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We extend a special welcome to all who worship with us in God's House today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make Good Shepherd your church home.

December 13, 2020
Third Sunday
In
Advent

**THIS WEEK
WITH OUR LORD**

TODAY

8:00 am- Divine Worship and Facebook Live Worship
9:15 am – SS/Adult Bible Study
10:30 am – Divine Worship
2-3 pm – Drive Thru Reception

MONDAY

8:15 am-LL Preschool
12:00 pm – LL Preschool

TUESDAY

8:15 am-LL Preschool & program
9:00 am – Sewing
12:00 pm – LL Preschool
6:15 pm – Ch Management
6:30 pm – Trustees
7:00 pm - Council

WEDNESDAY

12:00 pm – LL Preschool
12:30 pm – Advent Service
6:00 pm – 7th & 8th Catechism Only

7:00 pm – Hymn Sing - St. Paul's Lutheran Church

THURSDAY

7:00 am – Men's Bible Study
8:15 am – LL Preschool
12:00 pm – LL Preschool & program

FRIDAY

8:15 am – LL Preschool
12:00 pm – LL Preschool

SATURDAY

5 pm –Divine Worship with HC

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am- Divine Worship with HC and Facebook Live Worship
9:15 am – SS/Adult Bible Study
10:30 am–Divine Worship with Children's Program

In Our Prayers:

Don Lehman
Roger Vogt

The family of Darlene Lindner
whose brother was called to
his eternal rest

Baptismal Birthdays:

Katelyn Finnegan-Dec 12
Lisa Everhard-Dec 12
Danny Hammersland-Dec 15
Joleen Allers-Dec 16
Dwight Wedemeyer-Dec 16
Mark Hilken-Dec 18

Celebration of Life Birthdays:

Ruth Auten-Dec 15
Dee Roseke-Dec 15

Attendance – 44,17,38,39

Gifts to the Lord

Budget Giving:

Envelope/Plate/Auto

Deposits-\$6844.00

Total of all Gifts: \$6844.00

Advent Services

Wednesday, Dec 16 12:30
Hymn Sing – St. Paul's
Lutheran Church - 7:00 pm.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec 20 10:30 am
service

Christmas Eve Worship 4, 7 and 11 pm

Registration required for all
Christmas services

Christmas Day worship with HC 9 am

New Year's Eve worship
with HC 5:00 pm

Thank you to all who
contributed to our LWML Gifts
of Gratitude fundraiser. We
feel so very blessed and
grateful to have members who
are willing to support our
various causes. With your
generous support we were
able to send donations to
Camp Okoboji, Lutheran
Family Service, Gateway to
Discovery, Youth Shelter,
LOTUS and to our seminary
student, Chase LeFort. Thank
you again for your generosity.
May God bless each of you!
Merry Christmas!

MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 3

In the darkest time for Israel,
as the oppressive Roman
Empire seemed to block all
light, the tree of Jesse was not
to be seen. Gone was the
glory of David and Solomon.
But the true life of that tree had
come into the world—the Seed
of the woman and the ultimate
sacrifice for all of humanity.
There stood the Life of Jesse's
tree before John the Baptist,
and all righteousness was
fulfilled.

Sermon: "Jesus, the Life of
Jesse's Tree" Matt. 3:13–17

Thank you to Pastor Thackery
and my Good Shepherd family
for all your prayers, cards and
well wishes. They were all
much appreciated. God's
blessings to each of you. –
Louise Schmoker

Stewardship Corner: 1

Thess. 5:18 – “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord’s work, in acts of service to others, and in faithful living in their daily callings.

Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.

"The Prophet's Paradox "

Hear about it on the Lutheran Hour WHO (10.40) 7:30 am.

Sunday, KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am [Sunday](#), KHBT 97.7 FM 11:30 am [Sunday](#).. Log on to www.lhm.org for other stations and details. Hear Woman-to-Woman on Saturdays over Boone

“**Will you be without** loved ones this holiday season? Will you be struggling with illness or discouragement? Will you feel the pressure to make the holiday season great? You are not alone. You are not on your own. Read John 10, a great chapter about a Good Shepherd. Listen to His voice comfort and strengthen you.”

Rev. John Boeder, Martin Luther College – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

It is that time of year to think about all that God gave us by sending His Son in flesh to bear our sins to the cross to win salvation. When we think

about that it brings a sense of giving just as our Lord continues to give to us. Once again our reverse advent quilt is up and we are ready to fill it, giving to those in need. We hope that you will be able to participate with our Elders in this mission project

Dec. 13th-19th - collect toiletries

Dec. 20th-26th - collect nonperishable food items

Good Shepherd has been blessed with Karen Musselman’s dedication as our church secretary and administrative assistant for our church for over 27 years. To thank her for her service and to celebrate her retirement you are invited to a drive by reception on today, December 13 from 2-3 pm here at church.

You may have noticed a new face in the church office! Diane Sullivan, a member of our church, has been selected to be our new Administrative Assistant/Secretary. She is training during the month of December. Please join us in welcoming her!

Poinsettias will be needed for Christmas if you would like to donate one, please bring the week before Christmas!

Did You Know? We’re just beginning to understand the

impact of COVID-19 on our emotional wellness. Unlike a traumatic event which comes and then goes, the COVID pandemic has stayed, and it's been almost a year. God-given mental and emotional protections that keep us going are wearing down for many. This is especially true among our elderly neighbors who live alone or in care centers. Already isolated and prone to loneliness, the months of unending distancing from loved ones and staying inside is creating an increase in mental distress among this vulnerable population. Being alone at Christmas compounds the loss. Think of those you know who live alone or in a care center near you. Give them the best gift of all: your time and undivided attention! Contact Lutheran Family Service through their web site at www.LutheranFamilyService.org to request a great summary of COVID-informed ideas that will inspire you as you plan your outreach! *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2* Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Council and Voter's Minutes as well as monthly Financial Reports are available in the Resource Center outside the office to the east! Students in our Lutheran schools need your help! While helping families, you get some help with your state taxes! The **Iowa Lutheran Student**

Tuition Organization is at 35% of its \$950,000 goal as of Dec. 1. You have until the end of the year – Dec. 31 – to mail your gift. We know the need is becoming greater because of Covid 19. How can you help? A donation of cash, stock, or even grain, but giving is not limited to Lutherans. If you know someone who could benefit from a 65% tax credit, please give them a donor form. Remember the financial benefit to a contributor is a 65% tax credit on Iowa income taxes (which can be carried over for five years) and also a charitable contribution on your federal form. For more information about ILSTO go online to www.iowalutheransto.org or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.

