

December 7-8, 2019

Advent 2

Liturgy: pg. 15, CW with Advent Gathering Rite

Psalm: Psalm 130, pg. 114 CW

First lesson Isaiah 11: 1-5, 10

Second lesson Romans 15: 7-13

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-2, 11-12

Sermon text: Mark 9: 42-48

Sermon theme: "What is Your Life Worth?" Speaker, Rev. Fred Toppe

Hymns: Gathering Rite (insert), 16, 14 vs. 1, 4, (32, 304)

Special music: 8:00 am – Senior Bell Choir; (10:30 – K-4@Immanuel Waupaca)

Schedule

7 Sat 9:00-11:45 am Birthday Party for Jesus – Immanuel, Waupaca
1:30-3:30 pm "Surviving the Holidays" Griefshare
4:00 pm Worship service w/altar communion

8 Sun 8:00 am Worship service w/altar communion
9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour
10:30 am Worship service w/altar communion
4:00 pm Advent by Candlelight

9 Mon 6:00 pm Bible Class – How to Study the Bible

10 Tue 6:30 pm Bell choir
7:30 pm Choir

11 Wed 10:15 am Crossroads Care Center
3:15 & 7:00 pm Advent worship services
6:00 pm Finance/Trustee meeting

12 Thur 5:00 pm PSI

14 Sat **9:00 – 11:00 am Youth Bible hour Christmas practice**
4:00 pm Worship service

15 Sun 8:00 am Worship service
9:00 am Scrip sales
9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour
10:30 am Worship service
11:45 am Christmas Canvass

Organist: Kerry Koehler

Deacon: Dennis Yorkson

Head Usher: 12/7: Tyler Tryba; 12/8: Justin Zielke Radio: Dan Popple

Greeters: 4:00 – Dawn Hofferber; Coffee: Mueller/Raisler

8:00 – Paul Thiel, Bob Braun; 10:30 – Richard & Cassie Rupno & family

12/11 - 3:15 – LaVonne Hidde, Vera Frederick

Ushers: 8:00 – John, Lily & John Mueller, Charlie Zastrow

10:30 – J. Billington, C. Reeck, M. Nehring, M. Taggart, B. Babino

Church Attendance: 11/27 & 28: 83 + 74 = 157; 11/30-12/1: 49+86+44=179

SCHEDULE: 12/14-15 Organist: Becky Miller; Deacon: Tim Pailer

Head Ushers: 12/14: Steve Bartel; 12/15: Randy Hidde Radio: Dan Popple

Greeters: 4:00 – Bob & Joan Schumacher; Coffee: Sonnenschein/McCue

8:00 – Adam & Lacy Raisler & family 10:30 – Brad & Penny Dittmann & family

Ushers: 8:00 – Kendra & Justin Lenz, Jeremy Rhone, Kylie & Bailey Mitchell

10:30 – Nicholas Loehrke, Mason Soerens, Brandon & Bryce Dittmann

ADVENT WORSHIP THEMES: "ARE YOU READY?"

The season of Advent (December) is about preparing for Christ's coming—both his first coming at Christmas and his final coming on Judgment Day. This December, don't just think about getting ready for Christmas. Will you be ready when Christ comes again?

- **Dec 7-8: Be Ready to Stand United with God's People!**

- Dec 14-15: Be Ready for the End of Suffering!

- Dec 22 (8:00 only): Be Ready for the Impossible—God with Us!

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES: "A PEACEFUL ADVENT"

December is usually anything but peaceful. Our commercialized Christmas traditions can take away the peace the promised Messiah brings. Let's spend our Wednesdays (3:15pm and 7:00pm) putting away the noise and basking in the promises of God's peace. These simplified services will feature short devotions on God's Word and plenty of carol singing.

- **Dec 11: Peace for All People**

- Dec 18 Peace for Eternity

2020 VISION WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY

- **June 23-26, 2020 - University of Tennessee, Knoxville.**

8th graders thru High School Seniors - interested in attending the 2020 Youth Rally? Join us on **Sunday, January 12, 2020 - after 10:30 service** for an informational meeting. We will meet in the school Commons and discuss dates/times, cost, activities, etc. Questions? Contact Jacci Radtke Olson - jaccimolson62@gmail.com or Janah Kaminske - janahkaminske@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS – AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN IN WAUPACA

Children ages 4 – 12 are invited to a "Birthday Party for Jesus" on **Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 to 11:45 am** at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1120 Evans St., Waupaca. There will be games, treats, crafts and the Christmas Story. To register please call: 715-258-0204.

CHRISTMAS 2019: INVITING ONE MILLION PEOPLE

Did you know 80% of unchurched adults would seriously consider attending a Christmas service if a friend invited them? So, whom will you invite? Yes, you. Like last year, the WELS has set a goal to invite 1,000,000 people to hear the gospel this Christmas Eve. We won't reach the goal without you—and we're going to give you some training and resources for the job. Stay tuned!

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree for gifts to children under age 14 is in the back of church. You may take a tag, purchase a gift, and bring it back (unwrapped) to church or the office by December 8, 2019.

Women's Evening Bible Study, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.

During this Advent/Christmas season, we marvel at the *heart* of our Father, who GIFTED us with His *Son Jesus*. Jesus the WORD, took on flesh and blood, that He might *seek* and *save* us lost sinners, grant *justice*, and exemplify *humility* and *heart-felt giving*. Join the WEBS on Thursday Dec. 12. "I once was *lost*, but now I'm *found*, was blind, but now I see." What a Christmas Gift!

A NEW CHURCH YEAR

During the last six months we gradually worked through the Gospel of Luke and focused especially on the Christian life. We now begin a new Church Year. We'll spend the next six months reviewing Jesus' life, death and resurrection, using Matthew's Gospel as our guide. Expect to hear lots of Jesus' teachings and references to fulfilled prophecies.

The Radio Broadcast for December 8, 2019, is sponsored by Ty & Jamie Wohlt & family and Roy Balthazor in memory of Penny Balthazor.

Ruby Erickson, age 92, died on November 25, 2019. Her funeral was held on December 2. May the Lord graciously comfort the survivors.

Mary Looker, age 77, died on November 26, 2019. May the Lord graciously comfort the survivors.

Given in memory of Verlyn Burow: \$200.00 to School Special needs fund and \$140.00 to Radio Ministry.

Thank you to Jodi Wilz for making and donating the 2 new Christmas tree skirts.

There are poinsettia order forms on the back tables. The orders with payment must be turned in to the office by December 8, 2019.

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

The new Meditations devotional date Dec. 1 – Feb. 29, 2020, is available in the back of church. The cost is \$4.00.