



Wednesday, December 14

The color for Advent is blue. Throughout the Advent season, deep, rich blues are used at church in paraments and artwork to suggest stillness, calm, and hope. Dark blue also matches the color of the evening sky during this time of early darkness. Take an Advent photo with your family members. Dim the lights, light some candles, and use deep blue as your theme color.



Tuesday, December 20

Today is the day set aside to honor Katarina von Bora Luther. In her own time, she was known for much more than just being Martin Luther's wife. First as a runaway nun, then as the manager of a farm, brewery, and hospital, she was a central figure of the Protestant Reformation. Who are the bold female faith leaders you admire? Find a creative way to thank them!



Our Advent Wreath

Lutherans were the first to make Advent wreaths, using them to help focus their minds and hearts throughout the Advent season.

Today Christians all over the world celebrate Advent with this decoration. Create a family Advent wreath by using floral wire to attach natural materials like greenery, pinecones, and twigs to a wreath frame. Add four electric candles, lighting one each week of the season.



Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve

People all around the world celebrate New Year's Eve. This day is especially important in the United States because on New Year's Eve 1862, many African Americans gathered in churches to await the hour when President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation would take effect on January 1, 1863. Mark this important step in the journey to end slavery by donating to or volunteering for an organization working to end slavery today.



Wednesday, January 4

Stars show up in the Bible—a lot! When the Christmas season ends and the Epiphany season begins, we read Bible stories and sing hymns about stars and light. Explore the words of “When a star is shining” (ACS 915). Then find instructions online for making 8-pointed “stained-glass” paper stars using tissue-paper squares. Hang the stars in your window and leave them up throughout the upcoming season of Epiphany.