



SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

DECEMBER 4, 2022

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF ADVENT

Lutheran Pastor and Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, “A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes, and is completely dependent on the fact that the door to freedom can only be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.”

During this season of the church year, we encourage you to not *skip ahead* to Christmas. Embrace the waiting. Meditate on the prophets’ words that point to the coming Christ. Leave room in your calendar to be with family and friends in these dark and quiet nights. Embrace Advent as you wait with hope and listen to the sounds of the season – knowing that Emmanuel, God with us, is coming soon.

LAST DAY FOR DIRECTORY PHOTOS!

Today is the last day to take directory photos. We will be taking “walk-ins” this morning. simply show up and fill out a paper form updating your records.

Stuart Gardner will be taking these pictures in Room 1 of the Youth Center
7:00-7:50am, 9:00-10:20am, and 11:30am-12:00pm.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Last week we highlighted Mission India’s Adult Literacy work. With nearly 300 million illiterate adults, India is one of the most illiterate nations on earth. Every \$40 given to Mission India Adult Literacy will provide one student with a year’s worth of education. You can learn more at missionindia.org/adult-literacy-classes.

This morning we highlight the work of Amor Ministries. Amor partners with local communities throughout Mexico, and around the world, to build houses alongside families in need. With our Christmas offering, we not only contribute funds to build a home but also the manpower to help build them. Learn more at amor.org

Thank you for prayerfully considering giving this season. If your heart has already been “stirred up” with generosity, you can give online for our Christmas offering at christlamesa.org/give.

REFUGEE MINISTRY

We invite you to join us next Sunday, December 11, at 12:00 pm, in Room 203 for a 45-minute meeting to learn more about ways in which you can become an active part of our refugee ministry.

Let Us Know You're Worshipping With Us!



Or visit christlamesa.org/connectioncard

AS WE GATHER

If you go through a mall, listen to the radio, or join us in worship, you'll inevitably hear the *Sounds of the Season*: music that draws us into Advent and Christmas. In our current series, we are looking at these hymns, carols, and songs, and what they mean for our life. Today we focus on Isaac Watt's beloved hymn *Joy to the World* and will see how the words of the hymn invite us to express joy each week. May your heart be filled with joy as we worship today and celebrate God's love together!

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

LIGHTING OF THE LOVE CANDLE

Leader: We praise You, O God, for this Advent wreath that numbers the days of preparation for Christ's coming. As we light the first candle on this wreath, fill us with love as we wait in anticipation for Emmanuel.

(The Hope and Love candles are lit)

People: Give us the light of Your grace so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may prepare our hearts to welcome Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Leader: Let us pray...

People: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that at His second coming we may worship Him in purity; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LSB 344, ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate God together.

(A time of silence for confession)

Leader: For the times we've sinned against you in thoughts, words, and actions, Lord have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: For what we have done, and what we have left undone, Christ have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Leader: For not loving you with our whole heart, and not loving our neighbors as ourselves, Lord have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to Himself through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending His Holy Spirit to shed abroad His love among us. Receive His pardon and peace – your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 98 PEW BIBLE PAGE 857

Reader: In Psalm 98, the psalmist calls us to a life of worship that celebrates God's goodness to each of us.

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. ³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; ⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, ⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; ⁹ let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12
PEW BIBLE PAGE 1375

Reader: To honor the words and works of Jesus, please stand. John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus to come into hearts and lives. In his bold preaching, and through the waters of baptism, John calls people to repentance in the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every

tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE HYMN

LSB 387, JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

MESSAGE

JOY TO THE WORLD

OFFERING

CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/GIVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE

LSB 387, JOY TO THE WORLD

No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22; COLOSSIANS 3:1

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, as we celebrate this sacred meal together.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

MATTHEW 26:26-28

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

What we believe about Holy Communion

We believe Communion is Medicine for the sick, not a reward for the perfect. We believe that we are sinful, in need of grace, and want to do better. We believe, as Jesus said, that the bread and wine are truly and physically His body and His blood, which is the ultimate mystery of faith. If this is not your belief, are a child who has not taken the First Communion Class or are unfamiliar with the belief of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed so that we can give you a blessing by making the sign of the cross over you. We also encourage you to talk to one of our pastors after the service if you have questions.

(Please be seated)

HYMNS

LSB 621, LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending from the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

LSB 347, COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

"Comfort, comfort ye My people, speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover and her warfare now is over."

Hark, the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him and the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that His Word is never broken.

PRAYER OF DISMISSAL AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting.

People: Amen.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine
upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with
favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN LSB 917, SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP AT 8:00AM

Preacher & Worship Leader

Children's Message

Acolyte

Reader

Music Leader

Organist

Worship Partner

Communion Assistants

Pastor Richard Burkey

DCE Cheri Selander

Charlie Flannery

Steve Smith

Kathy Barkett

Joan Rollins

Terry Gland

Dave Blackford

Steve Smith

Bob Maass

Mike Maass

Kent Schwartz

Eric Berg

Craig Barkett

Dana Blackford

Erik Selander

Eric Westphall

Mike Cott

Alissa Cott

Abigail Cott

Emily Cott

Livestream Technician

Sound Technician

Media Technician

Welcome Team



HELP MAKE SUNDAY SPECIAL!
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MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE BUILDING WORD

Introduction: The Hated Hymn Writer and a Favorite Hymn

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy.

(Psalm 98:7-8)

VERSE 1

VERSE

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98:1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Psalm 98:6b Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

MAIN POINT

When you worship, you prepare Him room.

VERSE 2

VERSE

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98:2 The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

MAIN POINT

When you worship, you repeat the sounding joy.

VERSE 3

VERSE

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98:9 Let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

MAIN POINT

When you worship, you reverse the curse of Adam's disobedience.

VERSE 4

VERSE

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98:3 He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

MAIN POINT

When you worship, you prove His righteousness.

Conclusion: When you worship ...

THINGS I'D LIKE TO REMEMBER

G.P.S. – GROW, PRAY, STUDY GUIDE

Get the weekly GPS on your computer/phone/etc. by going to the site: www.clcm-gps.com. You can also get automatic notifications by sending a text to 81010 with the text @clcm-gps, or by subscribing through Feedly.com (or any other RSS reader).

Day 1: Read *Psalms* 98:7-8. If you were to picture nature praising God as the psalmist describes, what would your picture look like? Why?

Day 2: Read *Psalms* 98:1. How does music enhance your life of worship? Is there a new (or old) song/hymn that speaks powerfully into your life for praising God? Why has it become so special to you?

Day 3: Read *Psalms* 98:6b. As you go through your day today, how can you live your life with the LORD as King? Why is it important to remember that no matter what happens (or who is elected), the LORD is still King?

Day 4: Read *Psalms 98:2*. How did you come to know God as Savior? How might God be using you to lead someone else to know Him? Pray for someone to come to know Jesus who doesn't know Him as Savior yet.

Day 5: Read *Psalms 98:9*. Take some time to confess your sins to God. Take time to name them. The Good news is that the God who comes to judge also comes to reconcile. Ask God for forgiveness. Thank Him for the forgiveness that He gives through Jesus.

Day 6: Read *Psalms 98:3*. Give thanks for God's gift of salvation in your life. Pick a nation (people group of the world) to pray to come to know Jesus as their Savior.

GOING DEEPER AND NEXT WEEK

- **Book:** *The Air I Breathe: Worship as a Way of Life* by Louie Giglio
- **Next Sunday:** "Sounds of the Season: Silent Night"

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

TODAY | DECEMBER 4

- 8:00 am—Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am—Sunday School
 - 3yrs -Grade 6—CLS Back Entrance
 - Confirmation—Room 202
 - Senior High—Youth Center Room 3
- 9:15 am—Christian Education Hour
 - Focus—Room 101
 - Bereans—Room 203
 - Village—Lucas Hall
 - Grace—CLS Teachers' Lounge
- 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
- 4:00 pm—Divorce Care & DC4K—Rooms 201 & 202
- 5:00 pm—Senior High Sunday Night—Youth Center

MONDAY | DECEMBER 5

- No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 6

- 7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous—Youth Building Room 1

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 7

- 9:30 am—Women's Bible Study—Lucas Hall
- 6:00 PM—Pre-K - Grade 2 Christmas Program—Gym

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 8

- 9:30 am—Insights—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 - Al Anon Meeting—Fireside Room
- 7:30 pm—Sabbath Sound Bell Rehearsal—Room 200B

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 9

- 6:30 pm—Singles Over 50 Game Night—Lucas Hall
- 7:00 pm—God Squad—Youth Center

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 10

- 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study in Lucas Hall

In Our Prayers

REJOICING

Lord, we rejoice and give thanks for the preparation and presentation of our preschool through 2nd Grade Advent Service on December 7th in the gym.

Lord, we rejoice as we light the second candle on our Advent wreath and continue our journey to the manger in Bethlehem. May we be guided by a sense of peace.

ASKING

Lord, we pray for students and groups preparing for our special Advent and Christmas services. May their service reflect the joy of the season in their hearts.

Lord, we pray for Amor Ministries and our partnership with them in building homes for people in Mexico. Give us generous hearts for our Christmas offering. We pray for the family in Mexico who receives the gift of a new home.

CALLING

Lord, bless those who are unemployed or underemployed. Provide work for each person so they can utilize their gifts and strengthen our community.

Lord, bless those who work as social workers, psychologists, and sociologists as they seek to understand, and help us understand, our world. May they lead us to a greater understanding of Your creation.

