



the Kindred Spirit December 2017

Newsletter of Our Savior's Lutheran Church · Albany, MN · 320-845-2405

Sunday Worship · 8:00 & 10:30 am

Sunday School & Adult Ed · 9:15 am

Advent Midweek Services

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20

Services: Noon & 6:00 pm

Soup & Sandwich meals follow

Christmas Eve Worship

9:00 am Sunday Worship, Advent 4

5:30 & 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Day Service · 9:00 am



Advent

“For everything
there is a season,
and a time
for every matter
under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Having grown up in a Lutheran family, I used to take the Season of Advent more or less for granted. In fact, I probably still would have taken it for granted, had I never met my wife’s mother, Berenice.

Until we met Berenice, she had never heard of Advent. Yet once she learned of this season, which I had taken for granted, she was positively fascinated. Indeed, she was delighted to discover that, here at least, there was one church that refused to rush Christmas.

Rather than marching blindly to the rhythm of the consumer year, we marched to a different drummer, a drummer that remembers that for every thing there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven.

Christmas will come soon enough and when it does we will pull out all the stops for 12 days of partying that could warm even Ebenezer Scrooge’s heart. We will celebrate the coming of the Christ Child and celebrate it well, come

Christmas day! Until then though, we celebrate Advent.

Shared experiences, like the lighting of the Advent candles, remembering together our story as the people of God, and praying together will all help lay down a rich layer of memories that can be treasured for a lifetime, especially by our children.

So give yourself a gift this year, take time to re-discover the treasures of Advent. You can do this! Worship on Sundays and Wednesdays is a start. Some other ideas you might want to consider are giving gifts to the needy, carving out five minutes a day for a daily devotion. Read or listen to the Christmas stories in Matthew and Luke. Spend some quality time talking to God. Maybe write God a Christmas letter. If you have a smart phone check out the “Bible.Is” or the “Lutheran Hour Devotions” apps. Check out what our church is up to at elca.org. Set aside a family night for games or whatever works for your family. Just find a way, anyway to spend more time with God and those you love. For as we do, the spirit of Christmas will take root in our heart. The craziness of the world will be replaced by the peace of Christ, and when at last Christmas comes, we will be able to sing out strong. “Joy to the World the Lord has come!”

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Steve

Do you need a Silent Night?

The lyrics of the Amy Grant song, “I need a Silent Night” ring in my ears. “To hear an angel voice through the chaos and the noise” is the silent night for which I yearn. The holiday season is, to borrow from Dickens, “the best of times and the worst of times.”

Each year we try to squeeze more and more into the season. Our expectations become more and more unrealistic. We try to make it to parties and concerts, shopping and baking. We search for the perfect gifts and hope we receive what we want. We push and get pushed. We go faster and faster. We strive for perfection and are deeply disappointed when we fail. We forget what Christmas is really about.

Despite the commercialism, there is much about the season that I love. I love the Christmas music that starts at Halloween. I love the Hallmark Christmas movies that start weeks before Thanksgiving. I love the lights and the sparkle. I love “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” (the one with Boris Karloff and Thurl Ravenscroft), “A Charlie Brown Christmas” (Linus tells us the true meaning of Christmas when he recites Luke 2:1-14 and loves the sad, bare little tree) and “The Snowman” (a beautiful and powerful experience with no spoken words). I love the idealism of happy endings.

I believe in miracles. I know that God’s plan or timing or healing is seldom our plan or timing or healing. Still, there are miracles. I have seen them. I have seen diseases healed. I have seen people escape disasters unharmed. I have seen relationships restored. I have seen God’s peace. I have seen God’s love.

I believe that God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus who was born into this world as a weak and helpless baby. Jesus suffered every pain we can suffer, even the pain of abandonment, as He died a humiliating and excruciating death on the cross. Then the Son of God rose from the dead because even though he carried the punishment of all of our sins into death as fully human, as fully divine, He rose to eternal life. Through His death, we have forgiveness. Through his resurrection, we too have eternal life. There is no happier ending!

Remembering that Jesus’ birth is what Christmas is all about, Merry Christmas!!

God’s Peace, Pastor Bobbi Bell

Christmas Tree Decorating Saturday, December 2

Let’s make the Sanctuary beautiful for Advent and Christmas! We’ll start at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome!

Advent Midweek Services

**Wednesdays,
December 6, 13, 20**

Noon on Wednesdays

For those who don't like to go out after dark, we have mid-day services featuring devotions and carols for Advent and Christmas. That service will begin at noon followed by a soup and sandwich lunch at 12:30.

