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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

TODAY IS: **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	8:15 AM **COMMUNION**	11:00 AM
Preacher & Liturgist:	Pastor Steve Schulz	
Organist:	Pam Sommer	
Special Music:	Emily Engebretson, soloist, Katie Rolf, piano	
Elder/Reader:	Steve Asche (+JR)	Jeremy Rolf
Acolytes:	Landon D-W, Tyler H	Logan K
Usher Teams:	Hass Team	Hankel Team
Pre-Service Greeters:	Erick & Lisa Esping	Todd & Melissa Evensen

Altar flowers today are given in honor of Dick Demro's 90th Birthday by his children "in thankfulness to God and with love for the wonderful blessing he has been in our lives".

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD - MEMBERS' SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Please join **Adult Bible Class,** as we continue our Bible study on the Gospel according to St. Mark.

Today on "Main Street Living North": Rev. Tom Eckstein of Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND, presents todays message: *"Eve: Waiting for Jesus"* based on Genesis 3:8-15. It is broadcast each Sunday at 10 am Central time on KVRR Fgo-Mhd Channel 15, and at www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com. Donations to this ministry are always welcomed!

Stewardship Thoughts: 1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives: we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

GROWING IN CHRIST'S LOVE – SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK; EVENT INFO

Today: *December 3, 2017* – First Sunday of Advent ^

- **8:15 & 11:00 am** – Worship
- **9:30-10:45 am** – Education Hour: SS Opening at 9:30-9:45 am; SS & Adult Study 9:45-10:45
- 10:00 am - Airing of "Main Street Living North" on FOX-TV
- **1:00 – 3:00 pm** – Children's Cmas Service Rehearsal (grades 2-8)

Monday: ^

- **9:00 am** – Fixer Uppers and Monday Morning Crew [MMC]
- **7:00 pm** – Adult Choir (Balc) – *last rehearsal until Jan 8, 2018*

Tuesday:

- **7:00 am –** Men's Bible Class (SR)
- **9:00 am –** Women's Bible Class at Randy's
- **9:30 am / 1:30 pm** – Women's Bible Classes (various locations)
- **7:00 pm** – SS Teachers Meeting & Bible Study

Wednesday:

- 10:00 am – Staff Meeting (CR)
- **4:15 & 6:00 pm – Advent Worship: "Sola Scriptura"**
- **5:00 – 5:45 pm – Advent Meal, sponsored by LSF**
- **6:50 pm** – Confirmation Classes (for all 6th-8th graders)
- **7:05 pm** – *HB Practice (packing up the bells for refurbishment shipment)*

Thursday: *(Louise leaves at 11 am)*

- **8:00 pm** – LSF Bible Class @ NDSU's Memorial Union, Prairie Rose Room

Friday: ⌑

- **6:00 pm till done –** Senior LYF (grades 9-12) – Cookie Bake (kitchen)
- **6:00 pm** – LSF Nerf War X at Immanuel (all but kitchen)

Saturday: ⌑

- **8:00 am – 5:00 pm** – Barnes & Noble Book Fair, benefiting GLS
- **1:00 pm till done –** Junior and Senior LYF (grades 6-12) – Cookie Bake

Sunday: *December 10, 2017* – Second Sunday of Advent ⌑

- **8:15 & 11:00 am** – Worship
- **9:15 am** – Cookie Bake Sale
- **9:30-10:45 am** – Education Hour: SS Opening at 9:30-9:45 am; SS & Adult Study 9:45-10:45
- 10:00 am - Airing of "Main Street Living North" on FOX-TV
- **1:00 – 3:00 pm** – Children's Cmas Service Rehearsal (N-8th)
- **4:00 pm – Christmas Caroling. Join the choir for Christmas caroling. All ages welcome! See the Dec. newsletter for more info.**

CC = Celebration Center; SR = Student Room; CR = Conference Room; WH = Welcome Hall
Out of Office: **^** *= Worral;* **~** *= Schulz;* **>** *= Avery;* ⌑ *= Louise;* ⅋ *= DPM Rolf*

Special Events & Looking Ahead

- **Dec 6, 13, 20 –** Midweek Advent Services (4:15 & 6 pm) plus Advent Meals (5-5:45 pm)
- ***December 14&15****; 7:00 pm – Christmas Musical at GLS: "Meet Me at the Manger"*
- **December 17; 9:15 am –** Caroling around the Grand Piano (WH)
- **December 17; 3:00 pm – Children's Christmas Service, followed by treats in CC**

New Member Lists are available in the office. Any member may have one.
There are also **Advent Booklets** on the round, green table in the Welcome Hall. Have your family begin devotions today and end on Epiphany (Jan 6th).

