



# Welcome to the Morning Worship Service! *December 16, 2018*

*When the music begins to play, please turn off your cell phones and prepare your hearts for worship.*

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Prayer

♪ Call to Worship ♪

Worship of Giving

♪ Song of Preparation ♪

Hymn #125:

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

(Children who are in kindergarten through the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are dismissed for Children's Church. Nursery care is provided for infants and children 4 years old & under.)

*Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – Singing  
(Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6)*

Message: Pastor Ron Dusharm

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

By the Men's Choir

♪ Praise Music ♪

Benediction

## Visitors

We are honored to have you with us today. Please be sure to sign the attendance record as it comes around, and if you would like more information about the church, please ask one of the ushers for a Welcome brochure.

## Youth Groups

The **Senior High Youth Group** will meet today to go ice skating. The **Junior High Youth Group** will not meet today. The Youth Groups will not meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup> of Dec.

## Young Adults

The Young Adults are scheduled to meet with Jay and Shelby this Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Ministry House.

## Welcome New Baby!

Shane & Jackie Tyler (and big sister Josie) are pleased to announce the birth of their son Isaiah Charles. He was born on December 3<sup>rd</sup> weighing in at 10 lbs. & 7 oz.

## Attention Ushers

Please pick up your copy of the 2019 schedule. Copies are available in the vestibule on the table. Thank you.

## Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2019 are available in the vestibule for those who wish to use them, BUT please do not use them until the first Sunday of January 2019. Thank you.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

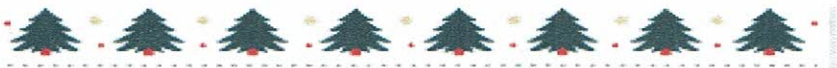
There will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at the church at 9:00 pm. Why not bring a friend, or two, to join us as we celebrate the joyous occasion of our Savior's birth.



## Opportunities for Dec. 9th – Dec. 16th

Today	Morning Worship Service	11:00 AM
	Sr Hi Youth Group will meet for Ice Skating	
	NO Junior High Youth Group Mtg Today	
Tuesday	Young Adults	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Moms in Prayer	9:30 am
	Hour of Prayer	7:00 PM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday	Food Pantry Is Open	5:00 PM
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 PM
Next Sunday Dec 23rd	Sunday School for All Ages	9:30 AM
	Morning Worship Service	11:00 AM

### Youth Groups will not meet today



## Giving

General Fund Balance	Actual	Budgeted
Offering for December 9	\$2,252.00	\$3,050.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$88,175.75	\$85,450.00



### Nursery Volunteers

**Today** Carolyn Pittroff & Lillian  
Aylesworth ♦ Teen: Caton

### **Next Sunday Dec 23rd**

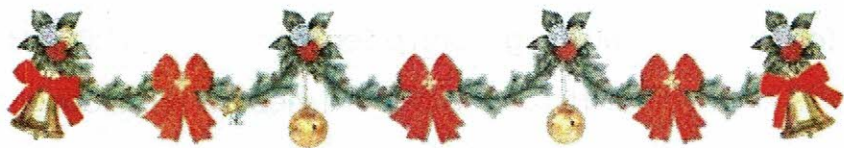
Deb VanNorstrand & Kayla  
Holdridge ♦ Teen: Hannah

### Children's Church

**Today** Lori Carnicelli  
**Next Sunday Dec 23rd**  
Sue Montana

### Ushers:

Dick Kalinowski and Den  
Pierce



## *What's Behind the Tradition?*

(Part Three)



*The wreath has a significant meaning for the season. Typically associated with evergreen, its circular shape represents eternity, for there is no beginning and no end. Evergreen used in wreath, symbolizes growth and everlasting life. Often holly is used in a wreath. Holly branches have thorns; this represents the thorn used on Jesus' crown when he was crucified. The bright red holly berries remind us of Jesus' blood that was shed for us. The grapevine wreaths have been placed in the decorations around the church to remind us of the sacrifice Jesus made for everyone. It can be hard to remember the real meaning of the Christmas celebration, but when you see a wreath - evergreen, grapevine or Advent - may it remind you of new and everlasting life blessed by Jesus the Christ.*



## *The Third Sunday of Advent – Singing*

Please turn to Zephaniah 3:14-20 (pg. 790 in the pew Bible), and Isaiah 12:2-6 (pg. 576)

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Forgive us, O God. Too easily we give in to fear and we forget to sing your praise. Pour your joy over us and renew our hope. Forgive us, O God. Too easily we doubt our strength to do your work. Pour your song over us to wash away our shame and hesitation. Forgive us, O God. Too easily we forget to see ourselves and one another in your image. Pour your love over us so that we recognize your beauty in our midst. Forgive us, O God, and restore us we pray. Amen.*

Ephesians 5:19 ...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart...