



History Adventures . . . for curious Christians!

November and December 2023 – all welcome!

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Russia Unit

Visit an Orthodox Cathedral, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, carpools leave St. Stephen's parking lot (drivers needed) to head to [St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral](http://stmarysoca.org) (stmarysoca.org) in northeast Minneapolis for tour and discussion with Father Andrew Morbey. Then we'll head to [Kramarczuk's Sausage Factory](https://www.kramarczuks.com) (https://www.kramarczuks.com). Remember, carpools leave at 9:30 a.m. **sharp**.

Read and/or view ahead of the outing if you are able:

[Christ and Culture in Russia](http://christianhistoryinstitute.org/magazine/issue/christ-and-culture-in-russia-ch-146) (christianhistoryinstitute.org/magazine/issue/christ-and-culture-in-russia-ch-146)

[Why has Ukraine's Orthodox Church Split From Russia?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNhY_rCsLIA) (www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNhY_rCsLIA)

[Russian Orthodox Church Eliminating Ukrainian Church Structures in Occupied Territories](https://news.yahoo.com/russian-orthodox-church-eliminating-ukrainian-090200963.html) (news.yahoo.com/russian-orthodox-church-eliminating-ukrainian-090200963.html)

Watch Russian TV movie 'The Idiot' based on Dostoyevsky's novel.

6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, Noreen Center at St. Stephen's. Bring a snack or beverage to share. If able, prepare for the movie by watching these ahead of our movie night:

[Dostoyevsky](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMmSdxZpseY) (www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMmSdxZpseY)

[Explanation of the novel The Idiot](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbOTgV-CEmk) (www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbOTgV-CEmk)

New Unit! Advent and Christmas

Visitation/St. Thomas Academy Christmas Concert, leave St. Stephen's parking lot at **3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3,** to carpool to joint concert of the **Visitation and St. Thomas Academy's middle and high school choirs and orchestras** in Visitation's large gymnasium in Mendota Heights. Free. Concert runs from 4 to approximately 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 16, Christmas potluck celebration, Noreen Center Triple Academy Award winner movie **Lion in Winter** (palace intrigue on Christmas Eve 1183 in King Richard II's court), stars Katherine Hepburn and Peter O'Toole). **Please bring a potluck contribution to share (sign up closer to event) and a wrapped white elephant gift per person for a game we will play. Remember white elephant gifts are not about spending money – they are fun or weird things you want gone!**

Curious about the Lion and Winter movie?

[View movie trailer.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKoYHKpCSc4) (www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKoYHKpCSc4)

[Learn more about movie.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_twiou6jB) (www.youtube.com/watch?v=_twiou6jB)

If able, review ahead: *Christian History Magazine* archive issue on [Christmas](https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/magazine/issue/the-wonder-of-the-season)

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Watch ahead: [Origins of Christmas.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wmp0HPCOxk) (www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wmp0HPCOxk)

6 p.m. Thursday, December 28, carpool leaves St. Stephen's Charlton parking lot to get good seats **Church of the Assumption** (assumptionsp.org) **downtown St. Paul Christmas Concert** that starts at 7. Assumption is St. Paul's oldest continuing church.