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OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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December 2018

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**Vision Statement:**

*We are a church centered in Christ,  
inviting all into a community of worship,  
nurturing all to be disciples of Jesus.  
Together we reach out to make a difference  
here and throughout the world.*

# Our Savior's Voice

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December 2018

## *Pastor's Reflections ...*



### *On the way to Christmas*

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas as I drive around the neighborhood, people taking advantage of the cold, crisp fall days to put up their decorations before the snow falls and the ground freezes.

But it isn't even Thanksgiving as I write this! We haven't had our turkey, stuffing, yams, and pumpkin pie! Something is wrong with this picture! We need to slow down and give thanks before we get caught up in the frenzy of Christmas.

I just finished a major project that has consumed my time for the last few weeks, and now I am ready to pick up the pieces of everything that fell by the wayside. That, in and of itself, looks to be an uphill battle, but remember Christmas looms ahead too. So much to do, so little time, and I am overwhelmed – where to start, what to do, what can't wait, what will get me in the least amount of trouble if I put it off? Everyone wants something from me and they want it now – can't they see I'm stressed, can't they see I need a break?

Maybe that's where Advent comes in. These next weeks leading up to Christmas are supposed to be a time of preparation – and I don't mean preparing our houses with decorations, baking the cookies, buying and wrapping the presents, writing the Christmas cards and letters, practicing for the Sunday School programs. That's *not* what it's about.

Don't get me wrong, I love this time of year with all of the decorations and catching up with friends as I read the Christmas letters, but right now even the joy that brings is overshadowed with feelings of being overwhelmed with the 'to do' list. It isn't easy in this fast paced world of commercialism, to step back and take time to drink in what is really important this holiday season, to set our sights on why we are celebrating in the first place. But remember ... Advent.



Advent, a time of *preparation* – a time to prepare our hearts to welcome a little baby, the baby in the manger. The baby that will bring hope and peace to a world that is broken, hurting, and seemingly hopeless.



As you read more in this newsletter you will find opportunities to “prepare” – take time to gather as a family to *hear the Christmas story* in a movie, during the Sunday school programs ... take time to *pray* for peace in our world, peace for those whose lives have been turned upside down, peace for ourselves ... hear the story through *music* singing carols and listening to the choir cantata ... *worshipping*, bathed in candlelight, fed by the word and sacraments. Take time ... *make time* ... for your Advent journey.

Rebecca has been learning a new breathing technique to help reduce stress and anxiety. When you breathe in, breathe deeply from your belly, hold, and then long breath out. Slowly ... breathe in ... breathe out. Perhaps we can make this breathing exercise part of our Advent routine, with a twist. I invite you as you breathe in deeply, to *breathe in Jesus and then breathe out the chaos*. Fill your lungs with the love, hope, and peace of the baby in the manger, and as you exhale let go of your challenges, hurts, and that which overwhelms you.

*Preparing ... breathing ... on the way to the manger ... together with you,*  
*Pastor Jean*

## Christmas Greetings!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you, from the staff at Our Savior's! We treasure the community that gathers here, and we are grateful to all of you for your support and your partnership in the gospel of Jesus. May God's blessings in the Christ Child be yours during this Holy Season, and throughout the coming New Year!

*Pastor Jon, Pastor Jean, Kris, and Cat*

## Come join us deck the halls!

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> following the 10:30 AM service, we are having a decorating party. We need your help putting up the tree and other sanctuary decorations. Pizza, pop, cookies, and hot chocolate will be served for lunch. Parents please accompany your children as we all enjoy this activity together.



## Check it out ...

Let's get into the Christmas spirit and watch a movie together!

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 PM

### "The Star"

A small but brave donkey and his animal friends become the unsung heroes of the first *Christmas*.



We'll have popcorn and juice. You bring a comfy blanket to curl up on.

### "Classic Noels"



Join us Sunday, December 9 for services enhanced by the Bells of Joy and the Senior Choir. "Classic Noels" blends classical masterworks with favorite Christmas carols creating a unique collection featuring compositions by Handel, Bach and Marcello with carols such as "Joy to the World" and "The First Noel". The groups are having fun preparing the music for you, and we hope you can be there!



