

SEASONS

Be prepared in season and out of season
2 Timothy 4:2



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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Wednesday, Dec. 6	6:30 p.m.	Advent Midweek
Wednesday, Dec. 13	6:30 p.m.	Advent Midweek
Wednesday, Dec. 20	6:30 p.m.	Children's Christmas Service <i>"What Child Is This?"</i>

Sunday, Dec. 24	10:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Vespers
	11:00 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve Divine Service
Monday, Dec. 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Festival Divine Service
Sunday, Dec. 31	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
	6:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Divine Service



From Your Pastor

Advent...Why Bother ?

Advent is that guy. He is the guy who sits next to you at a conference you didn't want to attend on a topic you know nothing about, the guy who loves being there when you want to go home, who is furiously scribbling notes while you are trying to daydream. And just when the day is over, and the presenter is turning off his PowerPoint while asking, "Are there any more questions before I let you go for the day?"

Advent is the guy who raises his hand. Advent is the guy who has a question, who has something to say. Advent is the guy who doesn't want to go outside, or get some air, or maybe grab a snack. Advent is the guy who wants to keep going, keep talking, keep reflecting, keep pondering.

This past week there was probably a great rush to clear away the remaining turkey from the fridge, put away the harvest decorations only to begin the preparations for all the red and green décor to sweep through the house, not stopping until the perfect spot for the Christmas tree has been staked out. That plating of the last slice of pumpkin pie signals, "GAME ON", let the rush to Christmas commence.

Meanwhile, Advent raises his hand, stubbornly, while the rest of us do our very best to ignore his pestering questions and his continual delay, to indulge in the often psychotic and always frenzied rush to Christmas. Aunt Gertrude, who's there each Sunday along with Grandpa Willie, wants to know what's wrong with a carol or two. Scenes and manglers; artificial trees and stockings are dropped down flights of stairs from attics, and already on the First Sunday of Advent the Magi have (miraculously) made their appearance.

Meanwhile Advent raises his hand, slowing us down, even while the winsome among us are already singing It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year and Joy to the World. In a world of double espresso shots, iPhones, text messaging, Amazon Prime, and Facebook Live, we've simply no time or patience for Advent's questions or teachings.

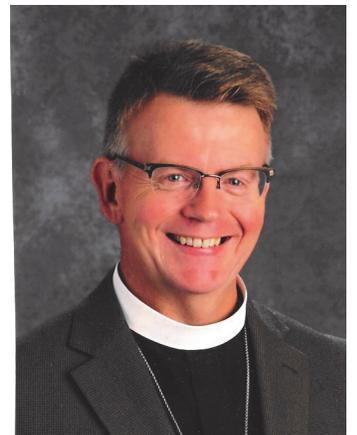
In fact we do our very best year in and year out to mute him, cutting off his arm so that he can't raise it, so he can't slow us down, so that we can skip over Advent and get straight to Christmas. And even though Advent is only four weeks long, it is a monstrously slow time of the year in the Church because it collars us from getting to Christmas when we want to.

But it is that way by design. Advent is that time of the year to stop, and to reflect upon the reality that Christ has come in the flesh, that the Virgin has conceived, that the cross has happened and the resurrection of Him who was crucified is part of history. In the midst of this revealing of truth we still wait for when He will come again to take us to Himself.

And so, we live our lives in a perpetual Advent. Advent is our year-round default because we live our lives waiting and watching, looking and listening for what has been promised to come at last. Advent is the reality of our daily lives. And Advent forces us to deal with that reality. And doing that can be painful because it is work. We don't like to wait. No one does.

But the answer to Advent's persistent questions is not to ignore or avoid them. The answer is to embrace them. To let them take root in your minds and hearts, so that the answer embedded in Advent's questions may become clear: The one who once came to fulfill the promise of God, continues, even now, to come to do the same. There is joy in this reality. There is joy in waiting because the promise is sure and God cannot lie. The one who once came in the flesh of the Babe of Bethlehem is still coming. He is not a mere footnote in history. He is an ever-present reality because He still comes. He comes in His Word and in His Sacraments. And He is coming again.

