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December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent-B

WELCOME Whether you are visiting or already a member, please help us get to know you by adding your name to the Friendship Register as it is passed in your pew during the first hymn. If you are desiring to commune this week prepare by reviewing the Christian Questions with their Answers on page 329 in the hymnal. If you are a guest, kindly speak to the pastor before the service concerning your intentions to commune.

WORSHIP PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 "The Lord has anointed me to bring good news."

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 "Rejoice always...Do not quench the Spirit."

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28 "Make straight the way of the Lord."

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OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES (Dec. 17- Dec. 24)

Sun/Dec 17 **3rd Sunday in Advent**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am
Donut Fellowship, 9-9:30am
SS Christmas Program, 9:30am
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am
Christmas Caroling, 3:30pm
Chili Cook-off, 6pm
Mon/Dec 18 Staff Meeting, 11:30am
Tues/Dec 19 Quilters, 9am-3pm
Elder's Meeting, 7:30pm
Wed/Dec 20 Book/Bible Study @ Deaneer's Diner, 6:30am
Women's Bible Study, 8am
Advent Soup & Sandwich, 5:15pm
Advent Worship, 6:30pm
Confirmation Student/Parent Session, 7:30pm
Jubilate Choir, 7:30pm
Thu/Dec 21 Chapel @ Edgewood Vista, 10:30am
The Seekers, 1pm
Beautiful Feet, 7pm
Fri/Dec 22 Office closed
Sat/Dec 23
Sun/Dec 24 **4th Sunday in Advent/Christmas Eve**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, & 8pm
Mon/Dec 25 **Merry Christmas!**
Festive Christmas Day Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
Office Closed

CATECHETICAL LESSON *The Lord's Prayer: Fourth Petition & Meaning: Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Lighting of the Advent Wreath &
"Light One Candle" *insert*
Announcements & Greeting
Entrance Hymn #344
8am-Confession & Absolution p.203
10:45am-Baptism
Introit *see insert*
Kyrie p.204
"O Come, O Come..." *see insert*
Salutation and Collect p.205
Old Testament *see back*
8am-Gradual/10:45 Choir *see insert*
Epistle *see back*
"Alleluia" & Responses p.205
Gospel *see back*
8am-Apostles Creed p.207
Children's Message
Sermon Hymn #338
Sermon: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
Prepared!
Prayers & Offering with 8am-Choir
Preface & Sanctus p.208
8am-Lord's Prayer
Institution p.209
"Lamb of God..." p.180
Distribution & Hymns
#515, #636, #349
Nunc Dimittis p.212
Prayer & Benediction p.183
Closing Hymn #398

**-OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS PEOPLE AND HIS WORLD-
USED OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP OUR LORD:**

Attendance for last week: 106 + 124 + 116 (Wed) = 346

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 6,057.47	\$5,861.16
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 455.22	\$555.12
<u>THROUGH OCTOBER</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 36,157.96	\$ 307,782.79
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 37,631.45	\$ 328,841.78
Net	\$ -1,473.49	\$ -21,058.99
Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 6,099.63	\$ 51,830.30
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	<u>\$ 6,386.00</u>	<u>\$ 63,860.00</u>
Net	\$- 286.37	\$ -12,029.70

Total received for Shingles through October is \$7,362.46.

Total received to date for Organ Fund: \$47,631.12

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (Dec 20, 24, 25)

ELDERS:	Wednesday: Gary Dillard Sunday 10am: Tony Borslien Sunday 3:30pm: Larry Weil 5:30pm: Joe Franklin 8pm: Don Collins
AV:	Wednesday: Dan Klug Sunday 10am: Don Collins Sunday 3:30pm: Robert Eidbo 5:30pm: Lenny Heupel 8pm: Ray Wasness
USHERS:	Wednesday: *Jeff Pierce, Bryant Berg Sunday 10am: *Art Weidner, Steve Belts, Rick & Kim Parsley Sunday 3:30pm: *Jim Joyce, Duane Joyce, Lloyd Ruud, Bryan Hall 5:30pm: *Gary Muhl, David & Karen Beck, Tom Moltzan 8pm: *Jeff Pierce, Carl Glander
GREETERS	Sunday 10am: Ray & Torill Wasness
ACOLYTES:	Wednesday: Gavin Hruza Sunday 10am: Josh Willis 3:30pm: Jacob Sell 5:30pm: Ella Livingston 8pm: Jordan Pierce
ALTAR:	Arlene Klug & Deb Cook

COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:
OUR WEB SITE: www.standrewlcms.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" Sundays on KFGO AM 790 at 7:30am.
Upcoming topics are posted on the LLL bulletin board.
www.lutheranhour.org

"CHRIST THE WAY" a radio program featuring ND District LCMS
Pastors on KSJB 600AM at 7:30am on Sundays.

OUR SYNOD'S RADIO STATION: www.kfuo.org

DAILY DEVOTIONS by Pastor Klaus at www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

MEN NETWORK: www.lhmmen.com

ISSUES, ETC: Current events from a Lutheran view. www.issuesetc.org

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM December 24, 2017:
Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the LCMS presents today's message.
"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30 minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North & North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute children's program called "Kid's Crossing". It is broadcast each **Sunday at 10am** Central time on KVRR Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1, KBRR Thief River Falls-Grand Forks Channel 10.1, KJRR Jamestown Channel 7.1, KNRR Pembina Channel 12.1, and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations, and archived on www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY Noah Kush Suah, the infant son of Ellis and Grace (Dennis) Suah. She was born 11/13/17 and his sponsors are Deb & David Cook.