### Eggnog & Carols

Sunday, December 16  
6-7 pm  
Westview Inn  
(174 Leonard Street S)



We had so much fun earlier this year at Beer & Hymns we decided to try something different! To get us into the holiday spirit, we invite you to join us for Eggnog & Carols! Come for an evening of singing and fellowship! We provide the songbooks, you provide whatever you'd like to eat and drink.



## Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 5 + 7 PM

“Hanging of the Greens”

*Decking the halls...and preparing a place...*

Wednesday, December 12 + 7 PM

“Did I Miss Something?”

*God’s work, our hands...even at Christmas???*

*Featuring a brass prelude by 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students*

Wednesday, December 19 + 7 PM

“Caroling in Place”

*We gather in the sanctuary to  
sing carols, hear the story, and give thanks  
for God’s work in our world.*



## Christmas Eve Worship

1:30 + 3:30 + 5:30 + 10 PM

The Magical Night – The Story and the Feast

*We gather to hear the message of the angels, celebrate with music, and share in the gifts of  
grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

## Christmas Day Worship

10 AM

The Baby in the Light of Day

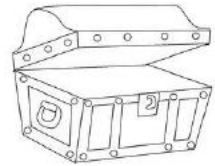
*Gathered together in the morning light, we see the grace of God in our midst and rejoice  
in the birth of our Savior!*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday school children are faithfully practicing for their upcoming Christmas programs – what enthusiasm they have! When they're not practicing, you can find them making cards for their classroom grandparents, checking out the story for the day with their friends from *Whirl*, and learning of God's love from their teachers. It's hard to believe but we have already completed the first third of the year and are now heading in to the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany!

**Don't forget about our Sunday School Treasure Box!** The "friendly competition" between our classes continues as the children bring their offerings for God's Barnyard. As of late November, our **3<sup>rd</sup> grade** class is up to \$85 in offering, the **5<sup>th</sup> grade** class is closing in at \$81, and the **Kindergarten** class has \$74. Way to go kids! Let's keep our barnyard growing!



We also continue to track the children's attendance ... our 4K class may be small, but they are here, having had perfect attendance as a class for several weeks! Remember that we love to see your smiling faces and always welcome friends and visitors!



### Sunday School Offering

Our Sunday School offerings this year are being collected for **God's Global Barnyard**. Each week the classes are adding to our barnyard depending on how much offering was collected the week before. We have cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, and corn to feed them. The more that a class collects, the bigger the animal that is added. Check out the barnyard between the pastor's offices.

### Hungry Jar Offering for December ELCA World Hunger/Good Gifts

Millions of Americans struggle to get enough to eat. Whether people are looking for a refuge from the streets or a little extra help to get by, a warm meal and a seat at the table can go a long way ... More than 30 million children in the United States depend on school meal programs to keep them full and focused each weekday. But on weekends, many students have no choice but to go hungry. Stockpile a child's backpack with a weekend's supply of healthy food each Friday so that children – and their entire families – don't have to worry about food ... A bag of groceries, blankets, new clothes and toiletries can be a big help to a struggling family, especially in the weeks and months after losing their home to a natural disaster. These and many others are ways ELCA World Hunger is helping to respond to the needs of those who are hungry. *Can we join them?*



Give something  
**unexpected**  
this  
Christmas.

## Important Dates

Sunday, December 2 - Family Movie Afternoon - 1:30 pm - "The Star"  
 Saturday, December 15 - 8:30 am - Program practice for Grades 3-5  
 Saturday, December 15 - 10:00 am - Program practice for Grades 4K-2  
 Saturday, December 15 - Christmas Program - Grades 4K-2 - 6 pm worship  
 Sunday, December 16 - Christmas Program - Grades 3-5 - 10:30 am worship  
 Sundays, December 23 and 30 - NO Sunday School

*You are invited ...*

Join us for our **Sunday School Christmas Programs ...**

Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ...

### **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** **During 6 pm worship** **"Rufus and the Very Special Baby"**

A very special baby has arrived and the Frolic friends are gathering their gifts to welcome him. Ava, Jo, Hal, and Uri all find something incredible to give, but Rufus wonders what he could possibly offer such a special child. Come see what happens!



3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade ...

