

The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord

The preaching and Baptism “of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “see the salvation of God” (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3–4).

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES: Please join us for special Midweek Advent Worship Services on Wednesday, December 11th and 18th at 11:00am and 6:30pm. Lunch will follow the morning service at 11:30am and dinner will precede the evening service at 5:30pm.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP: Glory to the newborn King! Christmas Eve Worship will be held on December 24th at 3pm and 5pm. Christmas Day Worship will be held on December 25th at 9am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all 3-year-olds through 8th grade will start in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am. We are studying the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke through the month of December.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is studying the book of Romans on Tuesdays at 7am in the Church Library. Please note that this is the same Bible Study that is being offered on Wednesday evenings.

TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm and will be studying Isaiah. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is studying the book of Romans on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Church Library. Please note that this is the same Bible Study that is being offered on Tuesday mornings.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor DeArmond is leading participants through a longer look at the Sunday lessons.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall and will be going through a study of Nehemiah.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FOURTH QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: Our fourth quarter Special Missions offering will support Camp LuWiSoMo in Wild Rose, WI. Camp LuWiSoMo is 380 acres of outdoor fun for people of all ages! During the summer, they host youth summer camps for preschool through high schoolers and Joyful Hearts for individuals with developmental disabilities. They also host retreats-including our very own Confirmation Retreat!

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK: As part of a community service project preschool students will be collecting new teddy bears to donate to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. This will take place during the month of January! As many toys and teddy bears are on sale now during the Christmas season, we are letting you know in case you would also like to donate teddy bears to this wonderful cause! For more information, please contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

CHURCH INFORMATION

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Thank you for joining us last Tuesday for Thanksgiving Worship and Pie! During our Worship Service, we gathered an offering of \$705 for the New Berlin Food Pantry. We give thanks to God for your generosity to our neighbors!

ADVENT MEALS: Please join us for lunch on Wednesdays in Advent! Lunch will be served at 11:30am and dinner at 5:30pm. If you would be interested in donating a soup or dessert for our lunches, or helping serve, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

ALTAR GUILD: The altar guild is seeking new members to help prepare and take care of our Lord's altar. This very important work would be great for individuals, couples, or even families. We are also seeking an individual to oversee/lead the Altar Guild. If you have any questions or interest, please talk to Janet Steinhuis or Pastor DeArmond.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Beginning in the New Year we are looking to establish a group of men that would assist pastor and the elders in the distribution of Communion during our worship services. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please contact Pastor DeArmond. Training will be provided.

KRINGLE PICKUP: Thank you so much for your generous support of our Youth Group Kringle Sale! Your order will be available for pick up on Monday, December 16th from 3-6pm.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BAKE SALE: It's the most delicious time of year! Women's Ministry is hosting their annual Bake Sale on Sunday, December 15th in Oswald Hall all morning. If you would like to donate baked goods for this event, please have them to church by 10am on Saturday, December 14th.

ONLINE GIVING: If you would be interested in signing up for our online giving program through Vanco, or if you need to update the amount and/or frequency you give, please contact the Church Office.

THANK YOU: A BIG thank you to all of you!! Because of your love for people you may never meet, Christmas joy and the message of God's love will be brought to 128 kids around the world!!! Thank you for packing Operation Christmas Child boxes and filling them with love!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GRANTS: Blessed Savior Women's Ministries is pleased to announce that with the proceeds from the Bake Sales, Craft Fair, and Christmas by Candlelight, they will be giving grants to the following organizations: Eyewitness for Life, A Place of Refuge, and the Fort Wayne Seminary Food Pantry. They thank you for your generous support of these events!

RAISE RIGHT: Raise Right gift cards make great Christmas gifts! To purchase, simply fill out an order form and place it in the "Raise Right" mailbox on the north side of the Narthex. Orders are placed on Mondays and are available for pick up on Thursdays. Or stop by the table in the hallway to purchase cards immediately!

BLESSING SHOPPE CHRISTMAS CARDS: If you are looking for Christian Christmas cards to send this year, please stop by the Blessing Shoppe in the Fellowship Hall!

YOUTH GROUP: All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th from 6-8pm. Wear your best and most tacky Christmas outfits as we head to New Berlin Bowl. Dinner is provided. Please drop off and pick up at New Berlin Bowling Alley.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Extra! Extra! Read all about it! There's breaking news out of Bethlehem and our Sunday School students can't wait to break the story! Please join us on Sunday, December 15th during the 10:30am Worship Service for our Sunday School Christmas Program.

CHILDCARE TEACHERS: Blessed Savior Lutheran Preschool is seeking compassionate individuals who are caring and loving to teach our children. We have both part- and full-time positions available. Early Childhood Courses 1 and 2 and experience in this field is required, along with CPR and first aid training. For a complete job description or more information please contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

WINTER PICNIC: Join us Sunday, January 12th after the late service for Twelfth Night - an Epiphany Picnic and Tree Burning! Following a chili cook-off, we'll head out to the bonfire pit, where we'll close the Christmas season by burning your live Christmas trees and wreaths. Following Christmas, you may place your undecorated trees and wreaths on the far north end of the parking lot, near the bonfire pit.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for the family and friends of our brother, Darrell Kahl, whom the Lord called unto Himself this past week.

We pray for our members:

Marvene Lorna Duane Larry

We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:

Robert Dan Ellie Jason Shane Pastor Alex Gabe Amy Logan Mark Sam

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military:

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Mindy Robinson, in celebration of her birthday.

Bulletins are sponsored by Mindy Robinson, in celebration of her birthday.

Special Missions are sponsored by

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 6th-15th

FRI	6:00pm Craft Night	WED	5:30pm Dinner
SAT	9:00am Birthday Breakfast for Jesus 9:00am Handbell Rehearsal		6:30pm Advent Worship 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
SUN	8:00am Worship and Communion 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship and Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	THURS	9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Worship
TUES	7:00am Bible Study 9:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Home Bible Study	SAT	8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Bake Sale Set-Up
WED	9:00am Quilters 11:00am Advent Worship 11:30am Lunch	SUN	Women's Ministry Bake Sale 8:00am Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship-Sunday School Christmas Program

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm

Thanksgiving Attendance: 81

Sunday Attendance: 154

Thanksgiving Offering: \$705

Offerings: \$8,731

Needed Weekly: \$10,212.08

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