# Our Savior's Voice

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## December 2019



#### **Vision Statement:**

We are a church centered in Christ, inviting all into a community of worship, nurturing all to be disciples of Jesus. Together we reach out to make a difference here and throughout the world.

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As I write this it is mid-November, the sky is gray, and the air damp and cold. Hard to get into a "Christmas spirit."

FROM THE PASTOR

Of course, we have weeks to go to Christmas.

Still, our culture is getting geared up for "the most wonderful time of the year." Again, as I write this, "Black Friday" on the horizon, and "Black Friday previews" available all over the place. Not even close to Christmas, and we can't wait to get going. The season is revving up, with lights, music, treats and goodies, and of course, lots of shopping. The season is upon us big time.

But what about the "spirit?" Tasty cookies, decorated trees, and the music of the season abound. There's a hustle and bustle these days as I fill my gift list, and before you know it, Christmas is here. How can I not be wrapped up in the Christmas spirit? It really is "the most wonderful time of the year."

And then? Poof! It's all gone. In a moment, in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye (or maybe a star), it's all gone. All the buildup, all the hype, all the excitement and energy, gone, packed away for another year, or just tossed in the trash.

Now, I know what you're thinking. What a Scrooge! Maybe I am. Or maybe not. Maybe what I really want is a Christmas spirit that lasts longer than the paper and wrappings, that doesn't need a set of batteries to work. A spirit that doesn't break down, go out of style, or simply end up, unwanted, in the corner of the closet.

And isn't that really what we yearn for? Something with value, meaning, and substance? Something that lasts and endures, not just during the joy of the season, but far beyond, into – and throughout – the coming year?

But if we put aside for a moment the wrappings and ads, the cookies and the goodies, even the lights and music, maybe we can sense the real, lasting, enduring "Christmas spirit." The joy and wonder of the season is about something that is far beyond us, yet

at the same time, something touchable and tangible, something right in front of our eyes.

How can that be? Because a good and gracious God who cares so deeply for you and for me, would choose to come into our midst in the person of Jesus. We call that the "incarnation" – God in our midst, in human flesh, in the baby lying in the manger.

Let that sink in for a moment – the eternal, all powerful, omniscient God, the creator and master of all creation, the source of all life – you know, that God – decides that you and I are so important, and so loved, that it is worth coming into our world through Jesus. And then, once here, walking our path, all the way to the cross – and to the empty tomb just beyond.

In that act, in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus God transforms life and death. Life and death are no longer about a temporary, disposable existence, that gets tossed out when it's old and worn. Instead, life and death are reclaimed and held in God's hands. We discover that our life is not just about what we see around us, and our death is now about new life. And that – that brings hope, even in the darkest and dreariest of days!

That hope is the real Christmas spirit. The spirit that doesn't end up in the trash, or the closet. The spirit that embraces and fills us every day – even as the coming year unfolds before us.

How do you get this spirit? You don't. It's a gift. You don't even earn it by coming to church. It's a gift!

But in worship, you will hear of it, you will learn about it, and you will see it in action as the Body of Christ, God's people, gather together. So, come and join us this Advent and Christmas season. Not to get the Christmas spirit, but to discover the Christmas spirit God has already shared with you through the baby, the child, the Christ, the crucified and risen Savior!

#### Pastor Jon

#### Christmas Greetings!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you, from the staff at Our Savior's! We treasure the community that gathers here, and we are grateful to all of you for your support and your partnership in the gospel of Jesus. May

God's blessings in the Christ Child be yours during this Holy Season, and throughout the coming New Year!

Pastor Jon, Pastor Jean, Kris, Wendy, and Josh



#### "Joy Has Dawned"

The message of Christmas is a message of joy! "Joy of every long heart." "Jesus, joy of the highest heaven, born as a little baby under a wondrous star." "Joy has dawned

upon the world, promised from creation." "Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King!" Join us at either service Sunday, December 8 to hear the choir present the cantata "Joy Has Dawned". This cantata embraces the hope that we have in both the good days and the bad--that joy has dawned upon the world--giving us something to celebrate!



