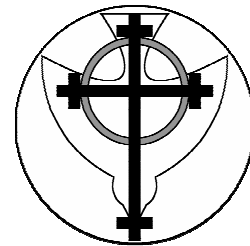


THE PEACE POST



December, 2006

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, unto life everlasting. Amen.



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MESSER

"Keeping Christ in Christmas"

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14 - ESV)

The fulfillment of this prophecy by Isaiah in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is the reason we celebrate Christmas. There is no Christmas without Christ!

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So, what is this "holiday season" we hear so much about, which the world advertises? Where does Christ fit in?

Sadly, at best, Christ has become a mere symbol attached to the mysterious "holiday season" the world has created. Far from being "the reason for the season," Christ has become just a name associated with the season. And, truth be told, His name is rather unimportant when compared to the other names of the season, like Santa Claus, Rudolph, Frosty, and so on.

What's worse, there are many people in the world who would like to remove Christ completely from their mythical, new-founded "holiday season." There are even many organized groups dedicated to this purpose.

One such group is called SMART (Sensible Minds Against Religious Teaching). In an article found on their website (www.smartsociety.org), they rejoice over religion's crumbling support in our society. They rightly note, *"As recent as 30 years ago, signs [stating 'Keep Christ in Christmas'] outside churches would have been **un-thinkable!**"* It gives the group great joy to see the focus on Christ diminishing and their hope is that one day He would be nothing more than a faint memory. They conclude the article, *"Let us continue with our traditions of Santa Claus, gift giving, christmas trees, and mistletoe, and let us continue to remove 'Christ' and all religion out of this otherwise wonderful time of year. Towards this end, one SMART contributor has suggested renaming this festival, 'Krismas.' By doing that, she says, we keep the same sounding name we're all familiar with but at the same time remove all reference to religion. What a great idea! Merry*

Krismas to everyone!"

Groups like SMART want the sentimentality, the family get-togethers, the gift exchanging, and overall warm, fuzzy feeling of the "season," but they want nothing to do with Christ. They want a "Christ-less holiday season." They want the "season" without the "reason."

The sad fact of the matter is that they're getting what they desire. They've succeeded in convincing the world to promote their "Christ-less" Christmas. You don't believe me? The next time you're in a store, check out the greeting cards. You'll see that the majority of them have little to do with the celebration of Christ's birth. Most of them promote the mythical "holiday season" created by the world. A lot of them don't even have "Christmas" in their greetings. Instead, you'll see "Season's Greetings" and "Happy Holidays," which is also what you'll probably hear from the store's employees, most of whom are discouraged, and in some cases, forbidden, to say "Merry Christmas." How very sad!

But, the saddest thing about the world's promotion of a "Christ-less holiday sea-





PEACE LUTHERAN LIBRARY



Donations are always welcomed:

If you are thinking about donating one or more books to our library and are not sure what to be looking for, we have a “wish” list of suggestions in the church office. Prices and books can also be found in the CPH catalog, also in the church office.



We would like to encourage people to use our Church Library more often. We will be encouraging people to read books and share a book review with the congregation via the monthly newsletter. If you have read a book from our library that you enjoyed, or that inspired you, and you would like to share it, please contact Beth Brostrom or Coaline Luplow.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

As discussed at our Voters’ Assembly on October 22, the proposed Constitution and Bylaws developed by our Constitution Committee is now available to review by all members of our congregation either by hard copy (available in the church office) or via our website. The purpose of putting this into your hands in advance of putting it before the Voters’ Assembly is to give you an opportunity to address the Constitution Committee (Vern Jakolat, Megan Brown, Carol Zeile, and Pastor Messer) with any comments, questions, or concerns you might have. If you have concerns or disagree with something in the document, please do not wait until our January Voters’ Assembly, but let us know now to give us time for discussion and evaluation. Thank you.



PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2007



A proposed congregational budget for 2007 was presented at our Voters’ Assembly on October 22. We will adjust the budget as necessary and present a finalized version at our January Voters’ Assembly for adoption by the congregation. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the budget, please see our Treasurer, Burt Henry. Thank you.

To our friends at Peace:

We wish to extend our gratitude to everyone for your prayers, cards, food, and expressions of caring and sympathy. Your acts of kindness were deeply appreciated during this difficult time.