Let this divine reality take hold of you this Advent. For what we celebrate on Christmas and Easter is not simply a past event or an escape from reality. We celebrate the joyful reality that the Lord remains actively involved in our present and future because of what He has done in Christ in the past. I look forward to sharing with you this time of anticipation with you, dear saints of Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church. *Disclaimer: Advent-as-the-annoying-guy example is the idea of Rev. Ken Kelly, a fellow pastor.*



Pastor Peters



Lutheran Center for RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

(Selected quotes from a recent letter by LCRL Executive Director Rev. Dr Gregory Seltz – ed.)

We live in a society that has granted civic freedom to all its citizens to believe, worship and practice their faith without compulsion from the government. As believers in Jesus, we live as citizens of this nation, engaged, involved, living public lives for the sake of others, for the sake of family, friends, and neighbors. God is at work through it all. God has placed us in this country. According to His gracious will, He has provided those in authority to rule over us with His law for our temporal good. Throughout the Scriptures, the prophets and apostles teach that God rules in and through the secular authorities of our world. And He calls us, as people who bear His eternal freedoms to the world, to undergird and support those “in the world” structures that make the blessings of temporal freedom possible.

It is becoming harder and harder to stay faithful to the things of Christ in today's public arena. Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity (SOGI) laws, the prevalence of anti-Christian bigotry, and the increasing number of laws and policies that infringe on religious liberty all highlight the increasing punitive realities we face as Christians. There are churches, Lutheran schools and universities suffering right now for their faithfulness to the Word of God. Those who stand for life, for biblical views of marriage and for religious freedom are facing increasing persecution and pressure to conform to secular morality.

Even in these times, however, the Word of God guides and encourages us. When God's people were in exile in a pagan city, God commanded them to bless the city (Jer. 29). Jesus' statement to “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's” (Matt 22:21), said while Caesar was oppressing God's people and promoting himself as a god, encouraged people that God was indeed at work in all things. God even gives us temporal tools to be used for our good and service. Paul maintained his Roman citizenship and used it to further his ability to serve the community and proclaim the Gospel. Even in difficult times, the New Testament encourages the Church to

honor those in authority and to pray for secular leaders because all authority is ultimately from God, who holds all things accountable to Himself.

I look forward to the challenges and joys of representing you and the Church in protecting our First Amendment rights and encouraging leaders in Washington to return to our roots as a country that stands for moral truths benefitting all of society and protecting the Church's right to proclaim the Gospel and live according to conscience. To this end, the LCRL will focus on the issues of life, traditional marriage and religious freedom as guaranteed in our nation's founding documents. I will not be alone in this task.

We desire and ask for your prayers, your participation and your generous support. My family and I look forward to moving to Washington to be your voice — to stand as a Lutheran voice of the Gospel in our nation's capital. I believe that God has blessed us with this opportunity to stand on His Word and to proclaim His truth and love to a world searching for enduring truths and comfort. Let's see what God can do with us at this time, in His name, trusting in His power and with His Word.

May God richly bless you in Christ,

Rev. Gregory P. Seltz, Ph.D.
Executive Director,
Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty



LUTHER AND ISLAM



Above & right: Dr. Adam Francisco's presentation on Luther and Islam.

Luther had the following to say about Islam in his essay, *On War Against the Turks* [Muslims], published in 1529, just one year before the Diet of Augsburg: *"I have some pieces of Mohammed's Koran... When I have time, I must put it into German so that every man may see what a foul and shameful book it is. In the first place, he praises Christ and Mary very much as those who alone were without sin, and yet he believes nothing more of Christ than that he is a holy prophet, like Jeremiah or Jonah, and denies that he is God's Son and true God. Besides, he does not believe that Christ is the Savior of the world, Who died for our sins, but that He preached to His own time, and completed His work before His death, just like any other prophet."*

"From this anyone can easily observe that Mohammed is a destroyer of our Lord Christ and His kingdom, and if anyone denies concerning Christ, that He is God's Son and has died for us, and still lives and reigns at the right hand of God, what has he left of Christ? Father, Son, Holy Ghost, Baptism, the Sacrament, Gospel, Faith and all Christian doctrine and life are gone, and there is left, instead of Christ, nothing more than Mohammed with his doctrine of works and especially of the sword. That is the chief doctrine of the Turkish [Islamic] faith in which all abominations, all errors, all devils are piled up in one heap."

"The Turk [Muslim] is the rod of the wrath of the Lord our God."



"[The struggle against Islam] must begin with repentance, and we must reform our lives, or we shall fight in vain. [The Church should] drive men to repentance by showing our great and numberless sins and our ingratitude, by which we have earned God's wrath and disfavor, so that He justly gives us into the hands of the devil and the Turk."

"In the second place, the Turk's Koran, or creed, teaches him to destroy not only the Christian faith, but also the whole temporal government. His Mohammed, as has been said, commands that ruling is to be done by the sword, and in his Koran the sword is the commonest and noblest work."



EGL members were among the 92 in attendance on Nov. 5 who listened intently to Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University in Irvine, California, share his knowledge on Islam and Luther's commentary on Islam.

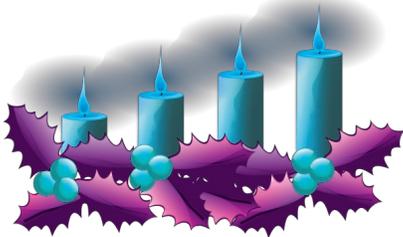


The LWML morning group will be having its Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bartelt Adult Activity Center. Instead of a Bible study, we will all take part in a Christmas devotion of reading Scripture, singing Christmas carols, and focusing on the true meaning of Christmas, that Jesus, our Savior was born. We will have Christian fellowship as we enjoy our luncheon. Each woman is asked to bring a sandwich and ½ dozen cookies. Please plan on attending. Bring a friend.

The LWML South Wisconsin District is hosting an LWML Winter Getaway on January 19-20, 2018 at the Holiday Inn located at 625 Rolling Meadows Drive in Fond du Lac, WI. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. The keynote speaker on Saturday will be Rev. Randy Raasch, pastor at First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedarburg, WI. Special hands-on events will be decorating onesies, fleece hats and scarves; marking Bibles for evangelism; and assembling school kits. The offering recipient will be the South Wisconsin Hmong Ministry. Cost of the Winter Getaway is \$60, which includes the Friday snacks and Saturday lunch. The theme verse of this retreat is 1 Peter 3:15. "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

"Free at Last" is a mission of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS. Rev. Afam Ikanih has a ministry at the House of Correction in Franklin, WI, getting the Gospel message to the male inmates. By God's grace, hundreds of inmates have been baptized and catechized. In addition, with the help of layman Patrick Batom and members of Mission of Christ Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, ex-offenders can find the support, encouragement, and scriptural resources for life after prison. There is a need for this ministry to expand to a ministry among women prisoners. That is where the LWML wants to help with its Mission Grant of \$25,000 by serving these incarcerated women, formerly incarcerated, and their families by providing funds to support a deaconess at the House of Correction to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to these women. "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!" (John 8:36)

Reading about the various Mission Grants of the LWML can help you see how donating your "mites" to LWML helps so much in mission fields. There is such a need to bring the Gospel message to so many people. Your donations are so appreciated. If you need another Mite Box, please pick one up at our Friendship Library or on the table near the Tract Rack.



"Unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Barbara Kurth

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Isaiah 9:6

HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE

Attention High School Students: EGL is once again getting a group together to go to a Higher Things Conference in the summer of 2018. If you have not gone, it might be your summer to go! If you have gone before, it might be your summer to go again!

