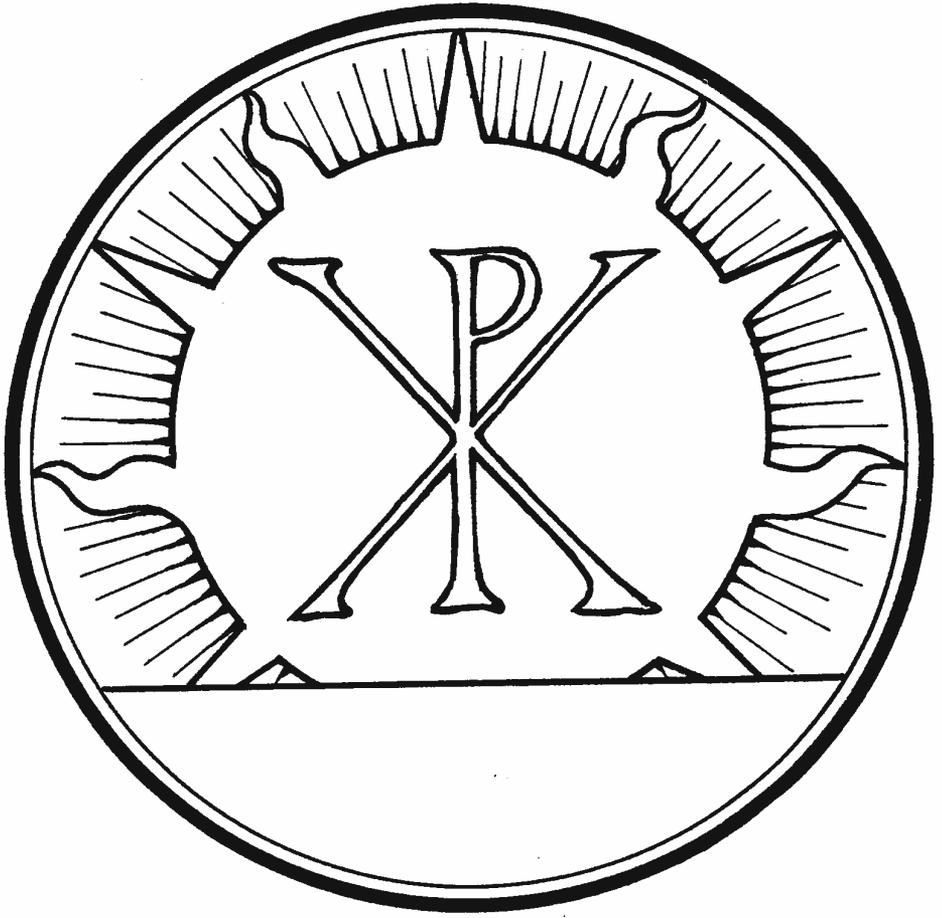


Fourth Sunday in Advent



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Dec 19 & 20, 2020

December 19, 2020 - 5:30pm

December 20, 2020 - 9:00am

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP

Jesus has invited you here today.

Here, Jesus stills quaking hearts. Here, Jesus forgives the unspeakable. Here, Jesus comforts the lonely. Here, Jesus makes joy complete!

Here you will meet others Jesus has grabbed with His grace.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR MISSION

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

HOLY COMMUNION

To Our Guests: We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

To Those Communing Today: God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on p.329-330 in the hymnal to guide you in self-examination.

Special communion procedures have been developed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please follow the instructions of the pastor and ushers. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

PRELUDE

HYMN OF INVOCATION “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. refrain
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. refrain
- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave. refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. refrain

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 19:1, 4c, 5-6

- P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.
C The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
P which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
C Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
C 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
P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

KYRIE

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

1Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, 2the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” 3And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.” 4But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, 5“Go and tell my servant David, “Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? 6I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. 7In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”” 8Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. 16And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.””

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-5

A I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

C For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

A You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:

C **‘I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.’”**

A Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 16:25-27

25Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 1:23a

C **Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

26In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. 28And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” 29But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” 34And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” 35And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- 1 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady.”
Gloria!*

- 2 *“For know a blessèd mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee;
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady.”
Gloria!*

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THE SERMON

“Camping with God”

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

HYMN

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

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- 3 *Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”
Most highly favored lady,
Gloria!*
- 4 *Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
“Most highly favored lady.”
Gloria!*

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OFFERTORY

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free
spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P** Merciful Father,
C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our
selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious
love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

C For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI "The Peace of the Lord"

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

FOR MEDITATION DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Luther's Small Catechism: The Lord's Prayer

The Third Petition “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

What does this mean?

