Second Sunday of Advent December 6 & 7, 2015



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

Our Worship Service

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Words and Music by Carol Browning	WELCOME	
Sung by St. Paul's Faculty and Staff (Faculty sings first refrain; congregation please join on refrains following the verses) Lead us to your light, lead us out of darkness	THE OPENING HYMN	"Lead Us to Your Light"
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Lead us to your light. Come, Jesus, come.	Lead us to your light, lead us out of darkness	
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Lord, we await your coming to our world; Bring us the gift of salvation. **Refrain**

Lord, you are hope and healing for our world; come, now, and bring us your good news. Refrain

Come, O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come with us on earth here to dwell Refrain

Rouse us from sleep, wake us from our slumber, banish the darkness of night. **Refrain**

Child of the light and love beyond all telling, fill our hearts with wonder and praise. **Refrain**

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THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.





P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

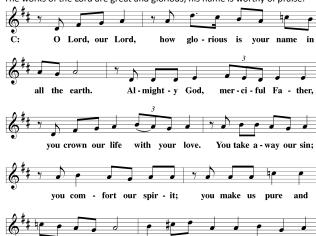


P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



O LORD, OUR LORD

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord,
how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known;
you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the
King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord,
how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

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THE FIRST LESSON .. Malachi 3:1-4

Malachi calls the promised Messiah "the messenger of the covenant" who is coming. No one will be able to survive being in his holy presence unless he is prepared. The Lord promises to send a messenger to prepare the way before him.

3:1"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. ²But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 24

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The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,*

the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas*

and established it upon the waters.

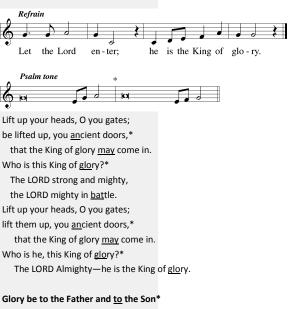
Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*

he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

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

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON. Philippians 1:3-11

God, who brought us to faith, will continue to bless us and keep us in the faith until the day when Christ Jesus comes again.

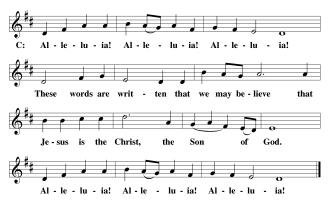
³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until



the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4,6 cf. NIV)



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THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Luke 3:1-

John the Baptizer encourages us to prepare the way for the coming Lord. We are truly prepared when we confess our sins and in faith look to him who comes with forgiveness and salvation.

^{3:1}In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and

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Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene —²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. ³He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶ And all mankind will see God's salvation."



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ANTHEM....."Come, Emmanuel, Come"

Words and Music by: Ruth Elaine Schram

Sung by St. Paul's Faculty and Staff

We light the candles one by one; We bid Emmanuel to come. We'll welcome him with open arms; God's precious holy Son.

The promise and the prophecy; wondrous hope that we believe; "For unto us a child is born," come, Emmanuel come.

Come, O, come, Emmanuel Come to earth, with us to dwell! Expectantly we wait for Thee; God's precious holy Son.

The spark of hope that burns so bright kindles a flame in our hearts tonight.

We'll welcome Him with open arms; God's precious, holy Son. Come, Emmanuel, come.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY "Comfort, Comfort all My People"

Christian Worship #11



Text: Johannes Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Freu DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551

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THE SERMONLuke 3:1-6

"Be Prepared"

Please Stand

THE 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 will 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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 dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

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THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my salva - tion. Ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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."

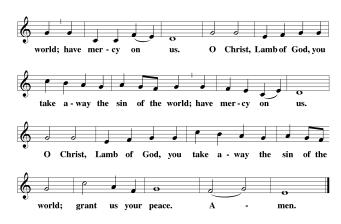
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD





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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 the pastor.



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that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten, nished for guest with - in, And let a re - ward. With - out your grace we uge our great and fall no more. Oh, make your face on to us vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther the King he brings Good news a - bout hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en · a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay. waste fill the world with love di - vine. to shine, And a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, st. 1-3, alt.; composite, st. 4-5. Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

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THANK THE LORD



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THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

P: 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.



