

First Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2012

Organist: Arlys Willis

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 not Holy Communion today, so please turn to page 166 after the offertory hymn to continue.

Hymns: 341, 344, 349

Text: Luke 19:37-38

Theme: "Jesus our Advent King"

Church Attendance:

Table with 2 columns: Service Name and Attendance. Rows: Thanksgiving Day (91), Sunday, November 25, 2012 (113), Sunday School (61).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An update on Pastor's progress: Pastor Kurt continues to recover at home through December and plans to return to work part-time at the first of the year.

The Bible verse to memorize this week is: Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."

Please join the Peace Lutheran Guild today after worship for their annual Brunch and fellowship. The Bell Choir will be performing as well.

The Guild will be selling cards today as well as December 9, 2012.

Members of Peace Lutheran Church are invited to join in Christmas Caroling. This event will happen on Wednesday, December 12th. We will meet here at Church at 5:45 p.m. There will be a potluck appetizers afterwards at Highland Commons. Any questions, please call Juanita Kube at 964-5143.

"My Cup Runneth Over" offering totaled \$160.69 which will be donated to the County food shelf. Thank you for your generous donations.

Thanks to all who donated items for the cornucopia, especially Rosie Kauffman for all that she donated. We'd also like to thank Mary Kistner, Rosie Kauffman and Alice Bobo for setting up the display.

2013 MEALS-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM: We are looking for Peace Lutheran volunteers to deliver meals to families in Arlington for the upcoming year in February and in September. If you are a past volunteer or a new volunteer, please contact Sheila in the office so the 2013 schedule can be completed. Thank you to the 2012 volunteers!

The Drive by Living Nativity will be presented in Arlington at the fairgrounds tonight, December 2nd from 5:30 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. Come and view this extraordinary event!

The Sibley County Choral Society presents "We're Getting in the Spirit" on Friday, Dec. 7, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the American Lutheran Church, Gaylord, Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Winthrop Covenant Church and Sunday Dec. 9, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church, Belle Plaine, MN. For ticket price and more details please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Sibley County Public Health & Human Services is coordinating Santa's Helpers Workshop for Christmas 2012 with the assistance of Sibley County civic organizations. Last year alone the workshop served 268 families with a total of 601 children. They are looking for donations of new toys, games, mittens, quilts, money and wrapping paper. Donations will be accepted until December 10th. The program will be held on December 11th, 12th, and 13, 2012. Donations may be dropped off at the Sibley County Public Health & Human Services. They are also in need of volunteers to sort and wrap gifts, chaperone and clean up. If you have any questions, call 507-237-4000.

Right at Home, a non-medical provider of care and assistance to the elderly and disabled adults has an immediate opening in rural New Auburn. Duties include light housekeeping, meal prep., companionship, med reminders and running errands. To apply, visit their website at: www.twincities-nw.rightathome.net. Click on "apply online" (on the bottom of the page) and complete the application, or call 763-559-9733 and ask for Beth.

On Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 7 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church, 814 W. Brooks St. , Arlington will host "Sounds of the Season" featuring the Grace Notes. A free will offering will be collected for the Community Assistance Fund. Please see the bulletin board for more details.

High School Teaching Opportunity: Concordia University St Paul is seeking an adjunct professor to teach an onsite PSEO English course at Mayer Lutheran High School during the second semester. The instructor's qualifications need to include a Master's Degree in English (or approvable related field). Qualified and interested individuals can initially contact Kevin Wilaby, Principal for more information at 952-657-2251 x 317 or kwilaby@lmsmayer.org.

On Sunday, December 9, 2012, Trinity First Lutheran Church, 1115 E. 19th St, Minneapolis will host their annual Christmas German Communion Service at 2:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 150 Stadium Court, Mankato, families and friends are invited to attend a Children's Memorial Service. For information on this service please call 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2618. There is also a poster on the bulletin board.

Please join us after worship for food and fellowship.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Activity. Rows include Today (8:10 a.m. Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service), Wednesday (10:15 a.m. Fellowship & Guild Christmas Brunch, 3:45 p.m. Catechism), Sunday (5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, 8:10 a.m. Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion, 10:15 a.m. Fellowship).

As Christians, we trust in the power of God's Word, Not money or possessions. "Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money, in your belts, wear sandals but not an extra tunic" (Mark 6:7-9)