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WHAT IS THE MANGER? BY PASTOR LARSON

December, January Special Services

Advent Vespers on Wednesdays

Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Preceded by Advent Supper at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 19, at 10:45 a.m.

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m. Divine Service

Divine Service for St. Stephen, Martyr

Sunday, Dec. 26, at 9 a.m.

Divine Service for St. John, Apostle

Monday, Dec. 27, at 7 p.m.

New Year's Eve and Day

Divine Services

With Corporate Confession & Absolution on

Friday, Dec. 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Circumcision & Name of Jesus on

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Epiphany Service Here at LMC

Divine Service Thursday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

I love the preaching of Martin Luther around Christmas time! Listen to what he preaches here, how the manger is none other than the simple Christian church and comfort that we find when we contemplate the Incarnation. "He lies in the manger. Look at this so that you may be certain that only Christ is to be preached in all the world. What else is the manger than the gathering of the Christian people in church to listen to the sermon? We are the animals that go with this manger. There Christ is placed before us, and with this food we are to feed our souls, that is, lead them to the sermon. He who goes to listen to a sermon, goes to this manger, but the sermons must deal with Christ. For not all mangers hold Christ and not all sermons teach the faith. Notice there was only one manger in Bethlehem in which this treasure lay, and it was, in addition, an unused, despised manger which at other times contained no fodder. Thus the preaching of the gospel is free of all other things; it has Christ and teaches only him." (Martin

Luther, Christmas Eve Sermon LW 52)

"Are you affrighted? Then come to him, lying in the lap of the fairest and sweetest maid. You will see how great is the divine goodness, which seeks above all

SERVING US

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*

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Assisting Pastors

Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*

Martha Galvin, *Director of Music*

Julie Wohlrabe, *IO Director*



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else that you should not despair. Trust him! Trust him! Here is the Child in whom is salvation. To me there is no greater consolation given to mankind than this, that Christ became man, a child, a babe, playing in the lap and at the breasts of his most gracious mother.

Who is there whom this sight would not comfort? Now is overcome the power of sin, death, hell, conscience, and guilt, if you come to judge this gurgling Babe and believe that he is come, not to judge you, but to save.” (Martin Luther’s Christmas Book)

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S DAY IN DECEMBER

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Dec. 5	2nd S. in Advent (Populus Zion)	LSB 336	Mal. 4:1–6	Psalm 50	Rom. 15:4–13	Luke 21:25–36
Dec. 12	3rd S. in Advent (Gaudete)	LSB 345	Is. 40:1–11	Psalm 4	1 Cor. 4:1–5	Matt. 11:2–11
Dec. 19	4th S. in Advent (Rorate Coeli)	LSB 357	Deut. 18:15–19	Psalm 19	Phil. 4:4–7	John 1:19–28 or Luke 1:39–56
Dec. 26	St. Stephen, Martyr	LSB 661	2 Chron. 24:17–22	Psalm 119:17–24	Acts 6:8–7:2a, 51-60	Matt. 23:34–39

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S DAY IN JANUARY

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Jan. 2	Second S. after Christmas	LSB 385	Mal. 4:1–6	Psalm 8	Rom. 15:4–13	Matt. 2:13-23
Jan. 9	First S. after the Epiphany	LSB 410	1 Kings 8:6-13	Psalm 100	Rom. 12:1-5	Luke 2:41-52
Jan. 16	Second S. after the Epiphany	LSB 402	Ex. 33:12–23 or Amos 9:11–15	Psalm 66	Eph. 5:22–33 or Rom. 12:6–16	John 2:1–11
Jan. 23	Third S. after the Epiphany	LSB 401	2 Kings 5:1–15a	Psalm 97	Rom. 1:8–17 or Rom. 12:16–21	Matt. 8:1–13
Jan. 30	Fourth S. after the Epiphany	LSB 557	Jonah 1:1–17	Psalm 107	Rom. 8:18–23 or Rom. 13:8–10	Matt. 8:23–27

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC *COMFORT AND JOY ONLY IN JESUS* BY JULIE WOHLRABE, IO DIRECTOR



This article is being written one day after the murderous massacre during the 58th Annual Waukesha Christmas Parade, whose theme was “Comfort and Joy.” What began as hope for normalcy and fun ended in tragedy and sadness, anger, too. You might be wondering why I’m writing this in my iO article for the December/January issue of *Chapel News*. For me, the reason is glaring: “Comfort and Joy” are found ONLY in our Lord Jesus Christ AND the sense of urgency to share this with the world rings incredibly loud. It does for me, anyway. Does it for you?

