

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

THE FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by Stu and Donna Young in honor of their 44th anniversary on November 25th and in honor of their children Jenny and Jonathon.

The flowers at the lectern are given to the glory of God by Lew and Mary Ann Schild in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary which was on November 11th.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember Zion Lutheran Church in Republic.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HOME OF MERCY

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our special offering for Luther Home of Mercy in Williston. We received more than \$600 in gifts. Thank you!

ADVENT LUNCHESES

There is a signup sheet to prepare lunch following Advent midweek worship on December 5, 12, & 19. Please sign up if you are able to help.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

There will be Wednesday worship during the Advent season, on December 5, 12, & 19. Worship will be at noon in the chapel, followed by lunch; and at 7 pm in the sanctuary (no food). Our theme is "Celebrating Advent with the Saints."

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

The holidays can be difficult for those who are grieving. If you are among the bereaved, please join us for a Blue Christmas worship on Sunday, December 16 at 3 pm in the main sanctuary. We will pray together, light candles for our loved ones, and hear words of comfort to help us in these days. All are welcome.

FAMILIES CELEBRATE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

This year the Music & Worship and Fellowship Committees are working together to make the journey through Advent and Christmas. We have cards available that feature a ritual, prayer, reflection or activities for families with kids ages 3-12. The cards are dated for use each day from the first Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018) to the Day of Epiphany (January 6, 2018). The cards are on the table in the narthex and are limited to one per family please.

FROM BISHOP BEAUDOIN

Our Year of Prayer memory verse is Philippians 4:6 *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* For more resources on the Year of Prayer, go to www.nwos-elca.church.

OUTREACH NEWS

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Once again, we are in need of hand towels, bars of soap, and baby socks for our baby kits. Please place the items in the basket by the elevator. Thank you for all your support!!

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BASKETS

St. Peter is collecting cake mix and frosting for the Salvation Army's annual Christmas Meal Basket program. Our goal is to collect 100 boxes of cake mix and cans of frosting by December 2. If you'd like to support this cause, items can be placed in the display in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

CHURCH NEWS

CANDIDATES SOUGHT

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to run for Church Council. Terms are three years and commence in February 2019. Anyone interested in submitting their name or another's (with their permission), please speak with the pastor.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Progressive Dinner is Saturday, December 1, at 6 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship. Check the bulletin board for the list of host homes and addresses. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We are now taking orders for Christmas poinsettias. The deadline to order is Sunday, Dec. 2nd. You can either purchase a white poinsettia for the chancel or make a donation to a hunger ministry. The names of all donors will be included in the Christmas bulletins.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE DAY

Christian Service Day will meet on December 12th at 9 a.m. We will have a work session and then attend the Advent Service at noon. All are welcome to attend.

ONLINE GIVING

We are pleased to announce that "Online Giving" is now available through our website. Your information is safe and secure. Our website uses the SSL Encryption feature to protect against the interception of your credit card information. Using the online offering feature allows you to make your offering with your debit or credit card. This can be a one-time offering or recurring. You can also choose the fund you would like to make the offering to. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

MONTHLY REPORTS

You will find all the year-to-date monthly reports in the narthex. This will include committee, council, CDNS and financial reports.

COOKIE FUNDRAISER

As we draw nearer to Christmas, the Youth Group is gearing up for our Annual Cookie Fundraiser to take place on December 16. But in order to do so, we need your help! If you are able and willing, please stop by the youth board and grab a tag with an ingredient on it. Then bring your donated item back to the Church by December 13. Thank you for continuing to support our youths!

PASTOR ANN'S BLOG

Check out Pastor Ann's blog on St. Peter's website: <https://www.stpeter-elca.org>. You can sign up to follow the blog and new articles will be delivered to your email as soon as they are posted.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want the pastor to visit you, call the church office or the pastor's cell phone (419-602-9405). Please do not rely on the hospital to notify her.

THANK YOU

The Property Committee would like to thank Steve Silcox, Adam Silcox, Ted Fries, Scott Wetzel and Adam Albright for helping tear off the picnic shelter roof. Also a big thank you to Amos Albright Builders for putting on the new roof.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVENT FESTIVAL

You're invited to the 3rd annual Advent Festival on Sunday, December 2 from 12:00 – 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of Advent with crafts, games, and storytelling. The Advent Festival will be fun for the entire family! A light lunch will be provided. This event is coordinated by the Fellowship, Concerns, and Worship & Music Committees.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Sandusky Choral Society will present their annual Christmas concerts on Friday Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwalk Methodist Church and on Sunday Dec. 2 at 3:00 p.m. at the Grace Episcopal Church in Sandusky. There will be a reception after each concert in the church fellowship hall. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased from any chorus member or at the door.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEMINAR

The Huron County Community Emergency Response Team invites us to attend a presentation about human trafficking provided by the Ohio Human Trafficking Coalition on Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Huron County EMA office, 255-B Shady Lane Drive in Norwalk. The EMA office is located behind the Sheriff's Office in a separate building. The presenter is Sister Mary Huffman from Sisters-in-Shelter in Tiffin. The presentation is provided by Huron County CERT as a community service. Reservations are not mandatory but are appreciated by calling 419-663-5772.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 25

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
1:00 p.m. Youth Grantmaking – Room 204
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Committee – Room 206

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 26

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 27

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Bell Choir – Room 206
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir – Balcony

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 28

5:00 p.m. CDNS Family Night

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 29

4:30 p.m. Setup for Advent

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 30

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 1

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion – Chapel
6:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner

NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 2

Advent Begins

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Advent Festival – Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

Announcements are due by noon on Wednesday.

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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.