### **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** **During 10:30 am worship** **"Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night"**

These days, Christmastime is often extremely crazy and busy with so many things to do. From parties to shopping, from recitals to exams – it is easy to lose focus on the Prince of Peace that was born

in Bethlehem that holy night. Is it only that way now ... or was it that way long ago too? Come and find out!



## Confirmation



Confirmation ministry continues in December.

- After School meets on December 12 and 19.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade have classes each Wednesday through December 19.
- 7/8<sup>th</sup> graders have core class December 5, electives December 12, and caroling on December 19.
- 9<sup>th</sup> graders and parents gather on December 5 at 7:45, following the Hanging of the Greens.

Please keep our confirmation students, parents, and guides in your prayers as they continue to explore what it means to be disciples of Jesus!



### What's going on in the Youth World!?

#### Parent Shopping Spree!

December 8<sup>th</sup> 10am – 6pm

Cost: \$5.00 per child or \$15.00 for the family!

All proceeds benefit World Vision's 30 Hour Famine held on February 8-9, 2019

Come drop your kids off to have a day of Christmas shopping

#### Mission Trip 2019

Where: Crownpoint, NM

When: June 14-24, 2019

Cost: ~ No more than \$900

We will be serving the Navajo Nation Reservation and will have free time to explore the Chaco Culture National Historical Park and then Albuquerque and Santa Fe!



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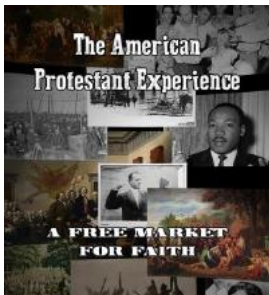
As our students are either away from home or studying in challenging environments, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. This month please pray for: **Jayden Beckley** (UW-EC), **Alysha Hesse** (WTC), **Jacob Iliff** (UW-L), **Abby Johnson** (UW-L), and **Trygve Anderson** (Wartburg, IA).

And we also pray for our students who have entered military service: **Nathan Selck** (United States Marines).



# SENIOR CONNECTION

**Coffee & Conversation at Linda's Bakery  
9:15 AM on Tuesday, December 11**



**Salem Terrace Study  
December 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am  
Join us for breakfast &  
conversation**



We will take a break from our study of "The American Protestant Experience" in December and celebrate the upcoming Christmas season. Join us for breakfast and conversation ... and perhaps a treat! The ladies from the Ruth Circle will also be joining us this month. We meet in the small kitchenette off of the parking lot between Salem Terrace & Mill Street Manor. Feel free to invite your friends.

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## **DID YOU KNOW ...**

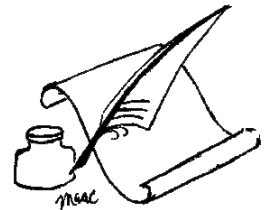
**In worship** ... We have large print bulletins ... and hearing assist devices.

**If you missed worship** ... check out the website – [www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) – to see the service.

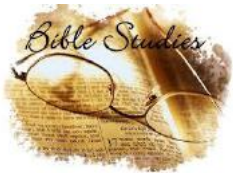


## **Cards for shut-ins**

Don't forget to stop by the "Card Ministry" table (located outside of the Pre-K classroom) each weekend when you are at worship to sign the cards for our shut-ins. You really do make a difference in the lives of those who cannot be with us.



## Adult Studies



Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Library. Over the past months we have been working on the “Pastoral Epistles,” three letters in the New Testament. In December we will finish off Titus and then dig deeply into the Christmas story. Join us – no previous knowledge or experience required – just come and enjoy!

## Prayer around the Cross

Join us for Prayer around the Cross on **Sunday, December 9 at 7 PM**. We gather around the cross, bathed in candlelight, in a time of peace and meditation, taking a step back from the hurriedness and chaos of Christmas, to pray. Our time together lasts about 25 minutes. This is an important ministry of intercession, as we pray for the needs of people around us.



*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone ...”* (1 Timothy 2:1)



## School of Theology

The La Crosse Area Synod School of Theology resumes classes January 10 with an intro session at Zion in Galesville. Regular classes are held here at Our Savior’s, on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 9 PM, for six weeks, beginning January 17. For more information see the synod web site at [www.lacrosseareasyndod.org/synod-school-of-theology](http://www.lacrosseareasyndod.org/synod-school-of-theology), or see Pastor Jon.

