

MT. ZION LUTHERAN DECEMBER Newsletter 2018

Introducing Pastor Sandy Johnson

As many of you already know, Mt. Zion will have a Bridge Pastor starting in January to help us as we prepare to call a new pastor. Pastor Sandy Johnson will be retiring from HOPE Lutheran in River Falls at the end of December and will begin her duties here at Mt. Zion the first Sunday in January. We as a council are very excited that

Pastor Sandy will be with us to help guide us through the pastoral call process. In a conversation with her last week, I asked that she send a short bio of herself to introduce her to Mt. Zion's congregation. Please read below and meet Pastor Sandy Johnson.

God's Peace Everyone! Olive Olson (Council VP)

Message from Pastor Sandy Johnson



God is always doing something new and when we look back over the course of our lives, we recognize that very thing. As I anticipate serving alongside the saints of Mt. Zion, I see another way God is bringing renewal to us. And with that I want to take a moment to introduce myself. We'll likely discover that we have a number of things in common.

I am blessed to have two sons who live near Osceola. Benjamin and Nicole have three children; Connor (13) Bella (9) and Willa Hope (2 ½). Dane and Sarah have

two children; Leyla (9) and Jackson (7). Blessings abound as Jed and I watch them learn and grow.

I was born and raised in Rice Lake, the fourth of five daughters. My father was a business owner and my mother was a homemaker, involved in our church and the community. After graduation from high school I attended business school and moved to North Idaho to begin a career as a freelance court reporter, living and working there for about three years. Upon returning to Wisconsin I continued in that vocation.

I took a new direction when I returned to college as a non-traditional student and received my master's degree in Elementary Education. I taught in the Osceola school district for a number of years before leaving public education to serve as the Christian Education Director at Peace Lutheran in Dresser. That position was a stepping stone to seminary. I attended Luther from 2003-2007 and was ordained at Peace in June of 2007. My first call was in Price County where, for four years, I served two congregations, First Lutheran in Prentice and Zion Lutheran in Brantwood. I took a call to HOPE Lutheran in River Falls in the spring of 2011.

Throughout this journey I have had God's guidance. And I have had the care and love of my amazingly supportive husband Jed Reiten. I have much for which I am grateful. I look forward to what God has in store for Mt. Zion, as the weeks and months unfold, and we get to know each other as we walk together in the process of finding Mt. Zion a new pastor.

Bishop's Christmas Message 2018

"This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

Dear Friends of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

I'm writing this the day after I get home from my first ever trip to the Holy Land. My husband Randy and I decided that after three decades as pastors we should make a pilgrimage to all the places we've been preaching about for so many years. I was excited to see Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Temple Wall, and Athens, Corinth and Rome and all the other landmarks of our Spiritual Geography. I was especially excited to see Bethlehem.

While I was in Bethlehem, I heard Pastor Lori Ruge-Jones, a gifted storyteller recite, from heart, Luke 2, the Christmas story. We were in a beautiful chapel on the site where according to tradition, the angels announced to the Shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth. Imagine these familiar words, spoken from the heart, echoing off the stones of the Shepherd's Field chapel.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

The group of pilgrims I was with sat in silence for a few moments before we sang Christmas carols: O Little Town of Bethlehem, Angels We Have Heard on High, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Silent Night, Away in the Manger... It was a holy moment and highlight of our trip to the Holy Land. It was simple, beautiful, goose bump, Hallmark Card moment....

BUT the undercurrent of that moment is more complicated. As tourists we understood Bethlehem in 2018 is a city controlled by the Palestinians and the surrounding area is controlled by Israel. It is a land that has been fought over throughout known history by those who considered it Holy; Jews, Muslims and Christians. It is a place that builds walls to separate and struggles with daily violence and conflict.

The Shepherds of first century understood Bethlehem was under foreign occupation by Rome. The Roman Caesar, Augustus sent out a decree that Jews were to be enrolled in their hometown to be taxed. There were uprisings and revolts against Roman rule of the Jews. It was and is complicated and there is no quick fix.

