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### **CHRISTMAS WEEK DETAILS**

Christmas Eve Services—Thursday, December 24

**Saratoga Campus:** 2 + 3:30 + 5 + 7\* + 11 PM South Hills Campus: 3:30 + 5 PM

\*Grief Shared Service Children's programs at 2, 3:30, and 5 PM for ages 6 weeks to Pre-K. \*Childcare for nursery-5th grade for Grief Shared Service at 7 PM.

*The Weekend After Christmas* Saratoga—**NO** Saturday service; Sunday—9:30 + 11:15 AM South Hills—11:15 AM **ONLY** 

### **BRING A NEIGHBOR TO GLOW**

Christmas Eve is a time when many people welcome an invitation to church. Use the *Invite Card* in this bulletin to invite friends, family, and neighbors. Give the Christmas *GLOW CD* to a friend along with an invite card, and **BRING** them with you! All donations from the GLOW CD go to WestGate Water to fund new wells!

### WE'RE EXPECTING A CROWD CHRISTMAS EVE!

Here's what you can do!

**Park in a different place**—at Lucky. Please help us love our neighbors by NOT parking where business are open.

**Volunteer** to bake cookies & deliver Dec 23, or serve at a service. Create hasslefree parking for guests, offer a hot cup of coffee, welcome guests with a smile, hold a baby or be a helper with pre-schoolers. Sign up outside or online at westgatechurch.org/Christmas.

### **ADVENT CONSPIRACY OFFERING**

### Dec 19/20 @ both campuses

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### **END OF YEAR GIVING**

In order to be counted toward the 2015 year, your gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31. Giving statements will be distributed by mail by January 31, 2016. In order to receive yours, your mailing address must be correct in our database. Concerned it's not? Contact *laura.holmbeck@westgatechurch.org*.

> Saratoga Campus—408.252.3700 South Hills Campus—408.268.1676 www.WestGateChurch.org Staff@WestGateChurch.org Find us on Facebook! Service Times: Saratoga—Saturdays at 5pm & 6:40pm Saratoga & South Hills—Sundays at 9:30am & 11:15am



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## \*Advent Conspiracy

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Since 2009 we have raised over \$836,000 and supported the creation or repair of over 120 wells in 16 countries, which means that yesterday, today, tomorrow, and all of this year over 60,000 people will have access to clean water for cooking, cleaning, washing, and drinking.

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This Christmas we invite you to:



Worship Fullybecause Christmas begins and ends with Jesus!



Spend Less- and free your resources for things that truly matter.

Give More- of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart!



Love All- the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, the sick, in ways that make a difference.

### WEEKLY SERVICES

<u>Day</u> <u>Event</u> SAT Worsh

- SAT Worship Services, 5 & 6:40 PM, Worship Center JHM (*Jr. High Ministry*), 6:40 PM, Gym
- SUN Worship Services, 9:30 & 11:15 AM, Worship Center & Theater HSM (*High School Ministry*), 5 PM, Gym
- THURS L2 (College & Young Adults), 7 PM, Theater

### **COMING** UP

Find more info under "More" and "News & Events" on our website. Questions? Email *staff@westgatechurch.org.* 

Fair Trade Fair - SUN, Dec 13, 9 AM—1:30 PM @ WG South Hills
Advent Conspiracy Offering - Dec 19/20 @ both campuses
Christmas Eve Services - Dec 24, at 2, 3:30, 5, 7 (Grief Shared), and 11 PM @ WG Saratoga. 3:30 & 5 PM @ WG South Hills.
Discover WestGate - SUN, Jan 24, 1-4 PM @ WG Saratoga
Kidztown Live - WEDS, Feb 3, 5:30-7 PM @ WG Saratoga
Baptisms - SAT/SUN, Feb 20 & 21, both campuses

### **GIVING** UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 12/06/15

**General Offering:** Received: \$172,567 Budgeted: \$120,000

Fiscal YTD: (09/01/15—12/06/15) Received: \$1,550,616 Budgeted: \$1,570,000

**WestGate Water: (09/01/13-12/06/15)** Weekly Recycling Total: \$380.35 Inception to Date: \$60,173.21

43.5% toward well #15: Chamakanga Primary School in Kenya

#### LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:

*I2/06/15 - Current Received: \$289,596 Pledge Cards: 229 Please note: any designated missionary gifts will be applied to the LOUD fund.* 

Advent Conspiracy (includes GLOW CD donations): 12/06/15 - Current Received: \$3,790

Got questions about giving, OR want to set up online giving? Visit: www.westgatechurch.org/give

### Divinely Dysfunctional Bathsheba

### **The Queen Mother**

### **Back to the Beginning**

Michelangelo was right to sculpt David with such immensity: He was a giant of a man, combining in himself the military genius of Alexander the Great, the political savvy of Abraham Lincoln, the musical talent of Beethoven, the literary skill of Shakespeare, the hand-eye coordination of Joe Montana. Dave Roper

- Personal Compromise

- Public Hypocrisy

- No Personal Accountability

### A Night in Infamy (2 Samuel 11 & 12)

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### Lessons from the Wreckage

- Erosion takes time
- What we view matters
- **Restoration is possible** (2 Samuel 12; Psalm 32 & 51)

Pray

Confess

Claim the truths of scripture

Move on with assurance

### - Purity can NOT be taken

It is NOT your fault!!!

Life Groups are on break until late January. Dig a little deeper with this weekend's sermon at *westgatechurch.org/weekend-experience*.

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