

December 15-16, 2018

Advent 3

Liturgy: pg. 38 CW

Speaker, Rev. Aaron Kristopeit

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 14, see insert

First lesson:..... Zephaniah 3: 14-17

Second lesson:..... Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel lesson:..... Luke 3: 15-18

Sermon text:..... Zephaniah 3: 14-17

Sermon theme: "The LORD, Your King, is With You"

Hymns: Advent Gathering Rite (see insert), 19, 6, 12

Special music: 8:00 – Senior Bell Choir; 10:30 am – Junior Choir

Schedule

15 Sat	9:00 am Christmas Canvass-meet in Narthex 9:00-11:00 am Youth Bible hour Christmas practice 4:00 pm Worship service
16 Sun	8:00 am Worship service 9:00 am Scrip sales 9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour 10:30 am Worship service
18 Tue	6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Choir
19 Wed	10:00 am Women's Bible study 3:15 & 7:00 pm Advent Worship services 5:00 pm PSI 7:45 pm Council meeting
22 Sat	9:00-11:00 am Youth Bible hour Christmas practice 4:00 pm Youth Bible Hour Christmas program
23 Sun	8:00 am Worship service 10:30 am LES Children's Christmas program 10:30 am service broadcast on WDUX AM800

Organist: Kerry Koehler **Deacon:** Tim Paider

Head Usher: 12/15: Mike Abrahamson; 12/16: Steve Bartel; **Radio:** Gaston Popple

Greeters: 4:00 – Lola Fuhs **Coffee:** B. Beyer/Sonnenschein

8:00 – Adam & Lacy Raisler & fam.; 10:30 – Anthony & Joann Pankow & fam.;

12/19: 3:15 – Vera Frederick, LaVonne Hidde

Ushers: 8:00 – Ali Kaminske, Erica Olson, Jaden Alswager, Tristian Paulson

10:30 –Samantha Smith, Hailey Sych, Greg Radtke, Tom Schneider

Church Attendance: 12/5: 113 +28; 12/8-9: 67 + 150 + 100 = 317

SCHEDULE: 12/23: Organist: Becky Miller; **Deacon:** Jeremy Schroeder

Head Ushers: 12/22: Dylan Pankow; 12/23: Tim Litscher **Radio:** Ben Morack

Greeters:4:00 –Larry & Stacey Glick; **Coffee:** P. Beyer/Umnus

8:00 – Rojean Bodoh & family; 10:30 –Tyler & Ruth Danke & family

12/24: 4:00 – Justin & Lakkin Zielke; 7:00 – Gary & Sandy Hecker

Ushers: 8:00 – Mason & Hunter Soerens, Nicholas Loehrke

10:30 – Emma Vallery, Sariya Williams, Brianne Rodencal, Rob Hoewisch

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

The theme of our midweek services will be "Gifts for All Ages." Jesus is the greatest gift God has given us, and he's a gift that keeps on giving! Along with Jesus comes truth, forgiveness and love. Each week we'll focus on one of these extra gifts Jesus brings us. Our final midweek advent services will be held at 3:15 and 7:00 pm on December 19th. May the Lord bless our Advent preparations.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIES--THE KINGDOM IS COMING

Happy New Year! Your regular calendar won't start over until January, but the Church has its own calendar of seasons. The month of December marks the beginning of a new "church year" with the season of **Advent** (a Latin word that means "coming"). Each church year follows one of the Gospel books, and this year we're looking at Luke's Gospel. Luke's main focus in Advent is on the coming of the **Kingdom of God**. Here are the topics for each Sunday:

-**Hear the News of the Kingdom!** (December 15-16)

-Sing the Songs of the Kingdom! (December 23, 8:00 am)

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 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. **The practices will be held on Saturday, December 15, AND Saturday, December 22, 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!**

GREETERS NEEDED

Greeters are needed at all services, and with the extra services in December we need extra greeters. Please sign up on the back table for a time that fits your schedule. Your voluntary sign-up helps save our coordinator many phone calls.

SCRIP – CHRISTMAS ORDERING

Will you be starting your holiday shopping soon? Consider using the SPL Scrip program to purchase your gift cards. **The deadline** for ordering gift cards to be available by Christmas is **9:00 am on Monday, December 17, 2018**. Scrip is sold in the office on school days 7:30 am - 3:00 pm and on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 9:00 – 9:30 am. Plan ahead and order early!

Your 2019 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.

THANK YOU!

The Friends Assisting Christian Education group would like to thank all who attended the chili supper last week and enjoyed a warm bowl of chili! Donations collected (\$320.00) will go toward SPL school unbudgeted items. We also thank Thrivent for their Action Team grant.

FVL MUSICFEST 2019

FVL Musicfest 2019 will be held on January 27, 2019, with performances beginning at noon. Doors open at 11:30 am and the event runs 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 office prior to January 7.

FVL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The FVL Choirs invite you to attend their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 pm. The concert is free and all are invited to join with the choirs as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus.

FOUNDATIONS FOR LIVING WARMING CENTER

The Warming Center at FFL provides a safe, warm place for adults in the Waupaca area. It is available to individuals in crisis November 1st through April 30. Doors open at 8:00 pm and all overnight guests are asked to leave by 7:30 am the following morning. We are in need of volunteers to cover both the Hospitality shift 7:45 pm – 9:30 pm, as well as the Overnight shift 9:00 pm – 7:30 am. Two volunteers stay during the Overnight shift. For more information, please call 715-942-2725.

Received in memory of Donald Dey: \$1000.00 to Building & Maintenance fund, \$250.00 to Missions, \$210.00 to Member Ministry and \$50.00 to St. Peter Bell Choir.

Given in memory of Charlie & Martha Tesch and Jessie Davis: \$2,000.00 to BOTR debt.

Given in memory of Edwin & Daniel Thiel: \$100.00 to BOTR debt.

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

The new issue of the Meditations devotional dated Dec. 2 thru Mar. 2 is available in the back of church. The cost is \$4.00 per copy.