November 30, 2014 First Sunday in Advent Music: Arlys Willis

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Loving Father,	
During this Advent season of waiting and preparing, keep our hearts focused on the One for whom we are	
waiting – Your Son, Our Lord. In His name we pray. Amen	
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The order of worship begins on page 151 in the front of the hymnal. There is no Holy Communion today, s	0
the offertory we will conclude with the prayers and the benediction.	
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Hymns: 331, 333, 347	
Text: Mark 13, selected verses	
Theme: "Possibility and Reality"	
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CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Sunday November 23, 2014 148	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS	

The Bible verse to memorize this week: John 11: 25-26 – I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

The baptism of Sophera Sue Arredondo, daughter of Manuella Arredondo and Vincent Ristau will take place today. She was born May 1, 2014 in Hutchinson. Her sponsors are Brenton Bassamore, Rebecca Krueger, Ralph LeVasseur, Alexander Gallea and Sabastian Bock. We welcome Sophera into the family of God as well as Peace Lutheran.

The Special Project offering for December will be on December 7th and 14th. It is for the Christmas bags.

If any members have dish towels or dish cloths from the kitchen that they haven't returned lately, please do so as the supply of these items has been disappearing quickly. We are also missing a few of the stainless steel coffee pots. Please check your cupboards.

The Ladies Guild will be selling cards before and after worship service today and every Sunday until December 21st.

Please continue to support our Youth group by saving "Our Family" UPC labels. To date we have gotten approximately \$275.00 from the Nash Finch Company from your efforts.

The Drive by Living Nativity will be presented in Arlington at the fairgrounds on Saturday, December 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Many costumed actors and live animals depict the Nativity story with Bible verse signs. Food Shelf donations and monetary contribution s are accepted. Come and view this extraordinary event!

As part of the Arli—Dazzle festivities taking place on Sat., Dec. 6th, St. Paul's Lutheran church will be putting on Bethlehem Express. All are welcome to board the Bethlehem Express and go on a make-believe train ride throughout their church. This event begins at noon. Trains run every half hour, and the last train departs at 3:30 pm. Each train ride last approximately one hour. This event is a fun, family-friendly, and free way to begin the Christmas season.

Sibley County Public Health & Human Services is coordinating Santa's Helpers Workshop for Christmas 2014. Donations will be accepted until Monday, December 8th. Please see the bulletin board for all the details.

The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers to work at Jerry's Home Quality Foods in Gaylord and Arlington. All proceeds stay in Sibley County. To be a bell ringer, please call Kim at 326-5017. To send a donation: Mark your donation check as Kettle donation 2014 in the memo. Feel free to mail it to Kim Schwich, P.O. Box 182, Green Isle, MN 55338 or drop it in the kettle at either location.

Today, November 30, 2014, at 4:00 pm, you are all invited to attend a concert given by "The Noteables", a community singing group under the direction of Gordon Gregersen with accompanist Avis McDaniel, at the Le-Sueur-Henderson Middle/High School Auditorium, 901 E. Ferry Street, LeSueur, MN.

Plan ahead, and clear your schedule to go caroling on Wednesday, December 10th. We will gather at the church at 6:00 pm. Each family will bring a dish to pass. We should be finished with everything by 8:00 pm, so that all may return home.

Centennial Lutheran Church, 701 Locust St, Henderson invite you to their "Creches and Christmas Traditions" on December 4th from 1:30 pm – 7:00 pm, and on Friday, December 5th from 1:30 – 7:00 pm also on Saturday, December 6th from 1:30 – 5:00 pm. Please see the bulletin board for all the details.

Zion Church Women's Community Christmas, 814 W. Brooks St, Arlington will take place on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm. Please see the bulletin board for all the details.

If you have suggestions for improving the way that our congregation does its work, please speak to your president or your pastor directly, or write a note (with your name included) so that we can follow up properly.

The Sunday school children will be practicing in the worship area on Sunday mornings, so the doors will not be open until 9:15 am for people to come in and be seated for worship.

Trinity First Lutheran Church, 1115 E. 19th St, Minneapolis will be having a German Christmas Communion Service on December 14th at 2:30. Every one is welcome.

The idea of a special gift for God's work, in response to His gift of Christ at Christmas has been gaining momentum. Ideas: "I think I will double my giving in December and see what happens"; "In addition to buying equipment, I'm going to lower my taxable income by giving a couple of extra thousand to the church."; Wouldn't it be great to set a new record for giving in December?

Please join us today for fellowship after our worship service.

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