



Announcements

December 22 & 23, 2018

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Carole Halverson in memory of her birth family.

Prayer List: John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Brian Brandt, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Pat Leary, Casey Porisch (great nephew of Karl & Shirley Porisch), Lois Dellwo (sister of Linda VanOverbeke), Vi Thomasson, Brian Gelster & Family (deployment), Val Krogstad, David Valentin (son of Jim & Joanne), Darlene Newman (sister of Janet Landby), Marilyn Green (sister of Shirley Anderson-Porisch), Jenifer Klein's sister, Carla, Vincent & Lucella VanOverbeke (parents of Linda), Larry Pratt (father of Heather Purrington), Dennis Tollefson, Jo Blomme, Delores Holm, Al Evers.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	9:30am
Acolytes		Joseph Voit, Jonah Jensen
Greeters	Kathy Engler	Ken & Sue Versaevel
Ushers		Tom & Marlene Nordby Dave & Diane Taylor
Lectors	Nicole Springstead	Twila Henning
Music	Susan Jones	Susan Jones
Coffee Servers		Twila Henning
Video and Projection		Steve Hamner, Janet Landby
Altar Guild	Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Kim Christianson, Nancy Grams, Cathy Johnson, Marlene Nordby	
Van Driver	Dan Marks - call 828-1769 by 5pm Friday if ride is needed	
Donut Hole Pickup	12/23: Lisa Henning 12/30: Dennis Jensen	
Snow Removal	Dec 23: Dan Marks, Jim Fischer Dec 24-30: Mark Jensen, Eric Miller	

Sunday December 23

9:30am Worship
No TLC

Monday December 24

Office Closed
3pm, 5pm, 9pm - Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship

Tuesday December 25

Office Closed

Wednesday December 26

No Worship, TLC or Youth Events
Office Closed

Thursday December 27

Shetek Winter Fun Day

Saturday December 29

No Worship

Sunday December 30

No TLC

9:30am Worship

Monday December 31 & Tuesday Jan 1

Office Closed

Wednesday Jan 2

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:30am Rejoice Bible Study

5:30pm Women's Board Meeting

6:30pm Women's Choir

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Saturday January 5

5:30pm Worship

Sunday January 6

8:30am & 10:45am Worship

9:30am TLC

News & Notes

This weekend's lay preacher is Cliff Carmody. A lifelong teacher, Cliff is currently the Executive Director at Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative. SWWC is an educational service agency that serves 18 counties in southwest and west central Minnesota. Cliff, and his wife Bobbie, have six adult children and two grandbabies. In his spare time, he likes to spend time with his family, read, fish, hunt and follow NDSU Bison football.

Hy-Vee Cards available for Purchase The Senior High Youth will be selling Hy-Vee gift cards throughout the year as a part of their fundraisers. We have \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards. The youth will receive 5% of the money. Everyone needs groceries or gas, and it's money you would spend anyway, if not all at one time, eventually. By using the gift cards, part of the money will go to the youth! Proceeds will go toward the summer Mystery Mission Trip to Pine Ridge, SD. They can be purchased in the office or between services on Sunday mornings.

Both Christmas TLC Programs will be Broadcast on Studio One (Charter 180 & Vast 17) on December 24 @ 9:30am.

Help put thousands of dollars back in the pockets of hardworking families by volunteering at United Community Action Partnership's Free Tax Clinics. Volunteer opportunities include: Tax site Assistants, to welcome customers and screen their documents, and Tax Preparers. No experience necessary! UCAP provides the training you need! Please contact: Shelly Rykhus @ 507-537-1416 #2141 for more information.

If you had your picture taken for the directory, your complimentary directory and 8 by 10 photo are now available in the Narthex. If you would like to purchase a directory, they are \$5.

The Angel Tree is an annual Christmas fundraiser, benefitting our missionary overseas. There is a suggested donation of \$25.00, and you will receive an angel ornament. This year we are featuring angel ornaments that were made by members during the God's Work Our Hands Event. We will be selling ornaments in the narthex at the Wednesday, Saturday and in between Sunday church services through Sunday December 23rd.