Advent Services this December will be centered on the four Solas of the Reformation. Services are held at 4:15 & 6 pm. (Advent Meals are served from 5-5:45 pm each Wednesday, too.) ***Dec. 6th:*** *Sola Scriptura* will be based on Matthew 1:22-23 and the promise of a son called Immanuel "According to God's Word" promised in Isaiah. ***Dec. 13th:*** *Sola Gratia* will be based on Luke 1:5-25 and the story of Elizabeth's womb opened "Only by God's Grace". ***Dec. 20th:*** *Sola Fide* will be based on Luke 1:26-38 and Mary's statement of faith "May It Be unto Me as you have Said." ***Dec. 24th:*** *Solus Christus* will be based on Luke 2:1-20 and the announcement to the Shepherds: "For unto you is Born this day a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord!"

BRANCHING OUT TO SERVE - SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Assistants "Heads Up"				
December 10, 2017		**Second Sunday of Advent**		
Elder-Reader:	8:15	Erick Esping	11:00	Clint Lowe
Acolyte:	8:15	Isaiah S	11:00	Serenity D, Madeline C
Ushers:	8:15	Stahlecker Team	11:00	Zinke Team
Greeter before Svc:	8:15	Mitch & Lorinda Semanko	11:00	Steve & Cori Trautman
Advent One: Sola Gratia		Wednesday, **December 13,** 2017		
4:15 & 6p	Hankel Team	5-5:45p	Meal by LWML	
December 17, 2017		**Third Sunday of Advent**		
Elder-Reader:	8:15	Peter Woyen	11:00	Jim Thoreson
Acolyte:	8:15	Jacob D, Trevor D	11:00	Lauren D
Ushers:	8:15	Montana Team	11:00	Roesler Team
Greeter before Svc:	8:15	Paul & Deanna Mayland	11:00	Pam Coste
Advent Two: Sola Fide		Wednesday, **December 20,** 2017		
4:15 & 6p	Stahlecker Team	5-5:45p	Meal by LYF	

The Emergency Food Pantry is asking for donations of food & cash to provide food for those in need. The number of clients continues to increase & as the winter approaches this will continue. The number of families served averages about 80 per day; over 3 tons of food are required daily. Special needs at this time includes canned fruits & vegetables, cereals, tuna & other canned goods. Donations of cash will be used to purchase food needs. Please consider the Emergency Food Pantry during this holiday season as you you're your charitable donations.

Cookie Bake: The LYF's annual cookie bake is coming up **soon,** and we need your help. You can sign up to bring in supplies for the cookies. By donating, you reduce our overhead which means more money in the youths' accounts. There is a sign-up on the board in the Welcome Hall, so please consider donating today. Ingredient donations must be in the kitchen by **December 6th**.

FirstLink Giving Tree of Hope: Wrapped gifts should be returned to Immanuel no later than **noon on Sunday, Dec. 17**. Thank you for helping to make Christmas a bit brighter for someone in need. *Board for Human Care*

From the GLS Principal, John Hagge (701-232-7747): There is a **great need** for: A part-time PE **teacher** beginning January 2nd; also: at least 3 -4 volunteer **tutors** to help students with their math and English.

BEARING FRUITS OF FAITH- PRAYER CARD

***Note** that we endeavor to respect wishes of our members regarding prayer needs and privacy matters. Please contact the office if requesting corporate prayer during worship services.*

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: **MEMBERS:**

Bonnie Kittelson, *successful hand surgery at Mayo & recovery at home*
Bruce Thomas, recovery from knee replacement surgery on November 22nd

LOVED ONES:

Maria Lechich (Donna Miller's friend), prayers requested
Daniel Nolte (Nyla's son), recovery from shoulder surgery on November 24th in Fargo
Ardella Schwagler (aunt of Deb Bubach and Nadine Flegel), stroke
Nikki Solberg (Courtney Solberg's cousin), prayers requested
Ted Trowell (Clare Johnson's grandfather), leg ulcers

MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND LOVED ONES BATTLING CANCER/*CHRONIC CONDITIONS*:

MEMBERS: **Tom Dahl, *Katja Engebretson*, Evan Hass, *Linda Lee*, *Angie Peda*, *Mike Vasicek***
LOVED ONES: **Sherry Avery** (Ryan's mom), **Beth Barton** (Sean W's aunt), **Mary Bruenjes** (retired Pastor's wife), ***Lorraine Chesley*** *(Helen Humphrey's sister),* **Sandy Croft** (Erica A's mom), ***Elaine Culp*** *(ReNae Simmons' mom),* **Drake Dosch** (8-yr old great-nephew of Sandi L), **Gloria Franz** (Pam B's sister), **Michelle Kerbaugh**, Melody S's sister), **Dean Larson** (Dean S's brother-in-law), ***Roger Leonhardt*** *(Lorinda S's dad),* **Geina Nolte** (Nyla's daughter-in-law), **Judy Pfennig** (Florence B's niece), **Dave Rau** (Donn's brother), **Adam Ressler** (Les' uncle), **Neil Reuter** (Dean S's brother-in-law), **Karen Rosby** (Nyla Nolte's daughter), ***Clarence Semanko*** *(Mitch's dad),* ***Stella Trowell*** *(Clare Johnson's grandmother),* **Valerie Wagner** (Sandi L's sister), **Diane Weispfenning** (Pam S's sister), **Rick Wiedebush** (Sandi L's friend)

