



December 2025

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Sunday Worship Service – 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School Christmas Program –10:00 a.m. on December 13th
Christmas Eve Service – 6:00 p.m. on December 24th
Monday Women's Bible Study –10:00 a.m.
(Not first Monday of the month)
Wednesday Prayer Meeting –4 p.m.
Sunday School – 9 a.m.
No Sunday School November 30th, December 21st and 28th
Adult Sunday School – 9 a.m.

- Second Sunday of Advent — December 7, 2025
- Third Sunday of Advent — December 14, 2025
- Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 21, 2025
- Christmas Eve — December 24, 2025
- Christmas Day — December 25, 2025
- New Year's Eve — December 31, 2025
- New Year's Day — January 1, 2026
- Epiphany — January 6, 2026
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day — January 19, 2026



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

SAND LAKE CHAPEL BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman: Dan Hautamaki
Vice-Chairman: Norm Heinonen
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Board meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. If the first Monday is a holiday or extended holiday weekend, the meeting will be on the first Tuesday.

Church Secretary: Julie Jankila
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Sand Lake Chapel Purpose Statement

"To introduce people to Jesus, and membership in His family; develop them to Christ-like maturity and unity in the faith, equip all the saints for their ministry in the church and their life mission in the world, in order to glorify God's name."

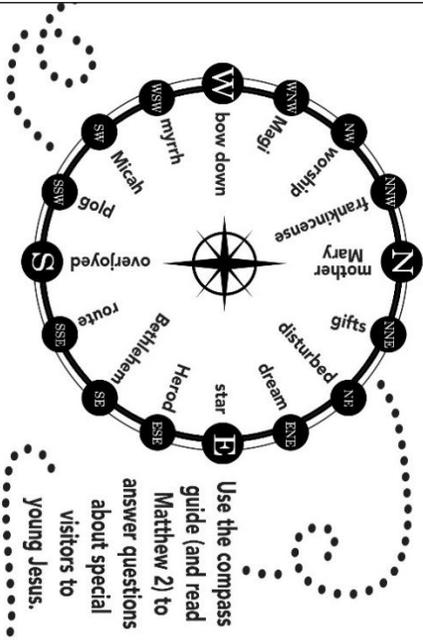
Sand Lake Chapel is a member of the 4 C's - Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.

Women's Christmas Brunch

On Saturday, December 13th at 11:00, the Sand Lake Worship team will be hosting a Christmas brunch for the women of the church and their daughters, granddaughters, friends, or neighbors. It will be a time of music, storytelling, fellowship and food. We will begin with a program upstairs in the sanctuary and will proceed downstairs to share in a brunch. Please consider joining us by signing up by December 7th on the bulletin board by the office. We look forward to the opportunity of getting to know you better and meeting new friends in Christ!

Thanks,
 Ashley Lesemann
 Andrea Buvarp
 Julie Jankila
 Debbie Niemi

Puzzle!



Use the compass guide (and read Matthew 2) to answer questions about special visitors to young Jesus.

1. Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
2. Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (NWN)
3. How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
4. Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
5. In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
6. King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
7. What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
8. When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
9. Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
10. Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? _____ (W)
11. Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus.
 _____ (SSW) _____ (NNW) _____ (MSW)
12. These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as _____ (NNE)
13. What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
14. The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Micah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gold, frankincense, myriah; 12. gifts; 13. dream; 14. route

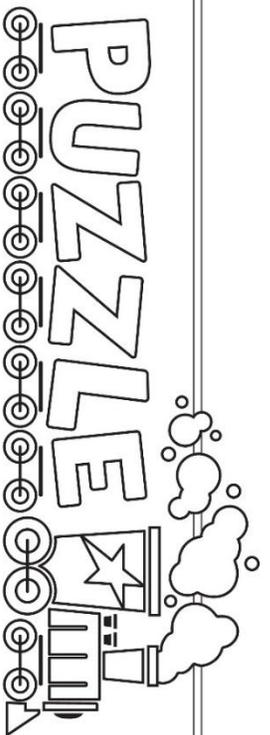


Another fall is wrapping up, leaving us to look forward to winter and a new holiday season! At the time of this writing, Thanksgiving is a few days away. Praise and thankfulness are part of our weekly prayer time, but our Sunday School family also expresses our gratitude for our many blessings by participating in the annual “Operation Christmas Child” ministry, sponsored by Samaritan’s purse. Working with our congregation, we were able to deliver 18 gift-filled shoeboxes for needy children to a local collection center on November 24th. Cash donations also covered most of the mailing cost! We wish to express a sincere “Thank You!” to everyone who participated in this ministry by donating gifts and/or money to purchase gifts and pay for mailing. Many of our parents have shared how much their children enjoy shopping for and preparing these boxes. In class, the students decorated some of them and prayed as a group for the recipients. We truly benefit and are blessed by this ministry as much as the children who receive them.

