**Announcements**

**Meetings & Events**

Sunday, December 17th Children’s Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17th Parsonage Open House 3pm-5pm

**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. Please join us for this time of fellowship and study.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

 The Sunday School children will be leading us in the Christmas program TODAY. There will be a Birthday Party for Jesus with refreshments following the service in the fellowship hall.

**PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE**

 Pastor & Jessica are holding an Open House at the parsonage TODAY from 3pm – 5pm. There will be snacks and refreshments as well a chance to gather for some Christmas fellowship. Please join us.

**2024 CALENDARS**

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

**PORTALS OF PRAYER**

 The new Portals of Prayer devotions for January to March are on the ledge by the door. Help yourself to the size that best suits you.

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

 You will find your 2024 offering envelopes on the small table in the narthex. Please pick up you envelopes for the coming new year.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Earl LeSarge December 23rd

**SERVING THIS MONTH**

**Greeters:** Steve & Karen Myers

**Altar Guild:** Earl & Bev LeSarge

**SERVING TODAY SERVING NEXT WEEK 12/24/2023**

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

**Elder:** Ted Bromley **Elder:** Jeff McBride

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

**Acolyte:** Leah Sherry **Acolyte:** Sarah Sherry

**Reader:** Kathy Schoedel **Reader:** Pastor

**ATTENDANCE**: 12/10/2023

WORSHIP: 68 BIBLE STUDY: 9

**FIRST FRUITS TRACKER WEEK ENDING:** 12/10/2023

Offering Receipts: $2,820.00 YTD Budget Receipts: $132,244.05

Weekly Budget Needs: $2,954.57 YTD Budget Needs: $147,728.50

**Services for Advent & Christmas Season**

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**

Kathy Cyr In Memory of Ken & Mickie Schimke

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

 Jack, Cliff, & Jamie

Earl & Bev LeSarge In Memory of Laura (LeSarge) Oliver

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

Pastor & Jessica Sherry In Memory of Beth Sherry & Sheldon Voigt