

COMMUNITY CALL

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ADVENT PROGRAMS

Come! Join us in celebrating our Savior's birth! Here are just a few of the opportunities to worship and glorify Jesus' name this December:

On Sunday, December 8, the Christmas Cantata will be performed during the normal worship service. You won't want to miss this joyful retelling of the Christmas story.

On Sunday, December 15, during worship, the Sunday School will present a Christmas drama. A potluck will follow in the fellowship hall.

Finally, you'll want to join us for the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m. and the Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Look for more details regarding these events and other ways to honor Christ's birth elsewhere in this newsletter and in upcoming weekly reminders and announcements.

2019-2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



Sunday School for those aged 3 years and beyond will meet every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. with the following exceptions:

There will be NO Sunday School December 1, December 22, and December 29.

Sunday School will resume in 2020 at 9:00 a.m. on January 5.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE

"To those in our community who are dearly loved by God and called to be God's people. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (adapted from Romans 1:7)

"Waiting, waiting, we are waiting Lord." Those words are from one of the songs we will be singing at the Cantata on Sunday, December 8. The tune and the words kept running through my mind as I was preparing to write this column. Advent is a time of waiting. When we are waiting, we often get anxious and impatient. In the world we live in, it is tough to be still, to wait, and live with uncertainty. Yet, we are asked to trust God. We are asked to wait, to listen for God's voice, and to be patient.

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What gets in your way of waiting? What distracts you from being patient, waiting, and listening? Ponder these things while you wait for the birth of Jesus. It is good for all of us to spend time with what it means to be patient and listening during this time of year.

At the Session meeting in November, we agreed to become what is known as a "Matthew 25" church. We will learn more about what it means to be a Matthew 25 church in the coming months. In the meantime, please read and ponder Matthew 25:34-37. I have included it below:

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?'" NRSV

We all need to be able to answer the questions. When did or do we notice that others were hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, or in prison? When do we reach out to care for God's people: our family, our friends, our neighbors, or strangers? What is God calling you to do as a Christian? Whether we are young or not-so-young, we are called. We are called to pay attention to others, not just ourselves. We are called to reach out to others. As you wait, take time to ponder just what this means for you, your life and the life of the congregation at CPC.



This newsletter covers both December and January. Christmas will come, as will the New Year. Then, we are into the year of our Lord, 2020. We will take down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 5, 2020, after worship. Our Congregational Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2020, with alternate snow date of January 26.

For your information: Paul and I will be traveling to Toledo, Ohio to visit our children and grandchildren from Saturday, December 28, 2019, through Thursday, January 2, 2020. We are looking forward to time with our family.

You also need to know that we have 11 people from the Presbytery of the Northern Plains traveling together to Kenya from January 28 through February 12. We have four people from Community Presbyterian Church going on the trip: Carrie and Derek Leopold, Patricia Smith, and myself. We are busy getting our vaccinations, visas, and preparing for the trip. It is a first trip to Africa for the four of us. We are excited about the opportunity to meet our brothers and sisters of the Chogoria Partnership. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for the trip, throughout our time in Kenya, and as we travel home. We promise to share our experiences with you when we return.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

SERVANTS NEEDED

We need you to assist in the delivery and preparation of meals at Churches United for the Homeless and Salvation Army. We help serve the meal at Churches United the second Wednesday of every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, November) at 4:00 p.m. and the Salvation Army every fifth Sunday. See Dixon Moorhead for details of how you can help.



NOVEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Lee Dobrinz, Laurie Elhard, Melanie Hansen, Bob Kozojed, Mike Misheski, Adam Montgomery, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Chad Nelson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Treasurer - Carolyn Meester was absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Adam Montgomery.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of October 16, 2019
- b. next Session meeting - Tuesday, December 17, 2019
- c. annual meeting date - January 19, 2020 with a storm date of January 26, 2020
- d. Marji Ackerman requested permission to use CPC narthex for a "meet and greet" October 27 at 5:00 p.m. for Paula Cooper, the new PCUSA Regional Liaison for East Central Africa.
- e. Mary DeJong would like to hold a book talk for her book, *Through a Daughter's Eyes*, at the church on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Snacks and coffee will be served.
- f. Lise Alves requested to use the kitchen in the fellowship hall on Saturday, November 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to cook and share a healthy Friendsgiving Meal with her MORE group.
- g. Becky DeJong has requested use of the narthex from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on January 18, 2020 for a bridal shower for Claire DeJong.
- h. The Housing Authority of Cass County will be hosting two special events at the High-rise building on Tuesday, November 26th and would like to use our parking lot as an overflow lot.