## “Marked” To Be Faithful Disciples *Fall Stewardship Emphasis*



This fall’s stewardship emphasis may be past, but lives of faithful stewardship and discipleship never end! We thank you for your continued support of our work as a congregation, *and for your continued discipleship in your everyday lives*. We are called to be more than good church folk – we are “God’s hands” every day, and in every place – at home, at work, at school, out in the world around us.

For the financial portion of our stewardship emphasis, as of November 18, we had received 60 estimates of giving, for a total estimated giving of \$140,555. That represents an approximate increase of \$9,000. Thank you for your response and your support!

There is still time to submit your estimate – we do make use of the overall response as we consider our mission priorities for 2019.

Thank you to all who have financially supported the work of this congregation. You make ministry happen as you share in the abundance that God has entrusted to you!

## “Farm”-ers Market

As part of our work to help end hunger around the world, Our Savior’s would like to “purchase a farm!” Well, not quite. What we want to do is raise the money to purchase the animals for a small farm in a spot in the world where hunger is rampant. The animals will be the start of a farm that will feed a family, not just today or tomorrow, but for a life time! The “cost” for the farm is \$715. Can we do it? Can we do it more than once?



Your gifts to our “Farm”-ers Market project will make that happen!

Place your gift in an envelope marked “farm,” or place it in the box by the display in the gathering area. We’ll keep you posted as to how we are doing!

See Pastor Jon, Eric Ender, or Melody Schmitz for more information.

### *But wait...there’s more!*

December 1/2 and 8/9...After the church services, cookies will be given to each person worshipping (monster, snickerdoodle or gluten-free). We encourage each family/person to also take a brown paper bag with a yummy local apple, cookie and a note inside. Please bring this treat to someone outside of our church home who would appreciate a short visit and this small gift from OSLC.



And then...again this year, we will have ornaments from ELCA Good Gifts as a gift option for people who already have enough “stuff”. This is a meaningful gift which will help benefit individuals and families, literally, around the world! We will also have our “Our Savior’s T-shirts” available (size S to XXXL) - \$12.50/each – with proceeds going to the hunger appeal. Lots of ways to celebrate the season by bringing life to those in great need! So stop by, and make a difference!

## Just Planting a Few Seeds...



Recently, an inquiry was made...are there couples out there wanting to connect and support one another, especially through the ups and downs of parenting? We will be looking to explore this opportunity after the holidays. If you have an interest in starting a group of folk who gather for fellowship, support, and maybe a bit of learning, see Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean. Or just watch for more in the New Year.

## Our Savior's Mission in the World *God's Work...Our Hands*

Your mission support dollars...and the time you share, really do make a difference in the world, in many ways. Our Savior's can count over 50 ministries that are a part of our work in the world. Missions that change lives! Missions like...*the Corn Roast!*

So, how best to connect with neighbors? Throw a party – with food, of course! And in August, that food is corn!

Each August, the Corn Roast is held for the West Salem Community. Hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church's Outreach Committee, the Corn Roast is a thank you to the larger community for support of our church. No fee is charged and donations are waived away (with the suggestion that they support the food pantry instead).



Around 450-500 people tend to gather to enjoy the hot dogs, watermelon, homemade bars, and, of course, the corn! The corn, purchased from Jolivette's Family Farms, is steam-roasted, husks intact, by an expert team of grillers.

In recent years, a car show and visits by West Salem's fire department, police department, and first responders have added interest and excitement to the event. Young attendees get to look inside the emergency vehicles and interact with the local respondents.

The Corn Roast event is coordinated by the Outreach Committee, which has a mission "to reach toward God and to each other for the sake of the world!" A number of faithful volunteers help prepare and serve the meal and are much appreciated.

*Your financial support makes this ministry of outreach and thanks possible. Thank you for helping us reach out by simply giving back to the community around us!*



## Flood Relief follow up from Mike Larson's confirmation small group ...

Ben Fleckenstein, Ben Larson, Dylan Wiese, Tyler Leren, and Tyler Mathison created blessing bags to support families and individuals who were affected by the August 2018 floods in the



Coulee Region. ***With the congregation's generosity***, the confirmation small group created 100 blessing bags filled with a variety of personal care items. The blessing bags were delivered to the community center and the La Crosse Area Synod where they were distributed to affected residents in La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, and Vernon Counties. Your support and partnership is deeply appreciated.



## Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Jackie Hartmann – November 24

## *In Loving Memory*

### *Memorial Gifts Received ...*

*In Memory of Dorthëa Brauer*

From Rich & Mary Storandt



## Mission Support



Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry, here in West Salem and around the world! As we approach the end of the year, your support is vital to allowing us to reach our mission goals, and to fully embrace God's calling to us. And if you are a bit behind in your support, this is a great time to catch up!

| <b>2018 Ministry at Work</b> |              |               |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                              | Actual – Oct | Actual - YTD  | Budget - YTD |
| Income                       | \$29,705.04  | \$276,053.51  | \$300,811.66 |
| Expense                      | \$29,911.92  | \$295,508.57  | \$301,103.33 |
| Net                          | (\$206.88)   | (\$19,455.06) |              |

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## Simply Giving

Many of us make a variety of payments directly from our bank accounts. Simply Giving allows you to do the same with your contributions to Our Savior's ministry! A number of our members currently use this service for their contributions. There is no charge to you, and it is a safe and efficient way for you to make your contributions. For more information see Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean, or speak with Kris in the church office. Setting up Simply Giving is easy, and you can change your contributions or end your participation at any time. Check it out!

## Thrivent Choice Dollars



Remember that if you are a Thrivent member you may have "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to direct. Our Savior's is one of the many potential recipients of your choice dollars, but your direction needs to be made each time. See Thrivent's web site for more information or stop by the office and we will help you out.

## Shopping Online?



Our Savior's now has an account with "Amazon Smile." If you shop with Amazon, you can support our work together by designating your "Amazon Smile" contribution to Our Savior's.

## Congregation Council Review

The Congregation Council met on Monday, November 12, with President Ahles calling the meeting to order. At this meeting the council:

- Discussed the third chapter of The Agile Church, and how community is formed in a world that is in constant motion.
- Approved the council minutes, and received financial reports and reports from the pastors, all for October.
- Received the first portion of the revised membership list. Heard that they will receive the balance prior to the next meeting. The council will consider the membership list at the January meeting.
- Discussed selecting a team for “Forward: Fearless and Faithful.” Designated Wendy Kane, Tracey Beckley, and Judy Gilbert to work with the pastors to identify and recruit team members.
- Tabled the discussion on LED lighting and the Dahl bequest to a future meeting, pending more information.
- Decided to suspend transfers to the Equipment Replacement Fund at the end of the year.
- Discussed replacing one or more pews in the sanctuary with chairs to assist with those who need better seating.
- Heard that the December meeting will be at Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean’s home, with a Christmas party and families invited.
- Set the annual meeting for January 27, 2019.
- Discussed the absence of a Nominating Committee. Decided to use an alternate procedure for identifying candidates for Congregation Council. Directed the pastors to work with Steve Ahles and Judy Gilbert to engage potential council members.



The council meets again on Monday, December 10, at Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean’s home. See one of the pastors or Steve Ahles if you have any questions.



## Annual Meeting

The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 27**, at approximately 11:45 AM, following the 10:30 AM worship service. All voting members are encouraged to attend. More details in the January newsletter!

## Year End Contributions



With the end of the year fast approaching, this is the time to make sure you are up to date on your financial support of our ministry at Our Savior's. *Your gifts **DO** make a difference!* You can make gifts at worship, or you can mail them to the office, or sign up to give electronically using Simply Giving.

In order to be included on your 2018 giving statement, gifts must be received in the church office **by noon on December 31, 2018**. Any checks dated 2019, regardless of when they are received, will be acknowledged for 2019.



## 2019 Offering Envelopes ...

If you haven't already received your offering envelopes for 2019 in the mail, you should be receiving them soon. As the New Year begins, if you still need envelopes, please let Kris know in the office and she will gladly get some for you. If you are new to Simply Giving or are changing your amount in 2019, please be sure to fill out a new form and get that to the office ASAP. *Also note:* it is possible you will have a new number in 2019, so be sure to use the 2019 envelopes beginning in January.