The family of Jon R. Greening

With
Deep
Gratitude



ADVENT POTLUCK DINNERS

We are again holding potluck dinners before the Weekly Advent Services - December 6, 13 and 20. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Dinners begin at 6:00 pm with the Service to follow at 7:00



HELPING HANDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HELPING HANDS We are collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to families in need this holiday season. Please deposit your donations in the buckets located in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to see the buckets filled!
Thanks for your participation.

Want something included in “The Peace Post” next month? Email Beth or Pastor Messer (addresses on back page) by December 20 with your item. Also, call or email them anytime with your feedback and/or ideas!

Summary of Meeting Minutes

Summary Minutes of Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting—November 8, 2006

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the October 3, 2006 Council meeting were approved as read.

Pastor's Report:

1. No official acts since last meeting.
2. Youth Confirmation class is going well.
3. Adult confirmation – none at this time.
4. Adult Bible class studying Revelation.
5. Together in the Word nearing the end of the study of John.
6. Table Talk will begin again tomorrow.
7. Greek class will start soon.
8. Good Shepherd Institute was wonderful.
9. Pastor received many complements on the Reformation Service. Choir did a wonderful job.
10. Advent is coming soon. First Wednesday service will be December 6.
11. Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. Pastor will have a regular Advent Four service at 9:30 a.m. and a Christmas Eve service that evening. We will also have a Christmas Day service.
12. Pastor taking a semi-vacation starting this Monday through the following Monday (Nov. 20). The elders will be leading the service on Sunday, November 19.

Treasurer's Report: None

Financial Secretary Report: None.

Elder's Report:

1. The elders are meeting the third Sunday of the month and are working on locating inactive members.

Trustees Report:

1. We received the bid from the hospital for leasing the parking lot..

Board of Christian Education Report:

1. Sunday School rehearsals for Christmas Programs started last Sunday.

S.A.L.T. Report:

1. Tuesday Nov. 21 will be next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Stained glass window nameplates are ready to be installed.
2. New officers will be installed on Sunday, January 7.
3. The January Council Meeting will be the second Tuesday, January 9, 2007.

New Business:

1. Vern received a 2007 commitment form for the Saginaw Area Lutheran Hour and Woman to Woman broadcast. \$250 was the suggested contribution. We decided to table it and talk with Burt about it to see if we have ever done it before.
2. There was a discussion of a divider for the Adult Bible Class area. We will forward a request to the trustees to find a solution.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Zeile, Council Secretary

Summary Minutes of Special Voter's Assembly Meeting - November 5, 2006

Acting President, Vern Jakolat stated that the purpose of the meeting was to correct election results for two offices from the October 22, 2006 Voter's Assembly:

1. There was a tie vote for the office of trustee. Vern stated that it was the chair's (his) decision that both candidates for trustee should be considered as elected for the position (Chris Brown and James Sager). Our bylaws state that there will be a minimum of three trustees, but do not put an upper limit on the number we can have. We currently have four trustees, one of whom will complete his term at the end of 2006. As of January 1, 2007 we will have five trustees. There was a unanimous vote to support this decision.
2. There also was a tie vote for treasurer at the October 22 meeting. Ballots were circulated to vote again. The two candidates were Burt Henry and Carol Zeile. The result was that Carol Zeile was elected as treasurer.

Pastor mentioned that members of the congregation should continue to look at the revised Constitution and give comments to the Constitution Committee. Vern stated that the next Council meeting will be this week on Wednesday (Nov. 8). The first part of the meeting will be for congregation members to come and comment on the constitution or any other issues.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Zeile, Church Secretary

LADIES & ALTAR GUILD INFO

- **LADIES GUILD MEETING:** Guild will meet Monday, December 4 at 7:00 pm. Hostess: Marilyn Oswald. *THIS MEETING IS THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. PLEASE BRING A MODERATELY PRICED GIFT TO PASS.* All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our guild meetings; if you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you can be a member of the guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the guild.
- **LADIES GUILD PRAYER CHAIN:** The Ladies Guild has a prayer chain in place. If you wish to be included in the prayer chain as a caller, see Marlene Wiltshire. If you wish to add yourself or someone else to the prayers, call Marlene Wiltshire (463-4101).
- **ALTAR GUILD DUTY:** December - Cheryl Henry/Carol Durst; January - Lois Ramsey
- **ALTAR FLOWERS:** There is a flower calendar for 2007 posted on the fellowship bulletin board. If you wish to place flowers on the altar some time during the year, fill in your name and/or contact Marilyn Oswald. A bouquet usually lasts about one (1) month and the cost is about \$25.



