

From the Pastor's Desk...

Advent is Coming!

Many people are excited that Christmas is fast approaching. For Christian believers, Christmas is a special time to once again celebrate God's greatest gift to the world—His only-begotten Son. But before we celebrate the birth of our Lord with the Christmas season, we will first spend a few weeks in church focusing on an event that is also fast approaching: Christ's second coming!

Jesus has promised to return to our world, not in humble circumstances like the first time, but in the fullness of His glory and power! Because this will be such a tremendous event it is fitting that we devote extra time to learn about our Lord's return and how we can be well prepared for that day. This is the major emphasis of the Advent season, Christ is coming!

To help us appreciate this special advent season the church has the tradition of adding midweek advent services. Here at Pella we will have three midweek services on Wednesday evenings, December 5th and 12th and the 19th. The themes for these services are derived from the Epistle lessons used in the previous Sunday church service, a portion of those readings are printed below. Take a few minutes and read through these lessons and note the Advent theme in each of them.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Philippians 1:2-11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Did you notice the Advent theme in these readings? In different ways they all refer to the second coming of our Lord which all believers will be well prepared for because Christ has redeemed us by His actions at His first coming—His life, death and resurrection. I hope you will be able to take time out of your week to join us for these special mid-week services. God grant you a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas season!



AROUND PELLA

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Advent Services:

Wednesday, December 5th

12:00 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, December 12th

12:00 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, December 19th

12:00 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Worship

(If anyone would like to help with the Advent dinners, there is a sign-up sheet located in the narthex. The church will reimburse food expenses, please bring your receipts to the church office.)

Monday, December 24, 2018:

6:00 p.m. Worship Service with Sunday School children participation

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25, 2018:

9:00 a.m. We will celebrate Jesus' Birth with Divine Service and Holy Communion.

Monday, December 31, 2018:

5:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

It's Angel Tree Time!

The narthex tree is filled with numbered cards listing the gift wishes of folks in need.



1.) Select a numbered card.

2.) IN THE PROVIDED NOTEBOOK, PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE LINE THAT MATCHES THE GIFT NUMBER YOU CHOSE.

3.) After shopping, return the card on the wrapped gift to the Fellowship Hall by Dec. 17th. Please limit your gift to \$15-\$20. IF YOU BUY A GIFT CARD, PLEASE PUT IT IN A LARGER ENVELOPE OR BOX. Thanks for participating in this annual cause.

Pella's Radio Broadcast

Pella's Sunday services are broadcast at 11:00 a.m. on the radio. Since the storm this last summer and the tower was disabled, there has been some difficulty in tuning in our broadcast on the AM station 1170. They are working on getting a new tower in place, but in the mean time, you can do any of the following to hear our broadcast:

1. Tune to FM 93.7 in the city of Fond du Lac

2. Tune to FM 103.3 in the city of Waupun

3. Ask Alexa (your smart speaker device)- Hey Alexa, play "AM 1170 radio"

4. Download the free TUNE IN radio app on your smart phone, and search WFDL-AM

5. Log on www.am1170radio.com and click listen live button



December Select Mission: LCMS World Relief and Human Care

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Newsletter Prayer List

Long-Term Prayer List:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Marvin & Lois Groth and all our homebound members



Sue Wilson (*Sister-in-law of Cheri Witkowski*)

Allison Townsend (*Friend of Cheri Witkowski*)

Mike Kwakkel (former son-in-law of Kathy Preston)

Our 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Eurasia)

Rev. Michael & Karen Schempf (Uganda)



Shoe Drive NOW thru Dec. 15

To Benefit: FOREST MOUND CEMETERY in Waupun to help with Tornado Damage & Paving

NEW & Gently Used Shoes Wanted

DROP OFF at

Werner Harmsen Furniture

My Property Shoppe on Main

i2i Coordinators LLC—Sue VandeBerg on Main

The shoes are used to help entrepreneurs in under-developed countries create incomes to support their families. We get paid per pound for the shoes collected. Thank you for your support! Call or text Sue with any questions 920-296-2904.

