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### MARK SPURLOCK DECEMBER 16 & 17

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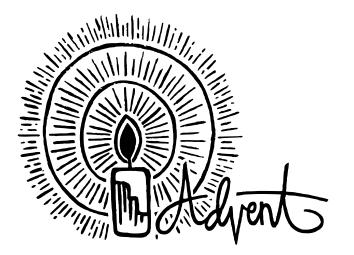
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