

Weekly News for the week beginning 12/26/2021

Luther Memorial Church

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Weekly Calendar

TODAY

10a Worship

8p Search for Serenity (FH)

Monday, December 27

8p Phoenix

Tuesday, December 28

Wednesday, December 29

6:30p Choir

8p Grope Group

Thursday, December 30

8p YAMPS

Friday, December 31

Saturday, January 1

3p Grope Group (FH)

Sunday, January 2

10a Worship

8p Search for Serenity (FH)

Frist Sunday of Christmas

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

Commemorations

12/26 Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

12/27 John, Apostle and Evangelist

12/28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1/1 Name of Jesus

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the congregation.

Ushers: Open

Communion Assistant: Open

Lector: Gary Tressler

Altar Guild: Open

Broadcast: Jen Morris

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7, Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-7, Luke 2:8-16, Luke 2:21-36, Matthew 2:1-12, Matthew 2:13-23, John 1:1-14

The 2022 Worship Assistant Sign-up is posted in the Narthex

Worship Assistants, & Text for January 2

Ushers:

Communion Assistant:

Lector:

Altar Guild:

Broadcast:

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

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. Worship booklets may be found in the pews.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. CAN YOU HELP?

Sign up for the following worship duties on the bulletin board to the right of the glass narthex doors:

- ◆ **After worship Fellowship Hosts:** set-up, provide refreshments, and clean up providing parishioners
- ◆ **Ushers:** greet those coming in to worship
- ◆ **Altar Guild:** serve to set up and clean up the altar for worship
- ◆ **Lectors:** read the lessons during worship
- ◆ **Communion Assistants:** Assist by pouring wine
- ◆ **Worship Broadcast:** putting worship on Zoom for home viewers

We have openings across the board for worship assistants. If you can step in today or sign up for a date in December in the bulletin board in the narthex, we would greatly appreciate it.

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ALTAR FLOWERS/BROADCAST

At the December meeting Council discussed altar flowers and worship broadcast. One thing we have learned during the pandemic is that it is important to make worship available to everyone who is not comfortable being in person, as well as our elderly and shut-in members. Trying to find volunteers to broadcast worship has been a challenge and taxing on the limited volunteers, so Council approved a motion to hire a person to broadcast worship each week. We will be seeking sponsorship for the worship broadcast once a qualified person has been hired. Since the cost of flowers has risen again to \$45 a week in the new year, and it has been challenging to fill the flower chart, the Council has decided to place plants at the altar and augment them with silk flowers instead of having flower vases. Therefore, we will be offering the opportunity to sponsor the worship broadcast each week for \$50 instead of altar flowers. You are welcome to split this with someone and have a dual sponsorship. We will be discontinuing altar flowers at the close of 2021 and will post a broadcast sponsor sign up once we have a candidate hired.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2022 offering envelopes are available in the narthex. If you are able to deliver envelopes to someone you know is unable to get to church, please feel free to do so, but indicate it on the sheet by the envelopes.

STITCHES OF LOVE

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. in the narthex. Bring your lunch. All are welcome!

ISSAC'S LADIES LUNCH

On the 3rd Thursday of each month, the Ladies of Luther Memorial meet for lunch at noon at Isaac's on Pauline Drive. All ladies are welcome.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE PASTOR

Pastor Doug Johnson may be reached by phone (515) 321-4582 or by email dougjohnson79@comcast.net Please feel free to call or email me at any time.



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 donated underwear and dolls to Helping Hands.

To all who provided Angel Gifts to the two sponsored families this year.

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

To the staff and Council for keeping the operations of the church running.