

LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk...

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:15-17)

What would life be like if we had nothing to be thankful for? You probably know people who live like that; they think their life is only filled with misery; nothing good seems to happen so they are always complaining. Perhaps we find ourselves acting like this at times.

Focusing on the bad things draws our attention away from the blessings of the Lord, and we become complainers rather than “thank-ers.” For this reason we need the reminder to be thankful!

You are a Christian; you have the peace of God in Christ which surpasses all understanding. You know that God loves you and will give you what you need and so much more! So give thanks to God, always!

We have His Word of Truth, we know how much He has done to redeem us and make us His own. Whatever we do, we are to do it for His glory with thanksgiving. And although it is nice to have a special “Thanksgiving Day” with all the festive activities, for us Christians, everyday is a day filled with thanks to God.

Giving thanks to God helps us avoid the temptations that bombard us everyday. If I begin my day by saying “thank you God for giving all me all that I need,” I will be less inclined to steal or be envious of what others have.

In Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (see Luke 18:9-14) the Pharisee actually gives thanks to God that he is not like other “sinners,” all the while ignoring his own sin.

May God help us and forgive us for the many times our thanksgiving to Him has been insincere or even absent. Not only does this dishonor God but it also deprives us of recognizing and enjoying the blessings He gives us every day. Those who do not know the Lord may remain thankless, but we can approach everything with the confident knowledge that God will use all things for our good. (Romans 8:28)

Soon we will once again celebrate the greatest gift from God given to mankind: His Son. Jesus was born into this world to bring an everlasting peace with God. Do we really need to be reminded to be thankful for this gift? Yes, actually, we do! It is far too easy for us to take for granted that God sent His Son for our salvation.

Before we become consumed with the busy-ness each day brings, it is fitting that we stop and consider how this gift of God’s Son touches every aspect of our life.

So now, “whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

In Christ,

Pastor Knuth



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ADVENT 2021

Advent Services will be held at Noon and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, December 1, 8 and 15. We WILL serve Advent suppers this year beginning at 6:00 p.m. To help with the meals, see the sign up sheets located in the Narthex.

Newsletter Prayer List

Our monthly newsletter prayer list includes 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 call or email Tomi in the church office.

Long-Term Prayer List:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Karla Schmidt, Dave Williams

Our 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Czech Republic)
Rev. Michael & Irene Paul (Taiwan)

Youth Group News

December 4 at 2pm: Pella's Youth will be baking cookies in the Pella kitchen which will be distributed to our shut-ins.

December 12, 1-3pm: Join us for Christmas caroling!

December 22 at 6 pm: Youth will have their last meeting of the year with a Jesus Birthday Party.

From the Vicar's Desk...

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas..." when we hear these words or read them on a page, we can't help but sing them, maybe do our best Bing Cosby impression or sing them as low as the Drifters. Either way, it is hard to see or hear these words without singing them. This is also true for the treasure trove of Advent and Christmas hymns within our Lutheran tradition. It is hard not to see "Joy to the World" and not sing the hymn, or "Hark! the Herald Angles Sing", "Away in a Manger", and who can forget "O Come, All Ye Faithful." When you see or hear "Angles We Have Heard on High" you remember the long drawn out Glooooooooria in the Refrain. "Silent Night" draws to mind the beloved candlelight Christmas Eve service. How can one not sing these great and wonderful hymns as they are Christmas shopping, or decorating for Christmas?

Advent and Christmas is a joyous time! Our Salvation draws near, in the manger at Bethlehem and in the sure and certain hope of Christ's Second Coming. The Holy Son of God became Man, to suffer and die for you, to redeem you from sin, death, hell, and Satan. Once our Lord is placed in that manger, your Salvation is sure, "It is finished." He becomes Man to save you. He has and is coming back to take you to Himself. Rejoice! Enjoy this season of Advent and Christmas, sing all those wonderful hymns loud and clear for all to hear, for God is now in flesh appearing!

"Oh, that birth forever blessed, / When the virgin, full of grace, / By the Holy Ghost conceiving, / Bore the Savior of our race, / And the babe, the world's Redeemer, / First revealed His sacred face / Evermore and evermore." This is from my favorite Christmas hymn, "Of the Father's Love Begotten" perhaps it's your favorite too. It is hard not to sing this hymn as you read these words. I encourage you to give it a listen on YouTube, sing along, and meditate, rejoice in the Incarnation of our Lord, Savior, and Brother.

A Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas to all of you!

Vicar Benish



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Christmas Divine Services

Christmas Eve, December 24

Children's Service—6:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service—9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25

Divine Service with Holy Communion—9:00 a.m.

Reminder to Sunday School Parents:

Children's Christmas program practices will be held on Saturdays, December 11 and 18 from 9–10:15 am. It is very important that your child(ren) be present for these practices.

December Birthdays

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

December Anniversaries

9	Milford and Patricia Hopp	49
27	Chris and Tierney Cornelius	7
31	Joshua and Katelyn Ernst	3

December Select Mission: LeadaChild

LeadaChild is an independent Lutheran Mission Agency, dedicated to *sharing the Good News of Jesus' love to children through Christian education in third world countries.*

LeadaChild gathers gifts and donations from supporters and uses the funds to provide scholarships, school registration, and supplies for children so that they can attend Lutheran schools and after school programs. They also provide professional development for leaders and teachers at their sites, with an emphasis on effective ways to share the Gospel and teach Biblical truths to children.

Whether their students experience modern classrooms with computers and desks, or are surrounded by woven grass walls, they are hearing about a Heavenly Father who loves them, a Son who has redeemed them from sin, death, and the devil, and a Spirit who fills their hearts with hope and salvation.

Learn more about LeadaChild by seeing the bulletin board display by the elevator or by visiting the web-



Orphan Grain Train

Our packing operations have been steady and we have shipped out many hundreds of boxes this past year to those in need. As you think about gifts during this time of giving, please consider a donation to help with shipping costs for Orphan Grain Train. Each box costs \$11 to ship. Simply write a check to Pella and indicate "Orphan Grain Train (or OGT)" on the memo line.

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Bible Verse of the Month

She will bear a son,
and you shall call his
name Jesus, for he
will save his people
from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

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December 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>NOON Advent Service</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth</p> <p>6:00 PM Advent Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Advent Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>2:00 PM Youth Group Baking</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Board</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 PM New Member Class</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>NOON Advent Service</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth</p> <p>6:00 PM Advent Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Advent Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Children's Christmas Practice</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>9:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM New Member Class</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>NOON Advent Service</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth</p> <p>6:00 PM Advent Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Advent Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Children's Christmas Practice</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>No Worship Services</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. & Jr. Youth Jesus Birthday Party</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>6:00 PM Service w/Sunday School Children</p> <p>9:00 PM Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>26</p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study (No Sunday School)</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>No Worship Services</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <p>5:30 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI Phone 920-324-3321</p>

December 2021 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording
Wednesday December 1	NOON 7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi Darwin Wetzal			
Sunday December 5	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Warren Schmitz	Marj Peachey Diana Beder	Harvey Schmitz	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz
Wednesday December 8	NOON 7:00 PM	Lora Huizenga	Ben Kuenzi Kevin Hahn			
Sunday December 12	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Kevin Hahn	F. & S. McIver	Val Loehrke	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz
Wednesday December 15	NOON 7:00 PM	Christal Zills	Ben Kuenzi Kevin Hahn			
Sunday December 19	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Kevin Hahn Darwin Wetzal	Gail VanLoo Cheryl Pater	Duane Vande Zande	Dan Holz
Christmas Eve December 24	6:00 PM 9:00 PM	Lora Huizenga Candis Breitkruetz	Warren Schmitz Ben Kuenzi			
Christmas Day December 25	9:00 AM	Christal Zills	Warren Schmitz			
Sunday December 26	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Ben Kuenzi	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	G. Baumann or W. Schmitz
New Year's Eve December 31	5:30 PM	Christal Zills	Ben Kuenzi			

Altar Circle Committee: Ann Keyser & Sandy Flier
Soul Accounting: Marion Birkholz & Darlene Birkholz-Lueck