#### **Advent Worship**

Wednesday, December 4 + 7 PM "Hanging of the Greens"

Decking the halls...and preparing a place...

Special music by Rebecca Schmidt's Elementary SEP

Handbell Choir

Wednesday, December 11+ 7 PM "What 'Tune's' You On?"

Music, music everywhere, but do the notes fit? Featuring music by  $7^{th}$  &  $8^{th}$  grade confirmation students

Wednesday, December 18 + 7 PM "Caroling in Place"

We gather in the sanctuary to sing carols, hear the story, and give thanks for God's work in our world.



#### Christmas Eve Worship

1:30 + 3:30 + 5:30 + 10 PM The Magical Night – The Story and the Feast

We gather to hear the message of the angels, celebrate with music, and share in the gifts of grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion.

#### Christmas Day Worship

10 AM

The Baby in the Light of Day

Gathered together in the morning light, we see the grace of God in our midst and rejoice in the birth of our Savior!

#### Come join us deck the halls!

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> following the 10:30 AM service, we are having a decorating party. We need your help putting up the tree and other sanctuary decorations. Pizza, pop, cookies, and hot chocolate will be served for lunch. Parents please accompany your children as we all enjoy this activity together.



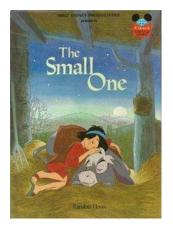
#### Check It Out!



Hey, we've got new stuff to strut! Check out the new Christmas decorations outside the church. Thanks to Jerry and Tonya Chandler we have a manger scene to proclaim the "meaning of the season." They have donated the characters, and Jerry constructed the stable and manger. Thank you for your gift, and the witness for what this time of the year is really all about!

#### You are invited ...

Join us for our Sunday School Christmas Programs ...

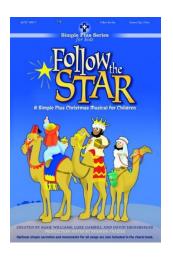


# Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> During 6:00 pm worship "The Small One"

Join our Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders as they hear the story of "The Small One" and sing their songs.

#### Sunday, December 15th During 10:30 am worship "Follow the Star"

Join our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders as they present "Follow the Star" in music and words.





#### Sunday School News

What a joy it is to see so many children on Sunday morning as we watch a video together with our *Whirl* friends, sing songs, and learn about Jesus and his love for us. In the midst of

all of that, the children are working hard on their Christmas programs, too. We are always eager to welcome new students ... bring a friend and join us!



Our Sunday School offerings this year are being collected for **Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)**. In the aftermath of the devastation of Hurricane Dorian in August, LDR is on site with

people and resources to help with the clean-up process and the rebuilding of lives. And we want to help, too! First comes the removal of the garbage and rubble left behind from the storm. Then the rebuilding. With the collection of \$369.50 through mid-November, the debris has been cleaned up. Now we begin adding bricks, windows, and doors to our house as we help to rebuild shelter for those who have become homeless. Check out our progress.



Saturday, December 14 - Christmas Program Practices - 8:30 AM - Grades 3-5 + 10:00 AM - Grades 4K-2

Saturday, December 14 - Christmas Program - Grades 4K-2 during 6 pm worship

Sunday, December 15 - Christmas Program - Grades 3-5 during 10:30 am worship

Sundays, December 22 and 29 - NO Sunday School

#### **Confirmation**

In December...

- 6<sup>th</sup> graders meet December 4-11-18...
- 7/8<sup>th</sup> graders have core class December 4, electives on December 11, and Christmas Caroling December 18...
- 9<sup>th</sup> graders meet (with parents) December 4 from 7:45-8:15.



#### **Christmas Caroling**



7/8<sup>th</sup> graders meet to go Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 18, from 6-7 PM – YOU are welcome to join us! In several happy bands we will go out in the neighborhoods, making several stops, and sharing the sounds of the seasons. Great tradition, great fun, and a great witness!



#### "Youth and Family Ministry We Stand Together"

#### **Breakfast Club**

A reminder that Breakfast Club meets Sunday mornings from 9:15 -10:15 a.m. in the downstairs kitchen for grades 6 -12



in the downstairs kitchen for grades 6 -12. We share a meal that we make together and have great conversations.

Come and join us ... and remember friends are welcome!



As our students are either away from home or studying in

# college; connection

challenging environments, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. This month please pray for: *Kate Nuttleman* (UW-Madison),

**Alayna Kennedy** (Mankato Univ), **Alea Fortier** (UW-Platteville), **Kamryn Kane** (WTC) and **Raeann Rich** (UW-M).



#### Hungry Jar Offering for December -St. Clare Health Mission (La Crosse & Sparta)

It began as a vision ... as a community, we could do more to serve those in need. In 1992 representatives of health and social service organizations throughout the community began a collaborative effort to address health care access for the poor and uninsured. A unique and innovative program emerged. Volunteer healthcare providers from the community would join together several times per week to provide free healthcare to those who had gone without due to a lack of financial resources. In the past 26 years, volunteers have served over 18,000 people in over 80,000 visits to the clinic, treating health conditions ranging from coughs to cancer.

The term "health mission" describes not only the program, but the motivation which guides it. Those participating in this initiative share a belief that, regardless of financial status, ethnicity or religious belief, health care is a basic human right and that we all share in the benefits of caring for our neighbors.



This group is a great way to connect with moms and their children through the church. Feel free to join us between worship services on **Sundays in the library** for coffee and conversation while the children are busy in Sunday School.

## Check out our Facebook page OSLC West Salem Mom's Group

Moms of Sunday school aged kids and younger ... come join us for an afternoon of fun decorating cookies and making a couple of treats.

#### Sunday, December 8 2 PM-5PM

We will meet in the church basement next to the kitchen. This will be a great way to meet other moms or see many you already know. If you can't be there the entire time, come and go as needed. Please bring your own beverage and we will have some snacks.

Children are welcome. We will have the Frolic Room open with a movie for the kiddos if they get "bored" helping.

We are looking to do: sugar cookies, Hershey Kiss peanut butter cookies, and pretzel treats. A small donation would be appreciated to go towards all the supplies purchased. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Salem Terrace Study December 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Broakfact & a bit of 6



#### Breakfast & a bit of Christmas trivia

Join us as we celebrate the upcoming Christmas season. Come for breakfast and conversation ... and perhaps a treat! We meet in the small kitchenette off of the parking lot between Salem Terrace & Mill Street Manor. Feel free to invite your friends.



#### Coffee & Conversation at Linda's Bakery 9:15 AM on Tuesday, December 10

#### Adult studies



Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 in the Library. In December we look at a variety of texts that prepare us for Christmas. Want the inside scoop on the season? No previous knowledge or experience required – just come and enjoy!

#### School of Theology

The La Crosse Area Synod School of Theology resumes classes January 9 with an intro session at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Sparta. Regular classes are held here at Our Savior's, on Thursday



evenings from 5:30 to 9 PM, for six weeks, beginning January 16. This winter courses will include Christian Theology II, the Writings of Paul, and Church History. This is a GREAT time to jump in! For more information see the synod web site at www.lacrosseareasynod.org/synod-school-of-theology, or see Pastor Jon.



#### Coulee Region Hunger Walk/Run Results from Judy Long

The first annual Coulee Region Hunger Walk/Run on October 13

was a big success! A lot of families will be helped by the over \$15,000 that was raised. Of the money raised 35% went to WAFER, 35% to the Hunger Task Force, and 30% to the non-profit food agencies named by 27 different organizations, schools, or churches. Their efforts made it possible for the Community Care & Share Pantry to receive \$1,280. Only the ELCA, which received \$1,637, and Catholic Charities, which received \$1,549, finished above the food pantry. THANKS to all those from Our Savior's who either pledged money, walked, ran, or helped with the run. When we all work together it's amazing what we can accomplish. God's work, our hands. Thank you so much!



#### **Hospitality Ministry**

You are invited to be a part of this important ministry of the church ...

In the past people signed up on sheets in the Gathering Area to be a part of hospitality ministry by helping to usher and read lessons. If no one had signed up, several dedicated people took on the task of making endless phone calls to solicit help. This was not as efficient as we would like and very time consuming. So, we're trying something new.

Through the years, the communion assistants have been assigned days and if they can't serve on the day assigned they trade with someone else and let us know. So, that's what we started doing with ushers and readers, too. From November 2019 through February 2020 we created a schedule using folks who had participated in these tasks in the past, and we sent it out.

NOW, the really cool part is that those schedules are on line. So ... in the comfort of your own home, with your calendar in front of you, you can sign up for the days that work for your schedule. You can easily make changes and updates as needed. And ... the program automatically sends you a reminder email or text six days before the day you are scheduled to serve!

We are hoping you will ALL take advantage of this new way to get involved and share your smiling faces and warm handshakes with all of us.

You can find the link to SignUpGenius on the church website: <a href="www.oursaviorswestsalem.org">www.oursaviorswestsalem.org</a> – go to the 'sign ups' tab and choose the link to the ministry you wish to be a part of. It's as simple as that. And if no one is signed up, we'll still create a schedule and assign you a day. But let's hope we don't have to do that!

#### "Keep Prayin'!"

As we approach the end of the year – and the start of a new one – we are seeking new persons to share in the leadership *and the* 



ministry of Our Savior's. Congregation Council, Mission Endowment, and voting members for the 2020 La Crosse Area Synod Assembly all need to be elected. We ask that you prayerfully consider those who among us have the gifts to share in these rolls. Pray that God will help you to see who might be gifted and guided to these ministries and share their names with us.



#### Pastoral Acts:

Baptisms – Ally Bungartz – November 10 Hayden Bungartz – November 10 Hal Bungartz – November 10 Dalilah Luethe – November 17

#### **Our Savior's Loves New Members!**

We love new members! If you, or someone you know, is interested in membership, please contact

Pastor Jon or Pastor Jean. Membership happens in several ways, so let's connect and see what works best for you. And if you are not ready to join, that's OK – we still welcome you to be a part of our ministries, and are grateful to God for your presence with us!



#### **New Church Directory**

It's been almost 7 years since our last directory and we have many new families that we would like to get to know. We have scheduled times in late December and mid-January in hopes of catching our college students while they're home on break, as well as getting the snowbirds before they fly south! Lifetouch will be photographing all of our families for a new church directory. In addition to the directory, we will also have access to an electronic version.

#### Photography dates

December 19-20 from 2pm to 9pm (all filled)
December 21 from 9am to 4pm (all filled)
January 15-17 from 2pm to 9pm
January 18 from 9am to 4pm

#### Sign up for photography

Visit www.oursaviorswestsalem.org
Visit sign up table after worship and between services.

#### Shop Early ... change lives ...



The average American plans to spend over \$600 on Christmas gifts this year. Yet many of us admit that the tradition of gift-giving leaves us with too much stuff and too few meaningful memories. With ELCA Good Gifts, you can find more than 50 life-changing, charitable gifts – such as a pair of goats, school fees, or a water well – gifts that make a difference in the lives of those who have little or nothing - and give a gift the world truly needs. Each gift can be given in honor of a friend or loved one, and you can send or download a personalized card to let them know about it. Shop now: <a href="ELCA.org/goodgifts">ELCA.org/goodgifts</a> or we will have our market up and running the few weekends following Thanksgiving weekend.

Last year, Our Savior's gave about \$1800 to these life changing gifts! Let's do it again! Could anyone on your Christmas list use baby chicks?

#### **Thanksgiving Goodie Bags**



Thanks to Tiffany Janisch for planning and preparing the annual "Thanksgiving Goodie Bag" gifts for our shut-ins, and for our confirmation students who decorated the bags. Thanks too to all who delivered the bags, connecting with those who are isolated. Yet again, "God's work, our hands!"