Holden Evening Prayer Wednesday 6 pm

Did you know that Holden Evening prayer fits Advent perfectly? In the midst of the craziness of this season we invite you to re-center your lives with Holden Evening Prayer at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. This 35 minute service will be followed by a soup and sandwich supper. So this is really a three for one deal worship to feed your soul, food to feed your body and good company to lift your spirits.

Our Savior's Church Staff

Pastors:

Steven Olson & Bobbi Bell

*Ministry Associate for Youth &
Families:* Diana Brown

Music Coordinator:

Mike Aronson

Receptionist / Secretary:

Angela Mosman

Custodians: Jim & Deb Kurtz

Church Office Hours:

Monday–Friday · 9am–1pm

What are your intentions?

On November 19th we received the first of our Offering Intentions for 2018. Some have asked why are we doing this and why are we asking for more money? The answer is simple, we would like to make Pastor Bobbi's position permanent, we would like to expand our Youth and Family ministry position to 3/4 time and receptionist secretary position to 2/3 time. Before we commit to that though, we need to know the congregation will be willing and able to support the added expenses. Hence the request for offering intentions. These intentions will determine whether we can recommend expanding our ministries and continuing Pastor Bobbi's position after February 28th. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of our council or a member of our stewardship.

We will be receiving intentions, right up until the annual meeting, but we will be basing our budget on what is in hand by early December. So, we encourage people to get their intentions in as soon as possible.

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OSLC YOUTH & FAMILIES

Sunday School - Come and hear the Story!

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 17
During 10:30 service

Sunday School students will be learning the Nativity Story. The students will then tell the story to the congregation of Our Savior's gathered for worship on December 17th during the 10:30 service. Please ask students to tell you about Jesus' birth and if you get an "I don't know," be more specific. Ask them where Jesus was born (manger, what's a manger?) or what was in the sky (angels or star, both?) or what are Jesus' parents' names (Mary and Joseph, Joe?)

Joyful Noise

Children's Church and Nursery December Schedule

Because of the children's Christmas program, we will not be having Joyful Noise for our kids

during the second service on December 17th. Also, with December 24th and December 31st being family carol services, we encourage our children to remain with their families in the main sanctuary on these dates. Regular Children's church we resume on January 7th.

December 3: Be Ready

December 10: John the Baptist Prepares the Way

December 17: Children's Christmas Worship Program - no Joyful Noise

Confirmation Schedule

Please note—December's schedule is changed:

6:00 - Holden Evening Worship

6:35 - Soup & Sandwich Meal

7:05 - Lessons

7:45 - Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

December 6

6th Grade: The Promise: 12 Sons

7th & 8th Grade: Discipleship: Can someone lose their salvation?

December 13

6th Grade: The Promise: Joseph

7th & 8th Grade: Discipleship: Why should I pray the Lord's Prayer?

December 20

Christmas Party!

December 27

Christmas Break—NO Class

Happy December Birthdays!

Maximus Noska 1
Kira Mielke 2
Rhett Wohletz 2
Gabrielle Burg 4
Michael Ruch 4
Ryann Kuhn 6
Audrey Beunning 7
Aksel Halvorson 7
Ellie Kugler 7
Zachary Sands 7
Adam Dennis 12
Madi Ramler 12
Rebecca Iverson 14
Bobbi Jo Schmitt 15

Missed your Birthday? Drop a note to Diana or OSLC Office :)

Blue Christmas Service Sunday December 10 • 1 pm

Not everyone feels jolly this time of year. In fact, many people feel especially sad or overwhelmed. A Blue Christmas service helps us to give voice to the need to experience the hope and renewal of Jesus' birth. Join us for words and carols to light this season with hope and love while acknowledging the losses we have experienced in our lives.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albany will be hosting a Blue Christmas service at 1:00 p.m. on December 10th. All are welcome.

We have all got questions: Alpha has answers.

**Adult Ed – Starting Sunday,
January 14 • 9:15 am**

Fellowship Hall

What would do if so many new believers were coming into our church, we didn't know what to do with them all? How would we answer all their questions? This was the question Holy Trinity Church in Brompton England faced. Their answer was the Alpha Course. The Alpha course is designed around the real questions real people ask, questions we may not have even thought about when we were in confirmation. That makes this a great course for those who are new to the faith and those who want a more adult understanding of the faith we hold. Now, in it's third version, the updated Alpha course will be offered on Sunday Mornings. Come watch this video series and enter into the discussion. Speaking, testing and sharing our faith is how it grows and matures. Check it out!

