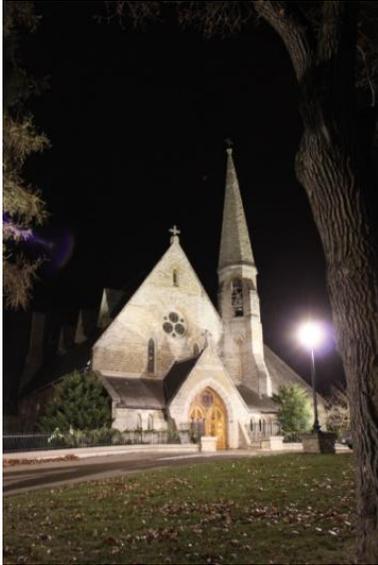




# IRIS INFANTS REMEMBERED IN SILENCE

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You, your family and friends are invited to

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance

Sunday - December 6, 2015

2 pm

Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Located on Shattuck Campus - 1000 Shumway Ave. NE - Faribault, MN

The IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance has been held annually since 1994 and is known as a beautiful unique service that can help with the emotions, fears, anxiety, loneliness, & frustrations, of the holiday season. Many parents feel that by attending this service they are given permission to endure the rest of the holiday season / year knowing that they have honored the memory of their child.

Those attending the IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance are encouraged to participate by decorating the chapel windows, reading poems, providing music, and/or bringing treats for the reception that follows the service.



### Having A Child Remembered at the Holiday Service

If you would like to have a child remembered and listed in the program please complete the enclosed form and return to the IRIS office by November 30, 2015 at 5 pm.

Please Note:

- ♥ Names are NOT held over from year to year. You must resubmit the child's name every year.
- ♥ Names that are received after **November 30, 2015** will be listed on an insert to the program.
- ♥ It's never too late to remember a child! Names of children to be remembered will be accepted at the service as well. You can provide the full name, the nickname, or simply, baby.



## Decorating the Chapel Window

Decorating the Chapel Windows has become a very special tradition of the IRIS Holiday Service. You are encouraged to bring any keepsake items that you would like to display in the windows. Keep in mind that you will be sharing the window area with other parents. You are requested to place your child's keepsakes in a window and clear the area when the reception is over. Suggested items for window displays include but are not limited to: scrapbooks, blankets, pictures, poems, painting, holiday items, etc. There will be volunteers on hand to answer questions and help you however they can. No flames or water are allowed in the displays, and there is very limited electrical outlets. Due to the magnitude of this project, IRIS will not be able to return items mailed to us. Everyone is welcome to visit the displays during the reception that follows the service. The Chapel will be open at 1 pm for window setup.



## Participation Is Needed

One of the things that makes the Holiday Service so very special is the participation of parents, family and friends. We would love to have your help with the reading of poems, singing, playing an instrument, reading a scripture, decorating the chapel windows, and/or providing treats for the reception that follows the service. You will find signup information on the registration form. Please help make this a very special service by sharing

your time and talents. If you have questions please contact the IRIS office (507) 334-4748 or email us at: [support@irisRemembers.com](mailto:support@irisRemembers.com)



## Sharing Information

Please share the information on the IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance with others including bereaved parents & grandparents regardless of where they live or when their child died. Remember, you are welcome to invite your family and friends to the service. Everyone is welcome.

We would like to ask your assistance in advertising the service, please feel free to contact your local churches, newspapers, TV and radio stations and ask them to run public service announcements (PSA) about the service. If you would like to hang posters or need additional information for the Holiday Service please contact the office. We encourage you to visit IRIS Holiday Service Event page on Facebook and share the information about the Service on your page and on twitter.



## Siblings at the Memorial Service

This is a difficult topic to approach, and it brings up many emotions for everyone involved. Because of concerns voiced in previous years, parents with children under 6 years of age are lovingly requested to sit in the back of the chapel close to the exit.

Children who can sit quietly for two (2) hours are welcome to attend the service. Out of consideration and compassion for other grieving parents, you are asked to take children out of the Chapel if they are crying, talking, making noise of any kind, or disrupting others in any manner. If you are "questioning" whether your child should come or not, or you have questions or concerns please contact Diana – Founder and IRIS Executive Director at the IRIS office (507) 334-4748 or by e-mail [support@irisRemembers.com](mailto:support@irisRemembers.com)



# 2015 Holiday Service of Remembrance Registration Form

To have a child's name listed in the program, please have this information to the IRIS office by November 30, 2015. Mail, email, or drop off at the IRIS office (218 Third Ave. NW, Faribault MN 55021)

Names received after November 30<sup>th</sup> will be listed on a program insert Names will be accepted through the start of the Service on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Names are **NOT** held over from year to year. You must submit names every year.*

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not the child's parent, you name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

- I / We will be attending this year's service. Family & friends are welcome.
- I/We will bringing my pictures, keepsakes and/or holiday items to decorate the chapel windows
- I / We would like to take part in the Holiday Service of Remembrance by:
  - Reading a poem, letter of scripture – please send in a copy with this form.
  - Singing or pay an instrument – Title/Author/Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Bringing cookies/bars/or other treat for the reception following the service
  - Donate a Christmas Ornament in memory of my child for the IRIS Christmas Tree  
(Bring an ornament with your child's name and date(s) on it and place on the tree at the service. Ornaments will used yearly at the Holiday Service & at the IRIS House)
  - Set up on Saturday afternoon at 2 pm
  - Clean up on Sunday afternoon following the service
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - I / We would like to have the following child / children remembered during the service.

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Child's full name Phonetic pronunciation

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Child's full name Phonetic pronunciation

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## Donating A Christmas Ornament in Memory of a Child



In 2013 we celebrated our first Christmas in the IRIS House. Several parents asked us to put up a tree so that they could donate an ornament in memory of their child. We thought it was a wonderful idea and have decided to make it part of the Holiday Service of Remembrance.

If you would like to take part in this remembrance, we ask that you bring an ornament marked with your child's name/nick name and date(s), etc. and hang it on the Christmas Tree at the Holiday Service on December 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a basket by the tree for you to place the ornaments packaging. It would be very helpful if you also marked the child's name on that packaging. Ornaments will be used yearly at the Holiday Service & at the IRIS House.

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