

December Birthdays

- 5 Michael Babb
- 5 Tammy Kielty
- 10 Georgiann Jensen Bohn
- 11 Tony Harding
- 15 Bruce Gallmeier
- 15 Jordyn Kusske
- 19 Kristina Holmes
- 20 Kailee McDonald
- 22 Izzy Crist
- 23 Warren Kamps
- 29 Paul Elmstrand
- 29 Tanya Schraut
- 30 Thomas Holmes
- 31 Travis Magaard



December Anniversary

- 29 Rick and Tammy Kielty



Please inform Denice of any additions or corrections. Thank you!



LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830AM Radio Sundays 6:05 a.m.
XM Satellite Radio XM170 Family Talk
 Sundays at Noon
Internet: www.lutheranhour.org or
www.lutheranhour.org/AFN

December 2 "Reality Therapy"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 The book of Ruth deals with unimportant people and unimportant matters, but deals with them in such a way as to show that God is active in ordinary lives-like yours and mine. Ruth's story became an important part of the story of Jesus. Listening to God's work in her life can rescue us from dead end delusions and bring us into what is most real-a Jesus-centered reality. (Ruth 1-2)

December 9 "Redeemer with a Capital R"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 When people use the word "redeem" outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense-redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. In the Bible, the word "redeem" is used in a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a "kinsman redeemer," who points to Jesus, our capital-r-Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into his clan, his people, his household, that we might be with him forever. (Ruth 3-4)

December 16 "In Anxious Times - Rejoice! "

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook
 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. With anxiety on the rise, the Apostle Paul's call to "rejoice always" seems all but unobtainable. While there are many helpful ways to cope with society's increasing anxiety, Paul points us to a frequently overlooked source of joy and peace, God's grace in Christ. (Philippians 4:4-7)

December 23 "The King's Strength "

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 A true king's strength is seen, not in vaults and arsenals, but in the loyalty of his people. We celebrate the birth of the King who won the victory, not by taxing his subjects and killing his enemies, but by serving, loving and dying for them. By his resurrection, He destroyed the power of sin and lends us strength to become His loyal subjects. (Luke 1:26-56)

December 30 "A Long Good-By"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy
 As the year come to a close, we likely have regrets and guilt. We can beat ourselves up over work left undone, but Jesus Christ has assured us that He is your hope. His grace is more than sufficient to take us into another year and give us peace. (Luke 2:27-32)

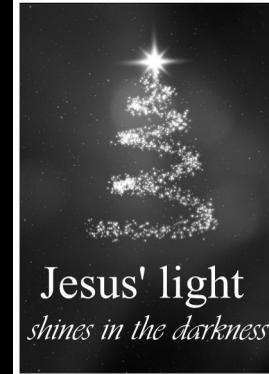


DECEMBER 2018

Joyful Noise

December 2018

Worship Schedule
 8:00 a.m. Traditional Service
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service



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Join Us at Advent Worship

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES
 December 5, 12, 19
 Supper 5:30 p.m.
 Service 7 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
 SATURDAY,
 DECEMBER 15
 7 p.m.

Refreshments served after the program

Christmas WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
 4:30 & 7 p.m.

Children will use glowsticks they can keep

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
 with Communion 9 a.m.

No New Year's Eve or Day services

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Pastor's Letter

Happy New Year! And no, I'm not a month too early. While the calendar on your wall may read 2018 for another month, the beginning of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year. That may seem strange at first (why not just have a new church year begin on January 1st? Wouldn't that make everything simpler?), but having Advent mark the beginning of a new year in the church makes a lot of sense from a faith perspective.

Advent is a season of hope and preparation. Jesus is coming, and we spend Advent preparing for His arrival and looking forward to the birth of Him who is our hope and our salvation. Then, on Christmas morning, we celebrate the birth of Christ and that because of Him the world has been forever changed. Suddenly, in the midst of our dark, sinful world, the proclamation rings out that "unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). This proclamation marks a new era in human existence. Jesus birth means that God has revealed Himself and the time of our salvation is at hand. It is only fitting that this momentous event is even reflected in our secular calendars, with dates being designated either B.C. or A.D., that is, "before Christ" or "*anno domini*," Latin for "in the year of the Lord."

With the coming Advent we begin a new church year where we once again proclaim Jesus' conception, birth, life, death, resurrection, and promise that He will come again to judge both the living and the dead. Once again we begin to tell this story by preparing for His birth and pondering the wondrous miracle that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Advent is not just the celebration of a new church year or a new church season; Advent is the celebration that because of Christ we have been made a new creation. Advent and the start of the new church year is the time where we remember that God says, "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). So happy new year! May God bless you and your family this Advent and Christmas season as we once again begin to tell the greatest story ever told, the story of God's love for us in Christ.

Pastor Daniel

BRING IT HOME UPDATE

The Minnesota North District's push for people to read the great stories of the Bible sold 3200 Story Bibles to 75 congregations. Every day we get reports on how people are blessed by being in the Word with their families.

The news of *Bring it Home* is that it is going "Synodical" - with many other Districts asking about the powerful success we had in getting people in the Word. **People of the MN North District - You did this!! WOW! Another reason for JOY!**

I get that times are tough, and that it's easy to get stuck in a survival/scarcity mentality when it comes to our congregations. But there are reasons for great JOY! Pray for an opportunity to reach out into your community with the Gospel. Look for that opportunity - God will give it to you. Then act on it with JOY!!!

We have a great God who has bought us back from sin, death and hell through the work of His Son Jesus! What a blessing to be forgiven. What an opportunity to get this message out!

What a great reason for JOY!!

In Christ,

Rev. Monte Meyer

Parish Life Facilitator for the MN North District

Sunday Offerings	October	November-to-date	Year-to-Date
Income	48,931.86	22,299.71	282,756.26
Expenses	32,871.22	23,882.61	340,200.26
(+over/-under)	+16,060.64	-1582.90	-57,444.00

ATTENDANCE	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Total
October 28	21	64	85
November 4	26	74	100
November 11	28	49	77
November 18	One 9:30 a.m. Service		105 (est.)

PLEASE NOTE that the large to-date deficits are the result of savings' transfers not appearing as income which were made to pay for the remodeling project costs.

9.5% of each month's offerings is sent to the MN North District for our mission pledge.