But all of that is far away or long ago. How about the here and now? Is your life like a beautiful peaceful Hallmark card wishing season's greetings or is your life more complicated like a major geopolitical conflict? Or is it somewhere in between? Regardless, there is one thing that is true, in the midst of it all God put on flesh and came down to us, to live among us.

In the midst of it all, Jesus was born.

Rev Lauri Shar. Olum

FROM THE OFFICE



YEAR-END GIVING

The end of the year is quite often a time of great generosity. For some it is the Christmas spirit, for others it is the result of a meeting with an accountant, and others find it to be a time to fulfill giving commitments which might have fallen behind over the course of the year. Whatever the reason, thank you! Our collective generosity makes a difference in the lives of many people. If you are planning to make a year-end gift to Mt Zion by mail, please allow enough time for delivery. If you plan to drop off your gift, the newsletter calendar shows our year-end office hours. If you have any questions please contact Joan Christopher, our financial Secretary. Call the Church office for contact information

2018 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

If you wish to have your contributions counted as part of the 2018 Calendar year, please drop them off at the church on or before Friday, December 28, 2018.

FOUR WAYS TO GIVE in 2019 -

- 1. Offering Envelopes.
- 2. Checks.
- 3. Cash. If you are paying with cash, please use the envelopes in one of the windows at the information center in the Commons. This will allow us to give you credit on your statement.
- 4. On-Line Giving or Simply Giving. There are forms also located at the information center, for you to fill out and return to our Financial Secretary Joan Christopher.

MARK YOUR DATES TO REMEMBER CALENDAR!

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Friday, December 14, 2018

Please email any information to secretary@mtzionhudson.com

YOUTH GRANT APPLICATIONS

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Grant Applications for students who have completed a semester or term of school and are reenrolled for the next term are due to the office no later than 9:00a on Sunday, December 30.

If you need an extra application, you may pick up a form at the information center in the Commons or visit the website at www.mtzionhudson.com – under "Youth"

UPDATED DIRECTORIES

If you would like an updated church phone directory – please see Anna in the office or leave a note in her box that you are interested in having one made for you.

If you have updated information or have moved in the last 6 mo., please double check to make sure the church has the most current information on record.

Thank you for your help.



OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

December 5
December 10-11
December 20-21

December 24-26

December 31 - January 1

OUTREACH



GIVE THE PERFECT GIFT... GIVE BLOOD

Monday, December 17 Noon – 6:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall of Mt. Zion.

For appointments, you can call 1-800-733-2767 or log onto www.redcrossblood.org and search by sponsor code Mt. Zion or area code 54016.

If you would like to help the day of the blood drive or provide bars/cookies, please see Anna Peterson in the church office.

WOMEN OF MT. ZION CHRISTMAS DINNER

ALL WOMEN OF MT. ZION ARE INVITED! Thursday, December 13

6:00 pm at Bayport BBQ in Bayport, MN Dinner will be provided by Bayport BBQ (Chris & Kristen Johnson – THANK YOU!) The cost will be \$16.00 (Includes dinner and a non-alcoholic beverage)

GIFT EXCHANGE can be Handmade or store bought but should not cost more that \$10-15!



On November 11 we celebrated and welcomed our newest members to Mt. Zion:

Diane, Luke & Derek Bogusz Keith & Sue Lueneburg Earl Weber Adam & Briana Wallin

WELCA INFORMATION DEBORAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, Dec. 4 Christmas Party 6:30 pm at Milwaukee Burger Company

JOY CIRCLE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Thurs., Dec. 13 10:00 am In the Fellowship Hall



2018 ANGEL TREE

Please check out the Angel Tree for items for the Men spending Christmas at Exodus House in Hudson and Post-College Age Members.

The Angel Tree & Gift Tags will be available on November 25 in the Commons.

No need to wrap! Gifts can be placed in bags under tree. Gift Cards can be left in Anna Peterson's Mailbox.

Please have items here on or before Sunday, December 16.

ALSO – please help decorate our Tree with Hats, Gloves, Mittens and Scarves for us to place in the "Little Pantry" during the winter months.

BOOK CLUB UPDATE

We will not be meeting in December. We will resume in January on a different evening. We are looking for your input on which day works best for you...Tuesday or Thursday evening.

If you are interested in joining us in January, please let us know by either contacting the Church office or speaking with Robin Arneson.

If you have any questions, please see Robin.

OUTREACH

CHILI FEED WRAP UP



On November 7, Mt. Zion hosted our 6th Chili Cook-off. We served over 75 people 8 different varieties of chili. Each person had the opportunity to taste and vote on which chili was their favorite and which chili would have the bragging rights of MT. ZION'S BEST for one year.

This year did not disappoint, giving the bragging honor to:

Mt. Zion's Best Chili ANNA PETERSON

Brownie Bake-Off

Sweet treats from everyone who entered – but the winning Brownie went to:

SANDY HUPPERT

All donations that night went to 2nd Mile Haiti: money raised from the Chili Feed, along with money raised from the silent auction items, the jewelry sales & quilt raffle.

The total was: \$2,441.00

SECOND MILE HAITI FIGHTING FOR FAMILIES

Our mission is to reduce the number of children living in Haiti's orphanages by empowering the caregivers of vulnerable children through health, education, and business.

Karen McConville & Kathy Opland would like to thank everyone who donated their time, made chili, sold merchandise, baked brownies or supplied food, bid on baskets, bought jewelry & bought raffle tickets for the quilt. Because of your support, we can say this year's chili feed was a great success!

MEN OF MT. ZION



SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 8
8:30 - 9:30 AM

Men's Group Goals -

"To Do Good" for our congregation, our church, and our community.



Down Syndrome Achievement Centers educate, inspire, believe.

GIGI'S SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Saturday, December 1

9:00 - 11:30 am

LMNOP-Programming

Monday, December 3

5:00- 7:00p

Volunteer Orientation (tentative)

Sunday, December 9

7:00 - 9:00p

Committee Meeting (tentative)

Saturday, December 15

9:30 - Noon -

Destination Discovery-Programming

YOUTH & FAMILY

YOUTH GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS



Please go to the Mt. Zion webpage and download your application.

http://www.mtzionhudson.com/youth/grants.html

The Post-Secondary Education Grant Committee will be accepting applications from now until December 30, 2018 at 9:00 am

If you have completed one term/semester of Post High School Education and have enrolled in the 2019 Spring term, you are eligible.

Selection criteria are outlined on the application form.

Mail completed form to:

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
c/o Youth Grant
505 13th St. S
Hudson, WI 54016
or drop it off at church before the
December 30, 2018 deadline

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Mt. Zion will be "Ringing" on

Monday, 10

9:00a - 5:00p

County Market in Hudson



Contact the church office at (715) 386-5409 to find out what times are open.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Sunday December 2 -

There will be an extra-long Sunday school practice for the Christmas program. It will be 9:20-11:30.

Sunday December 9 – Sunday school will start 20 minutes early. It will be 9:00 am - 10:15 am.

Saturday December 15 - dress rehearsal practice - 9:30 - 11/11:30.

Sunday December 16 -

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM! Please have your kids meet in the lower level of church by 9:00. We will have a quick run through of the program. The program will be held during the second church service at 10:30 am!!

REMINDER: The kids are using their bodies to make shadows! Please have them wear solid dark colors, such as long sleeve shirt, leggings/sweat pants, on the day of the program. Questions or concerns please see Angie Adams



SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
SAVE THE DATE
The theme is:
"THE BIRTH OF JESUS,
THE LIGHT OF THE
WORLD"

Sunday December 16 10:30 worship

<u>December 23 & 30</u> No Sunday School

January 6, 2019 No Sunday School

YOUTH & FAMILY



TOOLBOX MILESTONE

On November 7, our 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class had the opportunity to build their toolboxes for the Toolbox Milestone! Thank you to our Instructors for this milestone: Mark Arneson & Bill Peterson.

On Sunday, November 11 Nora Beard O'Connell & Arabella Campana were honored during worship and will begin their journey into learning how to take their tools into the world to spread God's Love!