Recycle your aluminum cans and support the Youth & Family Ministry!

Here at Our Savior's, drop off your cans in the fenced area next to the garage in the back of the parking lot.

Thank you for your support!

Financial Peace University

**Starting again on
February 11
1:30 pm**

Over 4 Million people who have now taken this course, a course that is changing lives.

Starting on February 11th, we will be offering it for the third time.

Why do we bother?

Over 70% of American families are living pay check to pay check. That means if even one pay check was late by a week, the family would not meet their financial needs. So, it is no wonder people are stressed out by money. In fact, over 80% of marriages that fail list financial problems as the major cause. So why do we put up with this in our lives and in our marriages, especially when there is a proven path to financial peace?

If you are one of the 70% or you love someone who is in that group, then this course is for you. It can change everything, your money, your story, your life. At Financial Peace University, you can learn God's ways of handling money.

The online link to register for the course is:
<https://www.fpucentral.com/classes/1051241/registration>

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 4

9:15 am

Come celebrate with us on February 4th!

In 2017, we paid off our Mortgage, installed a projection system for our sanctuary, called Pastor Bobbi Bell for a one year term call, launched our Children's Church and Nursery, completed several 50/50 projects and sent out our first adult mission team to the Dominican Republic. Those are just a few of the highlights.

After pausing to remember the achievements of the past, we will forge on with our plans for the future, as we seek to follow God's call to become a church of God's dreams for this time and place.

Discover Our Savior's!

What could be better than a fireside dessert? Our Welcome committee invites all newcomers and those who are interested in becoming a part of Our Savior's Lutheran Church to gather:

**Thursdays,
December 7th and/or
January 4**

6:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Our next new member Sunday is January the 14th.

Adult Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic November 28–December 6

As of this publication, the mission team from Our Savior's is in the Dominican Republic! They are with our missionary Kristin Wolford and experiencing life in her ministry. They are also participating in medical and hygiene clinics and helping the youth leaders with craft projects they can sell to raise money for the ministry. Thank you for donating school supplies and thanks to Will Seiler, Pharmacist at CVS, Albany, for discounts on over-the-counter medications they took for the health clinic.

Calling in Prayer Support

Ephesians 6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray daily. In particular we ask your prayers for our team, the people they will serve, guidance for their work and that God will touch hearts in and through their ministry.

Learn all about what they saw, learned and did at

Adult Ed • December 10!



Make Christmas a little merrier for people in need in our local area!

**Remember to Return Gifts by
Sunday, December 3**

Albany Women of Today will distribute the gifts before Christmas. *Thank you and Merry Christmas!*

Albany Food Shelf

The following items are needed this month at the Albany Food Shelf:

Coffee & Hot Chocolate

*Remember...*the first Sunday of every month is Food Shelf Sunday. Bring a food item donation for our local food shelf. The need is great, and with your help, people right here in our community are able to provide food on the table for their families. Donations can be dropped off in the designated bins in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

**OSLC Women's
Annual
Advent Breakfast**

*Candy Canes &
Peppermint Kisses*

**Saturday, December 9
9:00 am
Fellowship Hall**

Everyone is invited! You'll enjoy a delicious breakfast as we celebrate the season of Advent.

Please bring donations for our Baby Care Kits. Our goal is 30 completed kits. They will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief as soon as completed for mothers in need around the world. The following items are needed for each kit:

Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)

Two long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)

Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square.

Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred

Two pairs of socks

One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap

One hand towel, dark color recommended

Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping: no mini or hotel size bars

Two diaper pins or large safety pins.

Cash donations to purchase needed items are always appreciated.

Hope to see you there on December 9th at 9:00 AM.

All are WELCOME, including men, women and children!

Craft & Bake Sale report

Thank YOU for your generosity of time and talents, and for participating in our annual fund raiser. Together we raised over \$2700.00 that will provide food and shelter in our local communities – Albany Food Shelf, Avon Food Shelf, St. Cloud Place of Hope, and here within our church.

We are indeed the hands and feet of Jesus.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Lady Generators

Tuesday, December 19
9:00–11:00 am

New Location! We outgrew the coffee shop (a good problem!) and will now meet at Our Savior's in the Fireside Room. Join us!