As we Lutherans walk toward the quiet manger to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we know that our Lord Jesus loves us, forgives us, and saves us. Are there people in your life who may know who Jesus is but don’t believe in Him? Please ask God to reveal to you who these people are and to give you the opportunity, and boldness, to lovingly share the eternal lifesaving message of our Holy Triune God. It might be someone from another country, another state, another community, another neighborhood, another family, or, maybe in your own family, or your own neighborhood, or your own community.

iO continues to reach out with the love of Jesus Christ through building personal relationships and open conversations that include our Lord and His Word. God absolutely knows where He wants iO in 2022 and we continue to ask Him for clarity about this. One thing that is very clear, though, is the urgency to share the Gospel message. That our Holy God loves His greatest creation, people, so much that He wanted to save us from our sins. That He would give up His own dear Son to be born in a humble stable to a young virgin mother. That this little baby would grow up to be a man who laughed and wept, who performed miracles and taught many people about His Father’s love. That He would be rejected, betrayed, accused, whipped, spat upon, nailed to a cross and die. That He would be buried in a tomb and three days later, as He said, He would rise from the dead and then ascend into heaven to sit at the right hand of His Father. That through His blood and by His wounds, we are healed, and for those of us who believe in Him, He has prepared our heavenly home for us. Thank you, precious Jesus, for your loving sacrifice! Thank you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!!!

God’s blessings to you all for a CHRIST-centered Advent, Christmas, and New Year, filled with the love of our dear Lord Jesus, our true comfort, and our true joy!

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:12



EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER: THE FOURTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER: PART 2

Give us this day our daily bread.

Let this be a very brief explanation and sketch, showing how far this petition extends through all conditions on earth. Of this anyone might indeed make a long prayer, and with many words enumerate all the things that are included therein, as that we pray God to give us food and drink, clothing, house, and home, and health of body; also that He cause the grain and fruits of the field to grow and mature well; furthermore, that He help us at home towards good housekeeping, that He give and preserve to us a godly wife, children, and servants, that He cause our work, trade, or whatever we are engaged in to prosper and succeed, favor us with faithful neighbors and good friends, etc. Likewise, that He give to emperors, kings, and all estates, and especially to the rulers of our country and to all counselors, magistrates, and officers, wisdom, strength, and success that they may govern well and vanquish the Turks and all enemies; to subjects and the common people, obedience, peace, and harmony in their life with one another, and on the other hand, that He would preserve us from all sorts of calamity to body and livelihood, as lightning, hail, fire, flood, poison, pestilence, cattle-plague, war and bloodshed, famine, destructive beasts, wicked men, etc. All this it is well to impress upon the simple, namely, that these things come from God, and must be prayed for by us.

But this petition is especially directed also against our chief enemy, the devil. For all his thought and desire is to deprive us of all that we have from God, or to hinder it; and he is not satisfied to obstruct

and destroy spiritual government in leading souls astray by his lies and bringing them under his power, but he also prevents and hinders the stability of all government and honorable, peaceable relations on earth. There he causes so much contention, murder, sedition, and war, also lightning and hail to destroy grain and cattle, to poison the air, etc. In short, he is sorry that any one has a morsel of bread from God and eats it in peace; and if it were in his power, and our prayer (next to God) did not prevent him, we would not keep a straw in the field, a farthing in the house, yea, not even our life for an hour, especially those who have the Word of God and would like to be Christians.



Behold, thus God wishes to indicate to us how He cares for us in all our need, and faithfully provides also for our temporal support. And although He abundantly grants and preserves these things even to the wicked and knaves, yet He wishes that we pray for them, in order that we may recognize that we receive them from His hand, and may feel His paternal goodness toward us therein. For when He withdraws His hand, nothing can prosper nor be maintained in the end, as, indeed, we daily see and experience. How much trouble there is now in the world only on account of bad coin, yea, on account of daily oppression and raising of prices in common trade, bargaining and labor on the part of those who wantonly oppress the poor and deprive them of their daily bread! This we must suffer indeed; but let them take care that they do not lose the common intercession, and beware lest this petition in the Lord's Prayer be against them.