#### Thank you ...

... to the November newsletter mailing crew – Connie & Larry Blunck, Saundra Holthaus, Carolyn Karl, Judy Morzinski, Carol Peterson, Velma Schmidt.

...to Eric Sorenson for making the communion bread for November.

... a HUGE THANK YOU to our confirmation Dads – Brian Haun, Jason Muellenberg, Jason Stefferud, and Kyle Twite – for raking and hauling leaves with the kids during our "Breath of Fresh Air" confirmation elective on a cold and damp November Saturday.

#### From others ...

Dear Mary & Martha Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and kindness in giving me this gift of a prayer shawl. Thank you most of all for the meaning behind it. Who wouldn't feel safe and secure wrapped in God's grace? Thanks again,

Thank you to your parish and parishioners who participated in the Coulee Region Hunger Walk/Run 2019 (CRHW/R)! As a result of the CRHW/R over \$15,000 was donated to local organizations concerned with hunger. \$453 of this amount was raised by your parishioners. [Thank you for] your parishioners' selfless generosity... Please put next year's CRHW/R on the calendar: October 11, 2020. Sincerely, \*\*Mary Jahangir\* for the CRHW/R Committee

In Loving Memory

**Memorial Gifts Received ...**In Memory of Jackie Hartmann from
Nancy Mengelt



#### **Year End Contributions**



With the end of the year fast approaching, this is the time to make sure you are up to date on

your financial support of our ministry at Our Savior's. Your gifts **DO** make a difference! You can make gifts at worship, or you can mail them to the office, or sign up to give electronically using Simply Giving.

In order to be included on your 2019 giving statement, gifts must be received in the church office by noon on December 31, 2019.



Any checks dated 2020, regardless of when they are received, will be acknowledged for 2020.

#### 2020 Offering Invelopes ...

If you haven't already received your offering envelopes for 2020 in the mail, you should be receiving them soon. As the New Year begins, if you still need envelopes, please let Kris know in



the office and she will gladly get some for you. If you are new to Simply Giving or are changing your amount in 2020, please be sure to fill out a new form and get that to the office ASAP. *Also note*: it is possible you will have a new number in 2020, so be sure to use the 2020 envelopes beginning in January.

#### Our Savior's Mission in the World Bible Study

Another in a series of ministries in which we are engaged as part of our faithful stewardship and discipleship.

Bible study happens in lots of places, besides traditional study. Sunday School and Confirmation include a form of Bible study. WELCA studies and the monthly gathering at Salem Terrace are another form of Bible study. Bible study even happens on a regular basis at Congregation Council meetings. All cracking the "Good Book" and hearing God speak!

One of the more intense opportunities for Bible study comes on Wednesday mornings. 10-12 eager disciples gather to read, discuss, and explore God's word, and what that word has to say to us. In a complex and confusing world, that is not an easy task. Yet, as we share, we also grow in our understanding of God's call to us.

Wednesday Bible study usually (though not always) takes the time to look at whole books of the Bible. We can explore how a particular Biblical writer shares insights into God's work in our world, and how God calls us to faithful living. We've looked at Genesis, Revelation, and a lot of stuff in between!

Wherever Bible study takes place, we always seek to understand God's word in light of...God's Word! That is, we read scripture always with an eye on the crucified Jesus, God's Word in action. We read the Bible, not as a book of rules, or a "how to live a good life" book. And we certainly don't read it as simply interesting stories. Rather, the Bible reveals God's work of salvation through Jesus. In the Bible, working through human writers, God proclaims that in Jesus we have new life and hope even in a troubled world.

Bible study of all kinds happens because of your financial support, enabling so many Bible-based ministries. Thank you for bringing hope in the lives of so many people!



