

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT****November 27, 2016****Vol. 57, No. 1**

**TODAY:** 10:15-11:00 Sunday School  
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class

**MONDAY:** 7:00 Breakfast Bible Conversations @ Machine Shed

**TUESDAY:** 10:00 "Basics of Faith" Bible Study  
6:30 Adult Choir  
7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry

**WEDNESDAY:** 5:00-6:15 Advent Supper  
6:30 Advent Midweek Worship Service

**THURSDAY:** *Circuit Pastors' Conference*

**SATURDAY:** 9:00 Decorating for Christmas

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 Special Service with Communion  
10:15 Special Coffee Hour & S.P.L.C.W. Bake Sale  
(Also Special Christmas Display)  
10:15-11:00 Sunday School Program Practice

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**HEARING ASSISTANCE RADIOS** are available in the narthex. Please see an usher. Turn to 97.8 or 98.0 for the best reception.

**CUSHIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.** You may leave them in the pews after the worship service.

**WE THANK REV. DR. GEORGE RIEMER** for leading our worship today as Pastor Asmus is vacationing today. Pastor Riemer will also lead Adult Bible Study today, in which we will take a preliminary look at the Gospel of Matthew, the source for the majority of Series "A" liturgical readings from the Gospels during the new Church Year, which begins today.

**BASICS OF FAITH" BIBLE STUDY:** Bible Breakfast Conversations (Monday 7:00 a.m.) at the Machine Shed, Lake Elmo; Tuesday Bible Class at church (10:00-11:00 a.m.). This week's topic: Lesson 11 – "No More than We Can Bear" (A lesson on temptation and what we can do about it.)

**SERMON TOPIC & TEXT FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S 6:30 P.M. MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE:** "I Shall Return." (Acts 1:1-11)  
General Douglas McArthur once said it. So also did Jesus.

**NO SERMON OR ADULT BIBLE CLASS NEXT SUNDAY,** due to the Choir-led worship service and extended fellowship afterwards.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.: COFFEE HOSTS:** George & Joan Riemer; **USHERS:** Grant Fritsche, Elder; Virgil Polinske; Marv Durow; John Schmidt; Pete Lind; **READER:** Carol Nelson; **ACOLYTE:** Ryan Bernath; **GREETERS:** Eldo & Helen Thielholdt.

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENT:** The St. Peter choir will lead the 9:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> with special music for the Christmas season. **Holiday treats will be served** during the fellowship time following the service. **S.P.L.C.W. Bake Sale** will have goodies you can purchase to take home with you. We will also have a **“What Makes Christmas Special” Display**. See the Bulletin insert today. Questions, see Karen Stoltzmann or Joan Riemer.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE WITH COMMUNION** will be on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. Sign up on the sheet on the kiosk TODAY if your children will participate. Practice times are December 4 & 11 during Sunday School; Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Questions, see Tony Engen or Laura Nelson.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will take place on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. I know the holiday season is a time with many commitments, but please consider having fun together enhancing our sanctuary and narthex for the birth of Christ.

**SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND** - We will work a shift at Second Harvest Heartland on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Cheryl Schmidt.

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN DECEMBER.** Everyone is welcome to join us to go caroling to area Care Centers and some members’ homes on FRIDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. (Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee!) ***(Disregard date in December Newsletter.)***

**ADVENT SUPPER** will be served this Wednesday in the Parish Hall before the Advent service from 5:00-6:15 p.m. Spaghetti made by Beth Kroening. S.P.L.C.W. Group 3 is serving. Callers are asked to have 5 workers and 5 pans of bars. A donation of \$5.00 per person is the suggested price to meet the expenses. Any excess money will be used towards the Kitchen Fund. Salad, bars, peanut butter and jelly, bread, milk and coffee will also be available. Any questions, please call Sharon Wellner, Soup Supper Coordinator.

**S.P.L.C.W. (St. Peter Lutheran Church Women) WILL HAVE A BAKE SALE** on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. All baked items (or canned items) should be brought to church prior to the service. Feel free to have your items priced and ready to sell.

**THANK YOU** to all who packed meals, donated money, and prayed for the “Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack on Nov. 12. Along with many others from across the Minnesota South District, we packed 681,888 meals that will feed 1,868 children for one year. Praise the LORD! (See picture on the Kiosk.)

**YOUTH LOCK-IN** - Does a night of pizza, bowling, games, movies, and worship sound like an awesome time to you? Well then, if you're in **5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade**, you need to come to the Youth Lock-in!! **The fun begins Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and goes to the 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** We will start off with pizza at the church at 6:00 p.m., followed by a trip to PINZ to go bowling, and then head back to church for an all-nighter of games, movies, and worship. Bring a snack to share with everyone and your friends are more than welcome to come!! Make sure to sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we know how much pizza to get and how many bowling lanes we need. If you have any questions, talk to Tony Engen.