Moderator's report -

- Lise Alves and I met with Erica Truhlicka and family regarding baptism for her daughter, Layne.
- Officiated at funeral for Bev Montgomery held at CPC, burial at Buffalo.
- Met with Kristi and Kevin in preparation for their December wedding.
- Newsletter articles submitted.
- Met with Christian Education to plan SS Christmas Program.
- Met with Deacons.
- Attended training at Hjemkomst Center, "Ministering to Faith Communities Affected by Suicide."
- Picked up Paula Cooper from the airport. Paula is the Regional Liaison for East Central Africa. She attended and presented at the Presbytery Meeting on October 26. CPC hosted a gathering for her on Sunday evening in the narthex.
- Went to Devils Lake. On Friday, 10/25, night met with group of conflict mediators and on Saturday, 10/26, attended the Fall Presbytery meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Devils Lake.
- Care for Congregations Zoom meeting.
- Stewardship Brainstorming
- Officiated at graveside burial for Delbert Jenner at the new Veterans Cemetery.
- Moderated Session at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church of East Grand Forks.
- Met with Kenya Trip team regarding history, culture and language in preparation for our trip 1/28-2/12/2020.
- Met with the CPMT (Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team) at CPC.
- Attended Book Talk with Mary DeJong.
- Prep for meal for Churches United.
- Met with Worship Committee.
- Met with Stewardship Team.
- Met with Rick Raum regarding Personnel Committee/Performance reviews.

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- Monthly meeting with Kristi and Kevin in preparation for December wedding.
- Facetime meeting with Claire & Zack regarding wedding preparation.
- Bell Choir practice-10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, and 11/19.
- Cantata Practices- 10/21, soprano practice after church 10/27, 11/11, and 11/18.
- Worship preparation and sermon for: October 20, October 27 (Layne Truhlicka baptism), November 3 (communion), November 10, and November 17.

Clerk's report -

- 87 served communion on Sunday, November 3, 2019.
- Committee summaries are due in December.
- Beverly Montgomery passed away on October 18, 2019. Her funeral was held at CPC on October 22, 2019.
- Layne James Truhlicka was baptized on October 20, 2019. Her mother is Erica Truhlicka.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, December 1, 2019 will be Lise Alves, Lee Dobrinz, Mike Misheski and one more elder to be determined.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

Due to an increase in newspaper advertising costs, we will explore other ways to advertise our Christmas services. Some options may include a parking lot sign and flyers.

Discussion was held regarding the Matthew 25 Vision. Pastor Cathie will apply to receive information about this PC (USA) program.

Christian Education Committee: December 15 will be the Children's Christmas program. It will be held during the worship service with a potluck following.

Deacons: December treats will be delivered to shut-ins. Home visits and communion visits continue.

Mission Committee: The New Life Center will be the mission focus for December. The Salvation Army bell ringing will be December 7 at two locations - Cashwise and Hornbachers - both in West Fargo. Sign up for your two-hour time slot. Paula Cooper, the Regional Liaison for East Central Africa held a gathering at CPC.

Nominating Committee: There are open positions on all church committees - Session, Deacons, Trustees, Nominating, and Presbytery. Being a member of your church means being active in your church. Contact the committee to tell them where you would like to donate your time!

Trustees: An old vacuum cleaner was sold to our cleaning company for \$50.00. Two water heaters were replaced because they were leaking. Moore Engineering is dealing with project adjustments along 7th Avenue and will keep us updated.

Service and Fellowship Committee: The Per Capita Potluck raised \$1,300.00! Great job! A spaghetti feed is in the works for January to help support missions in Kenya. I'm hoping there will be lots of garlic bread to dip in my spaghetti.

Stewardship Committee: Tablescapes and a Christmas Sing-along will be held on Wednesday, December 18. Get your tickets now. This is a fundraiser that will help to retire the church debt! The two brainstorming meetings about fundraising were a success. An electronic form of payment is being researched and will be available soon. The 2020 budget is being prepared.