UPCOMING COFFEE HOSTESSES:

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
3 - Carol Durst	7 - Marilyn Oswald	4 - Cheryl Henry
10 - Trina Palmer	14 - Beth Brostrom	11 - Lois Ramsey
17 - Jo Wendt	21 - Youth Group	18 - Sharyn Greening/Megan Brown
24 - Carol Zeile	28 - Andrea Elliott	25 - Janice Sager
31 -		



“FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME”

2006 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 4:00 P.M.

Please show your support to our Sunday School children by attending their Christmas program this year. The theme of the program is based on Luther's famous and beautiful hymn, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" (LSB 358). Our children are working hard preparing for the program and it would be wonderful to pack our church to show them our appreciation and hear the glorious message of our Savior's birth from their lips. Please make every effort to be there!

NOTE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PARENTS:

We will have a practice Sunday, December 3 at 12:30 (lunch served at noon) and a Dress Rehearsal Sunday, December 10 at 12:30 (lunch served at noon). If necessary, we will have an additional Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 16 at 9:30 a.m.

PYG NEWS

We are dedicated to making PYG a more active group in our congregation and will be organizing many events during the year. We hope and pray that all of our youth will become more actively involved in our group. We are asking the parents of our youth to support us in this endeavor by encouraging their children to participate. It is only as we all participate and work together that our PYG will grow and thrive!

We will have a **PYG MOVIE NIGHT on Saturday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.** All PYG members are encouraged to attend and to invite friends to attend as well. We hope to see you there!

Our next **PYG MEETING** will take place on **SUNDAY, December 17 at 12:00 p.m.** Please be there as we continue to plan future events and formulate our mission statement.

“Keeping *Christ* in Christmas” cont’d

son” is that it has even successfully infiltrated the Church. Over the past several decades, more and more churches have stopped holding Church Services on Christmas Day. Why? Because, sadly, very few Christians attend. That boggles my mind! Christmas Day is one of the High Feast Days in the Church Year. Where are the Christians? Why don’t they come? I don’t get it! What could possibly be more important than coming to Church on Christmas Day to hear about and celebrate the birth of our Savior and to receive the gifts He desires to give us? I know that Christmas morning is a time to spend with the family and open up presents. Great! I’m all for it! I love Christmas morning. I love to spend time with my family and see my children open their presents. But, can’t we do that either before or after Church? Can’t we make it a priority to be in the Lord’s House on one of the most sacred days of the year? After all, it is there, and not under the Christmas tree, that we receive the greatest gifts of all - forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Many of you are old enough to remember the days when not having Church on Christmas Day was unheard of. Just as the SMART group noted about “Keep Christ in Christmas” signs frequently appearing on church signs these days, it was simply unthinkable. It should still be unthinkable, shouldn’t it? As I promised last year, it will be unthinkable at Peace for as long as I serve here. Low attendance or not, there will be Divine Service at Peace every year on Christmas Day.

My friends, I love Christmas and the festive season that leads up to it. I love the decorations, the songs, and the television shows and movies that always accompany this time of the year, even though many of them make no mention of our Savior’s birth. I love the glow in my children’s faces as they open their presents. I love gathering together with family and friends. Christmas wouldn’t be the same without these things. But, this festive season should accompany and support the real “reason for the season,” not take over in such a way as to eliminate it.

As Christians who are “in the world, but not of the world,” we need to be aware of what is happening in the world around us. We need to recognize the increasing commercialization of Christmas and the growing trend to promote a “Christ-less holiday season” as danger signs. We need to examine ourselves to see if our own traditions and Christmas celebrations support our declaration that “Jesus is the reason for the season.” We need to make sure that we are keeping the “Christ” in Christmas, and not buying into the world’s version of a commercialized, drawn-out, mythical, “Christ-less holiday season.”

Christmas is not about family reunions and warm, fuzzy sentimentality. It’s not about frantic shopping and exchanging gifts. It’s not about a jolly old elf and his reindeer. It’s not about a magical snowman who comes to life when a hat is placed on his head. It’s not about eggnog, decorations, or joyous carols. It’s about Christ. Period! It’s about the Almighty God of the universe taking on human flesh in order to live the perfect life on our behalf and suffer and die on a cross for our sins. Christmas is about our salvation.

God so loved the world—so loved you!—that He sent His only-begotten Son to be born in a lowly manger for the sole purpose that His Son could have flesh and blood to give on your behalf. Christ was born so that He could die—for you! That’s what Christmas is all about. That’s what it must remain all about for us Christians.

