

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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TODAY: 10:15-11:00 Sunday School Program Practice
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class
11:00 Elders' Meeting

MONDAY: 7:00 Breakfast Bible Conversations @ Machine Shed

TUESDAY: 10:00 "Basics of Faith" Bible Study
6:30 Adult Choir

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

FRIDAY: 10:00 Christmas Caroling (Come @ 9:30 for Coffee!)

SATURDAY: 9:00-11:00 Children's Christmas Service Dress Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 Children's Christmas Service with Communion

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.

If you would like to include the needs of a sick relative or friend in our weekly Prayer Page, call the church office at (651) 436-3357, or submit the request via E-mail: stpeter@stpeterafton.org by Wednesday afternoon. Prayer requests will be kept on our list for two months unless otherwise requested.

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 13 "Your Heavenly Home" (How can we describe heaven to one who doesn't know?)

ADULT BIBLE CLASS TOPIC & TEXT FOR TODAY: Revelation Chapter 8 – The First Scene of End Times concludes; The Second Scene begins.

SERMON TOPIC & TEXT ON WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M. MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE: "White Christmas" (Galatians 4:4-7)

VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M.: USHERS: Grant Fritsche, Elder; Virgil Polinske; Marv Durow; John Schmidt; Pete Lind; **ACOLYTE:** Ashley Walton; **GREETERS:** (Open).

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, USHERS: Grant Fritsche, Elder; Virgil Polinske; Marv Durow; John Schmidt; Pete Lind; **ACOLYTE:** Emma Schatt; **GREETERS:** (Open).

WE WILL HAVE AN ELDERS' MEETING TODAY at 11:00 a.m. Newly elected Elders are invited too!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE WITH COMMUNION will be on Sunday, December 18th - 9:00 a.m. Practice times are TODAY during Sunday School; Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 17th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Questions, see Tony Engen or Laura Nelson.

FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM next Sunday December 18th, we invite and encourage everyone to **bring a plate of treats to share during the coffee hour!** The children are working hard to prepare for the program and after the service we would like to celebrate them and the wonderful Christmas Season! Please bring the treats to the kitchen before the service. Coffee and punch will also be served! Thank you!

ADVENT SUPPER will be served this Wednesday in the Parish Hall before the Advent service from 5:00-6:15 p.m. Lasagna with S.P.L.C.W. Group 1 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN DECEMBER: Everyone is welcome to join us to go caroling to area Care Centers and some members' homes on FRIDAY, December 16th, 10:00 a.m. (Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee!)

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 **5th through 12th grade**, you need to come to the Youth Lock-in!! **The fun begins Wednesday December 28th at 6:00 p.m. and goes to the 29th 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 DCE Tony Engen.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be taking some time off and will not meet again until Tuesday, January 10th, at 7:00 p.m.

2017 SHEETS FOR COFFEE HOSTS, READERS, GREETERS, AND FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are in the book on the kiosk. Please sign up for the dates you would like.

TRINITY FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL, MINNEAPOLIS is looking to hire a janitor beginning in January 2017! If you or someone you know is looking for this type of work, please contact Principal Sarah Wippich for more information (Email: trinityfirstschool@gmail.com, Phone: 612-871-2353 ext. 12).

OUR MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH for November and December is Union Gospel Mission. See the Mission Table in the narthex for more information. Mission envelopes are in your offering envelope boxes, in the pews, and on the Mission Table.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES FOR JANUARY are due in the church office on Monday, December 12th.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the “What Makes Christmas Special” display. What a nice variety of items and what interesting stories! It was like taking a peek into the hearts and homes of our members and in some cases a trip down memory lane. We welcome your feedback – especially as to ideas for future displays. - Joan Riemer and Karen Stoltzmann

PLEASE NOTE: Readers and Greeters are needed for the Holiday season. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE BOOK ON THE KIOSK.