Women's Bible Study

Mary's Circle

Wednesday, December 13
1:00 pm

in the Fireside Room



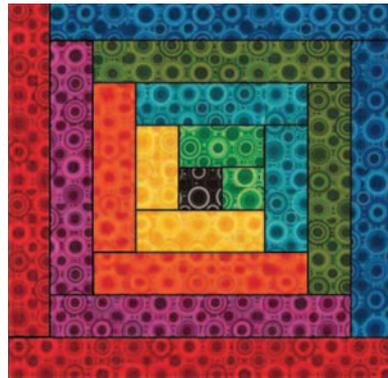
We have just one gathering of the "Quilting Squares" in December, on the 6th at 1:00. We are quilting one quilt each time we meet. This winter I would like to offer an opportunity to sew together on your own quilt. The "LOG CABIN" block is a great beginner experience quilt block. Three sessions will be offered January, February and March. We will have an afternoon session and repeat session that evening. You can stay for both and have a bowl of soup between sessions. Bring your sewing machine. If you don't have a sewing machine...no worries because machines have been donated for you to use. First session will be prepare the fabric and sew a sample block. Second session will be assemble blocks into a quilt and the last session

will be to finish the binding. All instructions will be given before class.

What day or evening works best for you?

Call the church office or me if you are interested in sewing together this winter. Getting together is the most fun and learning a new skill or being with quilting friends will keep us warm...

Making quilts with love,
Elaine Randall 320-260-8977



Log Cabin block

Health Tidbit

December 1 World AIDS Day

Sponsor: World AIDS Day Campaign

World AIDS Day is a global initiative to raise awareness, fight prejudice, and improve education about HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. World AIDS Day is December 1.

Around the world, about 37 million people are living with HIV. In the United States, about 44,000 people get infected with HIV every year.

The only way to know if you have HIV is to get tested. It's important that everyone ages 15 to 65 gets tested for HIV at least once. Some people may need to get tested more often.

How can World AIDS Day make a difference?

We can use this day to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, encourage people to get tested, and take action to support people living with HIV.

Together we can make healthy happen!



FARE FOR ALL

Food that makes Cents

~December~

Orders and
payment due:
Sunday, December 3

Pick Up:
Monday, December 11
3:30–6pm

Check out the flyers at the order table on Sundays at OSLC, at the website: www.fareforall.org, or stop in the church office.

Thank you!

OSLC Site Coordinators:
Patty Carbert, 320-333-5380
Lisa Beuning, 320-291-1114

“Simply Giving” Program

The “Simply Giving Program” is a way to automate your giving online, in a secure, automatic recurring contributions.

There are two ways to enroll. You can pick up a form at the office and use that to enroll or you can enroll online. For those who enroll online, you can view your history

anytime. To enroll online, follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at oursaviorslutheranalbany.org,
2. Click the Online Giving button
3. Click the Create Profile button. Then follow the onscreen instructions to create your profile and schedule your contributions.

The 7-Ups of Life

(Author Unknown)

1. Wake Up – Decide to have a good day. “Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice & be glad in it.” Psalms 118:24

2. Dress Up – The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. “The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart.” I Sam 16:7

3. Shut Up – Say loving things & learn to listen. God gave us 2 ears and 1 mouth so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. “He who guards his lips guards his soul.” Proverbs 13:3 “Gossip betrays confidence, avoid men who talk too much.” Proverbs 20:19 “Listen to advice, accept instruction and in the end, you will be wise.” Proverbs 19:20

4. Stand Up – For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. “Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...” Galatians 6:9-10

5. Look Up – To the Lord. “I can do everything through Him who

gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13

6. Reach Up – For something higher. “...press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 3:14

7. Lift Up – Your Prayers. “[Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything.”
Philippians 4:6

MISSION:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is one people united in Christ, empowered by God's grace through worship and the study of His Word, to glorify God by serving and witnessing in the community and the world.

Name Tags

Everyone is invited to have your own Our Savior's Lutheran Church name tag! The tags are magnetic, look better, and are easier on clothing.

Just sign up on the sheet in the Lobby and a volunteer will make tags for you!

Volunteer opportunities

Food Access Programs

Frank Haynes from Helping Hands Outreach was our guest at Adult Ed on November 26. His topic was Food Access in the area. He shared information about several organizations providing free or cost-saving food.

All of these nonprofit organizations also offer opportunities for volunteering:

Albany Food Shelf is a free food distribution for low income individuals and families.

