

From the Pastor's Desk...

Advent Blessings

A very nice summary of what the Advent season is all about can be seen in the hymn titled "Once He Came in Blessing," #333 in our hymnal. Look at the first stanza:

*Once He came in blessing, all our sins redressing.
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy. Bore
the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.*

The season of Advent is closely associated with our celebration of our Lord's first coming into the world at Christmas. Unfortunately, many people are uninvolved with the celebration of Christ's birth. Instead, they surround themselves with a heap of human traditions and activities that have nothing to do with honoring the profound and gracious gift from God of His only-begotten Son, our Savior.

God sent His Son to be born in lowliness, in human form, born of the Virgin Mary. This was His first coming (advent) into the world. This first coming was with the specific purpose of bearing the cross and enduring this brutal suffering as the perfect payment for the sins of the world. This He did for our hope and freedom from sin and death.

But the season of Advent is not only about Christ's first coming. It actually has more to do with our expectant and patient waiting for His glorious second coming. As God's redeemed children we remember His promise that He would come back in glory to judge the living and the dead. Again, from the hymn:

*Soon will come that hour, when with mighty power,
Christ will come in splendor, And will judgment render,
with the faithful sharing, joy beyond comparing.*

The hour of His return will come. It may not seem "soon" from our perspective, but He will return like a thief in the night when many are not expecting Him. But we are well prepared for His second coming when we continue to believe and trust in Him. For His second coming will not be like that first, humble Christmas appearance in meekness as a baby. He will come in splendor, glory and mighty power!

As we begin this Advent season and approach the celebration of Christ's birth let us take time to ponder these great works that God has done and will accomplish in the near future. The hymn says it best in the last stanza:

*Come, then, O Lord Jesus; from our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, that we, grace receiving;
ever may confess You, till in heav'n we bless You.*

God grant you a most blessed Advent and Christmas season!

Pastor Knuth



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HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Advent Services:

Wednesday, December 4th

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

Wednesday, December 11th

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

Wednesday, December 18th

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.)

Tuesday, December 24, 2019:

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

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25, 2019:

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

Tuesday, December 31, 2019:

5:30 p.m. Divine Service

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.

3.) After shopping, return the card on the wrapped gift to the Fellowship Hall by **December 16th**. 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.



“Christmas at Concordia”

Kick off your holiday season by joining us on **Friday, December 6 at 7:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall for a live-stream presentation of Concordia University's "Christmas at Concordia" concert. A cherished tradition at CUW, this concert features selections—both sacred and secular—by each of their ensembles. Ensembles include the Kammerchor, the Alleluia Ringers, the Wind Ensemble, the Chorale, and more. Refreshments will be served.

Mitten Tree for LWML

Ladies Aid will again have a mitten tree. We need gloves and mittens—gloves that are water proof and heavy. Kids just do not wear scarves and hats so much. Thanking you in advance for sharing with our children. They all stay in Waupun for the Food pantry and all the schools.



December Select Mission: A Place of Refuge
For pregnant women and pre-born children, located in Milwaukee

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Newsletter Prayer List

Our monthly newsletter prayer list will include the names of those who have long-term illnesses or who are in the military. If you know of someone who should be included on this list, please contact Tomi at 324-3321, ext. 101. Thank you.

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Amy VandeZande, Brenda Bergman

Our 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

- Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Eurasia)
- Rev. Michael & Karen Schempf (Uganda)
- Rev. Michael Paul (Taiwan)

Congregational Meeting News

The Church Council suggestion for the \$390,000 gift to Pella was passed at the Congregational Meeting.

\$80,000 - LCMS South Wisconsin District for Church Planting / Missions

\$10,000 - LCMS Seminaries (\$5,000 each to Fort Wayne, IN and St. Louis, MO)

\$200,000 - Pella Contingency Fund / Sanctuary Updates (Carpet, lighting in church, roof on Educational Building, North parking lot, etc.)

\$50,000 - Church worker scholarship fund (\$3,000 per year, beginning sophomore year in college)

\$50,000 - Seminary Vicar (A Vicar can preach, make visits, assist in the office and Pastor Knuth would help train the person to be a pastor in the church setting. It's a one-year commitment and the church would be responsible for wages, housing and insurance.)