Dear friends in Christ, keep the “Christ” in your Christmas this year. Don’t let the world convince you to allow Christ to become just one of many symbols or names associated with the “holiday season.” Jesus truly is the “reason for the season.” Don’t just say that, but believe it, and live it. Keep Him in your Christmas. Let Him take center stage in your traditions and celebrations. Then, and only then, can all of the worldly traditions that have become part and parcel of the “holiday season” take on true meaning and become a valid part of your celebration.

And, finally, come to the Lord’s House this Christmas to receive the gifts He so desires to give you. Come on Christmas Eve for our Service of Lessons and Carols, where you’ll hear how God’s promise to send a Savior was fulfilled in the birth of Christ and have the joyous opportunity to respond to God’s Word by singing many of the Christmas carols you have come to know and love. Then, come again on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of your Savior and receive the gifts He wants to give you through His Holy Word and Sacrament. Let these opportunities to come into the Lord’s House and be in His very presence be the focal point of your Christmas this, and every, year.

I pray the Lord’s richest blessings upon all of you this Christmas and truly look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with all of you. My prayer for you this Christmas, and always, is that the Lord who was born to die for you will keep you steadfast in true faith until He comes again in great glory. In Jesus’ Holy and Precious Name. Amen.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Messer

“Christ *Has* Come, *Is* Coming, and *Shall* Come”

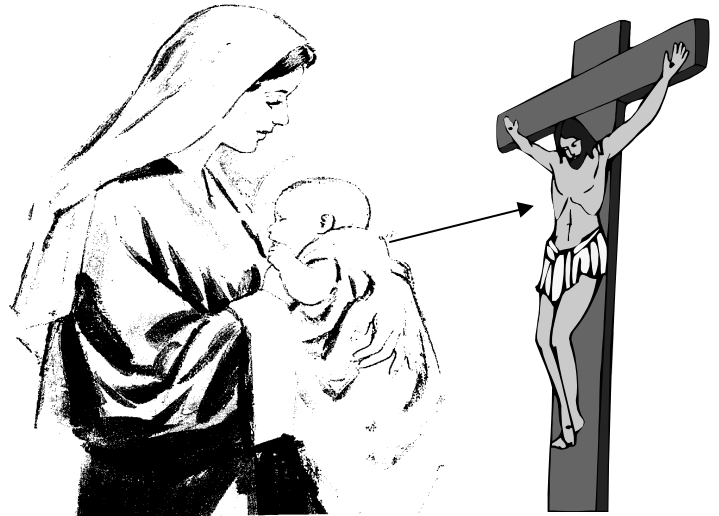
Advent Sermon Series

The Season of Advent prepares us for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. But, it is not just the coming of Christ in the manger of Bethlehem to which our focus is drawn. There are actually *three* advents, or “comings,” of Christ for which we prepare. During our Midweek Advent Services this year, the sermon series shall focus on the these three advents of Christ:

“Christ *Has* Come”

Wednesday, December 6

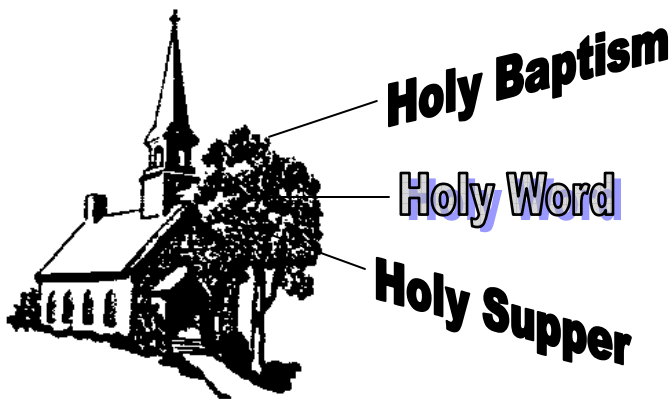
The first sermon in the series will focus on the fulfillment of God’s Promise to send a Savior in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to fulfill God’s Holy Law in our place and to pay the full price for our sins by means of His Holy and Innocent Blood on the cross of Calvary. Christ has come and has fully completed the work of our salvation by His perfect life, sacrificial death, glorious resurrection, and ascension into heaven.



“Christ *Is* Coming”

Wednesday, December 13

The second sermon in the series will focus on the fact that the same Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lived, died, rose, and ascended for us, is faithful to His promise, “Lo, I am with you always,” for He continues to come to be in our presence and give us the gifts He won for us—forgiveness, life, and salvation—through His Holy Word and Sacraments.



