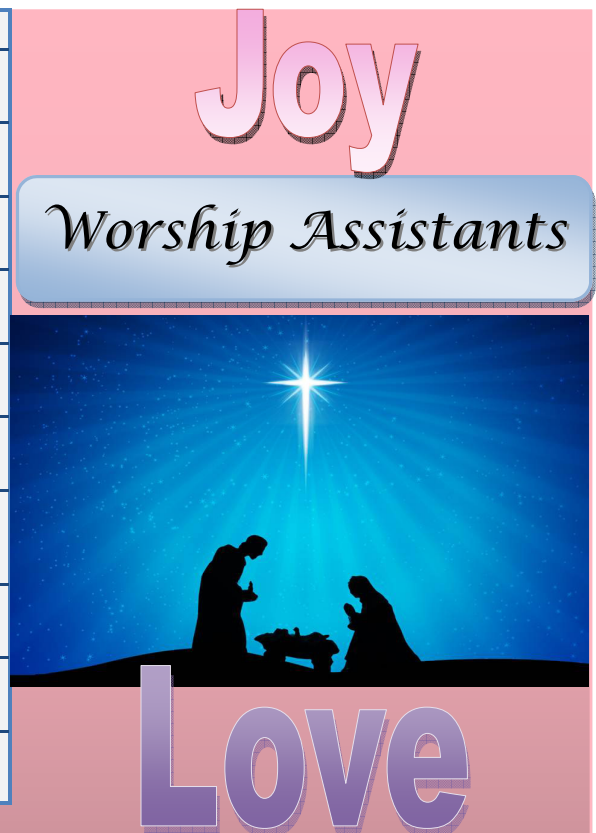


With joy
you will draw
water from the
wells of
salvation.



Isaiah 12:3

	December 17, 2017	
	8:00 am service	10:45 am service
Acolyte	David Herb	Liana Grove
Lector	Laura Wills	Pat Gilmore-Lee
Cantor	Lynne Immell	Greg John
Assisting Minister	Crystal Houser	Julie Grove
Communion	Daryl Gochenauer	Art Grove
Ushers	Daryl Gochenauer* Ja 'net Grey	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Julie Read
Greeters	Dolores Lebo	Ken & Carol Clelland
Altar Guild	Sue Rodgers	
Counters	Art & Julie Grove; Cheryl Neidig	



	December 24, 2017			
	9:00 am service	5:00pm service	7:00pm service	11:00pm service
Acolyte	David Herb	David Herb	Jenna Gordon	Korra Neidig?
Crucifers	N/A		David Herb	David Herb
Gospel Processional	N/A		Carly Godron?	
Lector	Beth Lengel			
Cantor	Matt Schroeder	Lynne Immell	Mike Kulikauskas	Paulette Krewson
Assisting Minister	Julie Grove			
Communion	Lloyd Sheaffer	Art Grove		
Ushers	Daryl Gochenauer* Ja 'net Grey Judy Read Steve Read	Steve Read* Julie Read	Marty Baim* Tom Burson Mary Zook Len Zook	Ira Ewell*
Greeters	Alan & Dawn Gamble	Steve & Judy Read		
Altar Guild	Cheryl Neidig			
Counters	Art & Julie Grove; Cheryl Neidig			

Theme: Joyous Anticipation. God turns our mourning into joyous laughter

Call To Action

Sunday, December 17

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Ron and Brenda Kimmel in memory of Ron's father and Brenda's mother and father.

8:00am Worship
9:30am Sunday Church School
10:45am Worship
3:00pm Community Caroling
Sing the Good News of the Gospel
Meet and invite our village neighbors to our "house" for Christmas Eve services.
Join in a light supper in Fellowship Hall afterwards

Monday, December 18

6:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 20

6:00pm Advent Dinner Church—experience the joy

Saturday, December 23

10:00am Christmas Cookie Baking
Annual event for distribution to those that must work on Christmas Eve or Day.
Cookie baking followed by pizza at 12:30pm.
Cookie packaging after lunch.
Call Tina Gordon for information.

Volunteers needed

Christmas Eve Worship Assistants still needed.
See form to the left for empty slots

Purchase a farm for a needy family

Grab an ornament and attached envelope from the tree in Fellowship Hall
Enclose a check or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate

Stewardship Snippet

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit."

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

Ever notice how some people are always complaining, even when their lives seem (to us, anyway) to

Theme :Jesus shows us what true **Love** is;
"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Preparation

Sunday, December 24

9:00am Worship
5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
11:00pm Christmas Eve Worship

Want to "buy" an animal?

Support Educational and Social Ministries purchase a farm for a needy family? Check out the tree on the stage and grab an ornament. An envelope will be attached, so you can place your money in the offering plate any time until Dec. 25.

The Offering Books have been blessed

Pick them up from the tables in the Library
They are alphabetically ordered!

Social Ministries is matching drivers with riders for the Christmas Eve services

Sign up sheets are hanging on the refrigerator.
One for those needing rides and one for those offering a ride.

See Lynne Immell with questions.

"On the Freedom of the Christian" book study

Wednesdays, January 10 through February 7
10:30 am in the parlor
7:00pm at Wegmen's grocery
See Pastor Matthew or Laura Wills for info

be pretty blessed? They aren't living right and being good stewards of their gifts. By contrast, these short verses from 1 Thessalonians give sage advice – Rejoice! Pray! Give thanks! That IS the will of God for you!

Evangelism Committee seeks your input

What types of ministry events are you interested in? What times of week?

Please fill out survey, located at narthex table and drop in office.

Committee has received input from the Apple Festival Community and would like to see if there is any correlation in the needs of our internal and external Brothers and Sisters.

See Ja 'net Grey for more information.

Community Prayer Requests

Bob Lamp	
Hen Yohn	
LyNette Clements	Very weak
Michael Smith/Darlene Klopp	Just entered another round of chemotherapy for brain tumor.
John and Maxine Montgomery	Dealing with the challenges of adjusting to the ever-changing routines of daily life.
Family and friends of Peg Gottshall	Peg died last Sunday, December 3.

Attendance December 10, 2017		Other Designated Offerings December 10, 2017	
8:00am service	53	Bell Tower Repair	\$ 38.50
10:45am service	54	El Salvador	\$ 16.00
Total	107	Camping Support	\$ 100.00
Sunday School	35	ELCA Good Gifts	\$ 70.00
		Boy Scouts	\$ 15.00
Our Tithes; December 10, 2017		Total	\$ 239.50
General	\$ 3470.42	Grand Total	\$ 3918.92
Benevolence	\$ 193.00		
World Hunger	\$ 16.00		
Total	\$ 3679.42		

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