Dates: July 3-6, 2018
 Location: Carleton College-Northfield, MN
 Cost: \$142-includes 9 meals and housing in the campus dorms
 EGL provides transportation to the conference.
Deadline to sign up: 12/31/2017

Contact Karen Clark to sign up or to ask questions about the conference. Call/text 262-366-5920, kaclark96@yahoo.com. Don't miss out.



Sanctified
2018 HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCES

FACES OF STEWARDSHIP: YOUR ELECTED LEADERSHIP

The main purpose behind the "Faces of Stewardship" articles over the last number of years has been to highlight the importance and essential participation of volunteers here at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church. We acknowledge and understand that service to our Lord is freely given through love and faith with no thought of self, but we also hope that the efforts and personal experience of these active members will inspire and motivate others to get involved in various ways in our church. This month and next we place in front of you those whom you have elected as officers to serve and lead on the six constitutionally mandated boards. All of the boards meet eleven times a year but members also give of their time to prepare for these meetings by serving on various committees within each board. We sincerely thank all of these board members for their service to Elm Grove Lutheran Church and School.



Members of the **Board of Evangelism** include, left to right: Becky Wilinski, Val Menges, and Kaethe Ward. This board is tasked with developing and maintaining an evangelism program in the congregation and community at large. This work includes enlisting members to participate in an outreach program to the unchurched and other interested persons as well as maintaining a program of assimilation of new members including using their spiritual gifts in the congregation. Members of this board serve for two years. They would welcome another member to join them in this important work!



The **Board of Finance** has the responsibility of overseeing the Work Program Committee, monitoring and comparing actual receipts and expenses with what is expected, and developing a long-term financial forecast for the congregation. They also establish and monitor banking relationships and cover all insurance needs. The Comptroller is an advisory member of the Board of Finance. Board members serve two-year terms. From left: Comptroller Valerie Menges, Emily Krueger, Rob Hipke, Forrest Schumacher, and Layton Gehrke.

FACES OF STEWARDSHIP: YOUR ELECTED LEADERSHIP



Board of Christian Education members also serve two-year terms and include, back row: Mike Klein, Michael Daws, Josh Keck; front row: Katie Thompson, Jason Krueger, and Paula Ky. The BOCE is responsible for planning and administering the educational programs of the congregation, including adult education classes, the day school, the Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School. They also arrange for all personnel necessary to carry out these programs and serve as the Call Committee for Ministers of Religion-Commissioned.

CAROL FEST
2017



Make plans now to attend the 9th annual Carol Fest on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join the Exultate Singers, Middle School Choir, Exultate Ringers, Jubilate Ringers, the EGLS Band, and other musicians for an hour of singing and listening to many favorite Christmas carols, ancient and modern, and learning a little bit about each of them. The Fest has music for all ages so, parents, bring your children and children, bring your parents and grandparents!



 **SHEPHERDING
THE FUTURE**
2015-2017

With thanksgiving to God!
\$383,400 has been received through Nov. 19. The following money has been allocated: \$76,680 to the LHSA of Greater Milwaukee

\$306,720 into 3 LCEF accounts:

- 1) \$153,360 for maintenance
- 2) \$95,850 for debt reduction
- 3) \$57,510 for future needs

It's Still All About JESUS

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8



BARGING IN ON CHRISTMAS?

Cold winter days will soon be upon us. Shopping, travel, and all kinds of special events are planned. Sometimes, these types of events cause concerns and issues that make us upset. In a sense, that is understandable. However, it can impact the celebration of Christmas for ourselves and those around us. As you take a look at your plans and priorities this season, remember to not let anything "bargue in on Christmas"! "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." (Luke 2:10) We really do have so many reasons to celebrate the gift of the Christ Child...and yes, "It's Still All About Jesus". God be with each and every one of you!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

"What Child Is This?"

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m. or the dress rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.

PK3/4 & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY, JAN. 28, 2-5 p.m.

