



Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Third Weekend in Advent

December 16 & 17, 2018

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

☞ **Restrooms** are located down the hallway and to the right from the back of church.

☞ **We love families!** Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children's bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.

☞ **Friendship Registers.** They are the red colored books located at the end of each row. We invite everyone to fill them out during the offering.

WORSHIP NOTES

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: Our Lord Jesus is coming, bearing real gifts, profoundly important gifts. He came that first Christmas to win forgiveness and give all the gifts that come with it: hope, peace, joy, love. He is coming again at the end of this world to give the gift of resurrection to eternal life. In the season of Advent, we connect Christ's first coming with his second coming. We rejoice in all the unconditional gifts he gives. Each Sunday during the gathering rite Advent candles are lighted.

THEME OF THE DAY: The ancient church had Latin titles for all their Sundays. They called the third Sunday in Advent "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin word gaudete means rejoice. On some Advent wreaths, the third candle is a pinkish rose color, symbolizing joy.

An encouragement to rejoice might sound odd in light of this Advent season's themes, especially Christ's second coming to this world. We have seen that when Jesus comes again he is going to judge all mankind and destroy the universe. Even the gospel reading for today warns about "the coming wrath" which will include "unquenchable fire." If that is what Christ will bring at his second coming, how can we possibly live joyfully?

Answer: because of Christ's first coming. When Jesus came that first Christmas, it wasn't to bring judgment, but to bear judgment. Jesus was born, not to punish sin, but to be punished for sin. All those with faith in Christ know that when he comes for the second time, it will be to deliver us, not destroy us. He will not increase our pain but take every pain away. Then, and not a moment before, our lives will finally be perfect! And so, we live joyfully and thankfully, looking forward to Christ's return.

Order of Service for THE SEASON OF ADVENT



STAND

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

M: When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation—the human race—in his image. Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.

C: **But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death. We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.**

M: However, God—who is Love—did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death.

Genesis 1:26; Romans 6:23

C:

O, come, O, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
Un-til the Son of God ap-pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

M: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven. In view of God’s mercy, today we light the joy candle. Though we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him.

C: **And we are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the end result of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

Galatians 4:4,5; 1 Peter 1:8,9

C:

O, come, our Joy, whose love for-gives— Whose death as-sures that we will live! Move us to heed the call, "Re - pent!" And trust, for your sake, God re - lents. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

M: In the joy of God we go to the world—to our friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

C: **God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God.**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

C:

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

✠ The Word ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-17

The LORD has taken away the punishment for our sins. Therefore, the prophet tells us that when we see Christ, our joy will be complete...and also that the LORD will find joy in us.

Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!
¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.
¹⁶ On that day
they will say to Jerusalem,
“Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.
¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 14
Christian Worship Supplement page 40

Refrain



Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,
come. Re - store your peo-ple and bless them.

Psalm Tone



The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Refrain

Will evildoers never learn —
those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Israel rejoice and be glad!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Because our sins have been forgiven, Christ is always near us. We have the peace of knowing we will live forever with him. Therefore, we can live joyfully instead of anxiously, no matter our earthly circumstances.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 12:18,21

Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. In his name the nations will put their hope.

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 AM ONLY) Come and Hear the Joyful Singing
Words by Michael Perry / Arranged by Hal H. Hopson

*Come and hear the joyful singing, Alleluia, gloria,
set the bells of heaven ringing; Alleluia, gloria,
God the Lord has shown us favor – Alleluia, gloria
Christ is born to be our Savior, Alleluia, gloria!*

*Angels of his birth are telling, Alleluia, gloria,
Prince of Peace all powers excelling; Alleluia, gloria,
death and hell cannot defeat him; Alleluia, gloria,
go to Bethlehem and greet him. Alleluia, gloria!*

*Choir and people, shout in wonder, Alleluia, gloria,
let the mighty organ thunder; Alleluia, gloria,
thank our God for love amazing, Alleluia, gloria,
Father, Son and Spirit praising, Alleluia, gloria!*

GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

Repentance is actually a joyful activity. While we are contrite about sin, we rejoice that we have a Savior whose life, death, and resurrection mean that we will escape sin's punishment. We joyfully turn to him in faith. And in gratitude, we joyfully produce fruits of repentance.

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
Christian Worship #7



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the
3 You saints, who here in pa - tience Your cross and
4 A - rise, De - sire of na - tions; O Je - sus,



lights ap - pear; The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing,
Bride - groom near; Go forth, as he ap - proach - es,
suf - f'ring bore, Shall live and reign for - ev - er
now ap - pear, The Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion



And dark - cr night is near. The Bride - groom
With al - le - lu - ias clear. The mar - riage
When sor - row is no more. A - round the
Of ev - 'ry Chris - tian here. With hearts and



is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh. Up,
feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand. A -
throne of glo - ry The Lamb you shall be - hold; In
hands up - lift - ed We plead, O Lord, to see The



pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
tri - umph lay be - fore him Your shin - ing crowns of gold.
day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free.

SERMON

Luke 3:7-18

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all
things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall
come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have
no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in
unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

STAND

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

M: We pray in your name, Lord, and as you taught:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy
will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

✠ The Sacrament ✠

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you
thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ,
our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to
repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise
your holy name and join their glorious song:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy
Christian Worship page 22

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Lamb of God
Christian Worship page 23

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

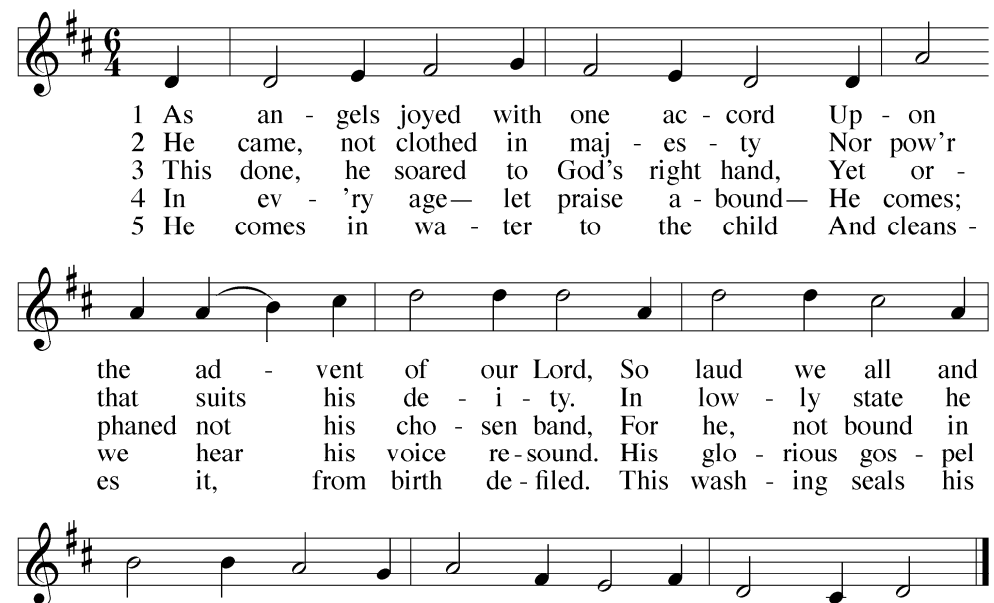
DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

As Angels Joyed with One Accord
Christian Worship #5



1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord Up - on
2 He came, not clothed in maj - es - ty Nor pow'r
3 This done, he soared to God's right hand, Yet or -
4 In ev - 'ry age— let praise a - bound— He comes;
5 He comes in wa - ter to the child And cleans -

the ad - vent of our Lord, So laud we all and
that suits his de - i - ty. In low - ly state he
phaned not his cho - sen band, For he, not bound in
we hear his voice re - sound. His glo - rious gos - pel
es it, from birth de - filed. This wash - ing seals his

bless the name Of him who from the Fa - ther came.
walked till he In dy - ing set us cap - tives free.
grace and pow'r, At - tends his own each day and hour.
does not cease To bring us com - fort, joy, and peace.
pard - 'ning grace And shows the Fa - ther's kind - ly face.

6 He comes to us in bread and wine
To give himself—and gifts divine.
Oh, praise him for this sacrament,
Redeeming love's great testament!

7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain
Shall vanish when he comes again.
Where we shall see him face to face,
There joy alone shall have a place.

STAND

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup.

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for

one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give † you peace.

C: Amen.

REJOICE
IN THE LORD
ALWAYS

CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng
Christian Worship #540



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice,
2 With voice as full and strong As o -
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march
5 At last the march shall end; The wea -



give thanks, and sing! Your fes - tal ban - ner
cean's surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
the saints on earth Pour out the strains of
in firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the
ried ones shall rest; The pil - grims find their



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
joy and bliss, Sweet mu - sic, no - blest mirth.
dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.
homes at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist
Preacher
Organist
Pre-Service Music

Pastor Brian Adams
Pastor Jacob Hoff
Mrs. Miriam Schaewe
Miss Lauren Roedel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend’s altar flowers are given by Randy & Nancy Willms in honor of the 18th anniversary of Randy’s liver transplant.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone that helped with our Advent dinner this past Wednesday! We had a great turn out and couldn’t have done it without you. We also thank Thrivent for the grant that helped us purchase items for the meal!

