

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 18, 2016

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TODAY: 10:15 Special Coffee Hour following the worship service

SATURDAY: 4:00 Christmas Eve Contemporary Candlelight Service
with Communion

10:00 Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service
with Communion

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 Christmas Day Traditional Service with Communion

ORGANIST: Eunice Kanning **ACOLYTE:** Ashley Walton

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 WELCOME ALL OUR GUESTS who have joined us today for this special Sunday School Children's Christmas Service. Coffee, and punch.

NO BASICS OF FAITH" BIBLE STUDY this Monday and Tuesday. It will resume on January 10th & 11th.

NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS TODAY. It will resume on January 8th.

**SERMON TOPIC & TEXT FOR SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE,
4:00 P.M. & 10:00 P.M.:** "Where's the Baby Jesus?" (John 3:16)

**SERMON TOPIC & TEXT FOR SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, 9:00
A.M.:** "A Promised Gift" (Isaiah 9:6)

VOLUNTEERS FOR SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 P.M.:

USHERS: Grant Fritsche, Elder; Virgil Polinske; Marv Durow; John Schmidt; Pete Lind; **READER:** (Open); **ACOLYTE:** Malachi Oberdeck; **GREETERS:** (Open).

VOLUNTEERS FOR SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE 10:00 P.M.:

USHERS: Grant Fritsche, Elder; Virgil Polinske; Marv Durow; John Schmidt; Pete Lind; **READER:** (Open); **ACOLYTE:** Gabriella Richert; **GREETERS:** (Open).

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, 9:00 A.M.: **USHERS:** Grant Fritsche, Elder; Virgil Polinske; Marv Durow; John Schmidt; Pete Lind; **READER:** Dale Busacker; **ACOLYTE:** Izaak Schmidt; **GREETERS:** (Open).

YOUTH LOCK-IN – Join us for a night of pizza, bowling, games, movies, and worship! 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 for bowling, and then head back to church for an all-nighter of games, movies, and worship. Bring a snack to share and your friends are more than welcome to come!! Sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we know how much pizza to get and how many bowling lanes we need. Questions, talk to DCE Tony Engen.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: I AM GOING TO CLEAN THE FREEZER THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY. After January 1, any unmarked items that appear old will be discarded. Please mark items if you wish to keep them. Any questions, call Betsy Hundertmark.

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND -We will work a shift at Second Harvest Heartland on January 13th 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.

INSTALLATION OF ALL 2017 CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS will be at the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 8th.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GROUP is taking a break. They will meet again on January 10th and 24th at 7:00 p.m. Join them if you like to knit or crochet or would like to learn. If you have questions, call Gayle Schneider at (651) 777-3285 or Linda Craig at (651) 436-5832.

ANGEL TREE...It starts with a gift...It leads to lives transformed by Christ! Founded in 1982 by an ex-prisoner who witnessed firsthand the strained relationship between prisoners and their children, Angel Tree has grown to become the largest national outreach specifically for the children of prisoners. A special thank you to those who bought gifts for our Angel Tree this year to be given to these inmates' children.

ADULT CHOIR will resume on Tuesday, January 24th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. New voices are always welcome!

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available. Please do not use these envelopes before 2017 as the numbering has changed. Questions can be directed to Karen Stoltzmann, Financial Secretary.

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

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR WORSHIP



- Saturday – December 24 4:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Contemporary
Candlelight Worship /
Holy Communion
- 10:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve
Traditional Candlelight
Worship / Holy Communion
- Sunday – December 25 9:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Traditional
Worship / Holy Communion
- Saturday – December 31 6:30 p.m. – New Year’s Eve Traditional
Worship / Holy Communion
- Sunday – January 1 9:00 a.m. - New Year’s Day Traditional
Worship / Holy Communion