

# Weekly Study Guide

The Week of December 23, 2012

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**CHRISTMAS**

- at first lutheran church -

Monday, December 24  
3 p.m. Contemporary Family Worship  
4 p.m. Traditional Family Worship  
9 & 11 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship

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10 a.m. Traditional Christmas Day Worship



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