The Good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Psalm 19

1The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

2Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

3There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

4Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

5which comes out like a bridegroom | leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

6Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of
them,

and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

7The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

8the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

9the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

10More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

11Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

12Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

13Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Prayer

Merciful Father, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, we acknowledge that Your good and gracious will is done without our prayer. We pray that You would defeat all that opposes Your will: the devil, the world, and our won sinful nature. In Your mercy, we implore You to strengthen and keep us firm in Your Word and faith all the days of our lives and bring us at last the inheritance You have prepared for us in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Nunc Dimittis”

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared
before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.
P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You ... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- 1 *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.*

- 2 *Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.*

- 4 *O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day.*

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**THE USHERS WILL DISMISS EACH PEW STARTING FROM THE
BACK OF THE SANCTUARY**

POSTLUDE



PREPARING YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

December 27 – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Revelation 1:1-6, 1 John 1:1—2:2, John 21:20-25



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE FOR

Becky Clark

in memory of Harold & Gertrude, Thad, Katrina & Kellie Howes

DECEMBER 12 & 13 STATISTICS

In-Person Attendance:	54
Views* on Facebook:	26
Views on YouTube:	6
DVD's Distributed:	6
Overall Participation:	92

*The number of devices playing our service for one minute or longer. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Sat. Dec 19 - 5:30 pm	Sun. Dec 20 - 9:00 am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Barz
Accompanist:	Laura Bee	Laura Bee
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ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

24-Robert & Michelle Doerges

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

19-Dan Pergande 20-Cael Jorgensen
20-Bruce Schaal, Sr. 20-Sheila Zasada
22-Dave Krause 25-Dick Tigges
25-Lydia Wehrspann

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

22-Steve Wollschlager

- **FOOD PANTRY** - For the month of December, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Shampoo *Potatoes* *Canned Fruit* *Hot Chocolate*
Lotion *Oil* *Toilet Tissue* *Graham Crackers*

- **FLOWER CHART:** The 2021 Altar flower sign up book is now in fellowship hall. We had to change supplier as Ace Hardware no longer is doing custom orders. White's Florist will be delivering our weekly arrangement and the price is \$25. Now is the time to reserve your date for flowers to enhance the beauty of our worship service. We do ask that you make your check to St Paul earmarked "alter flowers" when you sign up. Put check in envelope provided and place in offering plate. Any questions call Charlotte Tigges 563 552 2351.
- **REMINDER:** There will be NO Sunday School until further notice.
- **UPDATE:** The 4pm Christmas Eve is full. The 6:30pm Christmas Eve service has 2 seats left. Please inform us if you intend to worship on Christmas Eve so we can plan to accommodate you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Donna Sue LeTendre (niece of Delores Lindsay)
Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Tom Engler (brother of Nancy Clark)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Sally Bennett (sister to Delores's son-in-law)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Mike Howes, Dan Pergande

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Kathryn Moyer (Care Initiatives), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande, Marlene Lenaburg (Luther Manor), Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby

For our Healthcare Workers & Teachers and Parafessionals:

Laura Ayers, Elizabeth Capacchione, Erica Frey, Brianna Fry, Sue Hagemann (daughter of John & Marlene Weber), Angela Kelley, A.J. Osterkamp, Lauren Rusch (granddaughter of Dan & Carol Rusch), Stephanie Schap, Lydia Wehrspann, Sheila Zasada, Deanna (daughter of Bill & Sandi Heller), Becky (daughter-in-law of Bill & Sandi Heller) Jon Barz (University of Dubuque), Laura Bee (UW Platteville), Laura Walker (UW Platteville), Lisa Wehrspann (Table Mound Elementary)

Additional Prayer Requests

- Brenda Litka
- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Dick & Charlotte Tigges)
- Dennis Paar
- Randy Streif (friend of Margaret Fox)
- Bill Heller
- Greg & JoAnn Schmidt (friends of Margaret Fox)
- Lynda Kluesner (friend of Margaret Fox)

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

4th Sun in Advent Sat. Dec 19	5:30pm	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
4th Sun in Advent Sun. Dec 20	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study on Facebook only
Mon. Dec 21		
Tues. Dec 22		“Prayers from the Parsonage” with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Wed. Dec 23	5:30pm	Advent Midweek Service
Thur. Dec 24	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Service
Fri. Dec 25	10:00am	Christmas Day Service
Sat Dec 26		NO SATURDAY SERVICE
St. John, Apostle & Evangelist Sun. Dec 27	9:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Comm.
	10:30am	Bible Study on Facebook only

Prayers from the Parsonage will take place sometime between 5pm & 7pm depending on the kids feeding schedule that day. Thank you for your flexibility.



We would like to thank everyone who purchased poinsettia's to help make the church look beautiful for the Christmas Season.

John & Marlene Weber
Richard & Charlotte Tigges
Arlene Elliott
Angela Osterkamp
A.J. Osterkamp
Sue Hass
Cindy Hass
Bill & Sandi Heller
Eric & Diane Schulz
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