Church Council and Boards

We still have vacancies on three of our Boards and also for Vice-President of the church council. These officers and board members will be installed in January. There is one person needed to serve a 3-year term on each of the following boards:

- Board of Pre-school
- Board of Education
- Board of Youth

The Vice-President term would be for one year (2019) and then he would serve as President in 2020.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for these positions.

December Birthdays

1 Stacy Margelofsky	9 Thomas Bella	20 Hope VanLoo
2 Alexis Harmsen	9 Daniel Zinke	21 Luke Hahn
4 Victoria Belleville	10 Michele Nummerdor	22 Wayne Zuhlke
5 Paulette Smit	12 Julie Derksen	23 Andrew Pater
6 Julie Bonack	12 Jayne Hull	24 Shirley Peters
6 Marvin Groth	17 Diana Beder	25 Jaclyn Teachout
7 Dekker Landaal	18 Whitaker Laude	27 Lisa Dykstra
7 Owen Shurpit	18 Gustav Madigan	27 Tonya Maldonado
8 Alexandra Parsons	20 Sarah Bunkoske	29 Lora Huizenga
8 Elliot Schulz	20 Karlee Piasecki	30 Shawn Lang
		31 Alice Rahn

December Anniversaries

9 Milford and Patricia Hopp	46
26 James and Joan Braatz	20
27 Chris and Tierney Cornelius	4
28 Wayne and Linda Zuhlke	55



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						7:00 AM Men's Bible Study ¹
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	6:00 PM Youth Board	9:30 AM Prayer Group	9:00 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Advent Worship 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Advent Supper 7:00 PM Advent Worship	10:00 AM Bible Study		7:00 AM Men's Bible Study ⁸
9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	9:00 AM Pella Life Group 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting	9:00 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Advent Worship 6:00 PM Pella Choir 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Advent Supper 7:00 PM Advent Worship 7:45 PM Sr. Youth	10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML		7:00 AM Men's Bible Study ¹⁵ 9:00 AM Children's Christmas Practice
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9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	Christmas Eve 6:00 PM Worship Service w/Sunday School children 9:00 PM Candlelight Service	Christmas 9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion	9:00 AM Quilting NO Divine Service/ Holy Communion	10:00 AM Bible Study		7:00 AM Men's Bible Study ²⁹
9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class 4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	New Year's Eve 2:00 PM Nolan/Ernst Wed. 5:30 PM Divine Service/ Holy Communion			NEWSLETTER MAILING		

December 2018 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist	Elder/ Altar Assistant	Finance	V/PA-Radio	Greeters	Acolytes	Ushers
12-2	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	B. Kuenzi	D. Beder	H. Schmitz E. Swan ®	D. Klosterman		H. Flier, M. Hopp
12-5	12:00 PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi					
12-5	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	D. Wetzel					
12-9	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	D. Wetzel M. Hopp	M. Bowe S. Bowe	V. Loehrke W. Schmitz ®	M. & P. Hopp	M. Holz	D. Buss, N. Buss
12-12	12:00 PM	L. Huizenga						
12-12	7:00 PM	Ch. Zills	N. Trauernicht					
12-16	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	W. Schmitz	M. Peachey C. Pater	D. VandeZande G. Baumann ®	H. & C. Schmitz	E. Wachter	G. Baumann R. Baumann
12-19	12:00PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi					
12-19	7:00 PM	L. Huizenga	N. Trauernicht					
12-23	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	B. Kuenzi M. Hopp	B. Kuenzi D. Kuenzi	S. Schmitz C. Landaal ®	J. & J. Quade	V. Martinez	M. Nolan, H. Westhuis
12-24	6:00 PM	L. Huizenga	W. Schmitz					
12-24	9:00 PM	Ca. Zills	B. Kuenzi					
12-25	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	W. Schmitz M. Hopp				S. Drewa	
12-30	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	D. Wetzel M. Hopp	B. Kuenzi D. Kuenzi	B. Kuenzi E. Swan ®	C. Oppermann	K. Westphal	D. Klosterman, S. Long
12-31	5:30 PM	Ca. Zills	B. Kuenzi M. Hopp					

Altar Circle Committee: Carol Oppermann, Ann Keyser, Sandy Flier, Marion Landaal

Soul Accounting: Marion Birkholz & Darlene Birkholz-Lueck

