**Announcements**

**Meetings & Events**

Sunday, December 17th Children’s Christmas Program

**PLEASE LEAVE ATTENDANCE SHEETS**

 Please remember to fill out the attendance sheet you will find in your bulletin and leave it on the pew when you leave today. Even if you don’t use the attendance sheet, please leave it on the pew and the elders will collect them after the service. The blank sheets will be reused.

**PASTOR HAS RECEIVED A CALL**

 Pastor Sherry has received a call from St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN. He has taken a trip to Minnesota this past week to meet with them in a similar way that he met with us when we extended a call to him. Please keep the Pastor and his family in your prayers as he considers this divine call to serve another congregation.

**BIBLE STUDY TIME**

 We are continuing our Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30am looking at Joseph as the foster father of Jesus. Our Monday Bible Study has concluded and we will begin something new next year. Please join us for this time of fellowship and study.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS**

 There are some Advent devotional booklets for your seasonal enjoyment on the ledge. Please help yourself to a copy for your personal study.

**FINAL CALL FOR LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS**

 It’s time to renew or consider taking out a subscription to the Lutheran Witness. This is the official periodical of the LCMS which is published 11 times a year to share information about congregational life, personal faith, and interpreting the world from a Lutheran perspective. The cost is $19.00 and the check should be made out to the church. We will send all the subscriptions in to the district office. The deadline to order is **TODAY**.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

 The Sunday School children will be leading us in the Christmas program NEXT Sunday as part of our worship that day. There will be a Birthday Party for Jesus with refreshments following the service in the fellowship hall.

**2024 CALENDARS**

 We have some 2024 calendars for your use in the New Year. Please help yourself if you would like one.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Earl LeSarge December 23rd

**SERVING THIS MONTH**

**Greeters:** Steve & Karen Myers

**Altar Guild:** Bev LeSarge

**SERVING TODAY SERVING NEXT WEEK 12/17/2023**

**Pastor:** Rev. Jacob Sherry **Pastor:** Rev. Jacob Sherry

**Elder:** Ted Bromley **Elder:** Ted Bromley

**Accomp:** William Bankstahl **Accomp:** William Bankstahl

**Acolyte:** Ashlyn Blackmore **Acolyte:** Leah Sherry

**Reader:** Diane Hanson **Reader:** Kathy Schoedel

**ATTENDANCE**: 12/03/2023

WORSHIP: 57 BIBLE STUDY: 10

**FIRST FRUITS TRACKER WEEK ENDING:** 12/03/2023

Offering Receipts: $3,998.00 YTD Budget Receipts: $129,424.05

Weekly Budget Needs: $2,954.57 YTD Budget Needs: $144,773.93



**Special Prayers**

Bill Bankstahl Pam Monroe Rose Ralls

Cherrie Burch Jim Poellet Steve Schimke

Tim Fogarty Shirley Poellet Phyllis Schramski

Melody Tessaro Maki Bill Ralls Terri Vertalka

Lavonne Miller

For Rev. Sherry and his family as they consider a call to

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN

**Prayers for Our Military**

**Capt. Tim Brandt** at Madigan Medical Center, Fort Lewis, WA, son of Bruce & Debbie Brandt

**Andrew Burch**, **Jr**., grandson of John & Loree Sprawka.

**Alyssa & Trevor Eisenlohr** siblings both with the U.S. Navy, friends of Janette & Fred May

**Jordan Fink**, grandson of Lila Fink

**Mark Granzotto** with U.S. Navy in Bahrain, grandson of Rita Merkey

**Ian Nelson,** nephew of Jack Nelson

**Tyge Nelson & family,** nephew of Jack Nelson

**Derek Sprawka,** grandson of John & Loree Sprawka

***If you wish to add someone’s name, please call or e-mail the church office.***

**Services for Advent & Christmas Season**

Sun., Dec. 10th Worship w/Communion 10:30am

Wed., Dec. 13th Advent Worship 7:00pm

Sun., Dec. 17th Children’s Program 10:30am

Wed., Dec. 20th Advent Worship 7:00pm

Sun., Dec. 24th Worship w/Communion 10:30am

Sun., Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight 7:00pm

 with Communion

Sun., Dec. 31st Worship w/Communion 10:30am

**Christmas Poinsettia Plants**

Lynn Hilliard, Jason, Cathy, Emily, In Memory of David Hilliard

 Jack, Cliff, & Jamie

Marvin && Joan Malmgren In Memory of Loved Ones

Joel & Carol Meister In Memory of Loved Ones

Bud & Jan Reckow In Memory of Loved Ones

Rodney & Jerilyn Schimke In Honor of Ashlyn, Cosette, Aleah, & Wyatt