

Luther Memorial Church

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1st Sunday of Advent

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

Commemorations for the Week

December 3 Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552
December 4 John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died 749
December 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342
December 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill & Jane Nunn by Sharon Wolf.

Helpers, Flowers & Scripture for next week, December 9

Opening/Closing: Mary Carol Boldt
Communion Assistant: Turk Pierce
Ushers: Dave Bowman & Judy Skouras
Lector: Carol Little
Acolyte: Ellen Boldt
Altar Guild: Muff Spangler & Steph Campbell
Counter: Jim Platt
Altar Flowers: Dick Campbell
Scripture Readings: Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79,
Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

WELCOME TO LUTHER MEMORIAL

Your presence makes a difference as we listen to the Word of our Lord. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book or complete a pew card so that we may have a record of your visit. Please follow along in a worship booklet found in your pew.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS

A 6" pot of red Poinsettias is \$9 each. Order forms are available in the church narthex or you may call the church office to order.

The deadline to order poinsettias is TODAY!

ADVENT COLLECTIONS

During Advent our congregation is collecting items for various organizations. Please participate in the collections you feel most called to help. Angel gift needs are at the church

December 2 — Hats & gloves for York Suburban students

December 9 — Underwear & dolls for Helping Hands

December 16 — Angel gifts for Community Progress Council

PRAYERS

We pray for Muff Spangler & Turk Pierce, who each lost a brother in the last week. May all who mourn for Bill Nevin & Tim Pierce feel God's comfort and find peace.



Weekly Calendar

Today

9a Worship
10:30 Sunday School
6:15p FA in Recovery (YR)
8p Search for Serenity (FH)

Monday, December 3

2:30 ARC
8p Phoenix Study(AA)

Tuesday, December 4

2:30p ARC
6p Advent Prayer
6:30 Choir
6:30 NAMI

Wednesday, December 5

2:30p ARC
6p NAMI
8p Grope Group (FH)

Thursday, December 6

12:45 Bible Study
2:30p ARC
8p Y.A.M.P.S.

Friday, December 7

8:30 Sr. Ping Pong
2:30p ARC

Saturday, December 8

3p Grope Group (FH)

Sunday, December 9

9a Worship
10:30 Sunday School
3p Girl Scouts
4p Shut-in gifts
6p Caroling
6:15p FA in Recovery (YR)
8p Search for Serenity (FH)



Capital Campaign Update

Total pledged: \$116,447
Total Received: \$109,472



ADVENT STAR DEVOTIONALS & ADVENT CALENDARS

are available in the narthex.

Take one for yourself
and another to a friend.



BIBLE STUDY

Bible study is held on Thursdays at 12:45 p.m. in the church narthex. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE & OFFERING AVERAGES

Average worship attendance: 62 Y-T-D: 69
Budgeted weekly undesignated giving: \$3,140
Average weekly undesignated giving for November: \$2,823
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Undesignated Giving: \$2,872

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Dec 2 –How the Liturgical Calendar forms our faith. –Pastor Laura

Dec 9 –How Music Forms our faith. —Emily

What are your favorite memories of church music? Which carols hold special meaning for you & why?

ADVENT CALENDARS are available in the Narthex. Please help the Good Gifts Circle to continue changing lives through the ELCA Good Gifts program by filling one and returning it to the church. Or, if you prefer, you can write a check with Good Gifts in the memo. All of your Advent Calendar and Good Gifts contributions this Advent Season will help to feed people through the ELCA's World Hunger initiative.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & SHUT IN GIFTS

All are invited to come together on Sunday, December 9 to prepare gifts for our shut-in friends and to go caroling. We will gather at the church at 4 p.m. to prepare the gifts, order pizza for dinner and then go caroling through the neighborhood. All are welcome including friends and family.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

We will decorate on Sunday, December 16 after worship. All are welcome to participate.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The annual Christmas Eve Holy Communion & Candlelight Service will be held Monday, December 24 at 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE HELP NEEDED

- Help is needed to coordinate the distribution of the poinsettias after the Christmas Eve service
- Help is needed to collect the hand candles after the Christmas Eve service.

If you are available for one of these tasks, please call the church office or talk with Steph Campbell.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT NEEDS

We are in urgent need of **Canned Vegetables & Oatmeal packets** in addition to **16 oz. Chef Boyardee canned pastas, tuna kits and pudding cups** for the Food for Thought. If you are able to provide some of these items, your help would be greatly appreciated.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book discussion group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the church narthex. There will not be a December meeting. **January 16** "The Woman in the Window" ~A.J. Finn

PASTORAL CARE

In case of a pastoral care emergency when no one is in the office, please call Pastor Laura Haupt at 410-900-0009. Pastor Laura is off on Fridays. Please call the church office during office hours.

WHEN GREIF COLORS THE HOLIDAYS

How to manage the absence of a loved one during the festive season

A free program offered by the Spiritual Care Department of WellSpan Health

Presented by Reverend Peter Kuhn

Friday, December 14, 2018 – 7 – 8:30 p.m. at York Hospital Classroom 10 A/B Medical Education Pavilion. Call 717-851-2305 for reservations. Seating is limited, parking is free in the front lot, go to Medical Education Pavilion Entrance. Classroom is on the right.



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.
-Matthew 25:35-36

WE OFFER THANKS AND APPRECIATION..

To all who help keep us informed of those in need of spiritual care.

To the faithful servants who keep the ministries of the church running smoothly.