Worship Committee: The committee is looking for new members. If you are interested and want to have an input in our worship please contact the committee. The hanging of the greens will be November 24. The nativity scene will be placed outside. All holiday decorations will be put away on January 5, 2020.

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No reports: Personnel Committee

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

TRYING SOMETHING NEW



The words that no church member wants to hear: "we are trying something new."

Yet, the Worship Committee has chosen to move away from the registration books that are in the pews to a Guest Sign-In book in the front entryway.

Let's all be honest, how often did you actually sign the registration books? If you are like me, never. It was just another task that the ushers did after service to check each book and see if anyone signed in. It is our hope that guests will sign the new book so that we can know who has visited CPC.

Check it out and tell us what you think.



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Last year, many members of our church wrote Advent Devotionals. The Worship Committee reviewed the devotionals and wanted to share them once again with the congregation. We believe this is a gift that should be shared one more time.

You can find your copy of the devotional on the table in the narthex.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: A SERVICE OF HOPE AND COMFORT ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11 AT 7:00 P.M.



Are you dealing with loss and grief? Are you overwhelmed with change that is happening in your life? Are you struggling to find joy this year? You are not alone. The Blue Christmas Service is for individuals and families who are carrying pain or loss during this time of year. All are welcome.

TABLESCAPES AND CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG



Join in on the fun, while participating in a CPC fundraising project!

Where: CPC Fellowship Hall

When: Wednesday, December 18

Time: 6:00 p.m.

What: Dinner will be served! See the beautifully decorated tables prepared by creative volunteers, followed by an interactive Holiday Sing-along by entertainer Larry Swenson!

Tickets must be purchased in advance. The amount of tickets available for sale is limited due to space. Reach out to Dawn Larson ASAP to get in on the fun! Contact her at 701-261-9609.

\$25 Ticket includes Meal and Sing-along entertainment, plus a chance to win:

\$250 Gift Card

\$100 Cash

\$50 Gift Card to Scheels

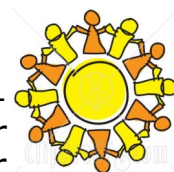


BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army will be Saturday, December 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Cash Wise in West Fargo and Hornbachers in West Fargo. These are all inside locations.

Grab a friend and sign up to help ring bells. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Meester at 793-3245 or cjmeester@msn.com

PRAYER CHAIN



Sharing our needs and concerns in prayer with our church family brings us closer to one another and lightens our load. If you have a prayer concern or to have your name added to the prayer chain e-list, contact Gayle Thostenson (492-0630 or atgtet@far.midco.net).



DECEMBER EVENTS

Don't miss out on anything in December!

Watch for details and more activities in upcoming weekly reminders and church announcements.

Saturday, December 7

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m.

Choir Cantata during Worship

Sunday, December 8, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Fa-La-La Festivities

Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service

Saturday, December 14, afternoon

Angel Tree Deliveries

Sunday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program

After worship: Potluck in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 p.m.

Tablescapes & Christmas Sing-along

Tuesday, December 24

Salvation Army Christmas Meal

Tuesday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve worship service

Wednesday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day worship service

Sunday, December 29, at 4:00 p.m.

Salvation Army Meal

LADIES 10TH ANNUAL FA-LA-LA FESTIVITIES



When: December 8th

Time: 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosts Becky DeJong and Carol Sterup invite you to share in an evening of Fellowship, Food, and Fun. We request the presence of ALL the Ladies, age 14 and up. There will be a Christmas gift exchange with a \$5.00 limit. Feel free to wear your favorite holiday attire!!

As always, we will share a meal together: Soups, Salads, and DESSERTS. Sign up on the bulletin board.



CANTATA TO BE PERFORMED SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

"The night of the Father's love...the night the ancient prophecies were fulfilled; the night of the angelic announcement of the birth as the star shone brightly above, leading others to witness this incredible gift of love from God in human form--Jesus, the babe." So is set the cantata, *Night of the Father's Love*, by Pepper Choplin.

Come to worship Sunday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m. and enjoy the choir's performance of portions of this cantata along with music by Mark Hayes and Brad Nix as we revisit that special night and celebrate the awe and mystery of God with us.