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your - selves to - day. pare to greet the for him the best. Cast out what would of rais on high; Be neath his feet from a - side, And help me re -Sav takes sins This great, this Make fend him, heav'n - ly soul shall guest. lie. The haugh ror - ty - ed The ter ceive you This bless Ad - vent tide. From grace lone The truth straight, make The low - ly That heeds God's plain the way: and right, heart sin cere stall and ger Come now man ised Lord - leys rais -- vi - ta ing, The heights of pride tion And makes true prep with - in I'll sing your prais - es me: heav en all world is shown. ing, His path all ven tion— It the Lord's de - light. - ly And forth your glo - ry show.

Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607-62, alt.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, st. 1-3, alt.; The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis, 1941, st. 4, alt.
Tune: AUS MENES HERZENS GRUNDE (76 76 67 76) New Catechismus Gesangbüchlein, Hamburg, 1598, alt.

Worship Participants

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Announcements

CALL ACKNOWLEGED: The following letter has been received by us from Pastor Jacob Hoff, who was called as a second pastor here at St. Paul's:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St. Paul's, God's inexhaustible grace and his peace that passes understanding be with you. I am humbled and thankful that God the Holy Spirit has led you to call me to be your shepherd. It is exciting to hear and read about the work you are pursuing for our Savior Jesus Christ in Franklin, WI. It is equally exciting for me to consider how God could use me in that pursuit. What an amazing God we have – that he would choose to spread the incredibly beautiful and meaningful message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified through jars of clay like us! As I prayerfully consider how I can serve our Good Shepherd, I ask you to keep me and my family in your prayers. I look forward to learning more about your work in Wisconsin over the coming weeks as I deliberate this call. Please feel free to contact me any time! In Christ, Pastor Jacob Hoff, 703-297-5072 jakehoff@gmail.com"

- **2015 LIVING Nativity:** For a variety of reasons, we will not be having a Living Nativity this year. We will look at doing it again next year.
- MARY MARTHA COOKIE SALE: Following the worship services this weekend, Mary Martha will be having their annual cookie sale.
- ST. PAUL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: As part of St. Paul's 150th Anniversary celebration we are pleased to announce "Advent Movie Night" with a showing of "My Son, My Savior". This is a wonderful way to start the season of Advent and give thanks for the 150 years of our many blessings at St. Paul's. The movie will be shown in church this afternoon. We will have a pot luck supper starting at 4:30 PM, with the movie to follow. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided, we ask that you bring a dish to pass. We will also have copies of the movie available. There is no cost however, we will be taking a free will offering. Please invite your family and friends.
- **150**TH **ANNIVERSARY PROJECT:** God has blessed St. Paul's for 150 years with his Grace. Out of thanks for the Grace of God, we have begun to undertake the project of replacing our organ. The final cost of the organ is \$58,150. To date, we have received \$45,060.00. More information as to how everyone can participate in the project will be coming out soon. We give thanks to God for all the blessings that God has showered upon us.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE: In December, there will be many different opportunities to worship our coming Savior. The schedule is below:

December 6 - Advent 2 (8:00am & 10:30am)

December 7 – Advent 2 (6:30pm)

December 9 - Midweek Advent (6:30pm)

December 13 – Advent 3 (8:00am & 10:30am)

December 14 – Advent 3 (6:30pm)

December 20 – Advent 4 (8:00am & 10:30am)

December 21 - Advent 4 (6:30pm)

December 23 - Children's Christmas Service (6:30pm)

December 24 - Children's Christmas Service (4:30pm)

December 24 – Candlelight Service (10:00pm)

December 25 - Christmas Day Worship (10:00am)

December 27 - Christmas 1 (8:00am & 10:30am)

December 28 - No Monday Worship

December 31 - New Year's Eve (6:30 pm)

- **NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** We will once again go Christmas caroling in the neighborhoods around church. We will meet at church at 6pm on December 20th. Following Christmas caroling, everyone is invited back to the parsonage for refreshments.
- **CHURCH DECORATING:** As has become the tradition in recent years, the Confirmation Classes at St. Paul's and their families are invited to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. The church decorating will take place this Sunday, December 6th beginning after the 2nd service at around 11:30am. Take down of the decorations will be on Sunday, January 13th at 11:30 am.
- **GREETER SCHEDULE 2016:** The Greeter Schedule for 2016 is currently being created. If you have any changes from last year, please let Marge Gebert (414)425-5041 know by December 15th. Also, if you would like to be a greeter, there are sign- up sheets on the counter in the narthex.
- MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP & DINNER: On Wednesday, December 9th, we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The Junior Choir, Adult Choir, Junior Handbells and Adult Handbells will be a part of this special service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to that service beginning at 5:30pm. In order to assist in our planning for the meal, we ask you to sign-up either on the sheet in the back of church or online at our website if you are desiring to attend the meal. If you would like to help bring some of the food items for that meal, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex. (If you are

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donating food, please have the items at church by 4:30pm.) Monetary donations are welcome any time, and there will be a free-will offering gathered at the meal.