SERVING

Lord, bless our ministry to refugees in San Diego. May the work we do glorify Your name as we seek to welcome all people.

Lord, bless the studies and future ministries of Misha Tripp (Teacher), Kylee Sullivan (Director of Christian Education), and Alex Allsing (Pastor). May they find joy in their studies and a passion to serve You and Your people in ministry.



Richard Burkey
Senior Pastor



Travis Ferguson
Pastor of Family
Connections



Dave Peterson
Visitation Pastor



Cheri Selander
Coordinator of
Youth Ministries



Brandon Heath
Minister of Youth



Kathy Barkett
Director of
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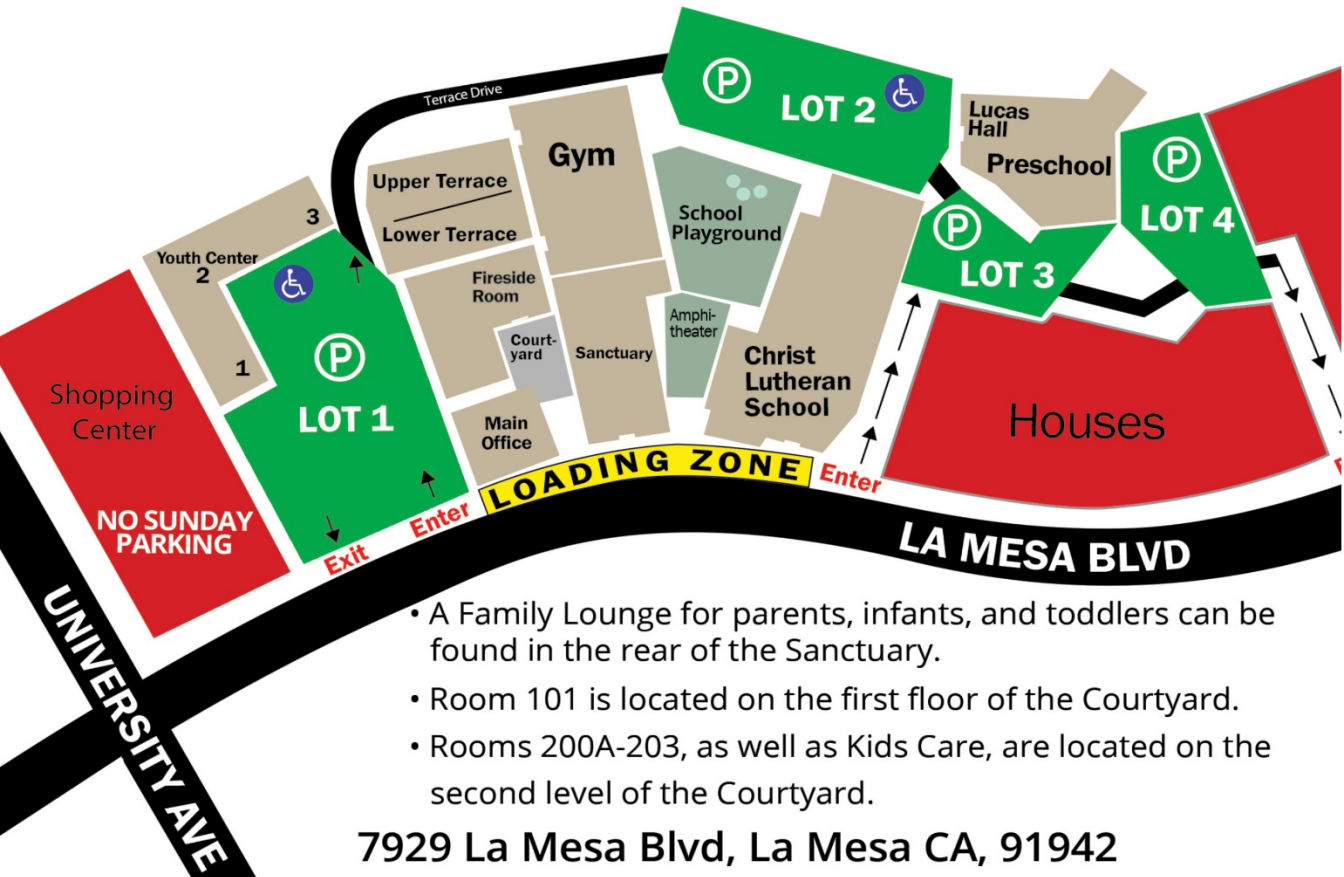
Kathy Johnson
Worship and Music Assistant



Kim Voss
Administrative Assistant



Stuart Gardner
Director of Community
and Communications



- A Family Lounge for parents, infants, and toddlers can be found in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Room 101 is located on the first floor of the Courtyard.
- Rooms 200A-203, as well as Kids Care, are located on the second level of the Courtyard.

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