STORIES BY THE WELL: A CHRISTMAS DRAMA

Luke, frequent doctor companion of the Apostle Paul, studied carefully to provide an orderly account to reaffirm what his friend, Theophilus, had been taught about Jesus, the Messiah. We see this in his writing the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts.

On December 15, CPC will see and hear Luke's story retold. Set by a village well, not long after Luke completed his writing, Luke will share Jesus' story with the children of the time.

Scenes will include music by the Sunday School children, youth, and praise band. The congregation will join the celebration in the singing of Christmas carols, accompanied by Larry Swingen.

Come, join us as the children and youth present "Stories by the Well" in their Sunday School Christmas Program.

TIME: Sunday, December 15
at 10:00 a.m. during worship



ANGEL TREE



"Every child has a story. For 2.7 million children in the U.S., that story may be filled with the abandonment, loneliness, and shame that come from having a mom or dad in prison. For many, it may also include following their parents down the same destructive road to incarceration. Angel Tree®, a program of Prison Fellowship, reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ."

Angel Tree website

CPC is engaging in another year of Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship, which reaches out to the children of inmates and their families. This unique program gives our church an opportunity to share Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. CPC will be buying gifts for children on behalf of their imprisoned parents.

Deliveries will be made Saturday, December 14. Sign up to help. For more information, contact Steve Hanna or Dixon Moorhead.

For more information about Angel Tree and Prison Fellowship, go to:

<https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree/>



DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO TEACH

Teach a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

What better way to do this than to join our Sunday School team as a teacher? We have several openings for the second-fifth grade class, and we need you! Share your love of Christ with CPC children or youth. No experience is necessary, curriculum is provided.

Sign-up sheets are on the narthex bulletin board. Address questions to Melanie Hansen at mlH060673@yahoo.com or 701-526-6213.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

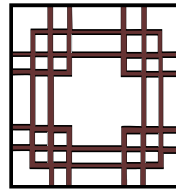


Once again Community Presbyterian Church will be preparing and serving the annual Christmas meal at the Salvation Army. CPC families have made this mission a cornerstone of their Christmas experience, and you are invited to join us.

The sit-down meal will be served at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 24th. We generally serve 200 plus meals to our patrons. Our kitchen and decoration people should arrive at 9:00 a.m.; the steam table people and our servers by 11:00 a.m. Everyone will need to stay afterwards for the clean-up, so that we can be out the door by 3:00 p.m. After a quick spruce-up, we'll all be ready to attend the CPC Christmas Eve service.

Invite your family and friends to help us and sign up how many will help on the sheet in the narthex. We will have eternally significant jobs for all age groups.

Kindest Regards,
Dixon Moorhead



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY

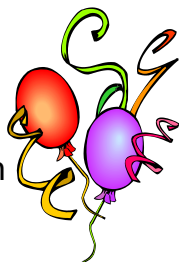
December - a month of much stuff going on! Don't forget to pray for your friends and church during this busy time. Our Bible study group will not meet in December or in January 2020 (already?!). The first Wednesday in January is New Year's Day. So, stay home and say a prayer for the new year. Let's pray for peace, love, kindness to spread and for the violence to end.

We will next gather with a dish to share on Wednesday, February 5. May you all have a blessed filled Christmas and New Year!

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 12-3 Mike Misheski
- 12-3 Angela Corneliussen
- 12-5 Terry Meester
- 12-8 Casey Larson
- 12-10 Brady Bahls
- 12-20 Brian Elhard
- 12-23 Erin Thostenson
- 12-26 Boots Montgomery
- 12-27 Ty Arvidson
- 12-28 Chad Nelson
- 12-31 Sophia Dobrinz



ANNIVERSARIES

- 12-1-18 Adam and Courtney Montgomery
- 12-12-70 – Jack and Dixie Smith
- 12-18-82 – Andrew and Gayle Thostenson

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1-4 Wil Petik
- 1-5 Evan Thostenson
- 1-6 Emmalee Lynn Babb
- 1-7 Mitzi Hager
- 1-8 Ross Montgomery
- Zachary Strand
- 1-10 Elizabeth Strand
- 1-12 Gabriel Gross
- Isaac Leopold
- 1-13 Cathie Bishop
- 1-16 Kay Munsch
- Doris Randle
- 1-18 Grace Chandler
- 1-21 Laurie Elhard
- 1-22 Derek Leopold
- 1-23 Austin Montgomery
- 1-26 Gail Matzke
- 1-28 Brian Matzke

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1-9-82 – Brent and Boots Montgomery



SNOWBIRD REMINDER

Don't forget to inform our church office (282-4135 or office@cpcwf.org), regarding your temporary address(es) and the time you will be away from home.

DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS



The mission focus for November and December is The New Life Center. The New Life Center has been meeting needs and transforming lives through the love of Christ since 1907. They help people who are homeless and hurting go from merely surviving to truly thriving. Their aim is to help them discover value and find hope. Founded as the Glad Tidings Mission, the New Life Center has evolved from an organization that primarily conducted religious services and neighborhood outreach work to a Christian multi-faceted emergency and crisis service center.

This December, the Mission Committee is asking our congregation to donate Christmas gifts for the men at the New Life Center. Suggested gifts are: MAT bus passes, white t-shirts; men's jeans, work boots, socks, and underwear. Gloria Ruhnke, CPC's New Life Center representative, will pick up and deliver your donations on Friday, December 13.

For more information about the New Life Center or how you can help, go to its website at: <http://www.fargonlc.org/>



NEEDS FOR SERVICE

We are in need of more ushers and people willing to serve coffee. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have questions or feel hesitant about signing up, please talk with Chad Nelson.

PRAYER TIME

for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

Philippians 4:19

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, December 11 and January 22, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

WHAT'S UP WITH STEWARDSHIP?

Actually, quite a bit. Since January of 2019, various members of the Stewardship Committee have participated in three workshops on generosity and giving. These have been organized by Fargo First Presbyterian Church. As a result, we decided in August to ask the Session to support a capital campaign to retire our mortgage obligation ahead of schedule (currently our mortgage is set to expire October, 2023.)

At September's meeting, Session voted to support this. So in October we held two brainstorming meetings to gauge member support and most importantly to get feedback on the best way to conduct a successful campaign. The good news is, we visited with about 20 members and friends. All expressed a desire to support the effort, through their ideas, sweat, and dollars. Early in November, the committee, based on that feedback, began planning for a capital campaign in 2020.

The goal would be to retire our mortgage before the end of the year. If we are successful, this will save our church about \$6,000 in interest, but it would also have two other positive impacts. It would focus our church giving around a goal, and it would open the way, financially, to refocus our resources on growing the church, rather than on servicing debt.

At the time of this writing, the committee is planning on launching this enterprise, with many more details, after the new year--with one notable exception. Dawn Larson, who participated in one of the brainstorming meetings, was so fired up she wanted to organize a fundraising extravaganza on December 18. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The Stewardship Committee is grateful for her enthusiasm and we urge your participation.

Meanwhile, stay tuned. Most especially, we ask for prayers for wisdom and inspiration for a successful campaign.



HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Have you noticed the youth in our church? Some of them play the piano before Sunday School or occasionally as part of the pianist rotation. Some offer special music from time to time or sing in the choir. Many assist in the lighting of the candles at the beginning of the worship service. Some play sports or cheer for local school teams. Some may have been seen tending the church's garden. Many attend Sunday School and worship regularly. Most enjoy the treats after worship.

All of them need a new youth director.

The new youth director doesn't need special skills. Christian Education can help with programs and schedules. BUT the new director does need to meet each of our youth and to take the time to connect and listen to what is important to them.

Do you (or someone you know) enjoy youth and getting to know them? Perhaps this position is for you or that friend.

Please pray about it, and if God leads you, call Melanie Hansen at 701-526-6213.

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR CLAIRE DEJONG

You are invited to a bridal shower in honor of Claire DeJong in the church narthex on Saturday, January 18.



Claire is the daughter of Becky DeJong. She and Zachary Pfau will be married at CPC in February. They are registered at Target.

All are welcome. Watch for more information in upcoming weekly reminders and church announcements.