#### **Congregation Council Review**

The Congregation Council met on Monday, November 11, with President Ender calling the meeting to order. At this meeting the council:

- Engaged in discussion and conversation around the upcoming election of a new bishop, focusing on the Biblical background and the history of the office.
- Approved the council minutes, and received financial reports and reports from the pastors, all for October.
- Heard an update on the LED lighting project.
- Heard an update on "Forward: Fearless and Faithful" and "Stewardship for All Seasons."
- Heard that the pastors are in the process of assembling a team including school and legal resources to review the Child Safe Policy.
- Reviewed and adopted a Sexual Harassment Policy based on the ELCA sample policy.
- Heard that a new vacuum had been purchased, but that the older unit would be more expensive to repair. Authorized the repair of the older unit at the higher cost.
- Received a report on the 2019 Norwegian Dinner.
- Heard the Bonny Goodenough is pulling together a new Green Thumb Committee.
- Set the annual meeting for January 26, 2020.
- Reaffirmed the membership of Sandy Arentz.
- Heard details on the December meeting and the Christmas Party with families.

The council meets again on Monday, December 9, at Pastor Jon and Pastor Jean's home. See one of the pastors or Lynette Ender if you have any questions.



# Thinking Ahead ... 2020 Annual Meeting report deadlines ...

It's hard to imagine, but the new year is right around the corner. And in the new year, we will meet as a congregation to share all that has happened in 2019 ... and

there is lots to share! In preparation for the annual meeting, we will once again call on folks from the various committees, teams, and ministries to write their reflections for the annual report. Please note we will need those reports in the office as follows: Written Reports by Sunday, January 5 and Financial Reports by Thursday, January 9.

And, don't forget to mark your calendar for **Sunday**, **January 26**<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 am worship for our Annual Meeting!





#### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Remember that if you are a Thrivent member you may have "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to direct. Our Savior's

is one of the many potential recipients of your choice dollars, but your direction needs to be made each time. See Thrivent's web site for more information or stop by the office and we will help you out.



#### **Shopping Online?**

Our Savior's now has an account with "Amazon Smile." If you shop with Amazon, you can support our work together by designating your "Amazon Smile" contribution to Our Savior's.



# **Electronic giving options!** Giving via electronic transfer...

Powered By Vanco Payment Solutions • At oursaviorswestsalem.org, click the "Give" tab at the top.

- Click Give Online.
- Your contribution is made directly from your financial institution, and is protected by secure software.
- When making your first gift, set up a GivePlus account.
- You can make a one-time gift, or set up recurring gifts.
- Recurring gifts can be changed at any time.
- Bank transfers have the lowest fees for Our Savior's, allowing for the greatest amount of your gift to go toward the ministries of Jesus Christ!

#### Giving via mobile app...

- Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app for free.
- Select Our Savior's as your default church.
- Tap Donate Now.
- Enter your payment information.
- Review & complete your donation.
- Easily create an account to set up recurring donations and review your giving history.

#### Giving via text...

- Text to 608-471-7267
- Enter amount
- Send
- The first time you use texting, you will be asked to register your payment information; after that, enter the amount and send the text.

#### Give in confidence!

At Our Savior's we take seriously the need for integrity in our financial practices, and we strive to make certain that our resources make a difference in the world. Periodic audits and public reports ensure that we are good stewards of your gifts! And *thank you for your support!* 

#### **Mission Support**

Entering the final stretch for the year, our mission and ministry remain faithful and strong, THANKS TO YOU! Your



mission support makes a real difference in the world. As we approach the end of the year we encourage your continued gifts and support so that we can change even more lives, *for the sake of Jesus!* 

2019 Ministry at Work			
	Actual – Oct	Actual - YTD	Budget - YTD
Income	\$32,321.15	\$261,726.93	\$272,247.50
Prepaid 2018		\$25,547.07	\$25,547.07
Expense	\$29,125.74	\$286,695.09	\$298,651.95
Net	\$3195.41	\$578.91	



#### **NOTICE:** Annual Meeting

The 2020 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, at approximately 11:45 AM, following the 10:30 AM worship service. All voting members are encouraged to attend. More details in the January newsletter!

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Nov 30-December 1

6 p.m.

