803.364.3331.

December 15: Children's Sunday School Play at Mt. Tabor, West Columbia

TIME: 10:00 am

Free! The children of Mt. Tabor present the Nativity Story in a very unique play, written by Rebekah Bouye. The play includes surprise visitors to the stable. Special music is performed by members of the congregation.

December 15: Christmas Cantata at Mt. Calvary, Johnston

TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: 1186 Mt. Calvary Road, Johnston, SC 29832

Mt. Calvary began the Advent season with a "Hanging of the Greens" December 1.

December 15, at 7:00 pm the Chancel Choir will present a cantata "Behold the Star."

The Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion service will begin at 7:30 pm December 24. Youth of the church will place luminaries around the church prior to the service.

December 20-21: Live Nativity at St. Paul's, Mt. Pleasant

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

LOCATION: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 604 Pitt Street, Mt. Pleasant, SC

St. Paul's, Mount Pleasant is doing a live nativity Friday, December 20, and Saturday, December 21. The live nativity is to run from 6-8 PM both nights. Most participants are from the youth of the church with adults helping where needed, especially set-up.

Please pray for us in this endeavor. If in Charleston or the low country one of those nights, drive by St. Paul's. Stop in for hot chocolate, coffee, and a morsel. You won't leave physically and spiritually hungry! Questions? Call Bobbie Petersen at 843-609-1558 or Pastor Terry Hundley at 843-884-3107.

December 21 & 22: Live Outdoor Nativity at Living Springs, Columbia

TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: 4224 Hard Scrabble Rd, corner at Clemson Rd.

FREE for the entire family!

Animals, characters, and more! Pause from a hectic holiday pace to witness a 30-minute living enactment of God's gift of love for you...the birth of Jesus! Bring a lawn chair...hot drinks provided! www.livingspringscolumbia.org

December 21 & 22: Live Nativity at Redeemer, Greer

TIME: 6:30-9:00 pm

LOCATION: Redeemer is located on Hwy 290, just north of Wade Hampton Blvd., Greer, SC.

Free to the public! Groups welcome! Buses welcome!

We are happy to report this is our 26th year of the Live Nativity! Join the shepherds and wise men as they visit the holy family in the stable, complete with live animals. To view: Enter and follow the circle drive to the stable located behind the church.

December 22: Los Posados at Reformation, Columbia

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: 1118 Union Street, Columbia, SC

Reformation, Columbia is adding something new to its Christmas preparation and celebration. We will include Los Posados, an old Christmas tradition re-enacting the story of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter in Bethlehem and being turned away. In our celebration, we will walk the neighborhood with "Mary and Joseph," sing carols, invite neighbors to join us, and return to the church (stable) to celebrate with carols, readings, prayers, and a party. The procession will begin at 5 pm from the church. You are invited to bring a dozen cookies to share. Hot chocolate will be provided.

December 15 Songs of the Season Concert at 4 pm in the sanctuary

December 22 Los Posados procession at 5 pm, celebration at 6 pm in the church

December 24 Christmas Eve Worship beginning at 7 pm with music

December 29 One service at 10:30 am

December 22, 24, 29: Advent-Christmas Services at Corinth-St. Mark's Parish

LOCATIONS: St. Mark's is located off Highway 391 about two miles from the Traffic Circle. Corinth is located on Highway 194 about three miles from the intersection of Highways 391 and 194.

Musicians from Corinth and St. Mark's congregations in Saluda County will join together to present the cantata "Hallowed Manger Ground" in a joint worship service at 11 a.m. December 22 at Corinth. A joint Christmas Eve service will be held at 10 p.m. at St. Mark's. Services of Lessons and Carols will be held December 29 at each congregation (seven scripture readings tracing God's creation-salvation activity and nine carols). St. Mark's worships at 9:30 a.m. and Corinth worships at 11 a.m. St. Mark's is located off Highway 391 about two miles from the Traffic Circle. Corinth is located on Highway 194 about three miles from the intersection of Highways 391 and 194.