

## THE GUIDE +++

**December 13, 2020**

**Third Sunday in Advent**

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### THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, H.S.  
10:15 AM Communion Service

TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline  
6:30 PM Advent Service  
6:30 PM WDS Christmas Eve Practice

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High School  
10:15 AM Worship Service

**December 6 8:30: 66 10:15: 65 Total 141 - Year Ago: 115 Advent: 44 Sunday School: 41**

**Welcome** God, I pray for all who are lonely in this season, or exhausted, or grieving. Give them the courage of Mary as you fill them with the Holy Spirit. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Election meeting results** the newly elected church officers for 2021 are President: Gary Kull, Vice President: Gerry Schlechte, Secretary: Virginia Vogel, Sunday School Superintendent: Karen Kull, Head Usher: Dalton Storm, Elder: Heath McCormick, Trustee: Dylan Ohnesorge, Board of Education: Troy Uphoff and Stewardship: Kay Dust. We thank all those who volunteered to participate in the election; Marlene Wirth, Don Telgmann, Gary Wirth and Susan Hanfland. We also thank those who have served during past years; Travis Dollarhide, Roger Kull, Gary Wirth and Mike Pfeiffer. We extend special thanks to Travis Dollarhide who served as our Secretary since 2007!

**2021 Offering Envelopes** are available for pickup in the narthex. Since your offering box number will most likely change for 2021 please do not begin using them until January 2021 to ensure that your contribution is recorded correctly. If anyone would like to start using offering envelopes at any time during 2021 just contact the church office since extra unused boxes are available.

**Thank You** Thanks to all who remembered me with meals, prayers, cards and phone calls following surgery. I am so grateful for my family and my church family. Special thanks to Pastor Cluver for his inspirational phone calls. May God bless each of you! Shirley Stremming

**Thank You** A heartfelt thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, texts, food and words of encouragement since my recent diagnosis and surgery. A huge thank you to Pastor Cluver for his calls and prayers. Although my journey has just begun, my determination and God will see me through. Blessings, Sue Bowers

**FOR THE LORD'S WORK**

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
December 6	\$ 3,214.00	\$4,628.00	\$ 1,414.00
year-to-date	\$ 147,664.00	\$ 160,495.17	\$12,831.17
<b><u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u></b>			
December 6	\$ 423.00	\$ 415.00	\$ -8.00
year-to-date	\$ 20,481.00	\$17,877.00	\$-2,604.00
<b><u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u></b>		Total to Date	\$7,065.00
Building \$385 Trinity \$300 Thanksgiving \$150		<b>December 6</b>	<b>\$5,878.00</b>

12/22 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study  
 12/24 6:30 PM Christmas Eve program  
 12/25 9:00 AM Christmas Day service

**Card Shower** Brett Kull will be turning 60 on December 27. He is suffering from cancer and is in a wheelchair but is taking medicine to help manage the pain. His greatest wish is to come back to St. Paul's and see his church family but that won't happen for now due to COVID restrictions. Gloria and Dee Dee know Brett would enjoy receiving cards which they will read to him on his birthday. Cards can be sent to: Brett Kull, Bogard House, 1612 W S 3rd St, Shelbyville IL 62565.

**New Address** for Carolyn Stremming; Carriage Crossing Arcola, Carolyn Stremming, Room 206B, 909 Green Mill Rd, Arcola IL 61910

**Thank You** LYF would like to thank everyone that supported our Pancake & Sausage breakfast! Thanks to your generous support, we served around 90 people and made over \$900. We enjoyed serving you and appreciate your support of our activities and upcoming Higher Things conference trip.

**Christmas Eve** Anyone wanting to participate in our Christmas Eve Pre-Service music, vocal or instrumental, contact Marlene Wirth by phone: 217-728-4373 or 217-259-8090.