“Christ *Shall* Come”

Wednesday, December 20

The final sermon in the series will focus on the sure and certain promise that Christ will return on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead, bringing all believers into His eternal kingdom to enjoy peace, joy, and comfort in Paradise. This final advent of Christ is our “blessed hope,” and like the Israelites of old, we wait, in faith, for Christ to be revealed.





PEACE LUTHERAN ADOPTS A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS



Our Evangelism Committee, S.A.L.T., has decided to adopt a family for Christmas and needs your help! As Christians, we are called by God to share the blessings He has graciously bestowed upon us with others. What better way to answer God's call than to share our blessings with a needy family at Christmas!

The family we have adopted consists of a single mother and three children (James—age 7, Trevor—age 5, and Emily—age 3). There will be a Christmas Tree set up in the fellowship hall which will have cards attached to it with the names of the family members on them. Simply take a card off the tree, shop for the item on the card, wrap and label the gift, and return it to the church. The cards will have all of the pertinent info on them (size of clothing, specific toys, etc.). There will also be cards labeled for monetary gifts to purchase a Gift Certificate at the local grocery store. Our goal is to have all of the cards taken off the tree. If we accomplish that goal, we can look at purchasing additional gifts for the family. You may take one, two, or however many cards your budget can afford. We will accept the items through **Wednesday, December 20**, which is our last Midweek Advent Service. Delivery will be made later that week.



Please help us make this family's Christmas special this year! If you have any questions, please see Dorothy Trgina or Lisa Messer. Thank you in advance for your participation and generosity!

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS

We held our annual election of congregational officers at our October 22 Voters' Assembly. Due to two ties (see summary of minutes, page 3), we held a Special Voters' Assembly on November 5. The results were as follows:

President	Vern Jakolat (will serve a one-year term)
Vice President	Miguel Ortiz (two-year term)
Secretary	Megan Brown (two-year term)
Treasurer	Carol Zeile (two-year term)
Board of Elders	Don Reithel (three-year term)
Board of Trustees	Chris Brown and James Sager (three-year terms)
Board of Ed.	Janice Sager (three-year term)

Congratulations to our new officers and many thanks to all who ran. Our new officers officially begin their duties on January 1, 2007 and will be **installed** during Divine Service on **January 7, 2007**.



ADDRESS/PHONE CHANGES:

Mier, Bonnie: 8666 3rd St.
Vestaburg, MI 48891
Luplow, Terry & Coaline:
763-6253 (Terry)
763-1016 (Coaline)

GIVEN IN MEMORY:

The Christmas wreath hanging outside the front door of the church is given in loving memory of parents, brothers, & niece by Leland & Marilyn Oswald.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School is offered each week for grades K-8.
- Adult Bible Class is offered **every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.** for all confirmed members of Peace and adult guests. We are currently engaged in a detailed study of **Revelation**.

Youth Confirmation Class

- Youth Confirmation Class takes place each Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

“Life With God” Adult Confirmation/Information Class

- We will schedule a class in the future when the need presents itself. If you ever know of anyone who may be interested in learning about what we believe or joining our congregation, please see Pastor Messer.

Together in the Word

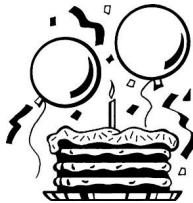
- Our *Together in the Word* Bible Study takes place **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** All men and women of Peace who are available at that time are encouraged to join us. Guests are always welcome, too. We are currently engaged in a detailed study of the **Gospel of John**. Please plan on joining us soon.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

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| 1 - Sarah Cummins | 18 - Kelsey Gensler |
| 5 - Phyllis Hill | 19 - James Sager |
| 6 - Shontelle Hinton | 20 - Sarah Messer |
| 6 - Linda Oswald | 26 - Carol Durst |
| 6 - Heather Palmer | 28 - Tammy Oswald |
| 7 - Marilyn Oswald | 29 - Dick Wiser |
| 12 - Arlene Hale | 30 - Amber Brown |
| 16 - Karen Strong | |



Happy Anniversary to:

- 5 - Maxine & LeRoy Isaksson
23 - Bonnie & Tim Gustavison



EUCHRE NIGHT! NEW TIME!!

Our next gathering will be **Friday, December 15 at 6:30 pm.** There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to come and have fun playing the great game of euchre. Please bring a dish to pass. See you there!