DECEMBER, JANUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

<u>God's Child</u>	<u>Rebirth Date</u>	<u>God's Child</u>	<u>Rebirth Date</u>
Bonnie McAuly	Dec. 2	Ella Burfeind	Jan. 1
Jonathan Paul	Dec. 6	David Alan Viets	Jan. 6
Una Lane	Dec. 9	Alden Grasse	Jan. 7
Jennifer Grasse	Dec. 9	Finn Gnas	Jan. 10
Nicole Berrens	Dec. 9	Ellen Haines	Jan. 10
Jeffery Hagedorn	Dec. 10	Ilsa Grasse	Jan. 11
Judith Swanson	Dec. 10	Diane Kretsch	Jan. 11
Latif Gaba	Dec. 12	Hamish Dickson	Jan. 13
James Bruss	Dec. 16	Nathanael Sovitzky	Jan. 13
Jaimie Bartens	Dec. 17	Job German	Jan. 14
Ulrich Sovitzky	Dec. 18	Joseph Burfeind	Jan. 17
Jacob Frusti	Dec. 20	James Gabriel	Jan. 17
Margarethe Paterson	Dec. 21	Randy Otto	Jan. 17
Rachel Swanson	Dec. 21	Ellis Grasse	Jan. 24
Zachary Paronto	Dec. 23	Paul Haase	Jan. 25
Bethany Bratz	Dec. 25	Judy Buelow	Jan. 29
Wendy Pelsis	Dec. 26		
Narrah Wieting	Dec. 27		
Sharon Paronto	Dec. 28		
Natalya Gunneau	Dec. 30		
Laura Osterndorf	Dec. 30		

DONATING POINSETTIAS FOR DECEMBER

We are using green envelopes found in the Narthex and Parish Hall (on the History Case) to gather your donations for red or white poinsettias in small or large pots. The prices of the flowers for 2021 are printed on the green envelopes.



You may place your green envelopes in the offering plate. Envelopes should be returned to the Church Office by Monday, Dec. 13.

Beginning in December, flower arrangements to adorn the chancel on Sundays and Mondays will cost \$25 (after decades of costing \$20). **We invite donations of flowers by members or visitors.**



MEMBERS TRANSFERRED

on Nov. 8, 2021:

Louie & Sarah Sagert & children to Brookfield Lutheran Church in Brookfield, WI.



REGARDING 2021 DONATIONS

To comply with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines and to simplify the task of our counters, the Trustees need to emphasize the fact that, if you want your donations to be credited to calendar year 2021, they **MUST BE** received or post-marked by Dec. 31, 2021.

Any donations dated 2021, but received *AFTER JAN. 1, 2022*, will be applied to your 2022 donations. There will be no exceptions.

The specific cut-off date allows us to "close the books" on 2021 much faster and more easily. This affords us a more complete picture of our financial situation and assures full compliance with IRS guidelines.



YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

During the last two weeks of December, your new offering envelope boxes for the year 2022 should be available downstairs in the parish hall, in alphabetical order. Please find your box and take it home.

On Jan. 1, 2022, please throw away any and all of your leftover envelopes from 2021.

It is important to discard your 2021 envelopes, because the contribution number on those is probably not connected with your name anymore. Most likely a new number has been assigned to your name for the year 2022. Thanks for your cooperation!

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Coffee Hour & Fellowship 10:45 AM Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	29 5:30 PM Marriage Catechesis 7:00 PM Divine Service	30	1 8:30 AM Matins 5:30 PM Advent Supper 6:30 PM Advent Service	2	3	4 1:00 PM New Member Catechesis
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19 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Coffee Hour & Fellowship 10:45 AM Children's Christmas Program	20 5:30 PM Marriage Catechesis 7:00 PM Divine Service	21	22 8:30 AM Matins 5:30 PM Advent Supper 6:30 PM Advent Service	23	24 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols	25 10:00 AM Christmas Day Divine Service
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