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December 24, 2017

Fourth 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: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Samuel, 7:1-11, 16 *"Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever."*

EPISTLE: Roman 16:25-27 *"To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!"*

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38 *The angel appears to Mary.*

CATECHETICAL LESSON *The Lord's Prayer: Fourth Petition & Meaning: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.. What does this mean?* We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

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

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

Tues/Dec 26 Office Closed

Wed/Dec 27 No Confirmation

Thu/Dec 28

Fri/Dec 29

Sat/Dec 30

Sun/Dec 31 **New Years Eve**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am

Mon/Jan 1 **New Years Day**
Office Closed

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath &
"Light One Candle" *insert*

Announcements & Greeting

Entrance Hymn #356

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Introit *see insert*

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"O Come, O Come..." *see insert*

Salutation and Collect p.205

Old Testament *see back*

Gradual *see insert*

Epistle *see back*

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Gospel *see back*

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Sermon Hymn #940

Sermon: Romans 16:25-27
Mystery Revealed!

Prayers

Offering

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Lord's Prayer

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"Lamb of God..." p.180

Distribution & Hymns
#628, #630 (Tune:367), #357:1-4

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Closing Hymn #357:5-7

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

Attendance for last week: 123 + 113 + 101 (Wed) = 337

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 10,924.83	\$6,151.25
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 4,059.21	\$1,123.96

<u>THROUGH NOVEMBER</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 34,526.38	\$ 342,309.17
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 35,432.68	\$ 364,274.46
Net	\$ -906.30	\$ -21,965.29

Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 7,827.27	\$ 59,657.57
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 70,246.00
Net	\$ 1,441.27	\$ -10,588.43

Total received for Shingles through November is \$9,039.17.

Total received to date for Organ Fund: \$47,786.12

END OF THE YEAR GIVING will end December 31. Please make your gift by then if you desire to count it for 2017. This will also help alleviate 2017's shortfall. Also, please dispense with all 2017 envelopes and pick up your new ones for 2018.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (Dec. 31)

ELDERS:	Sunday 10am: Bill Kitzman
AV:	Sunday 10am: Todd Berg
USHERS:	Sunday 10am: *Rodney Olson, Mike Hendrickson Mike Peterson, Lori Anderson, Dan Klug
GREETERS	Sunday 10am: Randy & Carolyn Schatz
ACOLYTES:	Sunday 10am: Josh Harvala
NURSERY:	Ashley or Jenna Johnson
ORGANIST:	Sunday 10am: Jodi 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 31, 2017:
Rev. Jamison Hardy, Vice 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 Dallas Lee Payne, the son of Danielle Burke.

MISSION SOCIETY The St. Andrew Mission Society will be meeting Sunday, January 7 at 2 PM to continue plans for our upcoming mission trip March 10-18, 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Kirk Rosin at 701-347-5279 or krosin@juno.com.

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.

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.

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.