Elm Grove Lutheran School will hold an Open House for all prospective PK3, PK4 and Kindergarten students and families on Sunday, Jan. 18 from 2-5 p.m. Guests will be invited to take a tour, receive application materials, hear presentations from faculty members, and ask questions about curriculum and programs. Please share this information with those you know as we plan for the 2018-2019 school year. Interested families are invited to contact the school office for information at 262-797-2970.

SECOND QUARTER ENDS JAN 5: The half-way point of the school year is coming soon. This means that plans for the 2018-19 school year will begin taking shape for all re-enrollments and new enrollments at school. Look for more information coming soon.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE: Work has started on the 24 recommendations offered by the Elm Grove faculty and the NLSA Visiting Team. Documentation of action on these recommendations is due in an annual report to the South Wisconsin District each May. We have the next four years to pursue progress on the recommendations before another Team visits during the 5th year.

CHILDCARE – HELP NEEDED: The Child Care Center of Elm Grove Lutheran continues to serve a growing number of children and families. At this time, nine current staff members serve more than 25 families with before and after school and daily care. Due to increased interest, additional staff members are needed. Please feel free to contact the Church and School office (262-797-2970) for more information.



CHURCH BUDDY

UPCOMING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, Dec. 10	Carol Fest	4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary (5th-8th)
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Children's Christmas Service	9:00 dress rehearsal or 6:30 p.m. service (PK4-8th)
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Last day of school before Christmas break	(PK4-8th)
Monday, Jan. 8	Spelling Bee	1:00 p.m. 3rd/4th 2:00 p.m. 5th-8th



America's Kids
1st - 4th Grade Musical
November 10, 2017





Top: PreK3– 1st grade Middle: Grades 2-4 Bottom: Grades 5-8



RACE FOR EDUCATION – WIN!

We give God the glory for blessing the Race for Education held on Friday, Oct. 13, as the goal of raising \$14,000 was met with a final total of \$14,210.16. Many thanks are due to the students from PK3 through Grade 8 who raced and invited contributions from family and friends! Gifts from 296 donors ranged from \$5 to \$450, with one gift being over \$1000. Thank you for contributing – your generosity is very much appreciated! Steps to move forward with the Chromebook program in the upper grades has begun – we anticipate progress during the second semester. God Bless you all!



Even Mr. Koopman walked!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Five Elm Grove Lutheran members were recently inducted into the National Honor Society. The NHS recognizes and encourages students to maintain the high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. On Oct. 23, Emily Ewert and Hanna Radewahn were inducted into the Milwaukee Lutheran High School chapter. On Nov. 15, Grace Dennis, Owen Krueger, and Matthew Morateck were inducted into the Brookfield East High School chapter. Emily, Owen, and Hanna are graduates of EGLS.

Congratulations!



Hanna & Emily MLHS



Character

Leadership

Scholarship

Service



Grace, Matt & Owen BEHS



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES



Membership Changes:

We welcome:

Dawn O'Connor & Hannah Seymour
2139 S. Clubhouse Dr.
New Berlin, WI 53151
Transferred from Blessed Savior LC, New Berlin

We will miss:

Ralph Ganswindt, by death †
Roland Harry, by death †
Lisa Bauer & Paul Bauer
Transferred to Divine Redeemer LC, Hartland
Jeff Gresley, JULIETTE, & MOSES Gresley
Transferred to St. Paul's LC, Grafton
Tirzah Gresley
Transferred to Good Shepherd LC, Watertown
Brian Hughes
Transferred to St. John's LC, North Prairie
Megann Hutchison
Transferred to Bethlehem LC, Wales
Ann Schneider
Transferred to St. Paul's LC, Birnamwood
Ann Janz, BRAYDEN, & LYLA Janz
Released to Elmbrook
Terry & Karen O'Brien
Released to St. Paul's LC (WELS), Muskego

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Renaissance, Good Food and Wine, and Christian Art and History in Italy 2018