ST. PAUL’S ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CAROLING: We are once again planning to do our “Neighborhood Caroling” tonight -- Sunday, December 16. This is a great opportunity to invite our neighbors around the church to our worship services at Christmas. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will meet in the school at 6:00 pm. We will then walk to one of the neighborhoods in the area. Everyone is invited to come to the parsonage and have some of Pastor Adams’ chili. If you are able, you are invited to bring some Christmas cookies to share that night as well at the parsonage.

ADVENT SUNDAY SERIES: If you give someone a gift only if they meet certain qualifications, that is not a gift. There is one who is coming at Christmas, bearing real gifts, profoundly important gifts. Jesus came that first Christmas to win forgiveness and give all the gifts that come with it: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.** He is coming again at the end of this world to give you the gift of resurrection to eternal life. In the season of Advent, we connect Christ’s first coming with his second coming. We rejoice in the unconditional gifts he gives. Let us prepare our hearts, and the hearts of others, to meet him. Please join us during the Sundays of Advent this year as we focus on these themes:

- Advent 1 – December 2-3: “The Gift of Hope”**
- Advent 2 – December 9-10: “The Gift of Peace”**
- Advent 3 – December 16-17: “The Gift of Joy”**
- Advent 4 – December 23: “The Gift of Love.”**

NO CLASSES: There will be no Adult Bible Class, Sunday School or Public School Confirmation classes next Sunday, December 23rd or Sunday, December 30th. We will resume all classes on Sunday, January 6th.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: This Christmas season there will be many opportunities for worship! Please join us!

Advent 4 – Sunday, December 23rd at 8:00 and 10:30 AM

Children’s Christmas Service – Sunday, December 23rd at 4:30 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Monday, December 24th at 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Monday, December 24th at 10:00 PM

Christmas Morning Service – Tuesday, December 25th at 10:00 AM

1st Sunday After Christmas – Sunday, December 30th at 8:00 and 10:30 AM

New Year’s Eve Service – Monday, December 31st at 6:30 PM

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE: Everyone is invited to our Children’s Christmas Worship Service next Sunday, December 23rd at 4:30 PM. Come and enjoy our St. Paul’s students joyously proclaim the birth of our Savior!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: This year we will present our Christmas Eve Candlelight service at both 6:30 PM and 10:30 PM.

MARY & MARTHA CHRISTMAS PARTY: Mary & Martha will be having their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 18th beginning at 6:00 PM. Husbands are also invited. Bring a dish for the potluck dinner and 6 cookies to share. Everyone should bring a white elephant gift and Mary & Martha members should bring Secret Pal gifts.

MARY & MARTHA CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE UPDATE: A huge thank you to everyone who donated cookies to the sale and also to all those who purchased cookies. \$814.00 was raised through the cookie sale and will help fund the ongoing work of Mary & Martha and their support of missions.

SOUTHSIDE MINISTRIES UPDATE: We collected \$885.00 for Southside Ministries through our door collection last weekend. Thank you for your support!

ST. PAUL’S SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT: Our food drive for Feeding America: Eastern Wisconsin has begun and will run through Friday, December 21st! We have set 2 goals for St. Paul’s: raise \$500 in funds and collect 1,000 lbs. of nonperishable food items. So far we have raised \$339.23 and collected 271 pounds of food! We have less than a week left – please help us reach our goal!

SAVE THE DATE: Next year’s Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 8-12, 2019. Registration will take place later in spring.

GREETERS: Thank you to everyone who greeted before worship services this year! Please let Cory in the office know if you no longer wish to greet, otherwise you will be placed on the schedule for the new year. If you have not greeted before, please consider signing up to greet a couple times this year. We need additional greeters for all services. If you are interested in signing up to greet, please place your completed form in the Greeter bin on the narthex counter by the end of December.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: The Refreshment Committee is in need of 1 or 2 people to clean up after the second service. Please consider offering your talents for one Sunday per month for 15-20 minutes. The more volunteers we get, the less often you will be needed. Duties include:

emptying and washing out the coffee makers, cleaning the serving trays and table, putting away the coffee condiments and taking out the garbage. If you are willing to lend a helping hand or you have additional questions, please contact Tony Tripoli 414-232-5817.