In addition to our lessons, we’ve begun preparing for our annual Christmas program. This year, we’ll be presenting a skit titled, “*New Star*,” written by Sharon Kay Chatwell. It tells the Christmas Story from the point of view of two stars (an Old Star and a New Star) who act as the narrators. We’ll also meet a pageant of personalities involved as the story unfolds. Bible references are Luke 1-2, Matthew 1-2, Isaiah 7:14, and Psalm 19:1-4: “*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.*” Please note that the program will begin at **10:00 am** (before the morning worship service) on Sunday, December 14th. On that day, our class will begin early at 8:30 am to allow time for a dress rehearsal. Following the service, everyone is invited to a special coffee an’. Sunday School families are asked to bring a dozen bars or cookies, if possible. This is always a great time of fellowship we’re sure you will enjoy. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our promised Savior, Jesus Christ!

As previously mentioned, classes will not be held on the following dates since many families may be traveling and celebrating out of town over the holidays: December 21st and 28th. Classes will resume after the holidays on January 4th, 2026.

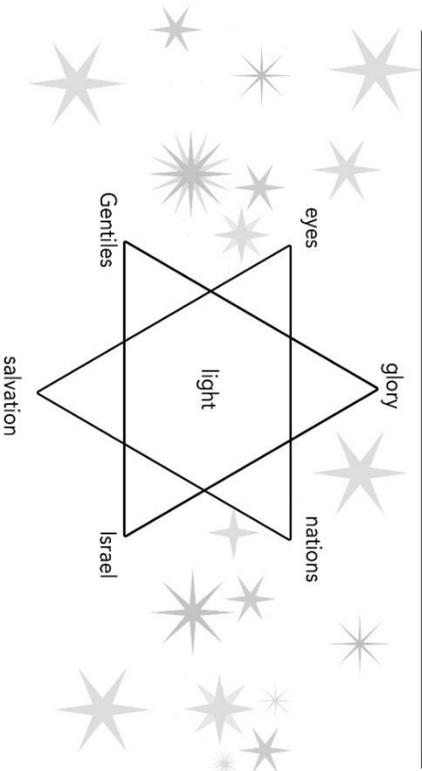
Please contact Carol Erickson at 218-780-9781 if you have questions and/or would like to work with Sunday School. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support!



SIMEON'S SIGHT

When Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple, they heard a special prophecy from Simeon.

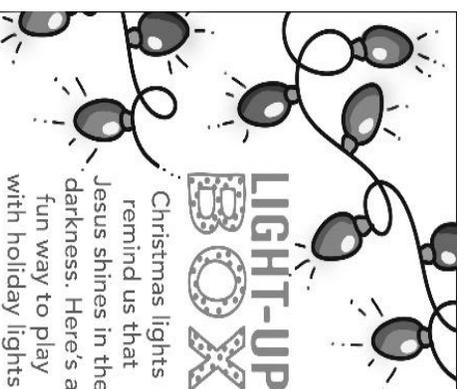
Directions: Using the star key, write the words in the correct spaces to complete Luke 2:30-32, NIV.



"For my _____ have seen your _____, which you have prepared in the sight of all _____: a _____ for revelation to the _____, and the _____ of your people _____."

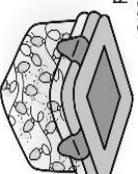
Luke 2:30-32, NIV

Answers: eyes, salvation, nations, light, Gentiles, glory, Israel



What you need:

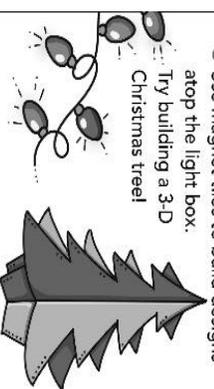
- A strand of Christmas lights
- A large clear plastic container and lid
- Green tissue paper
- Colorful beads



What you do:

1. Plug in the lights and place them in the container.
2. Put on the lid. (If the lid isn't transparent, flip the box over.)
3. Play with your light box, using these ideas as starters:
 - Cut tissue paper into triangles and arrange them in a tree shape.
 - Decorate the tree with colorful beads.
 - Use the light box for tracing. Place a picture on it, with a clean sheet of paper on top. Then trace the drawing.
 - Use magnet tiles to build designs atop the light box.

Try building a 3-D Christmas tree!



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