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FAMILY FACTS

December 2018

Love's Pure Light

*"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:
they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."* (Isaiah 9: 2)

It is appropriate that for Advent, we would consider the light that "the Light of the World" has brought to us. Every Christmas Eve, we sing "Silent Night" and one of the stanzas includes the words, "Son of God, love's pure light."

"Silent Night" was written in the early part of the nineteenth century by two humble church leaders from the Alps region of Austria. They discovered that the church organ was not working, and would not be repaired in time for the Christmas Eve service, so Joseph Mohr, the assistant priest of the Church of Saint Nicholas (I'm not making this up -- it really happened!) wanted a new simple hymn that they could sing in the absence of their organ. Mohr wrote the words, and Franz Gruber, the village schoolmaster and church organist, wrote the music, and they sang the new hymn to the accompaniment of Gruber's guitar.

It was the organ repairman who found a copy of the Christmas carol, and was so impressed with it that he decided to spread it all over that region. "Today it is sung in all major languages of the world, and is a favorite wherever songs of the Christmas message are enjoyed." So if it had not been for a broken organ, there would be no "Silent Night."

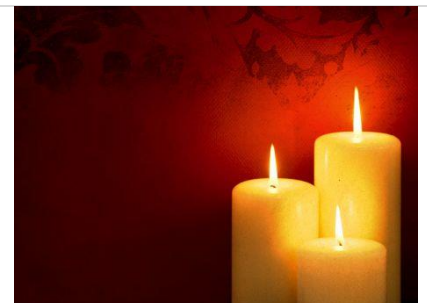
Thanks to Kenneth W. Osbeck, *Amazing Grace: 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1990), 383.



Saturday, December 1
6:00 PM



Sunday, December 16
9:30 AM



Christmas Eve Candlelight
6:30 PM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 AM – Decorate The Church For Christmas 6:00 PM – Church Christmas Party
2 Holy Communion & Sunday School 4:00-5:15 PM Youth Group at the Church (Ages 5-18)	3	4 1:00 PM - CIA	5 6:30 to 7:30 PM Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 Worship Service & Sunday School During Jr. Church Children will be Practicing for the Dec. 16 th Christmas Presentation	10 7:00 PM – Bible Study at Baumgardners	11 1:00 PM - CIA	12 10:00 AM–Women's Bible Study 6:30 to 7:30 PM Choir Practice	13 6:00 PM - LIFT	14	15 7:00 AM–Men's Ministry
16 Children's Christmas Program	17 1:00 PM-YAH Christmas Party	18 1:00 PM – CIA 7:00 PM-Board Meeting	19 10:00 AM – Prayer Meeting	20	21	22
23 Worship Service & Sunday School	24 6:30 PM-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27	28	29
30 Worship Service & Sunday School (No Last Sunday Luncheon)	31					

Birthdays in December:

4 Carla Repman
 10 Alexandra Perry
 11 Caitlyn Snyder
 15 Linda Stough
 18 Paula Milliken

Anniversaries in December:

17 Lonney & Carla Repman
 18 Pastor Paul & Karen Dunbar
 21 Richard & Vicki Todd
 24 Gene & Nancy Fisler

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” (Matthew 6:33)