

## **You Light My Darkness**

“It is You who light my lamp;  
The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.”  
Psalm 18:28/2 Samuel 22:29

“You are the light of the world.  
A city on a hill cannot be hid.”  
Matthew 5:14

Light and dark are themes most of us are familiar with. Our world has gone through many dark and troubling times. It will again in the future.

Darkness is a reality on this side of heaven. But so is light!

It is by no mistake that Christmas and Hanukkah happen during the darkest time of year, just days from the Winter Solstice. The dating for Christmas follows the Gregorian calendar for most westerners. The Jewish celebration of Hanukkah follows a lunar calendar cycle. Both celebrate light amidst the darkness. After the celebration of “light amidst the darkness” the days begin to grow longer again!

God is the One who “lights our lamps” enabling us to be lights in the world. The giving of gifts and the celebration of the greatest gift of all—life and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus—is indeed a reason to celebrate even when it is dark and cold!

Remember as you celebrate this month that the Light of the world uses us to light the darkness! God’s love shines in and through us.

Living in the light!

Pastor Bruce Kolasch

### **ADVENT SOUP LUNCHEONS**

We will be offering Soup Luncheons starting Sunday, December 3 and going through Sunday, December 23. Our worship starts at 10 a.m. The soup luncheons will following shortly after 11 a.m.

Our Advent theme is noted below—The Christmas Dilemma. Come, join us!



*The*  
*Christmas Dilemma*

Dec 2 - Mary's Dilemma

Dec 9 - Joseph's Dilemma

Dec 16 - The Inn Keeper's  
Dilemma

Dec 23 - The Shepherds'  
Dilemma

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve  
Candlelight and Carol Service at  
5:30 p.m.