



PARTICIPATION GUIDE

December 16 – 22, 2018

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Request a Prayer: Complete a HELP / PRAYER Card (available in the pews).

Keep Our List Accurate: Names with a (3) need to be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00 PM to stay on the list. Contact your people and inquire about their health; then contact the church office to renew your request. Thanks!

Special Requests

- **Is Jesus the One and does it matter to you?** *Because of sin, God promised His Son! Are you aware of your sin and trusting in the Savior?*
- **You SAY you are repentant:** *So tell me about the fruit in your life that proves that to be true!*
- **Altar Flowers:** Placed to the glory of God by Miriam Engelman in memory of Fred; and by Dave & Dee Kaderbek on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.
- **Care Facilities or Home:** *Doris B, Loreen D, Ray D, John & June G, Nancy H, Christl K, Eleanor K, Violet M, Connie P, Marie W, Harry & Martha Z*
- **Armed Forces:** *Members: James Martin; Chris Sala; Andrew Deka; Others: Warren Gellings; Nick Riviotta; Drew Tenney; Chris Weseloh.*
- **LIA** (Lutherans in Africa) **and LST** (Lutheran School of Theology): Recent events:
 - Completed course, Luther's Small Catechism, at the LST.
 - May family moved from Karen to Kibiko, which is closer to the LST and less rent. They will move to Kimuka on the LST campus as soon as the construction is completed, hopefully in August 2019.
 - Offices were moved to LST. Mr Gore, the accountant, moved his office to Tuomo's house, a detached room behind the house.
 - Rev. May traveled to Yambio, South Sudan and taught a two-week course on Luther's Small Catechism.
 - Installation of windows into the May family house has begun; the roof was done last month; flooring will begin in January.
 - Rev. May taught a course on Galatians at the LST.
 - Solar panels were installed on the LST library and are now working.



- Rev. Japheth Dachi, who served at the principal for the Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry, and Mr. Naftali Igendia, the senior translator, retired.

Members

- **Ray Dmytriw** (2) (ALS) – peace, strength, and encouragement.
- **Christl Kissinger** (2) (leg fracture; cong. heart failure) – peace, healing.
- **Eleanor Kuhles** (2) (fractured pelvis; rehab at Brentwood)–peace, healing.
- **Tracy Liddy** (3) (back pain) – continued pain relief, healing.
- **Bonnie Moyer** (1) (fall, fractured knee) – pain relief, healing, strength.
- **June Murany** (1) (broken foot) – Healing, strength.
- **Connie Pysz** (3) (on dialysis) – continued healing, strength.
- **June Russell** (1) (fall, broken rib) – pain relief, healing.
- **Susanna Tischler** (2) (nerve pain) – pain relief, proper diagnosis, healing.
- **Marie Weseloh** (3) (therapy) – continued strength, stability, recovery.
- **Angie Zeleznikar** (3) (severe pain) – proper diagnosis, relief, healing!

Others

- **Jacob & Lynn** (3) – peace, healing.
- **Pat Beal** (3) (eye issues) – successful treatments, healing.
- **Larry Edris** (2) (lung cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Melanie Himmelberger** (2) (bone cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Christina Waked** (2) – peace, healing, encouragement, recovery.
- **Logan Warmuth** (2) (2 yr. old w/ leukemia; chemo.) – peace, healing.
- **Cathy Wirzylo** (2) (needs a liver transplant) – peace, organ donation.
- **Bob & Diane Zellmer**(3)–health, peace, comfort.

CELEBRATIONS

Physical Birthdays:

12/17 Matt Kussmaul

12/19 Eileen Kovach

Spiritual Birthdays:

12/16 Reagan Cannonie

12/19 Don Dickau

Wedding Anniversaries:

12/17 Pastor & Kathy (41st)

Dave & Dee Kaderbek (25th)

READINGS

These are the Series B three-year lectionary readings for next Sunday.

