

**PUBLICITY CHECKLIST**

***Christmas 2025 – Year A***

**PLEASE NOTE:** Most publicity materials are available in both English and Spanish.

**SERIES THEME: *CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN***

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**Marketing materials available through Echt Printing**

Echt Printing is again offering outreach materials based on this year’s theme like postcards, door hangers, business cards, and road banners. See what is available [here](https://www.echtprinting.com/wels-c25). The deadline to order materials is October 25.

A logo for a church

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As an additional option for churches who wish to use it, the designs that have the “Christmas” title are intended to be paired with the name of the church. For example, “Christmas at St. Paul’s” The example on the left shows how Banner 6x10 B would look with the church name added using the series font. (Londrina Solid Black) The empty space below is intended for Christmas worship details and/or website. On the right is an example of the 4:3 slide with the church name added.

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| **Date & Theme** | **Channel** | **Action** | **Wording** |
| **Prior to October 25** | * Postcards * Door hangers * Business cards * Road banners | * Order outreach materials from [Echt Printing](https://www.echtprinting.com/wels-c25) by October 25 |  |
| **December**  *Introduce theme for several weeks prior to Christmas* | Worship folder/newsletter blurb | * Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter * Include “Christ the Savior Is Born” logo graphic | “Silent Night” was first written in German by Austrian Pastor Joseph Mohr, with music composed by Franz Gruber. The carol was first performed on Christmas Eve in 1818 at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria. Legend says the church organ was broken, prompting Gruber to compose a simple guitar accompaniment. Subsequently accompanied by many instruments and translated into many languages, the text paints the picture of the Incarnation. The last phrase is repeated, so in the second stanza we hear it twice: “Christ the Savior is born!” Every word of that phrase is significant, and every line of the Christmas carol describes a Bible truth. We use the beloved hymn to ponder the profound message of the Twelve Days of Christmas.  Join us for the Christmas season as we celebrate a new series: Christ the Savior Is Born! |
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| **Wednesday, December 24**  *Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas Eve* | Worship folder template | * Use “Christ the Savior Is Born” worship folder cover PDF |  |
| ***Theme of the Day:***  Heavenly Hosts Sing Alleluia | Worship folder/newsletter blurb | * Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter * Include “Christ the Savior Is Born” logo graphic | Families cherish their Christmas traditions. Year after year, they decorate the tree with the same ornaments, play the same music, bake the same Christmas cookies. Without asking, family members know when they will open presents. If you try to change your family’s Christmas traditions, you might be in trouble! When it comes to family Christmases, people generally don’t like things to change.  Because our celebration of Christmas has so many unchanging traditions, we might miss the fact that the birth of Christ the Savior meant radical change for the world. Would the change be an improvement or another step in decline? The angels answer the question. They don’t sing “Watch out for impending doom!” They sing “glory” and “peace,” praising God with alleluias! |
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| ***Theme of the Day:***  Holy Infant So Tender and Mild | Worship folder/newsletter blurb | * Place blurb in print and electronic versions of worship folder and newsletter * Include “Christ the Savior Is Born” logo graphic | Jesus has been God from eternity, holy and majestic. When we look tenderly at the holy infant, we are looking at the same God who once told the prophet Moses, “No one may see me and live.” Yet, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds all saw their holy God and survived. How? God became human, hiding his glory within flesh, so that he could come to us without instilling fear or dread.  A famous theologian once said, “We are to think of the Lord’s birth, where the Word became flesh, not as a past event which we recall, but as a present reality on which we gaze.” It’s not that Christ the Savior *was* born. It’s that Christ the Savior *is* born. |
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| **Tuesday, January 6**  *Epiphany of Our Lord* | Worship folder  template | * Use “Christ the Savior Is Born” worship folder cover PDF |  |
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