

December 16-17, 2017

Advent III

Liturgy: page 38 CW

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 71 pg. 92

First lesson: Isaiah 61: 1-3, 10, 11

Second lesson I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-6

Sermon text Matthew 11: 2-6

Speaker, Rev. Fred Toppe

Hymns: 9, 28, 26, 703

Schedule

16 Sat 9 – 11 am Youth Bible Hour Christmas practice
4:00 pm Worship service

17 Sun 8:00 am Worship service
9:00 am Scrip sales
9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour
10:30 am Worship service

19 Tue 6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Choir

20 Wed 10:00 am Women’s Bible study
3:15 & 7:00 pm Advent Worship services
5:00 pm PSI
8:00 pm Council meeting

21Thu 10:00 am BIC

23 Sat 9 – 11 am Youth Bible hour Christmas practice
4:00 pm Youth Bible Hour Christmas program

24 Sun 8:00 am Worship service
10:30 am LES Children’s Christmas program
4:00 pm LES Children’s Christmas program
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Vesper’s service

Organist: Kerry Koehler; 12/20 – Judy Lemke

Deacon: Alan Kurth; **Head Usher:** Tim Litscher; **Radio:** Tammy Bucholtz

Greeters: 4:00 – Jim Schwanke; 8:00 – Kristine Buchholz;

10:30-Bestul/Ritchie; 12/20 – Vera Frederick, LaVonne Hidde;

Coffee: Beyer/Umnus

Ushers: 8:00 –Kylie Mitchell, Erin Litscher, Len Luedtke

10:30- Hannah Abrahamson, Josie Niemuth, Brandon Babino

Church Attendance: 12/6: 124 + 28=152; 12/9-10: 67 + 140 + 194 = 401

SCHEDULE 12/23-24 Organist: 12/23: J. Lemke; 12/24: B. Miller, 7 pm – K.Koehler

Deacon: Dennis Yorkson; **Head Usher:** Anthony Pankow; **Radio:** Gaston Pople

Greeters: 4:00 – Gene & Priscilla Bartel; 8:00 – Gunnar, Jordana & Archer Umnus;

10:30 Justin & Lakkin Zielke;

4:00 – Doug & Lori Rodencal; 7:00 – Gary & Sandy Hecker

Ushers: 8:00 – Colton, Jaelyn & Mikyla Reeck, Cole Hudziak

10:30 – Logan Witt, Lily & John Mueller, Cami Gettendorf

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERIES

The theme for our mid-week Advent services this year is: “Evergreen.....and All I Ever Want!” We are going to focus on preparations made for the first coming of Christ and how many there were who were unprepared for his coming, and from those historical accounts learn how to properly prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ. The date and the individual theme for the remaining service is: Wed., Dec.20 - ‘Not Another Advent!’ The mid-week services are held at 3:15 and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. May the Lord bless our Advent preparations!

CALL DECLINED

Rev. Steven Helwig from Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Omaha, NE has declined our Call to have him serve here at St. Peter. As a result another Call Meeting has been set – the date and time: **Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the Narthex.**

SPL YOUTH BIBLE HOUR CHRISTMAS PRACTICES

There will be two practices for students attending SPL Youth Bible Hour in preparation for their Christmas Service on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. The practices will be held on **Saturday, December 16, AND Saturday, December 23, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Also, if anyone would like to donate cookies or juice for these practices, please bring it to the office. Thank you!

NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING IN JANUARY

As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation we have been focusing on the three famous hallmarks of the Reformation: GRACE and FAITH and SCRIPTURE. Thus far we have finished reviewing the subjects of GRACE and FAITH. Starting **Sunday, January 7, 2018** we will turn our attention to SCRIPTURE. This 4-week Bible Study will present 4 important biblical principles that are still important to us and to all Bible-believing Christians today. The principles include: 1) One Authority: Scripture Alone; 2) Bold Witness: Confidence Drawn From Scripture; 3) Not by Force: Power of the Word; and 4) My Bible: The Bible into People’s Hands. This 4-week Bible study will be held in the Commons with classes starting at **9:15 a.m.** each Sunday in January.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

A reminder about the special upcoming services that will be held:

SPL Youth Bible Hour Christmas Service 12-23-2017 4:00 pm (Saturday)
St. Peter School Christmas Services 12-24-2017 10:30 am & 4:00 pm (Sunday)
Christmas Eve Vesper Service 12-24-2017 7:00 pm (Sunday)
Christmas Day Service 12-25-2017 9:30 am (Monday)
New Year’s Worship Services 12-30-2017 4:00 pm w/communion
12-31-2017 8:00 & 10:30 am w/communion

THANK YOU

The F.A.C.E. group (Friends Assisting Christian Education) would like to thank all who attended the Chili Supper and all who helped by baking, serving or cleaning up after the meal. Thrivent Action Team funds were used for this event, and our free-will offering collection was \$380.00 which is used to fund student prizes for Accelerated Reader, 8th grade farewell t-shirts, staff appreciation week, and other student activities. Your support is very much appreciated!

CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS

There are special invitations on the back tables in church to be used to invite others to join us in worship, particularly for the Christmas services coming up. Please take as many as you need.

FVL MUSICFEST

Musicfest 2018 will be held on January 28 beginning at noon and running until 4 pm. Musicfest is currently seeking items or baskets donations for the Silent Auction. For more information see www.fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest/.

FVL HIRING

FVL is hiring for three staff positions. Applications are being accepted for an Academic Resource Center Assistant, a Communications Assistant and a 2nd shift custodian. See fvlhs.org for detailed job descriptions and applications.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your offering envelopes for 2018 are available in the back of church. Please do not use the new envelopes until 2018 as they are re-numbered.

Zoey J. Schill, daughter of Jeremy & Melissa Schill, was baptized on December 7, 2017.

Randal J. Barkholtz, son of Chris & Kayla Barkholtz, was baptized on December 10, 2017.

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” Mark 16:16

The new Meditations devotional dated Dec. 3 thru March 3 is available in the back of church. PLEASE NOTE: The cost has increased to \$4.00 per copy.

The December issue of the Forward in Christ magazine is available in the back of church.