SOUP-N-SANDWICH is continues each Wednesday from 5:15-6:30pm. We especially encourage Confirmation student families and the rest of the congregation to support this service by signing up for food donations on the information table in the Narthex. This is a great time to support one another, fellowship and lives that get so hectic . Here's one time that family and friends can eat together and then go worship.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND CHILI DINNER Sun, Dec. 17th. Everyone is invited to go Christmas Caroling from 3:30pm-6pm. Meet at the church at 3:30pm to go caroling to the shut-ins from our church & bring them baked goodies. So PLEASE bring a dozen baked cookies or bars to the church on Sun Dec 17th by noon & drop off in the kitchen. We will return back to the church to sing a few more carols. Dinner will start around 6pm. Bring your favorite chili and salsa recipe dish or both. Those that don't wish to go caroling, please come join us for dinner at 6pm. The chili and salsa will be "cook-off" style and all in attendance will be able to vote. The winners will have bragging rights for a year. So bring your singing voice, bells (for caroling), and chili and or salsa recipe. Let's enjoy an evening of singing, fellowship & good food!!! This is an event for the whole family and we hope to see everyone there. Sponsored by the Board of Christian Outreach.

BLOOD DRIVE, JANUARY 8, 2018 On Mon from 4:15pm-7:30pm will we be hosting United Blood Services bi-annual blood drive. Please go to <https://www.bloodhero.com/> to make your appointment or contact Rod Olson.

FIRSTCHOICE CLINIC Are you struggling with a past abortion decision? You are *not* alone. FirstChoice Clinic is starting a Post-Abortive Recovery group beginning Monday January 8 in Fargo. Call Christina or Denise at (701) 237-6530 or email heart@firstchoiceclinic.com for more information.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY Sun, Jan 21 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Churches around the United States use this day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, & commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage. FirstChoice Clinic upholds the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Visit our web site at www.teamfirstchoice.com

UPDATED VERSION OF THE CATECHISM is available for your own resource. Concordia Publishing House is making this new resource available at a reduced price. The Catechism part has remained the same, but the Explanation part has been reorganized and expanded to 374 Questions and 1,142 Bible passages to help not only with basic teachings, but with contemporary topics such as "Church and State," Marriage," and other religions. Each section has a "Central Thought" to help with teaching and connections with the Bible Narratives. It also includes expanded notes and also quotes from the Lutheran Confessions and Martin Luther. Write your check to SALC Office Account and sign up on the sheet on the information tables in the narthex. Price is \$14.49. Deadline is 12/26/2017. -4-

GLS GRANDPARENT AUCTION DISCOUNT From Dec 1st to Dec 15th, we will be offering any grandparent the option to purchase an auction ticket for our annual auction on March 10th for the discounted price of \$35 That's a \$5 savings from the regular price! This opportunity is available for only a limited time and can be obtained in our school office. The tickets will also be available for sale at our Christmas Musical performances at 7pm on Dec 14th and 15th. Please take this opportunity to purchase a discounted ticket price for a wonderful evening at our annual auction, an event filled with great entertainment and fellowship!

END OF YEAR SUPPORT: If God has blessed you in a financial way over the years, we ask you to consider a gift to Grace Lutheran School to help us enhance our ministry opportunities to children, parents and the community of the West Fargo-Moorhead-Fargo area. **GOD'S BLESSINGS!** Grace Lutheran School is just that - one of God's blessings to your congregation. Grace Lutheran School offers children from Pre- K to 8th grade a great academic assortment of subjects from Art to Science! There are musical opportunities in band, singing and lessons. Co-op sports and Upward sports opportunities as well as our own basketball, volleyball, softball and track teams. Great teachers of academics and character not to mention a solid Lutheran Christian education! We pray your holiday celebrations were enjoyable and that God's blessing continue throughout the year for you and your family.

TEACHER AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Grace Lutheran School is in need of a PE teacher beginning January 2. The applicant would need a North Dakota teachers license or Sub license. Also, there is the need of at least 3 -4 volunteer tutors to help students with their studies in the morning and in the afternoon - even after school. These tutors would need to help as teachers for these students in Math and English. Please have interested members contact Principal John Hagge at 701-232-7747.

CONTACTING YOUR PASTORS IN AN EMERGENCY is best done by a phone call to their primary phone. None of our called workers consider "texts" or "emails" an emergency, especially during the night. Some of their households have multiple cell-phones as well. Please call one of the numbers given in the bulletin, newsletter, given by the message of the answering machine or their business card. Pastor Jahnke's land-line is the best way of contacting him, even if you have his cell number. Also, if you are in the hospital, please call the church office or the staff. Don't rely on the hospitals.

THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE ORGAN INSTALLATION

A hearty thanks not only to those who donated, but to those who invested time, effort, food and materials to install our new organ. Many hours were invested over the past two weekends as well hours of preparation long before these weekends.

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