December Anniversaries

9	Milford and Patricia Hopp	47
26	James and Joan Braatz	21
27	Chris and Tierney Cornelius	5
28	Wayne and Linda Zuhlke	56
31	Joshua and Katelyn Ernst	1

Retirement Reception for

**** Lora Huizenga ****

After 21 years of faithful service to Pella, Lora will retire at the end of the year. A farewell reception will be held on December 22 following the worship service. Please stay for refreshments and to wish Lora many blessings in her retirement years ahead!

Youth News

A hearty thank you to all who participated in "Rake and Run". Seven yards were cleaned up in less than 2 hours! Also, thank you to our yard owners for all their donations of goodies and monies! Thanks to these donations, we celebrated Sophia's successful back surgery with pizza!

Saturday, December 7 at 9:00am—Youth will be baking cookies in the Pella kitchen which will be distributed to our shut-ins.

Wednesday, December 11 at 5:00pm—Jr & Sr Youth will leave for Angel Tree shopping at Beaver Dam Fleet Farm.

Any adults wishing to help bake or shop may contact Karla @ 920-291-8600.

Notice to Sunday School Parents:

Christmas Eve program practices will be Saturdays, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21, 9am to 10am.

December Birthdays

2	Alexus Harmsen	18	Gustav Madigan
4	Victoria Belleville	20	Sarah Bunkoske
5	Blakely Mitchell	21	Luke Hahn
5	Paulette Smit	22	Wayne Zuhlke
6	Julie Bonack	23	Andrew Pater
7	Dekker Landaal	24	Shirley Peters
7	Owen Shurpit	25	Jaclyn Teachout
8	Alexandra Parsons	27	Lisa Dykstra
9	Thomas Bella	29	Lora Huizenga
12	Julie Derksen	30	Shawn Lang
12	Jayne Hull	31	Alice Rahn
17	Diana Beder		



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December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Board</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 AM Prayer Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>12:00 PM Advent Worship 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Advent Supper 7:00 PM Advent Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 PM Live-stream of "Christmas at Concordia" Music Concert</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Youth baking cookies</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM Pella Life Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 AM Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>12:00 PM Advent Worship 5:00 PM Angel Tree Shop 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Advent Supper 7:00 PM Advent Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML</p> <p>6:30 PM IHH Christmas Program</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Children's Christmas Practice</p>	
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 AM Prayer Group</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>12:00 PM Advent Worship 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 6:00 PM Advent Supper 6:00-8:00 PM Champions of Fond du Lac 7:00 PM Advent Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>NEWSLETTER MAILING</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Children's Christmas Practice</p>	
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Reception for Lora Huizenga's Retirement 10:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>6:00 PM Service w/Sunday School children 9:00 PM Candlelight Ser.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas</p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>26</p> <p>NO Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>	
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <p>5:30 PM Divine Service</p>	<p>Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI Phone 920-324-3321</p>				

December 2019 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist	Elder/ Altar Assistant	Finance	V/PA-Radio	Greeters	Acolytes	Ushers
12-1	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	D. Wetzel	D. Beder	H. Schmitz E. Swan ®	D. Klosterman		H. Flier, M. Nolan
12-4	12:00 PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi					
12-4	7:00 PM	V. Knuth	K. Hahn					
12-8	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	K. Hahn M. Hopp	M. Bowe S. Bowe	V. Loehrke W. Schmitz ®	M. & P. Hopp	K. Westphal	C. Lund, L. Hahn
12-11	12:00 PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi					
12-11	7:00 PM	V. Knuth	D. Wetzel					
12-15	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	D. Wetzel	M. Peachey	D. VandeZande G. Baumann ®	H. & C. Schmitz	E. Wachter	G. Baumann R. Baumann
12-18	12:00PM	L. Huizenga	B. Kuenzi					
12-18	7:00 PM	V. Knuth	N. Trauernicht					
12-22	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	W. Schmitz M. Hopp	F. Mclver S. Mclver	S. Schmitz C. Landaal ®	J. & J. Quade	M. Holz	D. Buss N. Buss
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	
12-29	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	B. Kuenzi M. Hopp	B. Kuenzi D. Kuenzi	B. Kuenzi E. Swan ®	T. Knuth		H. Flier H. Westhuis
12-31	5:30 PM	Ch. Zills	D. Wetzel					

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

Soul Accounting: Marion Birkholz & Darlene Birkholz-Lueck

