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Children's bulletins are available for children ages 3-12. ~Ask an usher~

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
December 24, 2018 5:00pm and 7:00pm

Prelude Choir Anthem "Welcome the Child of Light" (5:00pm)

Congregational Concerns

Hymn **ELW #283** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, + one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

(Silence for meditation and self-examination)

P: Gracious God,

C: In Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. AMEN.

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Candle Lighting

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14
(Please tip unlighted candles to receive the flame from lighted candles)

Hymn **ELW #281** "Silent Night"
(Individual candles may be extinguished following the hymn)

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7
Hymn **ELW #279**
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14
Hymn **ELW #270**
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Gospel Luke 2:1-20
Solo "O Holy Night" (5:00pm)
Jill Madson

SERMON

Hymn **ELW #274** "On Christmas Night"
Apostles Creed Hymnal Blue Bookmark
Hymn **ELW #277** "Away in a Manger"

The Prayers
Share the Peace
Offering

Offertory

ELW #300 v. 5 "The First Noel"

Offertory Prayer

P: God with us:

C: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. AMEN

The Great Thanksgiving Page 107

Anyone who believes Jesus is truly present to forgive your sins, is welcome at the table of our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer Page 110

The Lord's Prayer Page 112 "Our Father..."
"Lamb of God" Page 112
Communion Distribution (Continuous Standing)
Distribution Hymns 1 verse each
ELW #296, #282, #300, #268, #271, #290

Post Communion Prayer

P: On this day, O god, you gave us Christ the Son to save us.

C: As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

Benediction (Tune "Angels We have Heard on High")

P: May the good Lord bless and keep, Cause His face on you to shine,
Look on you with favor deep, Granting you His peace divine.

C: Glor....ria in excelsis Deo! Glo....ria in excelsis Deo!

Closing Hymn ELW #267 "Joy to the World"

Dismissal

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: Peace to God's people on earth!

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God!



THANK YOU

to everyone who contributed to our WARM CLOTHING drive. We donated trial size shampoos, conditioners, & lotions, hats and **601 pairs of socks** to Salvation Army. Hats and scarves were donated to the Sheboygan Falls Chamber of Commerce clothing collection (along with coats leftover from rummage sale),

hats to Grant School, Milwaukee Community Baby Shower and Head Start. In total, **605 hats and 16 scarves!!!** Thank you to Betty Neeb, Bernette DeZwarte (Debbie Meyer's mom) and Andrea Meyer for their dedication to helping people stay warm.



ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



Christmas EVE

December 24, 2018 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Jenni Hogan, organist & choir dir. 627-1903
John Jaeger, guitarist 467-9094 Sandy Fenner, custodian 876-2924

Guests and members, **WELCOME** to the starlit stable as angels and shepherds lead us in worshiping at the bedside of our newborn King!

Those serving the Lord:

<u>Tonight</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>
<u>Reader:</u>	Keith Kuhlow	Andrea Meyer
<u>Greeters:</u>	Jim & Florence	Wayne & Carol
<u>Popp</u>	Wedepohl	
<u>Comm. Set Up:</u>	Pam Bogenschuetz	Pam Bogenschuetz
<u>Comm. Asst.:</u>	Paul & Lavonne Schroeder	Wayne Wedepohl Pam Bogenschuetz
<u>Comm. Clean Up:</u>	Pam Bogenschuetz	Pam Bogenschuetz
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jack Parrish Roger Neeb	Jeremy Raml Todd Levendusky
<u>Sunday Dec. 30</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:30 (No Worship Service)</u>
<u>Reader:</u>	Sarah Goble	
<u>Greeters:</u>	Val Helmer, Samuel Klassy	
<u>Ushers:</u>	Chris Fenner, Marc Aloisi	

To help keep our church costs down and the heat in, please keep the doors closed when possible.

In case of inclement weather, check channel 12, WHBL radio, or our website, www.stlukeshebfalls.org for cancellations.

Announcements

December 30 8:30am Worship (No 10:30am service)
A service of MANY of your favorite Christmas Hymns
NO Sunday School

PASTOR ELIZABETH will be on vacation Dec. 25- Jan. 1, 2019. If you need pastoral assistance while she is away, contact Andrea in the office.

THANK YOU to everyone who made cookies for Meals On Wheels. St. Luke contributed MANY dozens of homemade goodies to this cause.

Rocky Knoll and Sunny Ridge are grateful for our recent donations to the Operation Christmas drive. These gifts are given to residents at the facilities during the holiday season.



SHOEBOX UPDATE- We recently received confirmation that at least one of St. Luke's shoeboxes (they don't list how many) made it to **Swaziland** in early December. This is a great reminder that a little piece of Sheboygan Falls is shared worldwide. ☺

THANK YOU to Superior Lawn & Garden for donating the decorations in the pots by the front doors. We are grateful for our community neighbors helping us.

Our **ADVENT GIVING TREE** was a **HUGE SUCCESS**. Our goal was to collect 200 items by Christmas Eve to share with the Sheboygan Falls Pantry and **WE ACHIEVED OUR GOAL, OVER 200 ITEMS !!!!** ALL donations will be delivered in the coming weeks. We collect year round for the pantry, so if you weren't able to donate by tonight, don't fret! Any contributions are still welcome and will still go to our community to make a difference.



BIRTHDAY CARD- Please sign the birthday cards in the narthex Ron Fenner (January 12). Please remember those that might otherwise be forgotten.

December's "**Living Lutheran**" and the new "**Word In Season**" (Jan-March 2019) are in the holder in the narthex. Large print is available.

FREE CALENDARS are in the narthex compliments of Zimmer Westview Funeral Home and Ballhorn Chapels.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the narthex. Please take yours today. If you would like to sign up for Simply Giving (online donating), signup sheets are with the envelopes or contact Andrea in the office if you have questions.



To allow for adequate processing time, any **CONTRIBUTIONS** that you want applied to 2018 will need to be in to the church office by December 31 at noon.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in the fellowship hall between worship services on Sunday mornings. Please join us as we continue "Life Lessons from Luke".



Bible Study

December 30- **NO STUDY**
January 6- Christ's Sacrifices
January 13- Seeing Jesus