Location: Albany Senior Center, 741 Lake Avenue, Albany

Cost: none

Dates: Bi-monthly 1st Thurs., 9-10 am, 3rd Thurs., 5:30-6:30 pm

Assistance: stocking shelves, helping with distribution.

Contact Edna Goebel, 845-2343

Fare for All is food-co-op style, open to everyone and offers fruits/vegetables and meats at discounted prices.

Distribution Center: Resurrection Lutheran, 610 Cty Rd 2, St. Joseph

Cost: \$10 to \$25 per pack

Dates: Usually the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday, 3:30-5:30

Assistance: helping people load packs in vehicles 363-4232

Satellite Site: Our Savior's Lutheran, Albany. Order by Sunday a week ahead, pick up on distribution day, 3:30-6 pm

Assistance: **Patty Carbert, 333-5380 Lisa Beuning, 291-1114**

Ruby's Pantry is open to everyone and offers surplus food. All products are safe, some can be past their date. Products vary but there is always meat.

Location: River of Life Church, 705 12th St. S., Sauk Centre

Cost: \$20 for one share, you can purchase more than one

Dates: 1st Saturday of the month, doors open at 9:30 am, distribution is 10-11:30 am

Assistance: helping with food packing, food distribution, cart pushing. **Shane Brown, 352-2415**

Salvation Army offers three meals daily to low income people.

Location: 400 US Hwy 10, St. Cloud

Assistance: kitchen help, food shelf stocking, food shelf distribution, **252-4552**

Overcomer's International Fellowship Dream Center

houses and serves three meals daily to adult men as they are

Volunteer opportunities

overcoming various issues.

Location: 529 16th Ave. No.,
St. Cloud

Assistance: lunch and dinner preparation, food services, drivers
656-1550

Meals on Wheels delivers low-cost meals to people 60+ who are elderly or homebound.

Location: Pondview Estates,
344 Golfview Drive, Albany

Assistance: deliver noon meals to area seniors. Contact Edna Kramer, 845-4070

Rural Stearns Faith in Action

Rural Stearns Faith in Action (RSFIA) has a long history with the Albany Community and Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Our Savior's serves as hub for the coordination of requested services provided by volunteers in the Albany, Avon and surrounding communities. Rural Stearns Faith in Action is actively seeking volunteers within the communities of Albany, Avon, Colledgeville, Farming, Freeport, and St. Martin. Volunteers can decide how often they would like to serve and in what capacity.

Rural Stearns Faith in Action also provides professional services including support planning and caregiver consulting.

You are needed! Ways you can help Rural Stearns Faith in Action:

Transportation: Volunteers provide rides to people who are not able to drive, and those who have no means of transportation.

Housekeeping: Volunteers clean and wash clothes for people who cannot do these things on their own.

Simple Home Repair: Seniors and people with disabilities often need help with simple home repair and modification.

Friendly Visiting: Volunteers visit with seniors, caregivers and other people facing difficult life situations, sharing the joys and trials of both parties.

Chores: Volunteers provide services such as snow removal, yard work, chopping wood, etc.

Respite Care: Volunteers can provide a much needed break to full-time caregivers by spending some time with their loved one in need.

Your neighbors may need your help! Call the Volunteer Coordinator at Rural Stearns Faith in Action, 320-348-2316.

The Lift

Do you feel there is no hope?

(By Christine Chipman)

In your times of deep despair,
Do you feel there is no hope?
As the darkness closes in on you,
Do you feel you cannot cope?

As you struggle on through every trial,
Do you say “When will it end”?
As you cry yourself to sleep at night,
Do you wish you had a friend?

When your body’s racked with aches and pains,
Do you feel you are alone?
When you think about the future,
Do you fear the great unknown?

There is someone who really cares,
And He hears your every cry.
His arms are reaching out to you,
And on Him you can rely.

When things close in around you,
He sees your fear and doubt—
He wants to hold you in His arms,
And He will never cast you out.

As you stumble through the darkness,
He will be your guiding light.
He wants to wipe away your tears,
For you are precious in His sight.

Reach out right now to Jesus,
And let Him take complete control—
He’ll take that heavy burden,
And He’ll touch and make you whole.

He’s reaching out His arms to you,
And He wants to be your friend.
Let Him take you in His loving arms,
For His love will never end.

Good Samaritan - Community Crisis Fund

In keeping with its Biblical and charitable goals, Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, through the Congregational Life & Mission Committee, has established a Good Samaritan – Community Crisis Fund. This fund helps people in our church and community who have an emergency financial need *or* for “Love Gifts” to those with illness or other emotional distress where financial help can be a blessing. These funds are used at the discretion of Pastor Steve, with a committee member volunteer as oversight for the account.

