

OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

December 2020

As we walk together through this year's Advent season, we will be following an exploration of a theme surrounding the "Jesse Tree" for our Sunday Worship Services. Some of you may already have a devotion booklet and may be following along each day. This journey is one that will enrich each of us as we deepen our faith and grow closer to Our Lord through His Word and promises.

Advent means "coming." As the largest of trees begin with a seed, so it is with God's promise to save the world from sin and death. Salvation is coming. After the fall, God promised that the fruit of Adam and Eve would one day be wounded, yet He would crush the head of sin and death. From that seed of a promise sprouted numerous signposts of the Coming One: the promise to Abraham and Sarah, the crossing of the Red Sea, the prophets declaring that out of the stump of Jesse would sprout a Savior. The seed of salvation, promised long ago, was born into the world in Jesus - His first advent. And now, during this Advent season, we await with joyful hope His second advent. Jesus, the Seed, has been planted in a tomb and sprouted forth to new life, filling us with hope as we wait... watch... and prepare... for Jesus' second advent.

May this season be a blessing to you and yours! Pastor
Jim Kirschenmann



Mid-Week Advent Devotional Services:

“Voices from the Edge” – 7 pm Wednesdays

Advent has long been a time of preparation, preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Yet the road to Christmas is anything but easy. It twists, it turns, and we meet many strange figures along the way. Prophets cry out in visions. John the Baptizer preaches in the desert. Angels appear whether you are asleep or awake. The voices are varied, the places are strange, but one thing is certain: in each encounter, God is preparing us for the celebration of the greatest encounter of all, the birth of Jesus, his Son, our Savior, the Redeemer of the world. Join us on ZOOM on Wednesday evenings (December 2, 9, & 16) at 7:00 pm to hear from some of these “Voices from the Edge.”

Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List:

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: **Carrots, Pasta Sauce, Tomatoes (diced or stewed), Peas and Ravioli.** Items can be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730

Christmas Gift Card Drive:

Christmas Gift Card Drive Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Thank you so much for contributing towards the purchase of gift cards. By doing so, you are helping needy families within Wheeling Township, purchase much needed items during this difficult time. Also, the ordering of these gift cards helped support the Countryside Center for the Disabled's fundraiser! God has surely blessed us with so very many caring individuals with such big hearts! Thank you again! Traudy

Calendar Collection

Sue Perek and the Prison Ministry team are collecting Calendars for the year 2021. If you receive any that you cannot use, please bring them to the Church office for collections. The needs of the Correctional Centers in Illinois are great for these items. Your donation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the collection, please call Sue at 224/558-6544. Thank you for your assistance.

December Voter's Meeting –Sunday December 13th at 1:00 pm via ZOOM

Please watch your mail for information regarding this very important year end meeting. Please feel free to contact the Church office with any questions.



1 st Sunday of Advent	November 29 th	9:00 am with Communion
Advent Midweek 1	December 2 nd	7:00 pm - Zoom
2 nd Sunday of Advent	December 6 th	9:00 am with Communion
Advent Midweek 2	December 9 th	7:00 pm - Zoom
3 rd Sunday of Advent	December 13 th	9:00 am No Communion
Advent Midweek 3	December 16 th	7:00 pm - Zoom
4 th Sunday of Advent	December 20 th	9:00 am with Communion
Christmas Eve Candlelight	December 24 th	7:00 pm with Communion
Christmas Day	December 25 th	No Service



Gifts of Love for the Lutheran Home



The Auxiliary of Lutheran Home and Services is collecting "Gifts of Love" to be used as gift items to cheer residents as they help them celebrate their birthdays. The following new items are suggested:

Kleenex (120 - 160 count), Birthday Cards, Pens, Pads of Paper, Games, Puzzles, Handkerchiefs, Bar Soap, Packaged Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Deodorant and Lip Balm

Donations can be brought directly to the Lutheran Home.
Thank you



December 3 – Nathalie Santiago	11 – Kent Greenholt	24 – Rose Wirsing
4 – Sue Perek	12 – Les Thielman	26 – Hedwig Beer
5 - Kathleen Butler	18 – Chrissy Gebert	27 – Traudy Burmeister
6 – John Hall	18 – Vicky Gebert	
7 – Carol Snelson	23 – Jeanne Zundel	

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

December 9 – Don and Marian Campion

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