

## 23 December 2012 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Micah 5:2–5a; Hebrews 10:5–10; Luke 1:39–45.

**Theme: *Born to leap*** – Luke 1:44, “As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb **leaped for joy.**”

**INTRO:** Born to Bike... Born to Win... Born to Run... Born to Shop...  
Born to be Wild... Born to Leap!



Have you noticed how children once they start moving/walking, find it difficult to stand still? Something built into God’s design. Children are natural movers, shakers, dancers, leapers. They have to be taught to “sit still.” We need to relearn how to move, leap and dance.



### I. Leap for **JOY** at the **HEARING** God’s word.

**Luke 1:44**, “As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb **leaped for joy.**”

**John 20:16**, “Jesus said to her, “**Mary.**” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).”

**Romans 10:17**, “Faith comes from **hearing the message**, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”

The Joy of **BEING** a child of God.

**1 John 3:1**, “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! **And that is what we are!**”



### II. Leap for the **POWER** of the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 1:41**, “...and Elizabeth was **filled with the Holy Spirit.**”



**John 3:8**, “The wind blows wherever it pleases. **You hear its sound**, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

**Acts 2:4**, “All of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and **began to speak** in other tongues **as the Spirit enabled them.**”



### **David before the Lord**

**2 Samuel 6:14-15**, “David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might....”



### **III. Leap for OTHERS.**

**Luke 1:43**, “But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should **come to me?**”

One can almost picture Mary and Elizabeth dancing around together.



### **Footloose**

“See, this is our time to dance. It is our way of celebrating life. It's the way it was in the beginning. It's the way it's always been. It's the way it should be now.”

**CONCLUSION:** Whether you realise it or not; whether you do it or not; you were born to leap! – in Jesus’ name. Amen. – Pastor Aldi ☺