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19



THANK YOU!

Arabella, who has never held a drill and claims she isn't very good at building anything, thoroughly enjoyed making her toolbox and hearing both men talk about the Habitat for Humanity projects. I don't know if it is because Bill and Mark were patient and encouraging as they guided the girls as they drilled and painted, but Arabella had a lot of fun.

Thanks to Bill Peterson and Mark Arneson for giving their time for the evening.

Shanda Campana



THE
PERFECT
CHRISTMAS
GIFT!

This holiday season consider giving the gift of camp to your child or grandchild.

Luther Point Bible Camp has their 2019 summer sessions set and registration opens Dec 1.

More info available online. https://lutherpoint.org/summer-camp

There are family camps and even a grandparent with grandchild camp!



ATTENTION ALL 6TH – 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

This year we are getting a group together to go to Luther Point January 11-13!

You will arrive at Luther Point at 5:00p on Friday and head home at 1:00p on Sunday!

Mixers, Workshops, Games and worship are just a few things that are in store for you!

We promise a fun weekend and a wonderful way to get to know Luther Point for those of our youth who haven't been there before! The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him

— Exodus 15:2

Cost of the weekend is

\$65/per Student. Anyone wishing for assistance, please remember we have scholarship money available for anyone that would like to attend Luther Point!

8th Grade Milestone

This year our Eighth Graders participated in our newly created eighth grade milestone, "BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING".

The eighth graders were given a letter along with an envelope. The letter stated: "God has blessed each of you. Count your blessings. But don't stop there. You are blessed to be a blessing. God's intention is that all the nations of the earth should be blessed by the actions of God's people. The Jews were not chosen by God for special privilege, but for special service. It is the same for us as Christians and for anybody else who receives God's blessing. Don't hoard it...spread it. Don't pay it back, pay it forward. For every material blessing you have received, for the gift of talent or health or a kind and loving spirit...whatever it is, you were given that blessing in order that you might use it to bless others.



Inside the envelope you have been given you will find your blessing from the Mt. Zion congregation, \$50.00. It is now your mission to bless someone/something else. It might be a mission, organization, a person or group of people, those in need, food for a food shelf, something you feel strongly about, you may divide the sum and give to multiple things...this money is yours to do with what you see fit as an appropriate way to share this blessing. The catch? You must decide who or what the money will go to and how this money will be used. It is up to you! After you have given

the money to whom or what you see fit, you will need to write a short paragraph about what you did with the money that you were blessed with and then who or what you blessed, why it was important to you and what impact did receiving and then sharing this have on you."

The students were then asked to submit their paragraph for the December 2018 newsletter."

Student 1:

The people I gave the money was a place in River Falls called Our Neighbors Place, where homeless people or others that don't have a lot and can't afford things, can go to get what they need. They have a couch for people to sleep on, food to eat, a bathroom with a shower, toilet, and sink. They also have supplies of clothing, shampoo, and conditioner, lotion, jewelry, shoes etc. I picked this place, so more people can get things they need and so the place can provide more people with goods. I also don't like it when people have to suffer because of their lack of money. And I also want to help people in need, even if it is just giving someone living on the street 5 dollars because every little bit counts. I know about this place from going here for one of my leadership retreats and we helped them organize their food, clothing, and etc. So, this is why I picked this place.

Student 2:

With the \$50 I received, I decided to give it to Coco's Heart Dog Rescue and help with Colby's end of life fund which helps pay for medication and medical bills for a peaceful end of life. This was important to me because I really like to help animals. I am grateful for the opportunity that I was given to share this blessing. Thank you.

Student 3:

I decided to donate my money to second mile Haiti. I made this decision because our church has helped this organization for the past years and I thought I could take part in helping this organization as well. I like that this organization helps give education and nourishment to mothers and babies. I think it is important for mothers and children to be healthy, happy and together.

