

## Four area congregations to hold Advent services



Pastors Cathy Barker, Ed Watts (center) and John Maas plan Advent services which will be held Nov. 30 through Dec. 21.

Four local church congregations will be sponsoring four Tuesday evening worship and fellowship services during the Advent season November 30 through December 21. The congregations are Hope and Valby Lutheran churches, All Saints Episcopal Church and the Ione United Church of Christ. Each of the four congregations will hold one of the services, which will begin at 7:45 p.m. with 15 minutes of coffee fellowship. Worship time will be held from 8 to 8:45 p.m.

The November 30 services will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, corner of Alfalfa and Cowins streets in Heppner. The Ione United Church of Christ, Main Street, Ione, will sponsor the December 7 ser-

vice. On December 14, a service will be held at All Saints Episcopal church, corner of Church and Gale streets in Heppner. On December 21, Valby Lutheran Church will be the site of a service. The church is located west of Highway 206 on Valby Road.

The original services have been designed by the three pastors: John Maas, Hope and Valby Lutheran churches; Cathy Barker, Ione United Church of Christ; and Ed Watts, All Saints Episcopal Church. The services will each feature vocal selections, scripture, readings and prayer, said Maas. The music will be a mixture of favorite familiar songs and interesting new music, he added.

Each of the services will center on a theme that is central to Christian faith, Maas said. The November 30 service's theme will be love; December 7, peace; December 14, joy; and December 21, hope.

Advent is the four-week pre-Christmas season that looks forward to the coming of Christ, Maas said.

The three ministers say they are excited about the services they have designed and are particularly excited at the thought of the four congregations working and worshipping together.

Everyone in the area is welcome and encouraged to join the services, they said.

## Many new 4-H clubs organizing

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A number of new 4-H clubs are in process of organization at this time. Kids who indicated an interest in 4-H have been sent names of leaders. Leaders, as well, have been given names of those known to be interested. Some young people may have developed an interest in 4-H since John Nordheim and Birdine Tullis visited county schools. They may contact the extension office, 676-9642, at any time to

learn the names of leaders who are starting clubs.

Al Brazell of Lexington, has held the first Mechanical Science 4-H club meeting for boys and girls interested in that topic. The club is the first mechanical science project in Morrow County in many years. Brazell plans many learning experiences with machines and mechanics for his group.

Sharon Harrison, also of Lexington and Peggy Fishburn of Heppner are presently seeking a meeting site where they can start a beginning

Tole Painting Club. Creative Arts are a much requested project area.

Both Jean Brazell and Bertha Sager of Lexington are ready to start food clubs in that area. Brazell will co-lead a clothing club with Carley Drake, too, in the Heppner area.

Bill Broderick of Ione, will again serve as a livestock leader this year, concentrating his leadership on beef.

Irene Plocharsky and Kim Benson of Heppner have had an organizational meeting for beginning sewers. Others are

still welcome to join.

Gail Papineau of Ione, has activities started with her horse club.

Many other clubs are starting their yearly programs.

The extension office will attempt to list those just organizing from time to time.

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## Home economist Nellie Oehler gives tips for holiday turkey preparation

A traditional holiday meal means turkey and all the trimmings for most American families. Today there are a variety of turkey forms to meet the needs and taste of everyone, says Nellie Oehler, home economist for the OSU Extension Service.

The most popular form is probably the traditional whole bird, which can be purchased fresh or frozen. Frozen turkeys are lower in price than fresh birds. Because they are rapidly frozen immediately after slaughter, they retain their high quality during storage. Taste tests have shown little or no flavor difference between fresh and properly defrosted frozen birds, says Oehler.

A twist to the whole turkey is the frozen bird with a seasoned stuffing already in the cavity. The stuffing is prepared under sanitary conditions and is ideal for those

that do not have a favorite recipe or time to prepare dressing. It is important to roast a prestuffed turkey in its frozen state. These turkeys must never be thawed before roasting. Because they are frozen it is important to allow extra time to cook prestuffed birds.

For small families, turkey breast or just dark meat may be preferred. Turkeys are sold in parts and can be found in the frozen meat section of a grocery store. Another convenience turkey product sold today is the boned and rolled turkey. These birds consist of light and dark meat rolled and tied. The advantages of the boned turkey are the shorter roasting times and less waste.

Because of the labor involved in separating the meat from the bone and processing, the final cost is more per pound than whole birds, but you need to remember that there is

little waste from these birds.

Since most holiday birds or turkey products purchased for Thanksgiving will be frozen, it is important that proper methods be used to thaw the bird in order to have a safe product. Thaw the turkey in the refrigerator if possible. Leave the bird in its original wrap and place on a drip pan. It will take 2-3 days to thaw a 12-20 pound bird. For a quick defrost method, the bird can be thawed in cold water. Leave the bird in its original wrap and place in cold water in a sink or large dish pan. Cold water defrosting will take from 6-10 hours for a 12-20 pound bird. Turkeys can also safely be thawed in the microwave. Follow microwave oven instructions for methods. After preparing the turkey for roasting, wash the work surface with soap and water and then rinse with a bleach solution.

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