



# ANNOUNCEMENTS December 30, 2018



**WE WELCOME YOU** as honored guests or treasured members.

**Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.**

**During the service, listen as the Lord speaks to you through His Holy Word.**

**After the service, speak to one another.**

*(If standing or kneeling during any portion of the worship service is a problem, you may sit or remain seated.)*

**VISITORS & MEMBERS**, please be sure to sign the **Attendance Register** in the pew so that your visit can be noted.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** is a Service of Lessons and Carols. Refer to the *Worship Insert* for readings, hymns and to guide you through the service. A triangle  $\Delta$  preceding a hymn stanza indicates that we stand for the verse(s).

**CHANCEL PARAMENTS** are white to celebrate Christmastide.

**PARENTS, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE...** A **CRY ROOM** is located at the back of the nave. Please do not leave children unattended. All the restrooms are equipped with changing tables.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES...** meet at 9:30 a.m.

- **ADULT CLASS...**meets in Classroom A. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL...** is meeting in the choir loft for opening each Sunday.

## PLEASE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Jennifer Beatty

Harold Cox

Don Day

Elizabeth DuVall

Mid Grolich

Trudie Hovarter

Larry Howdeshell

Angel Labra

Maxine Myers

Gisela Newell

Eric Piazza

Sue Shorter

Marlis Snyder

Carolyn Tanner

Jean Taylor

Nancy Wentzel

Polly Wolf

Pilgrim Manor: Jim Allen, Bill Satorius

Military: Haley Hampton

**PASTOR INFORMATION...**Due to the cold and flu season, the Board of Elders have decided that Pastor will be greeting after the services, but not shaking hands in January, February, and March.

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

**December 31, January 1 & 2** church office closed

**January 3 & 4** 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## **CHURCH MAILBOXES**

Be sure to check your church mailbox. January calendars are out. Plus some of you still have Christmas cards in your mailbox.

**NEW MEMBERS...**We welcome **Hugh, Vicky & Dreama Richard** into our congregation. Please welcome The Richard family, and make them feel at home in the body of Christ at Calvary.

## **WOMEN'S GUILD**

LWML will host their January monthly meeting on Saturday, January 19, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend. Start the year off right and join them for fellowship.

## **WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS**

It's that time of year when the weather can force us to stay home on Sundays. **Church cancellations will be aired on WNDU Channel 16 and WSBT Channel 22.** We will do our best to make the call early enough so you won't make the trip and find church has been cancelled.

## **HEARTFELT THANKS FROM STAFF**

~Thank you for remembering me again this year at Christmas. It is an honor playing for Calvary (with a lot of help from God). Asking Him to bless all of you in 2019.

*Bev Brummett*

~Another year has gone by and I continue to thank God for each of you and my job at Calvary. Thank you to each of you for your notes, cards, kind words, gifts, and especially for your prayers. Praying for God's blessings as we head into 2019 and to help us make a difference in others' lives together. Thank you so much!

*Sonia Williams*

~ On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their Christmas cards and gifts. The words of kindness and appreciation on the Christmas cards touched us deeply. Your generosity and thoughtfulness meant so much to our family. This has been a fantastic year at Calvary and we look forward to many more together. May God bless you and keep you in 2019.

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Ahlemeyer and Family*

## **BOARD CHAIRPERSONS**

Please be working on your 2018 annual committee reports. They need to be turned into the church office by January 15, 2019, in order for packets to be ready for the Voters' meeting on Sunday, January 27. Thank you for your assistance with this.

## **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The 2019 annual meeting of the Voters' Assembly will take place January 27, after the second service. As always, we will be asking members to fill offices and board memberships that will then come open.

The nominating committee is Barb Cole, Gene Matzat, Jeanne Tanner and Rick Huff. If you are a voting member of our congregation and would like to serve in some position that is to come open, please let one of them know.

If you do not know whether you are a voting member or know that you are not and wish to become one, please talk to one of the committee members, Pastor, or Sonia.

## UNDECORATING THE CHURCH

We will be taking down the decorations on **Saturday, January 12, at 10:00 a.m.** This should only take an hour or so to help get things down and packed up.

We need muscles to help carry the totes and Christmas tree back upstairs. Please come and help get things put away. Please mark your calendars and plan to come.

*Your help is greatly appreciated.*



## DECEMBER'S GIVING TREE

Throughout the month of December, donations from the Giving Tree will go to help the "Worship Anew" program (formerly known as "Worship for Shut-ins").

Place your donation in an envelope and place it in the offering plate.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated - - Board of Stewardship



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, January 6

Lunch provided by: Richard/Hamilton

Sunday, January 13

Lunch provided by: Artrip/Burcham

Sunday, January 20

Lunch provided by: Ahlemeyer

## ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Pastor Ahlemeyer will be leading an Adult Confirmation Class in January and February. The class will start on Wednesday, January 9. If you have interest in being a part of this class, please put your name and best contact number on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



## MISSION STOCKINGS

The mission stockings are being gathered. There is a basket in the Narthex for them till January 6, 2019. New stockings for next year will be available at that time.

This year the funds will go to Hearts 4 Haiti.

## POINSETTIAS

If you ordered a poinsettia, remember they can be picked up. Envelopes for payment are located on the bulletin board.



**Thank you so much for sharing your poinsettia with us all.**

## LETTER FROM THE ARNDTS

Dear friends and members of Calvary,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. How quickly the months have gone by since we've last been in contact. I hope this note finds you all well; and pray you have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

Things have been pretty busy for our family and I'm sure it's the same for you as well, especially this time of year. But we're getting along well here at our new home in Minnesota. The congregation at St. Peter's is very kind and welcoming. We've only been here for about six months but it does feel like we're at home. Ivy and I appreciate the smaller town feel and the close-knit community. Things are somewhat at a slower pace than in a bigger city which means there's more of a chance to enjoy time together as a family and to get to know members in the congregation and community better.

Anastasia is just over a year old now and is walking all over the place. She's very curious and I think her favorite phrase has to be "What's that" or "who's that". 😊 She loves books, probably because Ivy reads to her all the time. And yes, she's still the smiley, cheerful, and well-mannered baby you probably remember (most of the time). 😊

I also wanted to personally thank all of you for the opportunity you gave me to serve and assist while at Seminary. I think back to Easter time and can remember noticing feeling more comfortable preaching and assisting with the service. Those opportunities carried over to my ministry here at St. Peter. Of course, anything new takes some time adjusting, but overall, I felt well prepared to preach and lead Sunday services. I have no doubt a lot of that was due to your gracious support. Thank You! It is truly a wonderful gift you continue offering to Seminary students and I pray God continues to enrich and bless your congregation as well as all the Seminarians your helping prepare to serve as Pastors.

A Merry Christmas to all!

In Christ,

*Joshua, Ivy, & Anastasia Arndt*

*Christmas Blessings*

*grateful*  
AND *blessed*

### ADVENT MEAL THANK YOU

Thank you to each one who furnished food, helped serve and cleaned up for our Midweek Advent meals. The food was delicious and the assistance was greatly appreciated. Blessings to each of you.



## LOOKING AHEAD

- Jan. 6 Epiphany of Our Lord  
Confirmation Class noon – 1:15 p.m.
- Jan. 8 Winkle @ Our Redeemer in S. Bend  
Braille 9:00 a.m. / 1:00 p.m.  
Board of Preschool 4:30 p.m.  
Board of Trustees 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Elders 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 9 Adult Confirmation  
Choir 7:00 p.m.



## IMPORTANT DATES



### THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY (12/30)

ACOLYTE: Bowen Meyer (10:00)  
ALTAR GUILD: TBD  
CRUCIFER: Nathan Kluszczynski  
ELDER: Ray Uhlig (10:00)  
GREETERS: Deane & Nancy Fisher (10:00)  
ORGANIST: Bev Brummett  
TELLER: Diane Kreighbaum & Brenda Meyers  
USHER: Paul Skibbe, Steve Skibbe (10:00)

### THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK (1/6)

ACOLYTE: Kamryn Howard (8:15)  
Ava LoMagro (10:45)  
ALTAR GUILD: Jane Allen & Diane Kreighbaum  
ELDER: Ray Uhlig (8:15)  
Mel Sims (10:45)  
GREETERS: Bob & Sharon Schiefelbein (8:15)  
Jan Rusch (10:45)  
ORGANIST: Sarah Rippy  
TELLER: Jan Rusch & Damaris Story  
USHER: Gene Matzat, Jim Ross (8:15)  
Jack Holm, Paul Skibbe (10:45)

### THOSE WHO SERVE MIDWEEK (12/31)

ELDER: Ron Geik ORGANIST: Linda Matzat USHERS: Jack Holm, Rick Huff

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (December 30 – January 6)

**TODAY** Service of Lessons & Carols 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class, 9:00 a.m. (NO SS)  
**NO** Confirmation

**MONDAY** Church Office Closed  
New Year Eve Divine Service 6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Happy New Year  
Church Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Church Office Closed

**SUNDAY** Epiphany of Our Lord  
Divine Service, 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.  
Confirmation Class noon-1:15 p.m.