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December 23, 2018 4th Sunday in Advent-C

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: Micah 5:2-5a *Out of you, Bethlehem, will come a ruler of Israel.*

EPISTLE: Hebrews 10:5-10 *We have been made holy through Jesus.*

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 (46-56). *Mary visits Elizabeth.*

Catechetical Lessons *The Lord's Prayer: The Introduction- Our Father who art in heaven.* Our Father in heaven. *What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES

(Dec 23-30)

- Sun/Dec 23 **4th Sunday of Advent**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
- Mon/Dec 24 **Christmas Eve**
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 3:30, 5:30, 8pm
Office Closed
- Tues/Dec 25 **Christmas Day**
Festive Christmas Day Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
Office Closed
- Wed/Dec 26 Book/Bible Study @ Deaneer's Diner, 6:30am
Office Closed
No Confirmation
- Thu/Dec 27
- Fri/Dec 28
- Sat/Dec 29
- Sun/Dec 30 **1st Sunday after Christmas**
Worship w/Holy Communion, 10am
- Mon/Dec 31 New Years Eve Service @ Grace LCMS, 7pm

Pastor Jahnke & DCE Emily on vacation 12/26-1/1

THANK YOU Thank you to our students for sharing the message of CHRISTmas through "The ABCs of Christmas", our Sunday School Christmas Program on December 16. What a wonderful program! Thank you to everyone that was involved with preparations for the program! A special thank you to Carolyn Fiethner (director), Dan & Anneliese Hammer (music), Cassie Skalicky (accompanist), to our Sunday School staff, and parents of students.

COFFEE & TREATS Would you like to help serve coffee and treats in the kitchen during fellowship hour? And/or- would you like to bake and bring treats for a Sunday? Simply add your name to the sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & EDUCATION CLASSES Sunday Education classes and Sunday School will resume on January 6th. Wednesday night confirmation classes will return to our regular schedule on January 2nd.

Fourth Sunday of Advent-12/23/18

Advent Wreath & "Light One Candle"

- Entrance Hymn #357:4-7
- Confession & Absolution p.203
- 8am-Introit/10:45-Choir *see insert*
- Kyrie p.204
- "O Come, O Come..." *see insert*
- Salutation and Collect p.205
- Old Testament *see back*
- Gradual *see insert*
- Epistle *see back*
- "Alleluia" & Responses p.205
- Gospel *see back*
- Nicene Creed p.206
- Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn #356
- Sermon: The Verse
"The Good News!"
- "Create in Me..." & Prayers p. 192
- Offering & 8am-Choir "The Promised.."
- Preface & Sanctus p.208
- Lord's Prayer
- Institution & "Lamb of God..." p.180
- Distribution & Hymns
#820, #814, #934
- Nunc Dimittis p.212
- Prayer & Benediction p.183
- Closing Hymn #933

-OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS PEOPLE AND HIS WORLD-

USED OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP OUR LORD:

Attendance for last week: 111 (Advent) + 123 + 114 = 348

| | <u>LAST YEAR</u> | <u>LAST SUNDAY</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund Income Received: | \$ 6,151.25 | \$ 13,710.00 |
| Mortgage Fund Income Received: | \$ 1,123.96 | \$ 1,334.12 |

| <u>THROUGH NOVEMBER</u> | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund Income: | \$31,721.19 | \$ 337,808.16 |
| General Fund Expenses: | <u>\$ 33,152.40</u> | <u>\$ 375,719.41</u> |
| Net | \$ -1,431.21 | \$ -37,911.25 |
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| Mortgage Fund Income | \$ 5,271.54 | \$ 59,384.89 |
| Mortgage Fund Loan Payments | <u>\$ 6,386.00</u> | <u>\$ 70,246.00</u> |
| Net | \$-1,114.46 | \$ -10,861.11 |

Shortfall Loan Balance is PAID OFF! Now let's change the above numbers!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (12/24/25/30)

ELDERS: 12/24 3:30pm: Ray Wasness
5:30pm: Lenny Heupel
8pm: Steve Lindquist
12/25 10am: Bill Kitzman
12/30 10am: Gary Dillard