Student 4:

I donated my money to GiGi's Playhouse. GiGi's playhouse is an organization that guides individuals with Down syndrome and their families. They give the families resources at a fraction of the price. GiGi's Playhouse Pop-Up are hosted in community centers, churches (like Mt. Zion), YMCA, Library, schools. GiGi's Playhouse was created to change the way the world views a Down syndrome diagnosis and send a global message of acceptance for all. I hope they can use our donation to help establish their new Hudson location, and serve those in need in our community.

Student 5:

Dear Church,

For 8th Grade Confirmation I received \$50. I was able to spend it on 2 amazing things. First thing I did was spending \$30 on Feed My Starving Children. This was able to provide over 56 meals. This made me extremely happy because I know I am helping somebody with their hunger and I was able to help provide meals. Next, I spent \$20 on an adopted family that my school was doing for the holidays. This made me happy to know that 3 kids are able to have hats, gloves, mittens, food and toys for Christmas with the help from the church, school, my family and I.

Thank you so much for letting me be able to give money to an amazing organization and a family in need.

Watch for Student 6 paragraph in the January Newsletter!



WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

1st Sunday of Advent

8:15 am Advent Service 10:30 am Advent Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 pm Hymn Sing Service Enjoy the season with your favorite Christmas Carols and learn the history behind each one. A wonderful way to help kick off the Holiday.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:15 am Christmas Music Festival &

Santa Lucia

10:30 am Christmas Music Festival &

Santa Lucia

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service Enjoy Marty Haugen's beautiful musical service by candlelight! Take a break to celebrate the true meaning of the season!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:15 am Advent Service 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

This service is a quiet, contemplative prayer service with time to pray for those who are going through any sort of difficulties this holiday season. Christmastime can be hard for those who are grieving, in financial distress, depressed, stressed out, in transition, lonely, lost or ill. This service is a time to pray for those who aren't so jolly this Christmas season, to reflect on Bible passages, sing some of our quieter Christmas hymns and thank God for the birth of Christ, who we need the most when we are in times of trial. Join us for a time of prayer for yourself or a loved one.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

4th Sunday of Advent

8:15 am Advent Service 10:30 am Advent Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24



JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST!

At **4:00 pm** we will have our joyful Children and Family Service. This

service will include youth worship leaders, musical performances by members of Mt. Zion and our Jr. Choir, and fun and songs for all ages! Let your hearts ring out with joy!

At 10:00 pm will be our Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. Hear the story of Jesus' birth, sing your favorite Christmas Carols, enjoy the music of our Senior Choir and other Mt. Zion members. The service will end with the traditional lighting of candles and singing "Silent Night". There is no more beautiful way to end your Christmas Eve!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:15 am Pick your favorite
Christmas Carol Service
10:30 am Pick your favorite
Christmas Carol Service



JOIN US THIS DECEMBER FOR WEDNESDAY

ADVENT SERVICES! Dec. 5, 12 & 19

Take a break and celebrate the coming birth of Christ and this beautiful church season! All services will begin at 7:00 pm and last until 7:30 pm with coffee and cookies following in the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 THE FESTIVAL OF SANTA LUCIA



The festival of Santa Lucia begins before dawn, on the thirteenth of December.

Throughout Sweden, the eldest daughter in each household comes to her sleeping parents, dressed in a long white gown tied with a red sash, and wearing a crown of

lingonberry leaves in which are set seven lighted candies. In her hands she carries a tray of steaming hot coffee and "Lussekattor". The procession includes her sisters and brothers also dressed in white, holding lighted candles, and singing of the light and joy of Christmas.

The sisters of the Lucia Bride wear a wreath of tinsel in their hair and a piece tied around their waist, while the boys have tall pointed caps sprinkled with stars. Awakened by the lights and the singing, the parents arise and eat the breakfast served, thus ushering in the Christmas season.

We will have some of the cookies available for Sale this day as well. Proceeds will go to the Mt. Zion Organ fund. We will accept items both for sale and to serve at fellowship during our Coffee time – also called "Fika" in Sweden.

If you have any questions, please see Karen McConville.



During both Services on December 9, our very own Mt. Zion Junior Choir, Mt. Zion Tone Chimes & Mt. Zion Senior Choir, will be presenting to you their Christmas Music

Festival!