OT: Micah 5:2-5a

PS: 80:1-7

NT: Hebrews 10:5-10

GOS: Luke 1:39-45

SCHEDULE

TU – 12/18

- 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal

WE – 12/19

- 9:30 – Teaching: BFC – Bible Storytime
- 10:00 – Teaching: BFC – Bible Time
- 11:00 – Advent Service: *The Bethlehem Series: Part 3 – Ruth, Chapters 3-4*
- Noon – Lunch: Please join us in the CLR!
- 6:00 – Supper: Please join us in the CLR!
- 7:00 – Advent Service: *The Bethlehem Series: Part 3 – Ruth, Chapters 3-4*



Th –12/20

- 10:00 – Study: Living the Lutheran Lectionary

Fr –12/21

- 12:00 – Pray: With others at Bethlehem

Su – 12/23 – No Bible Class & Sunday School

- **10:00 – Receive God’s Gifts: ONE Divine Service!**

SERVE

- **Usher**: Sundays at 8:00 or 10:45; contact Matt Kussmaul.

NEWS

- **Thank you**: to all who helped put up and decorate the Christmas tree; also thank you to those who provided food for the lunch!
- **Altar Flowers**: If you order altar flowers, *would you please return the vases*. We take them to the flower shop and they discount our flowers.



GROWTH and OUTREACH

- **Many Resources**: Sermons, brochures, magazines, books, etc.; see what’s available in the Narthex and across from the church office.
- **Facebook**: Check-in, like BLC, and write a positive comment!
- **Lutheran Hour**: Sun 6:30 a.m. – WTAM 1100 AM; Sun 8:00 a.m. – The Word 1220 AM
- **Worship Anew** – Sun 11:30 AM: Direct TV: 67, 377; Dish: WRML 47
- **Issues Etc.**: A radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s topics include: The Birth of John the Baptist, The Book of Obadiah,

Thy Kingdom Come, The Apostle Thomas, Ahab Steals Naboth's Vineyard and more. You can listen at www.issuesetc.org

- **Lutherans for Life:** “Christmas celebrates more than just Jesus’ birthday. This historical event testifies to unchangeable truth about humankind and our Almighty Maker. It bestows upon us the honor of a special connection to the Lord God that makes us more precious than any other creature. It forms the foundation for all peace and love and joy and hope by revealing His salvation and testifying to how we participate in His everlasting life. Christmas profoundly proves the Gospel to be our history, identity, and destiny, and it proclaims a distinctly life-affirming reality.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

NUMBERS – FROM LAST WEEK

- **Divine Services:**
 - ✦ Sunday: 8:00 = 44; 10:45 = 31; Wednesday: 11 = 31; 7 = 19
- **Classes:**
 - ✦ Sunday: 9:30 (BC & SS) = 37
 - ✦ Thursday: 10:00 = 7
- **Received:**
 - ✦ Actual: *Received Last Week:* \$3,352
 - ✦ Budget: *January → Last Week* (planned vs. actual): \$ - 23,019
 - ✦ Actual: *Jan. → Oct.* (received: \$191,033; spent: \$203,875): \$ - 12,843



MEMBER CARE PLAN

Attendance Being Monitored

For those who want to attend each week, but sometimes cannot – due to weather, health, or special circumstances, attendance is being monitored:

- Missed two consecutive weeks: Mail last two sermons and PG.
- Missed three consecutive weeks: Alert the pastor to call.

Desire to Attend, But Are Not Able to Attend

Nursing Home, Assisted Living, and, Shut-In:

- Mail: Every two weeks – last two sermons and Participation Guide.
- Visit: Once each month – by Pastor / Jerry H and Others.

Hospitalized: Visit: More often than noted above – by Pastor.

Note: If you or someone you know is in any situation noted above, *but is not receiving what is noted*, please inform the church office!

ARE YOU READY FOR JESUS’ RETURN?

I challenge you to live the **read > pray > share** circle!