Pastor Aaron Koch of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Greenfield has organized a trip in September 2018 to take in the riches of Italy's Christian art and history and its many other wonders. Highlights include: Accommodations in Rome within walking distance of the Coliseum, Roman Forum, and Pantheon; preferred entrance to St. Peter's Basilica plus a private guided tour of the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel; a visit to the catacombs along the Via Appia Antica; a morning devoted to Luther's formative visit to Rome in 1510; a visit to Assisi and the basilica of St. Francis; extensive tour of Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance, with opportunities to see many of the art treasures of that era; several other cities including, Pisa, Vinci, Sienna, Orvieto, Chianciano, Montecatini, and Ravenna, where we will see the unique collection of early Christian mosaics in the church of San Vitale. And, of course, this tour will include several "fun" items as well, such as an Italian folk show with opera and famous Italian songs, a cooking class, general historical sightseeing, 3 nights in Venice, and a wine tasting and meal at a Chianti vineyard in Tuscany.



If you would be interested in more details about this trip, you may visit MountZion-Greenfield.org to see the full brochure and registration materials. There are also brochures on the table in the narthex at church. Pastor Koch can be reached at pastor.koch@gmail.com or at 414-795-9005 if you have any questions. High quality accommodations and ground transportation, 30 meals, and all tips for guides, etc. are included. The tour is being limited to 35 participants, so don't delay!



December Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries
 If your birth date or wedding anniversary is not included,
 please be sure to contact the church office. Thanks!

**December 1**

Ryan Schmid
 John Seals

December 2

Sarah McNeely
 Kathy Rutley

December 4

Ben Mueller
 Pat O'Donnell
 Rachael Tischer

December 5

Ruth Huwiler (96)
 Paula Ky

December 6

Sue Mickol

December 7

Benjamin Nelson
 Jeff Whittaker

December 8

Kristen Funk
 Steve Handrich
 Greg Margrett
 Michael Rentmaster

December 9

Cathy Tuttrup
 Emma Wollak

December 10

A-Bob & Nancy Genack (50)
 James Drabiszczak

December 11

A-Arik & Becky Ruhnau-Gee
 Cate Heup

December 12

Lynn Crowell
 Benjamin Garcia
 Maren Gehrke
 Michael Gibbons
 Christian Gleisner
 Audrey Zarder

December 15

Jean Bennett
 Rose Brojanac (93)
 Nancy Ewert
 Sarah Huber
 Joan Knuteson

December 16

Karen Bourdo

December 17

Makayla McCarville
 Jennifer Rentmaster
 Ariana Strommen

December 18

A-Joe & Cindy VanderMeer
 Judy Hogan

December 19

Linda Diven
 Don Nitschke

December 20

A-Lisa & Al Savaglio
 A-Albert & Shirley Wartchow (65)
 Barb Albers
 Emily Grelk

December 21

Mindy Aldinger
 Karlie Bellante
 Kathleen Matschull
 Kaethe Ward

December 22

Chuck Ewert
 Mason Hornburg
 Linda Stiloski
 Delaney Ward

December 23

A-John & Luanne Schaefer
 Marie Herzberg (90)
 Noah Olbrot
 Delores Rische

December 24

Kim Brown-LeBoef

December 25

Hannah Margrett
 Anne Tuttrup

December 26

A-Matt & Terri Elvers
 Don Gronitz
 Susie Radke
 Beth Zimmermann

December 27

A-Jeff & Carol Jagusch
 A-Woody & E'lem Lindblom
 Carol Ewert
 Joanne Kowach
 Jene' Kramer

December 28

A-Randy & JoAnn Randall (60)
 A-Forrest & Barb Schumacher
 Lanita Beck
 Paul Haut
 Carol Jagusch

December 30

A-Jim & Lynn Burhop

December 31

A-Terry & Laurie Eichelberger
 A-David & Christa Neill
 Anthony D'Agostino
 Benjamin Krueger
 Robert Tesch



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Monthly Planner

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A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.

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I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
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