**Thank You Church family and friends** I cannot begin to express my thankfulness for all the prayers and support for Don and I during his health issues and journey to his heavenly home. Thank you, Pastor Cluver, for all your calls to Don, prayers, and consoling words at Don's memorial service. I so appreciate all the calls, cards, food, memorials, comforting words received and continued prayers at this difficult time. It is so hard to lose a loved one, especially your spouse. Don was the love of my life and best friend. He is truly missed and will always be in my heart. I read this line in a poem recently, "Grief is just love with nowhere to go." May God bless and keep each and every one of you in his care. Dianna Gibson

**Christmas Cantata** The annual Christmas Cantata, presented by choir members from the area Lutheran Churches for the past 57 years, has been an important Advent tradition in preparing for Jesus' birth. While there will not be a live Cantata this year, you can watch and listen to last year's Cantata by going to the following website **stpaul-strasburg.com** and clicking on "2019 Christmas Cantata". We wish God's Blessings to all this Christmas and we hope to be singing the good news of Jesus' birth in person again next year! The video will be available until Jan. 6.

**Advent Service** the last Advent service will be held this Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 P.M.

**LYF** Christmas Cards are available to purchase in the Nursery/Choir room. Prices are as marked and money can be deposited to the church office. LYF appreciates your support!



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Noma Rose Huddleston - Lakeland NH  
Imogene & Carl Lading - Villas of  
Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Mildred Rincker - Brookstone Suites  
Larry Storm - Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming - Brookstone Suites  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
Mattoon  
Brett Kull- Shelbyville

### **BIRTHDAYS**

13 - Neil Pikesh  
14 - Loyd Rincker, Deb Rincker  
15 - Chris Storm  
16 - Doris Stremming  
17 - Colin Ohnesorge  
18 - Tina Daniels, Jacob Kramer

### **FRIENDS & FAMILY** **(non-members)**

Jean Lowe (Hip Replacement-Susan  
Hanfland Friend)  
Erica Stollard (cancer)  
Matt Durbin  
Melissa Wirth  
Family of Crewe Jones  
Rhiannon (Wallace) Klier (surgery)  
Colin Kinkelaar (car accident)  
Dennis Ogle (cancer, Mac & Lois  
Ogle's son)  
Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda  
Oakley' daughter)  
Madonna Nichols (liver cancer)  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's  
uncle)  
Karl Zalman (cancer)  
Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth's brother,  
health)  
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer,  
undergoing treatments)  
Dave Polk (cancer, Virginia Vogel)  
Dennis Noffke (Stage IV bone cancer)  
Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis &  
Nitelle Lading's gson.)

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Mary (Pieper) London, Scott & Lori  
Pieper, Tasha Pieper, Derryl & Sue  
Pikesh, Neil Pikesh, Steve Polk, Jessica  
(Hanfland) Polko, John & Judy Radloff,  
Ramona Radloff, Merle Ragan, Roy &  
Mary Reed, Roy Reed, Jr

### **HEALING**

Brett Kull	Jackie Stodden
Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Ken Hagan
Mary Rincker	Carolyn Stremming
Merle Ragan	Shirley Stremming
Judy Wittenberg	Rosemary Sporleder
Carl Lading	Sue Bowers

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**PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME**

**COMMUNION** We practice close communion. We welcome communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to the Lord's Table. If you are not a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before attending the sacrament.

**Opening Hymn      O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

LSB 357

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. Refrain

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*Please Stand*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

## **Epistle**

*1 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

The Epistle is read

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*John 1:6–8, 19–28*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

## **Sermon Hymn      Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising**

*LSB 375*

- 1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.
- 2 Christ, from heav'n to us descending, And in love our race befriending;  
In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily foe.
- 4 From the bondage that oppressed us, From sin's fetters that possessed us,  
From the grief that sore distressed us, We, the captives, now are free.

5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing, When by faith we grasp this blessing,  
And to You we come confessing, That Your love has set us free.

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**Sermon** "Look who is coming for Christmas" 1 Thess. 5:23-24

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

**Distribution**

**Prayer**

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

**Closing Hymn Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

*LSB 805*

D 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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