You can anonymously direct a gift to someone in need:

If you would like to give a monetary gift to a specific person, but fear they may not feel comfortable taking your gift, please use this fund. Provide their name with your donation and Pastor Steve will deliver your gift. You have the opportunity to help while remaining anonymous.

Donations are payable to OSLC “Good Samaritan – Community Crisis Fund.” The seeds for this fund are from the proceeds of the Harvest Dinner. We hope you will prayerfully consider supporting this fund into the future.



Through His Holy Spirit, God promises to be with us always.

“The one thing I ask of the LORD--the think I seek most-- is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD’s perfections and meditating in his Temple.” —Psalm 27:4

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray I will listen. If you look for me in earnest, you will find when you seek me.” —Jeremiah 29:11-13

“Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts you hypocrites.” —James 4:8

“Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends.”

—Revelation 3:20

“You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.” —Psalm 16:11

“You hide them in the shelter of your presence, safe from those who conspire against them. You shelter them in your presence far from accusing tongues.” —Psalm 31:20

“But if we are living in the light of God’s presence, just as Christ is, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from every sin.” —1 John 1:7

Father, I pray that You will visit and make Your presence known in my life and in my city. Give me faith to believe that You can change all through prayer and through acts of love and compassion. Let Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Help me to cultivate Your presence in my life, and my country through prayer with others. Remove the distractions in my life that keep me from Your presence . I repent of pride that have taken me away from having you in first place and being completely Your. Take away any luke-warmness in my heart and set me on fire for You.

I thank You for the new spiritual identity and authority You will bring as I pray and reach out to others. I want to be a clean vessel, bringing light into the darkness and carrying Your presence wherever I go. I ask that Your authority would impact me. You say in Jeremiah 33:9 “Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it.” In the name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus,

Worship Ministers—December 2017

	Reader	Communion	Ushers
Sunday, December 3			
8:00 am	Mary Adelman <i>sound board: Jerry Stark</i>	Mary Adelman Sandy Paulsen Jolene Lobitz	Dale & Kelly Rafteseth & family
10:30 am	Pat Johnson <i>sound board: Eric Ruch</i>	Pat & Shelley Johnson Denise Croatt	Erick & Lisa Halvorson & family
Sunday, December 10			
8:00 am	Jolene Lobitz <i>sound board: Kevin Beuning</i>	Jolene Lobitz Kathy Schei Sue Koplín	Joel & Cathy Bengston & family
10:30 am	Hannah Finkelson <i>sound board: John Sundet</i>	Hannah Finkelson Barb Fischer Marsha Winter	Kyle & Michelle Evenson & family
Sunday, December 17			
8:00 am	Lynda Hartwig <i>sound board: Matthew Rafteseth</i>	Lynda Hartwig Evie Fischer Charity Kauder	Al & Jane Raeker
10:30 am	Sunday School Program <i>sound board: John Sundet</i>		
Sunday, December 24 · Sunday & Christmas Eve Services			
9:00 am	Clarence Fischer <i>sound board: Kevin Beuning</i>	Jolene Lobitz Lisa Beuning Mary Adelman	Dwight & Donna Christen
5:30 pm	Matthew Rafteseth <i>sound board: Kevin Beuning</i>	Matthew Rafteseth Ron Madsen Marsha Winter	Kyle & Michelle Evenson family
	<i>Door Greeters: Joel & Cathy Bengston & family</i>		
10:00 pm	Barb Fischer <i>sound board: Matthew Rafteseth</i>	Barb Fischer Evie Fischer Paul Faulk	Paul & Karla Faulk
	<i>Door Greeters: Amy Schmit & family</i>		
Sunday, December 25 · Christmas Morning Service			
9:00 am	Cheri Salzer <i>sound board: Jerry Stark</i>	Ray & Cheri Salzer TBD	Ryan & Diana Brown & family
Sunday, December 31			
9:00 am	Mary Adelman <i>sound board: Jerry Stark</i>	Mary Adelman Sue Koplín Kathy Schei	Howard & Jan Koglin

Sunday Worship
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am
Pastors: Steven Olson & Bobbi Bell
Ministry Associate for Youth &
Families: Diana Brown
Music Coordinator: Mike Aronson
Receptionist/Secretary:
Angela Mosman
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