CHRISTMAS AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY: Join the Seminary Chorus on December 13th at 3:00 or 7:00 PM for Christmas at the Seminary. The 54-voice men's choir will share the story of Jesus' birth in songs, carols, and hymns. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is located in Mequon at 11831 N. Seminary Drive. The concert is held in the campus auditorium, and seating is available on a first-come, first-seated basis. The 3:00 PM concert is streamed live at http://livestream.com/WLSLive.

2016 GALA AUCTION: Hello Families! The Gala and Auction committee needs your help and creativity to plan an amazing event to be held on February 20, 2016. Currently, we need items like restaurant gift cards, event tickets, and experiences. We know that you have some great ideas and suggestions to make this event even bigger than the last time, please don't hesitate to share those ideas with us! Forms are located in the back of church on the counter in the narthex and can be returned to the office or via email to auction@stpaulsfranklin.org. Most importantly, please put this date on your calendar and invite family and friends! Tickets can be purchased at https://bidpal.net/stpf.

ADULT CHOIR: The Advent, Christmas, Epiphany choir will begin soon. The first rehearsal is December 2. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God is welcome to join the choir! New and past members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule. The Advent through Epiphany choir is from December 2 -January 17. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and take place on Wednesday evenings. Any questions please contact the choir director, Marie Becker at (262)-623-4145 or email her at mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.

FUTURE PASTOR'S OFFICES: We will soon be starting construction on new offices for the Pastors. The cost to complete this project will be approximately \$18,000. To date we have received \$8,586.00. This work will be done with our own people including rough carpentry, drywall, insulation, painting, suspended ceilings and floor covering. If you are able to help financially in addition to your weekly offering, please place in separate envelopes stating "New Pastor's Offices". You may drop off your contribution in the school office, put it into the collection plate, or give it to Pastor Adams. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Derouin (414) 881-8944 or Bob Hille (414) 427-6106.

LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: Sunday, December 13, at 3:00 pm. and Thursday, December 17, at 10:00 am.

WLHS CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT: Don't miss the annual Christmas Pops Concert this Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. This concert features the WLHS Concert Band, A Cappella Choir, Inspiration, Wisco Kids Show Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbell Choir, and other instrumental ensembles. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Afterward, enjoy a reception of Christmas cookies, coffee, and punch.

WLHS SACRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The annual Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will feature the 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.

HOSTS NEEDED: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is closed during Christmas break, however some of the international students living in the student housing on campus will need a home for the holidays from Friday, December 18 after school until Sunday, January 3. Consider opening your home to share Christ's love to our students from different countries. Compensation is given to help cover the cost of food for the student(s) staying in your home during this time. For more information, please contact April Goldschmidt (april.goldschmidt@wlhs.org) or Micah Ricke (micah.ricke@wlhs.org).

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (December 6 & 7)

8:00 AM – Nancy Adams

10:30 AM – John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor, Logan
6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (December 13 & 14)

8:00 AM – allyn & Patsy Curler
10:30 AM – Brian & Kristal Young; Noelle & Declan
6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR DECEMBER:

8:00 AM TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
10:30 AM TEAM #8 –
6:30 PM TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

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ALTAR GUILD:

November 25-December 8- TEAM #1 Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves December 9-December 15- TEAM #2 Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 6
Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion
Mary Martha Cookie SaleBetween Services
Church Decorating
Advent Dinner/Movie
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Monday, December 7
Worship Service with Communion
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Tuesday, December 8
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Church Council Meeting6:30 PM
Wednesday, December 9
Advent Dinner
Special Advent Worship
Special Advent Worship
Friday, December 11
School Devotion
Sunday, December 13
Worship Service
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
Worship Service10:30 AM
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Statistics - Last Week

Attendance: Thanksgiving 6:30 pm 341; Thanksgiving 10:00 am 50; 8:00 am 88, Communed-n/a 10:30 am- 157, Communed-n/a 6:30 pm-33, Communed-n/a Total Attendance 669, Total Communed n/a

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