Please come join us on a Sunday Morning FILLED with CHRISTMAS CHEER!

THANK YOU, ALTAR GUILD!

During this transition time as we await our bridge pastor, we want to highlight a group of people who work behind the scenes to set up our altar each week for communion and change paraments for each season and special Sundays. A big thank you goes out to Mike Yde who heads up the altar guild and trains the volunteers. We also wish to thank those who work before and after the services (often coming to church during the week) to set up: Jane Mlinar, Eileen Wymer, Mary Stanton, Deb and Dave Miller, Mary Kay Mahler, Deb Tonsager, Erin and Randy Prawalsky, and Nora Flavin.

The Worship and Music Committee (chaired by Erin Prawalsky and Judy Meincke)

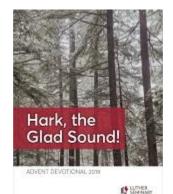
ADVENT DEVOTIONAL 2018 - "HARK, THE GLAD SOUND!"

Luther Seminary invites you to use the 2018 Advent devotional, "Hark, the Glad Sound!" for personal or congregational use this Advent.

Download regular print edition:

Regular (296 KB)

| Printer-friendly



This year's contributing authors are:

- Lois Malcolm, Professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary
- Kyle Svennungsen, Associate Pastor, St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

If you are already a God Pause subscriber, you will receive "Hark, the Glad Sound!" in your email inbox each day of Advent. If you're not a God Pause subscriber, sign up here and select "God Pause Daily Devotions" to receive the daily devotion. Once Advent ends, you'll continue to receive daily God Pause devotions written by Luther Seminary alumni. If you have questions, please email devotion@luthersem.edu.

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR DECEMBER 2018

MISSION:

To provide a welcoming experience for all who walk through our doors

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:15 am - Hospitality Lead: Nicole Gelina

Ushers: Dennis & Cindy Saathoff

Greeters: Samantha Sammons & Renee Eickstadt

Reader: Nicole Gelina Communion: Renee Eickstadt

Acolyte: Lily Romzek

<u>Fellowship</u>: Dennis & Dusty O'Connell **10:30 am** – <u>Hospitality Lead</u>: Olive Olson

<u>Ushers:</u> Scott & Christine Jahns <u>Greeters:</u> Paul & MaryKay Mahler

Reader: Bill Olson

<u>Communion</u>: MaryKay Mahler <u>Acolyte</u>: Kaitlyn Sanders

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 pm Advent Service Ushers: Jim & Gwen Paulson

<u>Greeters</u>: TBA <u>Acolyte</u>: TBA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:15 am - <u>Hospitality Lead</u>: Jim Eral

<u>Ushers:</u> David & Debra Miller

Greeters: Carol Gustafson, Janel Whirry &

the Yarrington family Acolyte: Tara Sanders

Fellowship: Karen McConville

10:30 am - Hospitality Lead: Karen McConville

<u>Ushers</u>: Mark & Paula Saunders Greeters: Kendra Margl & Lucy Larson

Acolyte: Art Okerlund

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 pm Advent Service

Ushers: TBA
Greeters: TBA
Acolyte: TBA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:15 am - Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson

<u>Ushers:</u> Mike Yde & Mark Arneson <u>Greeters:</u> Katie Jones, Lola Scott Jim & Nicole Gelina <u>Reader:</u> Sarah Yarrington

Communion: Jim Letourneau Acolyte: Avery Anderson Fellowship: Erin Prawalsky

10:30 am - Hospitality Lead: OPEN Ushers: Bill Peterson & Art Okerlund

<u>Greeters</u>: Holly O'Connell <u>Acolyte</u>: Nora Beard O'Connell

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 pm Advent Service

Ushers: TBA Greeters: TBA Acolyte: TBA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:15 am - Hospitality Leads: Jim & Linda Letourneau

<u>Ushers</u>: Harley & Joan Saathoff <u>Greeters</u>: Jim & Sonja Johnson Gene Stahnke & Don Kriegl

