

Holiday Celebrations

In addition to our worship and rejoicing as a congregation, holiday celebrations often mean get-togethers with family and friends, travel and parties. These festive occasions turn tragic for too many families, when alcohol and motor vehicles get together.

Drunk driving

Drunk or drug-impaired driving is a common, but preventable, cause of traffic crashes in Wisconsin.

Alcohol is involved in more than 1/3 of all fatal traffic crashes in the state, making alcohol-related traffic deaths the single largest component of all Wisconsin traffic fatalities.

Prevention

In spite of progress in reducing alcohol-impaired crashes, the drunk driving problem will not be solved until people change their attitudes toward drinking and driving.

- **Avoid driving if you've been drinking.** Even a small amount of alcohol in your system can impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely.
- **Don't let your friends drive if they've had too much to drink.** Someone who gets behind the wheel after he's been drinking is in danger of harming himself or others.
- **Plan ahead.** If you plan to be drinking, your evening out will be safer and more enjoyable if you have decided ahead of time how you will get home safely and who will drive. It's best to designate a driver who won't be drinking.

The holidays can be dangerous! Celebrate responsibly, and be aware of those drivers around you who may have been drinking.