First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2011

Organist: Arlys Willis

PRAYER: O Loving Father,

Let this time of waiting lead us to truly prepare our hearts for the presence of Your Son. In His name we pray. Amen

GUIDES FOR WORSHIP

The order of worship begins on page 151 in the front of the hymnal. We will sing the "Hymn of Praise" on page 154. There is no Holy Communion today, so please turn to page 166 after the offertory hymn to continue.

Hymns: 332, 334, 347

Text: Mark 13: 24-37

Theme: "Waiting, Watching, and Tending the Fire"

Church Attendance:	Saturday, November 19, 2011	12
	Sunday, November 20, 2011	151
	Holy Communion	91
	Sunday School	66

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week is: John 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

We are looking for volunteers to help with fellowship. If you would like to bring something or help serve, please let Elia know at 964-5861.

Please save the UPC labels from all of "Our Family" food products. There is a container on the table in the narthex to put them in. The proceeds will go to the Youth Group to help defray cost of upcoming projects.

We are collecting gifts for the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center again this year. A list of needed items is on the table in the Narthex.

NOW IS THE TIME! Many of us are waiting for Immanuel Lutheran in Gaylord to make the final decision about building a new school before making a gift or a pledge. However, the leaders need to know now about the support they can expect, in order to know how large the new facility could be. Give a pledge, or a plan to loan, or to include the school in your will. NOW IS THE TIME!

The Second collection today is for the "My Cup Runneth Over", proceeds will go to the Food Shelf.

The funeral of Ruby Schmidt, Peace Lutheran's oldest member, took place here this past Wednesday. May our Lord surround her family with comfort and peace as they mourn her passing.

The Usher/Acolyte schedule for December is printed. Please check your distribution boxes for a copy.

Peace Lutheran Guild invites all members to come to the meeting on November 28th at 7:00 p.m. We will be getting ready for Christmas by decorating the tree.

Thanks to Karen Neubarth, Alice Bobo and Rose Kauffman and Mary Kistner for the beautiful cornucopia display.

Do you want to learn Chinese? Ask Amanda Wolter about her class, or check the bulletin board by the office.

On Wednesday, November 30, 2011, from 1:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Centennial Lutheran Church will present Crèche – Hymn fest, featuring hymns, carols, and stories about the Christ Child told by Dr. Jeffrey Burkart. View over 200 Nativity and Angel Displays. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

If you would like to help with the "Living Nativity", call Dan Woehler at 964-2973. The Drive- by Living Nativity will be presented in Arlington at the fairgrounds on Sunday evening December 4th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Many costumed actors and live animals depict the Nativity story with bible verse signs. Food shelf donations and monetary contributions are accepted. In the event that the Arli-Dazzle Parade is postponed on Sat. Dec. 3rd due to weather, we will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Augsburg College presents their 32nd Annual Advent Vespers on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 5 & 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 2, 5, and 8 p.m. at Central Lutheran Church, 3rd Ave. S at 12th St – Downtown Minneapolis.

Concordia University presents the 2011 Fine and Performing Arts Christmas Concert "Comfort Ye, My People" On Friday, December 2nd at 7:30p.m., Saturday, December 3rd at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 p.m. at Buetow Music Center Auditorium, 300 Hamline Ave. St Paul. For ticket prices please check the bulletin board.

Concordia University will present Christmas Vespers Service at Graebner Memorial Chapel , 1259 Carroll Ave, St. Paul on December 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. A light reception sponsored by Concordia University, St. Paul office of Church Relations will follow the Service.

A Bake Sale & Country Store will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. More details are posted on the bulletin board.

Zion Lutheran Church Women, Arlington invite everyone to attend their annual Community Christmas Event "The Gift", featuring artist and speaker Ann Maca Tristani on December 7, 2011 at 7:00p.m. A free-will offering will be donated to the Community Emergency Fund.

Sibley County Human Services is coordinating Santa's Helpers Workshop for Christmas 2011with the assistance of Sibley County civic organizations. This program is to help disadvantaged families in Sibley County. Donations of new toys, games, mittens, quilts, money, wrapping paper will be accepted until December 5, 2011.

Donations may be dropped off at Sibley County Human Services between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. We also need volunteers to sort and wrap gifts, chaperone and clean up. Santa's Helpers Workshop will be held Tuesday, December 6, Wednesday, December 7th and Thursday December 8 at American Lutheran Church, 911 8th St., Gaylord, MN. For more information, please call 507-237-4000.

If you are interest in donating a shoe box filled with gifts for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD they can be dropped off at Word of Life Church, 890 Kingsway Dr., LeSueur MN. For more information on this project, please call 507-665-6393. Drop off times and dates are also listed on the flyer posted on the bulletin board.

Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship service for food & fellowship.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today		
	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
Wednesday	3:45 p.m.	Catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Bell Choir
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Peace Lutheran's Christmas Brunch

Money is a tool that is to be used
for the benefit of the believers.

"There were no needy persons among them.
for from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money
from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet,
and it was distributed to anyone as he had need" (Acts 4:34-35).