## Thinking Ahead ... 2019 Annual Meeting report deadlines ...

It's hard to imagine, but the new year is right around the corner. And in the new year, we will meet as a congregation to share all that has happened in 2018 ... and there is lots to share! In preparation for the annual meeting, we will once again call on folks from the various committees, teams, and ministries to write their reflections for the annual report. Please note we will need those reports in the office as follows: **Written Reports by Sunday, January 6** and **Financial Reports by Thursday, January 10**.

And, don't forget to mark your calendar for **Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:30 am worship for our Annual Meeting!



## Thank you...

...to the November newsletter mailing crew – Connie Blunck, Bev Bockenhauer, Sandra Holthaus, Carolyn Karl, Judy Morzinski, Carol Peterson, Rich & Mary Storandt and Betty Whitlock.

... to Tonya Chandler for making the Communion bread in November.

... to Dave Fitzpatrick, Jason Peterson, Kris Nickles, and Dean Ashbacher for helping with the “breath of fresh air” confirmation elective. Your muscle power, rakes, and trips to the compost pile were much appreciated!

... Dear Pastor Jon & 7 & 8 Grade Confirmation Class – Thank you so much for raking my leaves on Saturday – Brrrr – not exactly raking weather but I’m very grateful for your effort. Thanks again!

*Jackie Hartmann*

*(Editor’s note: Jackie died a week later and her funeral was November 24. We give God thanks for her witness.)*

... Our Savior’s Lutheran Church – On behalf of the residents, I would like to thank you for the beautiful afghans. They will definitely bring happiness and warmth to our residents who might need a little extra love. Thank you for thinking of us.

*Lakeview Health Center*

*Kari Coaty, Household Coordinator, Volunteer Outreach Specialist*



## Thanksgiving Goodie Bags

Thanks to Tiffany Janisch, Angie Hemker, and several of our “After School” kids for providing the annual “Thanksgiving Goodie Bag” gifts for our shut-ins. Tiffany planned and supplied the bags; Angie and the kids decorated the bags. Thanks also to all who delivered the bags – 32 bags went out. Yet again, “God’s work, our hands!”

## Recently Received...

Dear Pastors and Members of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church,

...I am very grateful for your donation to the synod in the amount of \$1,398.42 that was designated for synod flood relief efforts. This gift is a welcome addition to the monies being gathered across our synod and that will...aid those congregations and members of our synod with specific tangible needs...

In Christ,  
Bishop Jim Arends



| <b>ACOLYTES</b>      |                                |                                    |                                  |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                      | <b>Saturday 6 p.m.</b>         | <b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>               | <b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>         |
| Dec 1-2              | Emma Fortier                   | Madeline Giblin                    | Elly Goodenough                  |
| Dec 8-9              | Jaden Hammes                   | Jacob Helgeson                     | Amalia Hemker                    |
| Dec 15-16            | Noelle Zarecki                 | Kendra Hillyer                     | Morgan Kammel                    |
| Dec 22-23            | Brennan Kennedy                | Benjamin Larson                    | Tyler Leren                      |
| Dec 24 Christmas Eve | <b>1:30 PM</b><br>Jesse Loging | <b>3:30 PM</b><br>Adrianna Massman | <b>5:30 PM</b><br>Tyler Mathison |
| Dec 24 Christmas Eve | <b>10 PM</b><br>Anna McConkey  |                                    |                                  |
| Dec 25 Christmas Day | <b>10 AM</b><br>Regan Peterson |                                    |                                  |
| Dec 29-30            | Brett McConkey                 | Morgan Quackenbush                 | Brandon Riley                    |

| <b>BASKET HOLDERS</b>   |                                   |                                 |                              |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                         |                                   | <b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>            | <b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>     |
| Dec 2                   |                                   | Turner Campbell                 | Jack Witte                   |
| Dec 9                   |                                   | Brooke Gander                   | Jessalyn Hickey              |
| Dec 16                  |                                   | Emma Haun                       | Jayden Hansen                |
| Dec 23                  |                                   | Makena Ihle                     | Lauren Zarecki               |
| Dec 24<br>Christmas Eve | <b>1:30 PM</b><br>Aubrey Langrehr | <b>3:30 PM</b><br>Andrew Larson | <b>5:30 PM</b><br>Leah Leren |
| Dec 30                  |                                   | <b>No Communion</b>             | <b>No Communion</b>          |

### HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

Dec 1-2                      Daryl Wermedal  
Dec 8-9                      Betty Whitlock/Diane McClintock  
Dec 15-16                   Marjorie Anderson  
Dec 22-23                   Dottie Baumgartner  
Dec 29-30                   Bev Bockenhauer

**COMMUNION BREAD** (*Christmas Eve – Dec 24*) – Lynette Ender and Sharon Olson

**ALTAR GUILD**        Karen Rich

## USHERS

|                         | <b>Saturday 6 p.m.</b> | <b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>        | <b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>   |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Dec 1-2                 | Phil Gilbert           | Iliff, Tiber and Fernstaedt | Tim, Denise and Nick Jones |
| Dec 8-9                 | Jon & Maryrose Hetland | Iliff, Tiber and Fernstaedt |                            |
| Dec 15-16               |                        | Karl & Kathy Wehrs          |                            |
| Dec 22-23               |                        | Iliff, Tiber and Fernstaedt |                            |
| Dec 24<br>Christmas Eve | <b>1:30 PM</b>         | <b>3:30 PM</b>              | <b>5:30 PM</b>             |
| Dec 24<br>Christmas Eve | <b>10 PM</b>           |                             |                            |
| Dec 25<br>Christmas Day | <b>10 AM</b>           |                             |                            |
| Dec 29-30               |                        | Iliff, Tiber and Fernstaedt |                            |

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

|                      | <b>Saturday 6 p.m.</b>                                                   | <b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>                                               | <b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>                                                         |
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| Dec 1-2              | Lee Fernstaedt                                                           | Jason Stefferud<br>Cat Bottem                                      | Tracey Beckley<br>Denise Jones                                                   |
| Dec 8-9              | Jon Hetland                                                              | Steve Ahles<br>Sharon Olson                                        | Stacey Sjoquist<br>Kristin Tschumper                                             |
| Dec 15-16            | Bonny Goodenough                                                         | Eric Ender<br>Judy Long                                            | Susan Giblin<br>Dottie Baumgartner                                               |
| Dec 22-23            | Karen DeSchepper                                                         | Bill & Dori Jensen                                                 | Darlene Affeldt<br>Wendy Kane                                                    |
| Dec 24 Christmas Eve | <b>1:30 PM</b><br>Marjorie Anderson<br>Sharon Olson<br>Eric & Jill Iliff | <b>3:30 PM</b><br>Eric & Lynette Ender<br>Carla & Carlie Burkhardt | <b>5:30 PM</b><br>Paula Heilman<br>Larry Blunck<br>Jon Hetland<br>Judy Morzinski |
| Dec 24 Christmas Eve | <b>10 PM</b><br>Jeff & Melissa Haldeman                                  |                                                                    |                                                                                  |
| Dec 25 Christmas Day | <b>10 AM</b><br>Jason Stefferud                                          |                                                                    |                                                                                  |
| Dec 29-30            | <b>No Communion</b>                                                      | <b>No Communion</b>                                                | <b>No Communion</b>                                                              |

## READERS

|                      | <b>Saturday 6 p.m.</b>           | <b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>           | <b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dec 1-2              | Phil Gilbert                     | Heidi Krupicka                 | Dottie Baumgartner       |
| Dec 8-9              |                                  | Cantata                        | Cantata                  |
| Dec 15-16            | Christmas Program                | Kathy Wehrs                    | Christmas Program        |
| Dec 22-23            | Karen DeSchepper                 |                                |                          |
| Dec 24 Christmas Eve | <b>1:30 PM</b><br>Errol Kindschy | <b>3:30 PM</b><br>Phil Gilbert | <b>5:30 PM</b>           |
| Dec 24 Christmas Eve | <b>10 PM</b>                     |                                |                          |
| Dec 25 Christmas Day | <b>10 AM</b><br>Lynette Ender    |                                |                          |
| Dec 29-30            | Angie Hemker                     |                                |                          |

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