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## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Greetings/Announcements

Special Music "Ding Dong Merrily On High" Chums Bells

Lighting the Advent Candles Screen (Boles family)

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Moments of Sharing: The peace of Christ, Joys and Concerns, Prayers

## GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Children's Sermon—as the children come forward, let us sing "He Has Made Me Glad" screen

Special Music "Light of the World" Ingwersen Women

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Message "The Christmas Story—Part Four"

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Please sign the attendance record and pass it on to the next person in the pew, returning it to the beginning of the pew when completed so we may learn one another's names.

\*Doxology "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" screen or #204

\*Prayer of Dedication

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT OUT

\*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" screen or #89, vs. 1-2

\*Spoken Benediction

\*The "Amen" "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" screen or #89, vs. 3

\*Postlude

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**Large print bulletins are available from your ushers.**

Ministers.....The People of God	Greeters/Ushers..... Jeff & Phyllis Johnson
Bishop .....Laurie Haller	Marie Matthiesen
District Supt. ....Ron Carlson	Brad & Fran Graham
Pastor .....Emmanuel Naweji	Sanctuary Flowers.. Emily Pool
Custodian.....Mary Schmidt	Colleen Griese
Parish Secretary .....Judy Taber	Candle Lighters..... Jr. /Sr. High Youth Group
Worship Music .....Diane Duitsman	

<b>Sunday School Snacks</b> Dec. 23 – Snacks—Sally H./Juice—Shakira Dec. 30 – Snacks/Juice—Phyllis Johnson Jan. 6 – Snacks/Juice—Rebecca Matthiesen	<b>Snack Servers</b> Dec. 23 - ???
<b>Sr. High Youth Group Meals and Schedule</b> Jan. 2 – Lisa Carstensen	
<b>Middle School Youth Group</b> Jan. 16 – Forbes, Krummen	



*Parish Notes*



Today ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Mon., Dec. 23..... 5:00 - Christmas Eve Worship at Harris

7:00 - Christmas Eve Worship at LP

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### The Sock Tree is Up at LP UMC!

Donations of socks—kids to adult—  
are welcome now. They will be given  
to Upper Des Moines in Spirit Lake  
for distribution.

## What will you give to Jesus this year?

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,  
The wise men brought him gifts.

How can you and your family  
Celebrate Jesus?

Here are 2 ways you can celebrate  
Jesus and give to others:

1. The gift of education and
2. The gift of safe birth & new life to  
Mothers in Haiti.

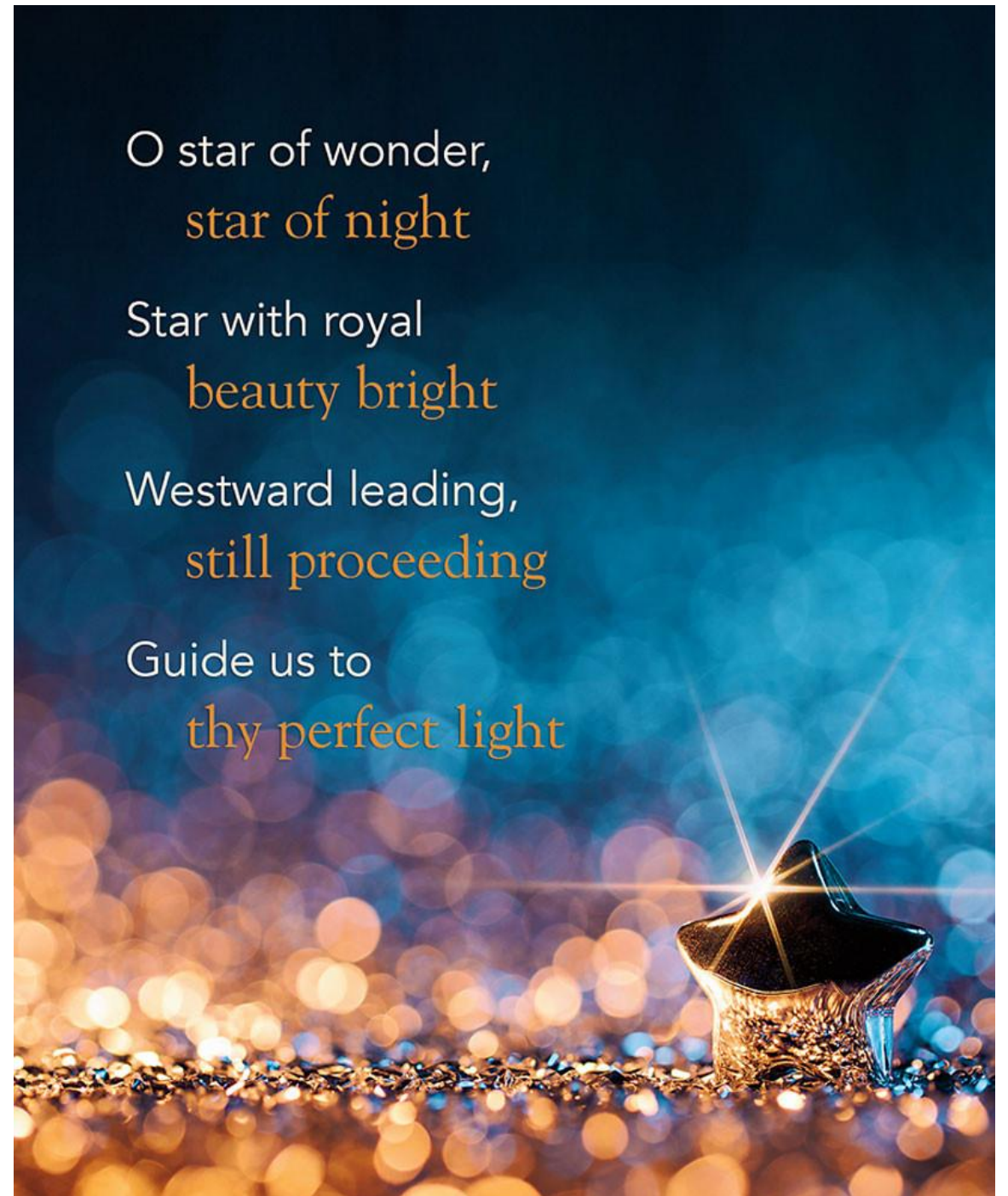
More information on the back table in church.

O star of wonder,  
star of night

Star with royal  
beauty bright

Westward leading,  
still proceeding

Guide us to  
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District Superintendent....	Ron Carlson		Scott Robertson
Pastor .....	Emmanuel Naweji	Worship Music .....	Marian Tuinstra
Parish Secretary .....	Judy Taber	Flowers. Worship Committee/Poinsettias	
Custodian.....	Kelley Morgan		

## Coffee Servers

Dec. 23 ..... Harold Kruger  
 Dec. 30 ..... Tom Ransom  
 Jan. 6 ..... Shannon Serck  
 Jan. 13..... Verlyn & Jeff Jacobsma