Reader: Judy Meincke

Communion: Karen McConville

Acolyte: David Brown

Fellowship: Katie Jones

10:30 am - <u>Hospitality Lead</u>: Andrea Dreier

Ushers: Tim & Nils Dreier

Greeters: Donna Revoir & Joan Christopher

Reader: Andrea Dreier Communion: Mary Stanton Acolyte: Arabella Campana

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm - Hospitality Lead:

Ushers: The Dreier Family

Greeters:

Readers: Olivia Yarrington, Nadia Yarrington. Lily Romzek, Abigail Romzek, Claire Hoier, Derek Bogusz, Luke Bogusz

& Brooke Dreier

<u>Communion</u>: Nora Flavin, <u>Acolyte</u>: Nils Dreier

10:00 pm - Hospitality Lead:

Ushers:

Greeters: Carol Gustafson, Alex Arneson

Readers: Michaela Arneson, Robin Arneson, Karen

McConville, Mary Ellefson

Communion: Karen McConville, Mark Arneson, Gwen

Paulson & Jim Paulson

Acolyte:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:15 am - Hospitality Lead: Kristen Johnson

<u>Ushers:</u> Abigail & Lily Romzek <u>Greeters:</u> Katie Jones & Lola Scott

Reader: Katie Jones Communion: Ellie Johnson Acolyte: Nils Dreier

Fellowship: Carol Gustafson 10:30 am - <u>Hospitality Lead:</u> OPEN

<u>Ushers</u>: Bill & Olive Olson <u>Greeters</u>: John & Nora Flavin <u>Reader</u>: Karen McConville <u>Communion</u>: Florence Hopp

Acolyte: Ian Flattum

MILESTONES



December 4 – Sofia Gigure Anna Peterson

December 5 - Steve Gerdts

December 6 - Isabel Nemitz

December 7 - Tim Steinhoff

December 10 – Samantha Sammons Lauren Spreeman

December 12 – Gary Baribeau Roxanne Studelska

December 13 – Brandon Matzek David Miller Marcia Teschner

December 14 - Wendee Dombrock

December 16 - Linda Flatt

December 17 - Megan Gelina Nicole Gelina Scott Veenendall

December 18 - Tracy Oswald

December 19 - Carol Gustafson Zachary West

December 21 – Colin McConville Kim Pilarski

Jon Stojan

December 23 – Renee Eickstadt Joyce Johnson

December 25 – Baby Jesus **December 27** – Cindy DiGidio

December 28 – Sonja Johnson

Sven O'Connell-Beard

If we have missed your special day, or have the wrong information – please contact the church office at (715) 386-5409.



December 5 - Mark & Laura Romzek
December 10 - Don & Carol Kriegl
December 14 - Steve & Renee Eickstadt
December 22 - Gary & Deb Hauschildt
December 29 - Jim & Nicole Gelina
December 31 - Josh & Krista Spreeman



BAPTIZED

December 1 – Jackie Anderson Emily Holman Christine Jahns

Katie Jones

December 2 – Ian Flattum Jessica Hines

Kelsie Hines

December 4 - Barb Walczak

December 8 – Sabrina Keyes

December 10 – Jennifer Johnson Gene Stahnke

December 12 - Jason Gigure

Roxanne Studelska

December 13 - Scott Revoir

December 18 - Ken Revoir

December 19 - Norm Maser

Reece Sundeen

December 20 - Bill Peterson

December 24 - Mykel Eickstadt

December 31 – Courtney Peterson



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

1st Sunday of Advent 8:15 am Advent Service 10:30 am Advent Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 pm Advent Hymn Sing Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

2nd Sunday of Advent 8:15 am Music Festival & Santa Lucia 10:30 am Music Festival & Santa Lucia

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 pm Advent Holden Evening Prayer Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

3rd Sunday of Advent 8:15 am Advent Service 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 pm Advent Blue Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

4th Sunday of Advent 8:15 am Advent Service 10:30 am Advent Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm Children and Family Service 10:00 pm Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:15 am Pick your favorite Christmas Carol Service 10:30 am Pick your favorite Christmas Carol Service