

## Prairie Calendar

### Sunday, December 14, 2008

11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf.

### December 14 - 21, 2008

Interfaith Hospitality Network week. See Erin Bosch for details.

### Tuesday, December 21, 2008

Prairie Fire articles are due to Kate, Prairie's administrator, before 9:00 in the morning today. (admin@uuprairie.org)

### Wednesday, December 17, 2008

7:00 pm - Program Committee meets at Prairie.

### Thursday, December 18, 2008

7:00 pm - Movie Group meets at Prairie to view "Singin' in the Rain."

7:00 pm - Finance Committee meets at Barb Park's home.

### Sunday, December 21, 2008

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Christmas Stories," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

### Wednesday, December 24, 2008

7:00 pm - Christmas Eve program, presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

### Sunday, December 28, 2008

No morning service, no choir rehearsal.

6:00 pm - service - "Moving Forward," presented by Religious Education. Potluck snacks and dancing after the program.

### Tuesday, December 30, 2008

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders will meet at Oakwood.

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### **Sunday, December 14th, 2008**

**Prelude** – *In the Bleak Midwinter*, arrangement by Dean Schroeder, performed by harpists Orange Schroeder, Cindy Rose, and Sandra Norton

**Welcome** – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

**Chalice Lighting** - Albert Schweitzer

**Silent Meditation**

**Introduction** – Erin Bosch

**Santa Lucia Procession**

**Story for All Ages** – *A Cup of Christmas Tea*

*The Christmas Truce* by Aaron Shepherd

Readers: Madeline Arnold, Maya Urbanski, Judy Wacker, Toby Wacker  
On a Christmas Eve during World War I, British and German soldiers laid down their weapons to celebrate the holiday together. The Christmas Truce of 1914 started in some places on Christmas Eve and in others on Christmas Day. The truce covered as much as two-thirds of the British-German front, with thousands of soldiers taking part. Perhaps most remarkably, it grew out of no single initiative but sprang up in each place spontaneously and independently. Nearly everything described here is drawn from first-hand accounts in letters and diaries of the time.

**Symbol Tree Sharing, Part 1**

*Let Your Little Light Shine*, Children and Adult Choir

**Symbol Tree Sharing, Part 2**

**Announcements**

**Offertory**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

performed by harpists Orange Schroeder, Cindy Rose, and Sandra Norton

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**\*Hymn #235, SLT - *Deck the Hall***

**Closing Words**

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**Welcome**

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee, treats, and fellowship after the service. Our thanks to everyone who participated in making this program.

Katherine Liu led our Santa Lucia procession this year. In previous years, it has been led by Katrina Schroeder, Judy Wacker, Lushana Peterson, Madeline Arnold, Toby Wacker, Marie Nahlik, Valerie Anderson, Xena Anderson, Tatum Mueller, and Jessie Garst.

**Cradle Club coming to an end**

TODAY, December 14th, is the final day for Prairie's participation in the Cradle Club. Remember to bring your baby gift to the Sunday service (no additional cash is needed.)

**Book Club**

The book selection for December is The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf by Mojha Kahf and will be discussed on December 14th, today, after service. In January, the group will read Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking to be discussed on January 18th.

**Christmas Eve, Carols, and Candlelighting, December 24th**

Christmas Eve program, presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. We celebrate with readings, singing of carols, and candlelighting the story of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. This, an intergenerational service, draws from Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by seeking peace and good will for humankind. No childcare will be available.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network Week is December 14 to 21**

Please consider helping homeless families. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285), or... you can go to this website for an explanation of the volunteer jobs: <http://midvalelutheran.org/ihnjobs.htm>... and you can sign up online at this address: <http://nordengs.com/ihn/group.asp?eg=10&u=true>

**Prairie Elders to meet Dec 30th**

Prairie Elders meets Tuesday, December 30, 2:00-4:00 pm. Informal conversation 1:30-2:00 pm. *This is a time change and a temporary departure from our usual 4th Tuesday.* We meet in the Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks building, Oakwood Village West. Newcomers are welcome. Call contacts below for directions or a ride. TOPIC: First focus of the new U.S. administration. What do you think it should be? Why? SNACKS: If convenient, please bring a few snacks to pass and your own beverage cup. CONTACTS: Donna Murdoch 238-3802, Gordon Cunningham 230-3367, Rosemary Dorney 238-4382 or Rose Smith 233-3363.