



Virtual Christmas Program Questions Meeting:

**Wednesday, November 18** from 5:45pm-6:00pm on Zoom

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/94444353487?pwd=YmNpa05XMXE2eDkvZGpyS0NPZmpLQT09>

**Sunday, November 22** at the end of C+W Sunday School (10:55am) on Zoom

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/99393027078?pwd=VS85NmZPT2JLSTZEekJ1dWI5c0pvUT09>

If you have questions about the virtual Christmas program, please join us at one of these meetings. If you can't make it to a meeting but have questions, please email Erin ([ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com)) or call the office at 701-232-8521.

Dear Cross+Walk Sunday School families,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! We're super excited to do a VIRTUAL Christmas Program this year!

This is where you come in. We want YOUR HELP to create a virtual children's Christmas program. The finished product will be one video made up of a bunch of videos sent in by you! We'll layer singing together to create a virtual choir, and tell the Christmas story from different homes.

Here's how you can participate. You can do any or all of the things on this list. If you send in at least one video, you WILL be part of the finished video. And the more you send in, the more flexibility we have to get the best videos in the best places. Instructions for sending in videos are on the back of this letter. Please know that we may have to edit the videos you send in for timing.

**By sending in video of your child(ren)/family, you agree to let us post those videos publicly online.**

Please send in your videos by **Sunday, December 6, 2020**. Instructions are on the back of this letter.

Then, invite your friends and family to tune into worship on Facebook Live ([facebook.com/stjohnfargo/live](https://facebook.com/stjohnfargo/live)) at **9:30am on Sunday, December 20**, when we'll premiere the video. You can always go back to our Facebook page to watch it again.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy at [jeremy@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:jeremy@stjohnfargo.com), Dawn at [ldpafenfuss@gmail.com](mailto:ldpafenfuss@gmail.com), or Erin at [ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:ebjerke@stjohnfargo.com), or call the church office at 701-232-8521.

**Options for You to Participate:**

1. Virtual choir:

We want as many voices as we can singing with us. Record your child or your family singing to a video of Dawn on piano. Contact Dawn ([ldpafenfuss@gmail.com](mailto:ldpafenfuss@gmail.com); 701-388-4200) if you are interested. She will send you the accompaniment video and the words to the songs.

## Songs:

- Away in a Manger
- Go Tell it on the Mountain
- Angels we have Heard on High (vs. 1) & Hark the Herald Angels (vs.1)
- We Three Kings
- Joy to the World

All videos sent in will be a part of the choir

## 2. Prelude Music:

Record your child playing a Christmas song on an instrument (piano, violin, etc.) All videos sent in will contribute to the prelude.

## 3. Christmas Story:

As a family, read and act out a part of the Christmas story or recreate it (using dolls, Legos, drawings, etc.). Get Creative! Dress up in costumes if you would like. Choose one or more readings:

- Luke 2: 1-7 Mary, Joseph, donkey
- Luke 2: 8-12 Shepherds
- Luke 2:13,14 Angels
- Luke 2: 15-16. Luke 2:25-35 Simeon's Blessing

We want to honor the time and effort that goes into these videos! If you send it in, it will appear in the Christmas program. Please know that we may have to cut down the length of videos for timing.

## 4. C H R I S T M A S letters

Contact Dawn ([ldpapenfuss@gmail.com](mailto:ldpapenfuss@gmail.com); 701-388-4200) and she will deliver a giant Christmas letter to your home for your child to hold do a short reading "C is for Christmas, or Christ.....etc."

### C H R I S T M A S (9 KIDS)

You can also get creative and make your own giant letter!

Dawn will be sending readings to those who want to do this.

## 5. Advent Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candles (all 4 candles)

We are looking for one family to do the advent readings and light Advent Candles, if this is something you'd like to do, contact Dawn ([ldpapenfuss@gmail.com](mailto:ldpapenfuss@gmail.com); 701-388-4200) and she'll walk you through this. This would be a great way to get your whole family involved.

For specific instructions on how get started recording watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK5cWcxXSv8Dse38y00pCVNCCoKZ7mBlf>

## Tips for recording and sending videos

### Recording

Record in "landscape" mode – if you're recording with a phone, hold it sideways.

Consider distance – Don't have the camera so far away that we lose all the detail, but don't be so close that the top of your head is out of frame

Consider background noises – we often “tune out” noises we hear all the time at home, but the camera is not very forgiving of the dog barking or the TV on

Consider lighting – turn lights on, try not to have something bright (like a window) behind your subject

#### Sending videos

Send all videos to [jeremy@stjohnfargo.com](mailto:jeremy@stjohnfargo.com) – please put “Christmas Program 2020” somewhere in the subject or content of the email

Sometimes a video will be too big to send through an email. If that’s the case, use a file sharing website like [wetransfer.com](http://wetransfer.com) – We Transfer allows you to send files up to 2GB for free.