



# PARTICIPATION GUIDE

December 9 – 15, 2018

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**Request a Prayer:** Complete a HELP / PRAYER Card (available in the pews).

**Keep Our List Accurate:** Names with a (3) need to be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00 PM to stay on the list. Contact your people and inquire about their health; then contact the church office to renew your request. Thanks!

## Special Requests

- **You SAY you are repentant – sorry and trusting in Jesus:** *So tell me about the fruit in your life that proves that to be true!*
- **Readiness Routine:** *I challenge you to live the read > pray > share circle!*
- **Sunday School:** *Blessings on today's teacher, Angie Z and all the students; attendance is encouraged for all children 3 years and older!*
- **Care Facilities or Home:** *Doris B, Loreen D, Ray D, John & June G, Nancy H, Christl K, Eleanor K, Violet M, Connie P, Marie W, Harry & Martha Z*
- **Armed Forces:** *Members: James Martin; Chris Sala; Andrew Deka; Others: Warren Gellings; Nick Riviotta; Drew Tenney; Chris Weseloh.*
- **LIA** (Lutherans in Africa) **and LST** (Lutheran School of Theology): *Pray for the leaders, teacher, students, and ongoing construction work!*



## Members

- **Ray Dmytriw** (1) (ALS) – peace, strength, and encouragement.
- **Christl Kissinger** (1) (leg fracture; cong. heart failure) – peace, healing.
- **Eleanor Kuhles** (1) (fractured pelvis; rehab at Brentwood) – peace, healing.
- **Tracy Liddy** (2) (back pain) – continued pain relief, healing.
- **Janice Martinez** (3) (back and hip pain) – continued pain relief, healing.
- **Bonnie Moyer** (3) (fall, fractured knee) – pain relief, healing, strength.
- **Connie Pysz** (2) (on dialysis) – continued healing, strength.
- **June Russell** (3) (fall, broken rib) – pain relief, healing.
- **Susanna Tischler** (1) (nerve pain) – pain relief, proper diagnosis, healing.
- **Marie Weseloh** (2) (therapy) – continued strength, stability, recovery.
- **Angie Zeleznikar** (2) (severe pain) – proper diagnosis, relief, healing!



## Others

- **Jacob & Lynn** (2) – peace, healing.
- **Pat Beal** (2) (eye issues) – successful treatments, healing.
- **Shelby Craig** (3) (recent surgery) – continued healing and recovery.
- **Larry Edris** (1) (lung cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Melanie Himmelberger** (1) (bone cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Christina Waked** (1) – peace, healing, encouragement, recovery.
- **Logan Warmuth** (1) (2 yr. old w/ leukemia; chemo.) – peace, healing.
- **Cathy Wirzyllo** (1) (needs a liver transplant) – peace, organ donation.
- **Bob & Diane Zellmer**(2)–health, peace, comfort.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Physical Birthdays:

12/5 Norma Sweeny (*belated*)  
12/15 Abby Martinez

Spiritual Birthdays: None

## READINGS

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

**OT:** Zephaniah 3:14-20  
 **PS:** 85

**NT:** Philippians 4:4-7  
 **GOS:** Luke 7:18-28

## SCHEDULE

### TU – 12/11

- 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal

### WE – 12/12

- 9:30 – Teaching: BFC – Bible Storytime
- 10:00 – Teaching: BFC – Bible Time
- 11:00 – Advent Service: *The Bethlehem Series: Part 2 – Ruth, Chapters 1-2*
- Noon – Lunch: Please join us in the CLR!
- 12:30 – Training: Stephen Ministry: “Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly – Part 2
- 6:00 – Supper: Please join us in the CLR!
- 7:00 – Advent Service: *The Bethlehem Series: Part 2 – Ruth, Chapters 1-2*



### Th –12/13

- 10:00 – Study: Living the Lutheran Lectionary

### Fr –12/14

- 12:00 – Pray: With others at Bethlehem
- 6:30 – BFC Christmas Program

## Su – 12/16

- 8:00 – Receive God's Gifts: Divine Service
- 9:10 – Refreshments: Everyone is invited down the hall
- 9:30 – Study: Bible Class & Sunday School
- 10:45 – Receive God's Gifts: Divine Service

## SERVE

- **Advent Lunches – Noon on 12/12 & 19**: The main meal will be provided; we are in need of soups for 12/12 & desserts for 12/19. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex.
- **Advent Suppers – 6 PM on 12/12, & 19**: We still need someone to coordinate, set up and clean up on 12/12. Please see the sign-up sheet on a table in the narthex.
- **Usher**: Sundays at 8:00 or 10:45; contact Matt Kusssmaul.



## NEWS

- **Christmas Poinsettia** – The deadline for ordering is **12/10**; cost is \$15; then take it home on Christmas Day! See the attendance slip for ordering information!
- **Altar Flowers**: If you order altar flowers, *would you please return the vases*. We take them to the flower shop and they discount our flowers.
- **Choir on Tour**: Our choir is planning on singing at St. Phillip on Sun., Dec. 23 at 11 AM. Join the choir for that performance. Attend rehearsals on Tuesday, Dec. 11, & 18 at 6:30 PM



## GROWTH and OUTREACH

- **Many Resources**: Sermons, brochures, magazines, books, etc.; see what's available in the Narthex and across from the church office.
- **Facebook**: Check-in, like BLC, and write a positive comment!
- **Lutheran Hour**: Sun 6:30 a.m. – WTAM 1100 AM; Sun 8:00 a.m. – The Word 1220 AM
- **Worship Anew** – Sun 11:30 AM: Direct TV: 67, 377; Dish: WRML 47
- **Issues Etc.**: A radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Advent Hymns "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" & "Once He Came in Blessing," Messengers from John the Baptist, Mary Visits Elizabeth and more. You can listen at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

- **Lutherans for Life:** “The very best light show comes from the smile on the Baby’s face in the manger. He is smiling because He likes you and has come to rescue you. ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life’ (John 8:12 NIV).” Rev. Mark Jeske, *Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## NUMBERS – FROM LAST WEEK

- **Divine Services:**
  - ✦ Sunday: 8:00 = 51; 10:45 = 45; Wednesday: 11 = 39; 7 = 18
- **Classes:**
  - ✦ Sunday: 9:30 (BC & SS) = 37
  - ✦ Thursday: 10:00 = 7
- **Received:**
  - ✦ Actual: *Received Last Week:* \$7,077
  - ✦ Budget: *January → Last Week* (planned vs. actual): \$ - 21,709
  - ✦ Actual: *Jan. → Oct.* (received: \$191,033; spent: \$203,875): \$ - 12,843



## MEMBER CARE PLAN

### Attendance Being Monitored

For those who want to attend each week, but sometimes cannot – due to weather, health, or special circumstances, attendance is being monitored:

- Missed two consecutive weeks: Mail last two sermons and PG.
- Missed three consecutive weeks: Alert the pastor to call.

### Desire to Attend, But Are Not Able to Attend

Nursing Home, Assisted Living, and, Shut-In:

- Mail: Every two weeks – last two sermons and Participation Guide.
- Visit: Once each month – by Pastor / Jerry H and Others.

Hospitalized: Visit: More often than noted above – by Pastor.

Note: If you or someone you know is in any situation noted above, *but is not receiving what is noted*, please inform the church office!