

## 'Tis The Season!

It happens so suddenly, doesn't it? Summer's over, Halloween and Thanksgiving are past, fall is winding down -- and suddenly the Christmas season is upon us once again! None of us can *slow down* the swift passing of time; but every Christian can strive to *make the most* of this time of year. What can we do, as disciples of Christ Jesus, to fully engage in this joyous season? See the gifts below for activities, challenges, and Bible readings.

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas season! In Jesus' love,



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### **Connect With Christ's People**

Make an extra effort this month to reach out, in a meaningful way, to some of the special people God has put in your life: family, friends, Christian sisters and brothers. Each is a precious gift from the Lord!

### **Learn Christ's Word**

Devote some uninterrupted time in this holy season to explore the Bible story of Christ's coming. Read and discuss Luke 1-2, Matthew 1-2, and John 1. What did you learn? What would you like to learn more about?

### **Embrace Christ's Mission**

Make a quiet commitment, between you and the Lord Jesus, to get involved in his ministry of bringing love and care to the world. Think about your priorities this month, and talk to Christ about how he wants you to participate in his mission.

### **Respond To Christ's Invitation**

Take a few moments, in this hectic month, to realize why the Son of God came down to earth on that first Christmas. He wanted to establish a close, loving relationship with you!

### **Apply Christ's Word**

Write a short prayer of praise (like Mary's, in Luke 1). Ask yourself, like Joseph did in Matthew 1, "Am I obeying God's commands these days?" Make a list of people you know who need the light of Christ to shine in their lives (John 1:6-9).

### **Discover Your Mission**

Try to spend one hour a week this month making an impact for Christ. Give a needy person a hand, visit someone who's lonely, make a charitable gift, write an extra-long Christmas message ... get out of your comfort zone, and see what happens!

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## **WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES**

Saturday Praise Service at 5:30PM  
Sunday Services at 8:30 & 11:00AM

Nursery and Children's Church provided at all services

## **SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sunday School for ages 3 – grade 4  
Youth Bible Classes for grades 5 – 12  
Adult Bible Studies

Nursery and beginning Sunday School provided for ages 2 and under.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS\***

5:30 – 6:00: Beg. Handbells  
5:30 – 6:30: Youth Praise Team  
5:45-6:30: Children's Choir  
6:00 – 6:30: Youth Handbells  
6:30: Confirmation Classes  
6:30: Youth Nights (7-12 Grade)  
6:30-7:45: Adult Handbell Choir  
7:45 – 9:15: Senior Choir

\* Check [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org) for specific dates. The next Wednesday Night Alive session is January 7 - February 11, 2015.