



Lamplighter Weekly

4th Sunday of Advent, December 24th, 2017

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Week of December 24th

BASE is in session M-F 5:30 am - 6:00 pm
No Preschool this week

Sunday

Contemporary Worship 10:00 am
Food For Families 11:10 am
12 Step NA Meeting 6:00 pm
Candlelight Service 7:00 pm

Monday

Christmas Day
Christmas Day Eucharist 10:00 am
++ Office closed ++

Tuesday

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am
Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Warriors 9:00 am
TOPS 6:00 pm

Thursday

Text Study at the Wises 3:00 pm

Friday

Saturday

12 Step Meetings 4pm & 6pm



Worship Assistants for next Sunday, December 31st, 2017

Assisting Minister	Mike Doyle
Lector	Steve Howe
Communion	Bonnie Doyle & Marilouise Petersen
Acolyte	Volunteers
Children's Time	Lydia Wise
Altar Guild	Connie Carlson
Ushers	John McAuliffe & Marlys Nasset Doug & Anne Briehl
Greeters	Volunteers
Control Booth	Emily DeZarn & Tracy Nieto
Coffee Hour	Marlys Nasset

Readings for December 31st, 2017

Isaiah 61:10--62:3

Clothed in garments of salvation

Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

Galatians 4:4-7

Children and heirs of God

Luke 2:22-40

The presentation of the child

Next Week's Food for Families Volunteers

Sat., Dec. 30 th Pickup	Howes
Sat., Dec. 30 th Set Up	Glen, Judy
Sun., Dec. 31 st Set Up	SLC Volunteers
Sun., Dec. 31 st	SLC Volunteers

Birthdays!

Mike Doyle December 24
Kyra Benn December 25
Ed Lustig December 25



Cindy Alwert December 27
David Ameluxen December 28

Join us on Tuesday, January 16th, at 11:45 am at the Gateway Cottage as we celebrate our birthday lunch!

* Thank You *

During our "Adopt-a-Family" Ministry this year we had 62 ornaments with needs and wants from 8 different children on our Giving Tree in the foyer. You have all been extraordinarily generous in supporting to this wonderful ministry. With your help we are able to provide Christmas gifts (most likely the ONLY Christmas gifts!) to Nico (age 3), Fred (1), Noa (4), Azmera (2), Jaeleigh (11), Jared (9), Will (16) and Anna (16). They are the children of 3 single moms and one single grandmother.

Because of your generosity twelve lives will know the joy of Christmas, and my heart is full of thanks to have you as brothers and sisters in Christ.

~submitted by Stefanie DeZarn

** Thank You **

To our members who so willingly have volunteered their time to participate in the worship services this year, I so appreciate the jobs you do; assisting ministers, lectors and communion servers.

To our young people who step in to serve as acolytes, you are a blessing to this congregation.

I am ever grateful,
Elois Macdonald

* Important Congregational Meeting! *

We will be having a brief Congregational Meeting to ratify the revised Constitution and Bylaws on **Jan. 14th, 2018**, adjacent to worship in the sanctuary. We have Bylaw and Constitution documents posted on our webpage www.spanawaylutheran.org and we will email digital versions to all who have an email account. If you wish, you can stop by the office to pick up a hard copy for review. Make sure to mark your calendars and don't hesitate to contact the office with any questions or concerns. Thank You.

~submitted by Office Admin

** Who's responsible? **

Have you ever wondered who's responsible for making sure the seasonal color changes happen in the sanctuary? Although church season color changes with paraments and pastoral stoles have been happening for centuries, this particular project all started at SLC in 1997 with a vision for more color in the sanctuary and a proposal to Pastor Don Melchert to find funds for new seasonal rafter banners. I was given \$350 to purchase 384ft of fabric in 4 different colors at half price so I could design and create 12 8ft banners of each color. Later that year a member donated 96ft of white fabric to be appropriately designed for use during our festival worship services after use for a family wedding. All are still used to date.

After my hands began to fail in 2010, Phil, Angela, and Kaylin Aponte have faithfully made themselves available to see to it that the appropriate colors are hung in the sanctuary for worship. This includes changing the paraments, large and small wall banners, as well as the banners that hang from the organ and rafters. These changes take place 15 times every year. When you enter the sanctuary to a new season color change please take a moment to thank them for their faithful service to God.

~Submitted by a forever grateful Laurie Howe.

* Can you help? *

A family of 3 (Grandpa, Grandma and Grandson), who have come to our church for worship for a while now, just received a 30 day notice to vacate their rental. They are looking for a 1 or 2 bedroom house or apartment for up to \$900. If you know of any availabilities, please speak with Marilouise Petersen or contact the office and we will forward your message. Thank you.

~submitted by Office Admin for Marilouise Petersen

Mortgage Update

Mortgage Numbers:	as of 12-17-17
received	\$640.00
Total to date	\$110,131.81

Prayer Request

<i>This week we are praying for...</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayers about...</i>	<i>The latest update is...</i>	<i>The person is...</i>
Amanda Billings	Stage 4 breast cancer	Clear margins, hallelujah!	Paula Oty's daughter-in-law
June Broeckel	continuous health issues	in hospice care, June is a little weaker, but does walk a little	a member of the congregation
Lori Nelson	Cancer	Cancer is on pause	A member of the congregation and Chuck Nelson's daughter-in-law
Gail Bohannon	brain tumor	health is declining	a member of the congregation
Olivia Baker & Parents Bob & Amy	ongoing health issues due to cystic fibrosis		the Luberts' granddaughter
Homer Lowery	3rd time diagnosed with leukemia	Home from Chemo, he will need a bone marrow transplant	Rob DeZarn's father
Helen Boyle	Pancreatic Cancer	in treatment	Friend of Doug and Anne Briehl
Kim Cleveland	return of lung cancer and new diagnosis of MS	starting MS infusions, had 1/3 of her lung removed	Angela Aponte's sister
Tim Bailey	health issues due to diabetes	goes for weekly infusions	Kris Salter's friend/neighbor
Kathleen Keeton	failing health due to age	taking it day by day	a member of the congregation
Burton Nessel	continuing health issues	Recovering from a stroke	a member of the congregation
Elaine & Glen Borchart	both have aggressive health issues		Elaine is Dick Wollin's cousin
Genevieve Hovey	health issues	memory loss and balance issues	a member of the congregation
Sara Jackson	anxiety, depression		a member of the congregation
Faye Keller	Cardiac issues	was in hospital but is home now	a member of the congregation
Dave Percy	Parkinson's		Doug Hedlund's friend
Morey Gunderson	fluid around his heart		Nietos family friend
Hannah Wright Osborn	1 year mission in Jerusalem	Hannah is OK	a member of the congregation
Randy Fugere (FEW-SHER)	6 month deployment on USS San Diego	in Greece right now	Diane & Larry Parson's nephew

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request and hand it to an usher or contact the office during our office hours. Thank You.

How to submit material for the Lamplighter: The deadline for submissions is Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 pm; submissions received after the deadline will be printed in the following edition of the Lamplighter. Submissions are strongly preferred in writing. Digital material should be sent to office@spanawaylutheran.org, while physical writings may be dropped off in the office. Office staff are not to be held responsible for late submissions. ~Spanaway Lutheran Church Council