

December 14-15, 2019

Advent 3

Liturgy: pg. 38, CW w/Advent Gathering Rite

Psalm: Psalm 146, pg. 120 CW

First lesson Isaiah 35: 1-10

Second lesson James 5: 7-11

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Sermon text: Isaiah 35: 1-10

Sermon theme: "Joy Blooms in Unexpected Places"

Speaker: Rev. Aaron Kristopeit

Hymns: Gathering Rite (insert), 19, 12, 353

Special music: 8:00 am – Gr. 5-8

Schedule

14 Sat **9:00-11:00 am Youth Bible hour Christmas practice**

4:00 pm Worship service

15 Sun 8:00 am Worship service

9:15 am Scrip sales

9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour

10:30 am Worship service

11:45 am Christmas Canvass

17 Tue 6:30 pm Bell choir

7:30 pm Choir

18 Wed 3:15 & 7:00 pm Advent worship services

7:45 pm Council meeting

19 Thur 5:00 pm PSI

21 Sat **9:00 – 11:00 am Youth Bible hour Christmas practice**

4:00 pm Youth Bible Hour Christmas service

22 Sun 8:00 am Worship service

10:30 am LES Christmas service

10:30 am service broadcast on WDUX AM800

Organist: Becky Miller

Deacon: Tim Paider

Head Usher: 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

12/18 - 3:15 – Gloria Prillwitz, Kristine Buchholz

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

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

Church Attendance: 12/7-8: 73+96+55=224

SCHEDULE: 12/21- B. Warnke, 12/22 B. Miller; Deacon: Jeremy Schroeder

Head Ushers: 12/21: Steve Bartel; 12/22: Steve Stuebs Radio: Tammy B.

Greeters: 4:00 – Charles & Barb Wall; Coffee: Beyer/Umnus

8:00 – Marty Bechard, Justin Koplien 10:30 – Kim & Laurie Kaminske & family

Ushers: 8:00 – Brock & Brian Krenke, Megan McGlin, Raine Radtke

10:30 – Quinn, Carter & Travis Dittmann, Tyler Togstad

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 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 18 Peace for Eternity**

CHRISTMAS 2019: WHOM WILL YOU REACH?

What if 1,000,000 people across the United States were invited to hear the gospel this Christmas Eve? You can help! Please take home and fill out the green C19 insert in today's bulletin (extras can be found on the back tables). This sheet will help you think about and pray for the individuals you will invite to one of our Christmas Eve services this year. God bless your efforts with courage and joy!

SPL YOUTH BIBLE HOUR CHRISTMAS PRACTICES

There will be two practices for students attending SPL Youth Bible Hour in preparation for their Christmas service. The practices will be held on Saturday, December 14, AND Saturday, December 21, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Their program will be on Saturday, December 21 at 4:00 pm. Also, if anyone would like to donate cookies or juice for these practices, please bring it to the office. Thank you!

THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" to all who helped in putting up the Christmas trees and other various decorations this past weekend, both in the church and narthex.

GIVING TREE – THANK YOU

Thank you to all who purchased gifts – 35 children will be happy to receive the gifts donated! Also, thank you for the monetary donations for the Giving Tree.

FVL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The FVL Choirs invite you to attend their annual Christmas concert on December 15th at 4:00 pm. The concert is free and open to all! Come and enjoy these songs dedicated to the birth of our Lord Jesus!

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

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

SPL Youth Bible Hour Christmas program	12-21-2019 4:00 pm (Saturday)
St. Peter School Christmas program	12-22-2019 10:30 am (Sunday)
St. Peter School Christmas program	12-24-2019 4:00 pm (Tuesday)
Christmas Eve Readings & Carols	12-24-2019 7:00 pm (Tuesday)
Christmas Day Service	12-25-2019 9:30 am (Wednesday)
New Year's Worship Service	12-31-2019 4:00 pm w/communion

The 10:30 am service on 12/22, the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve service and the 9:30 am Christmas Day service will be broadcast live on WDUX AM800.

FVL MUSICFEST 2020

Musicfest 2020 will be held January 26, 2020, with performances beginning at noon. Doors open at 11:30 am and the event will run until 4:00 pm. Musicfest is currently seeking items or basket donations for the Silent Auction. Find out more at fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest or call Megan Beyer at 920-560-5122. Please bring all donations to the FVL School office prior to 1/6/20.

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.

The Radio Broadcast for December 15, 2019, is sponsored by Joanne Burow in memory of her husband, Verlyn Burow.

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.

Your 2020 offering envelopes can be picked up in the back of church. Please do not use them until the New Year as they have been renumbered.

**ST. PETER OFFICE HOURS DECEMBER 23, 26, 27, 30 – 8 am until 1 pm
(Closed December 24-25th and Dec. 31-Jan. 1st.)**