



Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, December 17 at 10:00am

All families are invited to join the Sunday School classes on Sunday, December 17 for Hanging of the Greens. The children will hear the story of the birth of Jesus, decorate the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary and sing Christmas carols. **Parents: please bring your child(ren) directly to the sanctuary by 10:00am.**

Volunteer Opportunity: Setup for this event will take place Saturday, Dec 16 at 9:30am.

Christmas Season Worship Opportunities

Sundays, December 10 & 17 at 8:45am and 11:00am (Sunday School at 10:00am)

Wednesday, December 20 – Blue Christmas at Ascension Lutheran Church, 7:00pm

Sunday, December 24 (Advent 4 / Christmas Eve)

9:30am - with Impromptu Children's Pageant (no Sunday School)

6:00pm (Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship with Rejoice Praise Band)

9:00pm (Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship with Choir and Bells)

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day) at 9:30am

Sunday, December 31 at 9:30am (no Sunday School)

Online worship is available at godslovenewtown.org/worship

Weekly Offering

A monetary offering, in any amount, is collected at Sunday School each week to benefit **God's Global Barnyard**. This ELCA program supports sustainable development projects for farmers and families in impoverished countries. Our goal is to raise \$715 for a family farm. To date we've collected **\$240**. Watch our progress on the thermometer in the main hallway. For more information visit elca.org/goodgifts.

Acolytes and Basket Bearers

Children are invited to volunteer during worship as a basket bearer (holding a basket to collect cups during communion) or an acolyte (light and extinguish the altar candles). Visit the SignUp Hub in the Commons or use the Worship Volunteers link at godslovenewtown.org/signups to choose a week to serve. Training will be provided.

No Sunday School on the Following Dates:

December 24 (Christmas Eve), December 31 (New Year's Eve), January 28 (Annual Meeting)

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, January 14 at 10:00am – Martin Luther King service project for the whole family.

The Messenger:

The Messenger is the weekly congregational newsletter. Watch for it in your email or read it online at godslovenewtown.org/connect/newsletters.