MARY AND MARTHA SOCIETY: Thank-you to everyone who donated items for new mothers and newborn babies on behalf of Lutherans for Life – a ministry that unites us in “...*protecting a child's right to live and be loved.*” The items for new mothers have already been distributed at the Lutherans for Life Christmas Party. But we continue to collect items for newborn babies over the next month.

Items Needed for Newborns:

- Bottles (like the old-fashioned kind)
- Baby Bath Soap / Baby Lotion
- Pacifiers
- Socks
- Mittens
- Onesies (up to 12-18 months)
- Sleepers
- Stuffed Animals
- Hand-made (crocheted or knit) blankets

This list of items will be collected now through January 13-14, 2019



A bin is set up in the church narthex to collect these items. (Mary and Martha members will sort through and distribute these items.) We appreciate ANY help you can give in helping us bring the Good News of LIFE – to new mothers and their newborn babies – with the Good News of JESUS. As Jesus says, *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.” Matthew 25:40* THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: On Sunday, September 9th, we began our Sunday morning adult Bible class for this year. The title of the study is: *“I Can’t Believe That’s in the Bible.”* Below is the list of topics that we will discuss.

- 1) Girl Dismembered Body Parts Shipped Throughout the Country (Judges 19)
- 2) Prophet Marries Prostitute (Hosea)
- 3) Church Benefactors Struck Down After Presenting Gift (Acts 4 & 5)
- 4) Assassin Kills Obese King In His Own Bathroom (Judges 2 & 3)
- 5) Long Winded Preacher Kills Sleepy Parishioner (Acts 20)
- 6) Man After God's own Heart Calls For Revenge On Terrorists (Psalm 109)
- 7) Talking Donkey Rescues Prophet (Numbers 22)
- 8) Police Boat Crashes, Arrested Preacher Among Survivors (Acts 27)
- 9) Biological Warfare Unleashed on World Power (Exodus 7-9)
- 10) Prophet Disappears Not All Believe Successor's Story (2 Kings 2)
- 11) A Father's Plan To Get Rid Of His Future Son-in-Law Backfires (1 Samuel 18)
- 12) God Gets In Wrestling Match (And Taps Out) (Genesis 32)
- 13) Religious Ceremony Used To Wipe Out A City (Genesis 34)
- 14) Think You Have A Sordid Family Tree, Think Again (Genesis 38)

Please come and join us at 9:15am on Sunday mornings.

LUTHER PREP CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: Luther Preparatory School will be presenting their Christmas concerts on Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 PM and Thursday, December 20th at 10:00 AM. Both concerts are in the gymnasium.

WLHS SACRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The annual Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will feature A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir, Wisconsin Lutheran Children’s Choir, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

WLHS INSTALLATION SERVICE: A special installation celebration service for new WLHS staff will be held on Sunday, January 13, at 3:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Ev. Lutheran Church (W156 N5436 Bette Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051). Academic Dean Mr. Jim Brandt and Mission Advancement Chief Development Officer Mr. John Sebald will be installed. Everyone is invited to attend.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (December 16 & 17)

- 8:00 AM** – Roger Buntrock
- 10:30 AM** – {sign up to be a greeter!}
- 6:30 PM** – Joan Shevey

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (December 23)

- 8:00 AM** – Larry & Lucille Ellenberger
- 10:30 AM** – Carl & Carolyn Streeter

GREETERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE (December 24)

- 6:30 PM** – {sign up to be a greeter!}
- 10:00 PM** – Dave & Cindy Wirtz

GREETERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY (December 25)

- 10:00 AM** – Donn & Denise Johnson

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

- 8:00 AM** – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
- 10:30 AM** – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

USHERS FOR CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE (December 23)

- 4:30 PM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
- TEAM #6 – Nick Derouin, Mark Derouin, Reed Goede, Bob Duchesneau

ALTAR GUILD

Dec 12-18 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek
Dec 19-25 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Dec 16: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – **Volunteer Needed*
Dec 23: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 142, 10:30 AM – 120, 6:30 PM – 53
Total Attendance – 315
Midweek Advent, 6:30 PM – 200
Sunday Bible Class – 28, Sunday School – 9

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 16

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Public School Confirmation Class.....9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM
Neighborhood Caroling..... 6:00 PM

Monday, December 17

Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 18

Mary & Martha Christmas Party 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 19

Senior Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 PM
Board of Education 7:30 PM
Men’s Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, December 21

School Devotion8:30 AM
CDS Dismissal 12:00 PM

Sunday, December 23

Worship Service8:00 AM
NO Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/PSCIC
Worship Service10:30 AM
Children’s Christmas Service..... 4:30 PM