



Participation Guide

December 17 – December 23, 2017

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PRAYERS

Encouragement to Pray: When we pray for others, *we are bringing them to the throne of God, asking Him to reach into their lives with His loving hand! So please pray for those listed below!*

Ways to Request a Prayer:

- Complete a Request Card (Narthex table racks).
- Meet up front after each Sunday service.
- Get on the Church List (Kathy: 440-845-2230).
- Call the Prayer Chain (Nancy: 440-886-2089).
- Get on Pastor's List (Pastor: 440-292-5915).

Help Keep Our List Accurate:

- To remain on this list more than three weeks, *you must renew your request*; all names with a (3) need to be renewed to stay on the list.
- Please contact your people, inquire about their health, let them know you are praying, and contact the church office to renew your requests.

Special Requests:

- **The Bible:** That many would be convinced that IT IS TRUE!
- **Sin:** That many would know they are CONDEMNED and HELPLESS!
- **Jesus:** That many would receive Him as their ONLY SAVIOR!
- **In Care Facilities and at Home:** Doris B; John & June G; Violet M; Shirley B; Matthew D; Jo K; Marie W
- **Armed Forces:** Members: James Martin (Navy); Chris Sala (Navy); Andrew Deka (Army); Others: Warren Gellings; Nick Riviotta; Drew Tenney; Chris Weseloh.
- **Lutherans in Africa:** LST construction and seminars...

Members:

- Doris Bollam (2) (breast cancer) – peace, successful treatments.
- Janet Chilton (1) (cancer) – comfort, successful treatments, healing.
- Gertrude Conn (1) (dizziness) – proper medication, better health.
- Jeanette De Simone (2) (hip repl. 12/7) – continued healing, rehab.

- Matthew Dickau (1) (pain pump implant in future) – success.
- Ray Dmytriw (3) (ALS) – peace, easier breathing, healing, strength.
- Benjamin Green (3) (fractured leg, cast) – continued healing.
- Eric Nellis (3) (stomach issue) – proper diagnosis, healing.
- Angie Zeleznikar (2) (back pain, physical therapy) – pain relief, healing.

Others:

- Mark (3) (hospice) – comfort, peace.
- Michelle (1) (niece of Janice M; breast can) – peace, healing, strength.
- Karsten Feda (1) (cancer) – peace, successful treatments, healing.
- Melanie Himmelberger (1) (bone cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.
- Megan Martens (2) (brain surgery) – peace, full recovery.
- Nancy Mattes (2) (chemo.) – peace, comfort, healing.
- Vinny Mercurio (2) (classmate of Ava C) – healing, family blessings.
- Christina Waked (2) – guidance, full recovery.
- Cathy Wirzylo (3) (needs a liver transplant) – peace, success, healing.
- Lee Wisnieski (2) (aunt of Shirley Ramos; cancer) – peace, healing.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Placed to the glory of God by Miriam Engelman in memory of Fred.

CELEBRATIONS

Physical Birthdays:

12/17 Matt Kusmaul
12/19 Eileen Kovach

Spiritual Birthdays:

12/19 Donald Dickau

Wedding Anniversaries:

12/17 Pastor & Kathy (40th)
Dave & Dee Kaderbek (24th)

READINGS

These are the Series B three-year lectionary readings for next Sunday.

OT: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
 PS: 89:1-5

NT: Romans 16:25-27
 GOS: Luke 1:26-38

SCHEDULE

Tuesday – 12/19:

- 6:30 PM – Choir Practice

Wednesday – 12/20: *Bring your new catechism!*

- 11:00 – Service followed by Free Meal
- Noon – Deadline for Service Folder and Participation Guide
- 6:00 – Free Meal followed by Service

Thursday – 12/21:

- 10:00 – Study: Living the Lutheran Lectionary

Saturday – 12/23:

- 10:30 – Pray: With Others at Bethlehem or Wherever You Are

Sunday – 12/24:

- **10:00 – Divine Service**
- **6:00 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Monday – 12/25:

- **10:00 – Divine Service**

OUR UPCOMING SPECIAL DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, December 20: 11 & 7
- **Sunday MORNING**, December 24: 10 AM
- **Sunday EVENING**, December 24: Christmas Eve at 6 PM
- Monday MORNING, December 25: Christmas Day at 10 AM
- **Sunday MORNING**, December 31: 10 AM
- **Sunday EVENING**, December 31: New Year's Eve at 6 PM

GROWTH and OUTREACH

Ways to grow and reach out to others with God's saving truth!

- Sermon Copies and Devotional Booklets: In the Narthex.
- Brochures: On the wall by the Main Entrance.
- 2017-2018 Scripture Readings Sheet: On bulletin board.
- Book: A Closer Look at the Evidence: In the Narthex.
- Magazines: Good News: Across from the Church Office.
- Facebook: Check in and write a positive comment!
- Lutheran Hour: Sundays 6:30 a.m. – WTAM 1100 AM; Sundays 8:00 a.m. – The Word 1220 AM
- Worship Anew – Sundays 11:30 AM: ♦Cox: 12; ♦Direct TV: 67, 377; ♦Dish: 47; ♦Time Warner: 12, 67, 194; ♦WRLM-TV 47 [TCT]
- Issues Etc.: Is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio This week's topics include: Media Coverage of Religion, Pop American Christianity, Christ in the Old Testament, The Birth of Jesus Foretold, The Lutheran Confessions, Philip & the Ethiopian Eunuch and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

- Lutherans for Life: “The hinge of history can be found on a Bethlehem door.” *Evangelist J. John – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

EVENTS

Plan to attend and invite a friend!

- **FINAL Advent Midweek Service** on Wednesday, December 20 at 11 & 7. FREE MEALS at 12 and 6; PLEASE JOIN US! We need volunteers to cook, set-up and clean-up. See the sign-up sheets in the Narthex!

SERVICE

How is the LORD calling you to serve?

- **Usher**: Sunday at 8:00 or 10:45
- **Pastor Team**: We still need 1 more man for 10:45.
- **Team Leader**: Openings in Education, Outreach, and Grounds.
- **Staffed Nursery**: Volunteers are needed for Sunday at 10:45

NEWS

- **For Sale**: Bowflex Power Pro, call Pastor at 440-292-5915

NUMBERS

These numbers are from last week's participation.

Aware of our sins, let us gladly receive Word and Sacrament!

- **Divine Services**: 8:00 – 42; 10:45 – 38; Wed: 11:00 – 23; 7:00 – 22
- **Classes**: 9:30 (BC & SS) – 31; Thursday: 10:00 – 5
- **Giving**: \$5,050 (YTD diff. bet. actual and budget: short by \$23,729)

Offering Envelopes for 2018:

- ✓ They are now available in the Narthex.
- ✓ For all who give in agreement with God's Word, *thanks so much!*
- ✓ For all who are unsure what God's Word says, see the brochure call “Tithing” “What Does the Bible Say?” Copies are available on the wall by our main entrance.
- ✓ For all who know what the Bible says, I urge you to follow through:
 - For your sake, *since God promises to bless you!*
 - For the sake of your congregation, *since your support is needed for us to be a healthy congregation!*