THOSE THAT ARE HOMEBOUND: *Julie Bopp, Ethel Buehl, Ron Engelking, Ben Gauger, Bob Geske, Lucille Glessing, Martha Gross, Jean Krenz, Linda Lee, (Roger & Sonja Leonhardt), Tom & Loraine Martindale, Gladys Olson, Orville & Irene Olson, Ellie Radtke, (Alvin Roesler), Doris Speral, JoAnn Stewart, Elsie Tennyson, Marvis Weiser*

THOSE SERVING OUR ARMED FORCES, ESPECIALLY: James Bean, USN; **Anna Croucher**, NDARNG; **Brody Katka**, USAF; **Chad McCoy**, USAF; **Ashlynn Schroeder**, NDANG; **Austin Moltzan**, NDARNG; **Carl Tegtmeier**, USAF; **Steve Trautman**, NDARNG; **William (Billy) Zottnick**, NDARNG

PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL: Pray that preparations for the Annual Christmas Musical, "Meet Me at the Manger", result in an inspirational presentation to the community.

ND DISTRICT ANNUAL MEN'S WINTER RETREAT

January 12-13, 2018
Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND

Beyond 500: Why the Heart and Sola of the Reformation still Matters!

Presenter:
Rev. Dr. Jim Gimbel
President of Concordia Lutheran Seminary
Edmonton, Alberta

A presentation focusing on the Four Solas of our Lutheran Heritage…
Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fides, and Solus Christus.

Pastor Gimbel, a native Minnesotan, began ministry at Zion Kramer and Gardena, ND in 1985. During that time he helped Faith, Towner organize before moving to serve as Campus Pastor at NDSU and youth pastor at Immanuel, Fargo, then becoming Sr. Pastor at Immanuel. During that time he was heavily involved in ND District youth ministry, including servant events at the prior Shepherd's Hill location. In 1996 he accepted the call to serve as Sr. Editor of Youth, Family, and Sunday School Materials at CPH. In 2002 he accepted the call to be Professor of Leadership and Ministry at Concordia, St. Paul. During those years at CPH and CSP, out of a deep love for parish ministry, he served seven vacancy and interim ministries. In 2014 he was elected President of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta, the western seminary of Lutheran Church–Canada. He and Jill have been married 39 years, and have three grown, married children: Andy, Abby, and Jo, and their five living grandchildren.

For over 25 years men have enjoyed the camaraderie of these retreats–
thought-provoking Scripture-based presentations, fellowship,
music, good food, card games, skeet shooting, etc.
Father & son duos are encouraged to come.

Begins with 6 P.M. Supper Friday, January 12th – ends 3:30 P.M. Saturday
Cost – $80.
Includes: 3 meals, lodging, speaker, snacks, games, fireside chats, etc.
Bring: Bible, bed roll, personal items, warm clothing, & friends

Contact Corey Isaak to register:
Call 701-281-0240 or E-mail: corey.isaak@gracefargo.org

ANOTHER GREAT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY IS COMING TO IMMANUEL ON JANUARY 20, 2018 FROM 9AM TO 1 PM.

Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard is the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Gwinner, North Dakota. He is married to Serenity, and they have three children. He enjoys fishing, pheasant hunting, watching movies, writing, golfing, spending time with his family, and a good book with a warm latte!

From Cari Weidner, GLS Librarian: We're gearing up for our first-ever library fundraiser, to purchase GLS library materials or supplies, on Sat., Dec. 9th!

Two great things about this fundraiser:

1)Funds raised will be coming from Barnes & Noble! Anyone who shops at Barnes & Noble on that Saturday can support our fundraiser by simply saying, "I'm with the bookfair" and presenting a voucher at the point of sale. Barnes & Noble will give a percentage back to GLS for each sale that day.

We are given the opportunity to share about Grace Lutheran School in the FM community!

Please consider how you can support us for this event. Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit **BN.COM/bookfairs** to support us online from 12/9/17-12/14/17 by entering Bookfair ID **12068177** at checkout.

Use the Coupon below at the store:

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Don't forget to mention the bookfair at checkout!

Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization.*

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