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



The circle of the wreath symbolizes the eternal nature of God. The green symbolizes the new life we have in God. The three blue (or purple) candles symbolize the hope, love, and peace we have with God through Christ and are lit on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of Advent. The pink (or rose) candle, lit on the 3rd Sunday, symbolizes the joy we have in Christ. The white candle in the center is the Christ Candle and is lit on Christmas Eve and Day. It is white to represent Christ's holiness and stands at the center because Christ is the center of all things.

PAROCHIAL REPORT

(As of November 20)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 182

Confirmed - 140

Official Acts:

Funeral - Jon Greening - 11/18/06

Membership gains: 0

Membership losses: 1

Jon Greening - Called home to heaven on November 11, 2006

Financial Report

YTD Receipts: \$81,364.39








Budgeted YTD: \$96,350.00

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November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	1	2
<i>Last Sunday in Church Year</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC 12:00 - SS Rehearsal		9:30—Together in the Word	3:30 - Girl Scouts 7:00 pm - Advent Tea 	5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 5:30 pm - Confirmation Class		9:00 - 4:00 COOKIE WALK/CRAFT SHOW 
3 <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC 12:00 - SS Rehearsal	4 7:00 pm—Ladies Guild <i>Hostess: Marilyn Oswald</i>	5 <i>No Together in the Word (Pastor at Winkel)</i> 7:00 pm Council Mtg.	6 3:30 - Girl Scouts 6:00 pm - Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm - Advent I 8:00 - Choir Rehearsal 	7 5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 5:30 pm—Confirmation Class	8	9 5:00 pm—PYG Movie Night
10 <i>2nd Sunday in Advent.</i> 8:00—Elders Mtg. 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC 12:00 - SS Rehearsal	11	12 9:30—Together in the Word	13 3:30 - Girl Scouts 6:00 pm - Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm - Advent II 8:00 - Choir Rehearsal 	14 5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 5:30 pm - Confirmation Class	15  <i>6:30 pm—Eucharist Night</i>	16 9:30 am - Sunday School Program Rehearsal - if necessary
17 <i>3rd Sunday in Advent.</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS, BC 12:00 - PGY mtg. 4:00 - SS Program 	18	19 9:30—Together in the Word	20 3:30 - Girl Scouts 6:00 pm - Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm - Advent III 8:00 - Choir Rehearsal 	21 5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 5:30 pm - Confirmation Class	22	23
24 <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i> 9:30 - Divine Service 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - SS/BC 7:00 - Service of Lessons and Carols	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 9:30 - Divine Service	26 9:30—Together in the Word	27 8:00 - Choir Rehearsal	28 5:00 pm— <i>WW</i>	29	30



SERVING IN DECEMBER

DECEMBER	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
3 - 9:30 am	Melanie Penzien Alex Henry	Mary Jakolat	Larry Elliott	Don Reithel Miguel Ortiz	James & Janice Sager
6 - 7:00 pm (Advent I)	Kelsey Gensler Jessica Oswald	Beth Brostrom	Larry Elliott	Don Reithel Miguel Ortiz	
10 - 9:30 am	Tyrel Harwager Sarah Messer	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	Jon Penzien Burt Henry	LeRoy & Maxine Isaksson
13 - 7:00 pm (Advent II)	Samantha Messer CJ Oswald	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	Jon Penzien Burt Henry	
17 - 9:30 am	Lauren Penzien Jordan Henry	Beth Brostrom	Dave Zeile	Bill Brostrom Chris Brown	Curt & Tammy Oswald
20 - 7:00 pm (Advent III)	Kelsey Gensler Tyrel Harwager	Beth Brostrom	Dave Zeile	Bill Brostrom Chris Brown	
24 - 9:30 am	Jared Kuehnlein Jessica Oswald	Mary Jakolat	Bill Hendrick	Vern Jakolat Curt Oswald	Leland & Marilyn Oswald
24 - 7:00 pm (Christmas Eve)	Sarah Messer Alex Henry	Mary Jakolat	Bill Hendrick	Vern Jakolat Curt Oswald	
25 - 9:30 am (Christmas Day)	Samantha Messer CJ Oswald	Beth Brostrom	Larry Elliott	Leland Oswald James Sager	
31 - 9:30 am	Melanie Penzien Jordan Henry	Beth Brostrom	Larry Elliott	Leland Oswald James Sager	Jack & Janice Langan
JANUARY - 2007					
7 - 9:30 am	Lauren Penzien Jared Kuehnlein	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	Miguel Ortiz Bill Brostrom	Jenny Baughman & Family

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men” (Eph. 6:7)

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