AV: 12/30 10am: Ray Wasness/Roman Emerson

USHERS: 12/24 3:30pm: Jeff Pierce, Steve Beltz, Milo & Anna Rossow
5:30pm: Lloyd Ruud, Bryan Hall, Duane Joyce
8pm: Del Ruff, Rod Olson, Larry & Diana Weil
12/25 10am: Alan & Naomi Hall, Penny Maurer, Kirk Rosin
10am: Dave Cook*, Lenny Heupel, Tami Hertel, Larry Johnson

GREETERS 10am: Mike & Diana Peterson

ACOLYTES: 12/24 3:30pm: Joshua Harvala
5:30pm: Carolyn Hall
8pm: Lyla Fiechtner
12/25 10am: Hannah Norton
10am: Zimry Irutingabo
Susan Jahnke & Jodi Pierce

MUSICIANS:

ALTAR: Deb Cook, Kristy Dillard, Sara Moreland

Fourth Sunday of Advent-C

December 23, 2018

Introit

My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.
My mouth derides my | enemies,*
because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.
There is none holy | like the LORD;*
there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.
The barren has borne | seven,*
but she who has many children | is forlorn.
The LORD kills and | brings to life,*
he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.
The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;*
he brings low and | he exalts.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

Collect of the Day

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.

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Verse

Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they
shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia.

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COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:

OUR WEB SITE: www.standrewlcms.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" Sundays on KFGO AM 790 at 7:30am and on KFNW AM 1200 at 8am.

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 30: **Rev. Nabil Nour, third Vice President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and Pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Hartford, South Dakota** presents today's message: "The Firstborn" based on Exodus 13: 1-2. Today's Lutheran Hour program is "The Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery". It's Christmas, and some mysterious events have occurred which require some special investigative talents. MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30 minute worship service led by participating pastors of the ND and MN North Districts of our LCMS, along with the 30 minute "This Is The Life" program (see below). Programs are broadcast starting at 9am Central time on FOX station KVRR Channel 15.1 Fargo-Moorhead, AND starting at 10am Central on WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 Fargo-Moorhead, and archived on www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES Remember to regularly check your mailboxes to empty them out. If you have not picked up your offering envelopes for next year, they have been put in your mailbox or above if it was full.

2019 LCMS YOUTH & FAMILY DAY AT ANDES TOWER HILLS

Annual Circuit Event! Entire Congregations & All Ages Invited!

Saturday, **January 12th** at Andes Tower Hills (near Alexandria, MN)

Ski, Snowboard, or tube! This is a multi-congregational event, all ages are welcome to participate (youth, families, and adults)! 5th grade students and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Beautiful Savior Lutheran (Fargo) at 7:30am, and return to Fargo between 8-8:30pm. See the registration form and the information sheet insert for rates & details. Registration Deadline: Return completed registration form & payment to DCE Emily by Friday, *January 4th*.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES Check out one or more of our Bible study opportunities! Want to get involved in a Bible study, but don't see a time that works for you? Let DCE Emily know!

Bible Class with Pastor Jahnke, Sundays at 9:45am

Parent Class with Cybil Johnson & Jen Rossow, Sundays at 9:45am

High School Bible Class (LYF) with DCE Emily, Sundays at 9:45am

Deaner's Diner with Joe Franklin & Ken Koehler, Wednesdays at 6:30am

Deaner's Diner women's group study on 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8am

Lifelight 9 week Bible study- coming soon

The Seekers with Ken Koehler & James Larsen, 1st and 3rd Thurs at 1pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY Once a month Bible study for Sunday School staff with DCE Emily will be starting Thursday, Jan 10th at 7-8pm. This is an (optional) Bible study opportunity for Sunday School teachers and staff, but parents or other adults are welcome to participate as well if they would like! Each month we'll be walking through and discussing the next several upcoming lessons that will be covered in Sunday School, along with other topics. Focus will be application to your life (not on teaching SS). Feel free to join us! No preparation necessary, just bring your Bible. Evenings at 7-8pm: Thurs- Jan 10, Mon- Feb 4th, Mon- Mar 4th, Mon- April 1st, and Mon- May 6th.

ABORTION IN YOUR PAST? You are not alone. Forgiven and Set Free is a Bible Study conducted in a safe, confidential setting for women who have experienced abortion. This study has been life-changing for hundreds of women. We will begin on January 8th 6-8pm at Bethel Evangelical Free Church, Fargo. Preregistration is required. For more information and to register, please contact Jody at jodyclem@hotmail.com or 701-367-7362 or Erin at ernhill77@gmail.com or 701-730-5662.