Acolyte Scarlett Fullwood Reader Bonnie Gensch

Communion Assistant Judy Morzinski

Ushers Paul Fortier Family

8 a.m.10:30 a.m.AcolytesLizzie HesseJesse HowellReadersStacy MitchellMichelle Witte

**Communion Assistants** 

Carla Burkhardt Jeff & Melissa
Kim Arentz Haldeman
Mallory Long Rylee Lyga
Karl & Kathy Wehrs Jeff & Melissa

Haldeman

Home Communion Pam Gresens

Altar Guild Kristin Tschumper / Susan Giblin

#### **December 7-8**

**Baskets** 

Ushers

6 p.m.

Acolyte Carson Hundt Reader Marjorie Anderson

Communion Assistant Jon Hetland Ushers Jon & Maryrose Hetland

8 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Acolytes Jon Iliff Ella Janisch

**Communion Assistants** 

Marjorie Anderson Tracey Beckley
Jane Frank Michelle Witte

Baskets Ella Muellenberg Samantha Niemeier Ushers Clark Draxler Family Jayme Hansen Family

Home Communion Iliff Family

Altar Guild Stacey Sjoquist / Tracy Skrentny

#### December 11 - Wednesday Night Advent 7 p.m.

Ushers - Dawn Affeldt

#### December 14-15

6 p.m.

Acolyte Keaton Linse

Communion Assistant Jill Iliff Ushers Jim Anderson Family

**8 a.m.**Reice Kammel

Mya Koudelka

Acolytes Reice Kamme Reader Ken Spraetz

**Communion Assistants** 

Bill Jensen Dottie Baumgartner Naoko Giblin Corey Sioguist

Baskets Carter Quackenbush Will Stefferud

Ushers Paul Fennigkoh Family Jessica Hauser Family

Home Communion Ilene Pavelko

#### December 21-22

6 p.m.

Acolyte Nolan Langrehr Reader Karen DeSchepper

Communion Assistant Alison Hemker

Ushers Keith & Jan Goetzinger

8 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Acolytes Nick Jones Celia Mitchell

Readers Connie Blunck Kristin Tschumper

**Communion Assistants** 

**Baskets** 

Gillian Twite \_\_\_\_\_

Jen Linse Vicky Johnson Lauren Zarecki Eve Twite

Ushers Joe Hickey Family Tim Jones Family

Kim Sloan

Home Communion Daryl Wermedal

#### **December 24 - Christmas Eve**

1:30 p.m.

Acolyte Kenzie Murphy Reader Errol Kindschy

Pam Gresens

Communion Bread Wendy Kane & Sharon Olson

Baskets Danielle Christianson

Usher Eric Iliff Family

3:30 p.m.

Acolyte Ian Nickles Reader Phil Gilbert

Jen Linse

Bonny Goodenough

Baskets Cade Donahue

Ushers Tim Goodenough Family

5:30 p.m.

Acolyte \_\_\_\_\_

Reader Naoko Giblin

Communion Assistants Jon Hetland

Wendy Kane

Gillian & Kyle Twite

Baskets Madison Elsen

Ushers Paul & Tracey Beckley Family

10 p.m.

Acolyte Elliott Sjoquist Reader Carla Burkhardt

Communion Assistants Carla & Carlie Burkhardt

Ushers Carla & Carlie Burkhardt

#### **December 25 - Christmas Day**

10 a.m.

Acolyte Amanda Vick Reader Lynette Ender

Communion Assistant Judy Gilbert

Ushers Steve & Sue Ahles

#### December 28-29

6 p.m.

Acolyte Brandon Wiese Reader Kay Niemeier

Communion Assistant Paula Heilman

Ushers Brian Haun Family

8 a.m.10:30 a.m.AcolytesSam WilliamsJack WitteReadersLabus FamilyEric Iliff

**Communion Assistants** 

Marty Frank Dori Jensen
Judy Long Jessica Kennedy
Baskets Baylee Faucett Bennett Fennigkoh
Ushers Alison Hemker Family Jeremy Janisch Family

Home Communion Betty Whitlock / Diane McClintock



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