Beginning Experience of SW MN/Marshall, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" Series for ten weeks beginning Jan. 14, 2019. This series is designed for those wishing to work through the grieving process following the loss of a loved one. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. at First Lutheran Church. Registration is held the first two Monday nights starting at 6:30 P.M. Registration is then closed for that session. The support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a \$75 fee to cover the cost of materials. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions, contact: Laurie W: 507-829-4004 or wall.laurie33@gmail.com MaryAnn S.: 507-828-2866 or maryannschultz83@gmail.com Mary J.: 507-872-6251 or vote1@centurytel.net

If you'd like to send a note to Brian Gelster who is currently deployed, his address is:
Brian Gelster
PSC 831 Box 3237
FPO AE 09363

2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you no longer need envelopes ordered for you, please let the office know.

Donations for poinsettia and Christmas greens have been made by:

Mike & Jean Henle in memory of Mary Jo Henle and Bruce Haug
Daughters Pat, Hazel, Jeanie, & Lesley in memory of Leslie & Jean Neiman
Jason, Amber & Leo Swenson in memory of Sharon Swenson and loved ones
Jim & Myra Baune
Their children Doug, Don, Deb, Denise & their families in memory of Helen Gilbertson & Merv Gilbertson
Mark & Jean Mather, Stephanie, Erik & Cody and their families in memory of Don Mather
Al & Ann Nielsen-Thielges in memory of Curtis Nielsen and Maryann Thielges
Doug & Dorothy Krogen in memory of Beret Rysdahl and Willard & Virginia Krogen
Julie, Alissa, Andrew, Adelyn, & Dallas in memory of Randy Bahn
Grandparents Russ & Deidre Sanow in honor of Ethan & Isabella Sanow
David & Donna Reaves in honor of Brooke, Lauren & Alex Reaves
Bill & Kathy Engler in memory of Jessie & William Jr. Engler
Mark Schwanebeck in memory of Clarence & Eleanor Schwanebeck
Dave & Diane Taylor in memory of parents Robert & Florence Fick and Dr LW. & Jean Taylor

Dave & Becky Gifford in memory of daughter Sandra Kae Gifford
Bob & Corlys Knudson in honor of Shelly, John, Joe, Lincoln, & Caleb Rock, Jim, Robin, Keziah, Eden & Jude Knudson and in memory of Janelle Knudson & Elijah Knudson
Brian & Lorinda Coudron in memory of David Peters and Melvin Coudron
Tim, Tonya, Bailey & Logan Tomasek in memory of Aaron Hohwieler and Denny & Joan Tomasek
Leon & Judy Werner in honor of family
Their family in memory of Charlie & Tweet Muller
Chuck & Rolly Muller & family in memory of Merv Gilbertson
John & Bonny Doyle and family in memory of O. Elof & Mildred Johnson and J. Byron & Clara Doyle
David & Janet Landby in honor of our 5 grandchildren and in memory of all family members celebrating Christmas in heaven
Gail Schepker in memory of Joseph Schepker, Michael Schepker and Jackie Solis
Jay, Angie, Maddie & Macie Murphy in memory of Cheryl Murphy
Tom & Sherri Schultze and family in memory of Harold Hansen
Paul, Tanya & Taylor Freeburg in memory of Doris Engler, Tanya's grandmother
Ken & Sue Versaevel & family in memory of Elmer & Gwen Geistfeld and Bill & Clarice Versaevel
Carole Halverson in memory of Hal Halverson
Helen Pedersen and family in memory of H. Clyde Pedersen, Mae & Lee Hier, and Laura & Hans Pedersen
Karl & Shirley Porisch in memory of Adolphe & Imogene Porisch and Ronald & Dorothy Anderson
Ben & Holly Elsen in memory of Frank & Rita Versaevel, Beverly Elsen, and David Connelly
Hans, Shana, Sadie & Simon Zahrbock in honor of Hans' mother Vivian and in memory of Darwin Zahrbock
Marlene Gannott in memory of Edward Gannott
Audrey Norris in honor of Christ's Birthday
Tom & Pam Odland in memory of Rudy & Catherine Nelson and Ole & Mavis Odland
Doug Heise in memory of Rosemary Heise, Margeret (Heise) Racette, Dennis Heise, and Cornell & Bernice Paulson
Chad, Keri, Emma, Eli & Ella Cole in memory of Howard Culbertson and Ethan Cole
John Voit, Liz, Joe, and Rane Simpson in memory of Allen & Orlinda Voit
Melanie Pedersen in memory of David Broderson
Christianson grandchildren and great grandchildren in honor of Lucille Christianson (Gi Gi)
Their children Susan, Kathy, Lindsay and their families in memory of Verlyn & Margaret Miller

Today's Readings

Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital

relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.

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