

Luther Memorial Church

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4th Sunday of Advent

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and the blessed virgin Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in the holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

Commemorations for the Week

December 26 Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
December 27 John, Apostle and Evangelist
December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Barbara Smith in honor of the congregation and in celebration of the birth of Christ.

Helpers, Flowers & Scripture for next week, December 30

Opening/Closing: Gerald Neely
Communion Assistant: Jim Platt
Ushers: Dave & Rosalie Bowman
Lector: George Gard
Acolyte: Mara Jade Thiec
Altar Guild: Campbell Family & Marianne Ziegler
Counter: Carol Little
Altar Flowers: George & Molly Gard
Scripture Readings: Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55
Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new 2019 offering envelopes have arrived. You may pick up your envelopes in the church narthex. If you would like to deliver envelopes to others in the congregation, please note that you took them on the sheet next to the envelopes. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, please call the church office and we will deliver them to you. The new sets do not include some of the special envelopes, such as capital campaign and mission, however we have them at the church narthex and we will send them with the quarterly giving statements.

STAFF VACATION

Pastor Laura will be on vacation Tuesday, December 25 – Saturday, December 29. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, Pastor Darcy Reis is on call for us and may be reached at St. James (717)854-7198 or her cell phone (570)516-4282. The office will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25. Merry Christmas!



Weekly Calendar

Today

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

Monday, December 24

7p Christmas Eve Candlelight
8p Phoenix Study(AA)

Tuesday, December 25

Merry Christmas

Wednesday, December 26

6p NAMI
8p Grope Group (FH)

Thursday, December 27

8p Y.A.M.P.S.

Friday, December 28

Saturday, December 29

3p Grope Group (FH)

Sunday, December 30

9a Lessons & Carols
10:30 Cookie Pot Luck Fellowship
6:15p FA in Recovery (YR)
8p Search for Serenity (FH)



Capital Campaign Update

Total pledged: \$116,456
Total Received: \$110,756



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who sent Christmas cards, dropped sweet treats off at the office and expressed Christmas wishes to the church staff in person, by phone and by email. This congregation is full of love and you are all amazing at sharing it and making us feel appreciated and truly loved. Merry Christmas!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Dec 23 – Why does it matter that God became flesh?

How the Incarnation forms our faith. –Pastor Laura

Dec 30 – No Class, Christmas Cookie Potluck Fellowship

ELCA GOOD GIFTS MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

In the hustle of getting the perfect gift for friends and family, remember ELCA Good Gifts. They are a great way to honor those we love and help others in the process. Gifts can be made directly online by visiting www.elca.org or making a donation here at Luther Memorial by noting Good Gifts on the donation. Catalogs are available in the narthex. Please talk with Rosalie Bowman if you have any questions.

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.

January 16 “The Woman in the Window” ~A.J. Finn

BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE

Bible Study is on hiatus until Thursday, January 31 when we will begin a series on Luke. Bible Study will meet in the narthex at 12:45 p.m. each Thursday, January 31 – March 7.



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Helpers, Flowers & Scripture for Christmas Eve

Opening/Closing: Steph Campbell

Communion Assistant: Dave Bowman

Ushers: Craig & Steph Campbell

Lector: Dave Bowman

Acolyte: Isabella Kitner

Altar Guild: Ruth Tezak, Steph Campbell, Judy Hoover

Altar Flowers: Craig & Steph Campbell

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.



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 have made Good Gifts contributions.

To all who helped decorate for Christmas

To the Nancy Poster for watering the poinsettias and to the Poster's for distributing them.

To the Kitner's for prepping the Christmas tree & the Little's for ordering the tree.

To all who took part in the mid-week Advent prayer services.

To all who donated angel gifts.

To all who donated underwear & dolls

To all who donated hats & gloves for students of York Suburban.

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.