CALLING ALL LITURGISTS & MUSICIANS



Having a second voice lead the liturgy enhances everyone's worship experience as does music in worship. Please prayerfully consider assisting in worship as liturgist or musician and sign up.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

10-31-2019



General Operating budget

2019: \$149,928.50

Weekly funds needed to meet
budget: \$2,883.24

Actual giving to date \$100,587.98

Actual expenses to date \$109,387.50

Net income to date \$ -8,799.52

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. There are funds in the building fund account to cover the mortgage payment through February.

God wants us; He wants the givers, not just the gifts from the givers. He doesn't need our gifts, but we have a need to give. God wants us to honor Him through our faithful and generous giving. When we make giving a priority week after week, He is honored.



2020 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2020, in the sanctuary immediately following worship, with a storm date of January 26, 2020.

Committee chairs please have annual reports to the clerk by December 31. Everyone, please make an effort to attend this important meeting.

DEACONS

If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized or needs a visit, contact the Deacons. If they would like home communion service, please contact Lise Alves.



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Lise Alves, Session Liaison 701-412-8689

DECEMBER & JANUARY SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP



- Dec 1: Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44
- Dec 8: Cantata to be performed
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Matthew 3:1-12
- Dec 11: Blue Christmas Service
of Hope and Healing
Psalms 13, 23, 46, and 139
- Dec 15: Sunday School Program
Isaiah 36:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10
- Dec 22: Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:7, Matthew 1:18-25
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service
Lessons and Carols
- Dec 25: Christmas Day Service
Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98
John 1:1-4
- Dec 29: Pulpit Supply TBD
- Jan 5: Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20, John 1:1-18
- Jan 12: Isaiah 42:19, Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17
- Jan 19: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11
I Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42
- Jan 26: Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9
I Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23



RINGING IN OUR THANKS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Without your help, we would not be able to do this.

Our donation of time to ring is equivalent to 2 ½ days.

**February
Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, January 23**






DECEMBER 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NO Sunday School Worship 10:00 a.m. 	2 Choir 7:00 p.m.	3 Bell Choir at Faith+Journey Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m.	4 Bible Study 10 a.m. Christian Ed. 6 p.m. Deacons 7:00 p.m.	5 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	6 	7 S. Army Bell Ringing Cantata Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. 
8 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship with  Cantata 10:00 a.m. Fa-La-La 5:30 p.m. 	9 Choir Cantata at Sheyenne Crossing 6:45 p.m.	10 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. Bible Study Bells at Faith+Jor. Lutheran 6:30 p.m.	11 Prayer 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. SS Actor Pract. 6 p.m. Blue Christmas 7 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	12 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	13 	14 SS. Xmas Rehearsal 10 a.m. Angel Tree Deliveries 
15 Sunday School 9 a.m. SS Christmas Program During Worship 10 a.m. Followed by Potluck	16 	17 Bell Choir at Faith+Journey Luth Church 6:30 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	18 Bible Study 10 a.m. Tablescapes & Christmas Sing-along 6 p.m. 	19 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	20 	21
22 NO Sunday School Worship 10:00 a.m.	23 	24 Salvation Army Meal  Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m. 	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> Christmas Service 10:00 a.m. 	26 	27 Wedding Noon to 7 p.m.	28
29 NO Sunday School Worship 10:00 a.m. Salvation Army Meal	30 	31 	*****February newsletter deadline: January 22***** Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings—TOPS Monday through Friday —Preschool in the fellowship hall Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday p.m.—HOREMOW			



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February newsletter deadline: January 23 Non-church scheduled events: Saturday & Sunday p.m.—HOREMOW Mon. to Fri.—Preschool in the fellowship hall; Monday evenings—TOPS						
5	6	7	1 New Year's Day	2 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	3	4
Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	Choir 7 p.m.	Bell Choir at Faith+Journey Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10 a.m.  Churches United Service 4:00 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m.		
12	13	14 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study	15	16	17	18
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.		Bells at Faith+Jor. Lutheran 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10 a.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m.		Bridal Shower 
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Annual meeting in the sanctuary following worship	Choir 7 p.m.	Bell Choir at Faith+Journey Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m.	Prayer 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m. Deacons 7 p.m.		
26	27	28	29	30	31	February 1
Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Annual meeting storm date--following worship		Bells at Faith+Jor. Lutheran 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m.		

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