

God’s Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that “the virgin shall conceive and bear a son” (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, “God with us.” The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus “descended from David according to the flesh” (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called “Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately “did as the angel of the Lord commanded him” (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Preacher:** Rev. Zachary DeArmond  
**Organist:** Kim Woller  
**Elders:** Thurs: Lee Roloff  
8:00am: Jim Burow & Dale Wachholz  
10:30am: Sean Malone & Craig Butzlaff  
**Ushers:** 8:00am: Team 1-Saeger  
10:30am: Team 2-Malone  
**Lay Readers:** 8:00am: Pat Mundstock  
10:30am: Linda Malone  
**Acolytes:** Thurs: Audrianna Towne  
8:00am: Lydia Radcliffe  
10:30am: Kaitlyn Butzlaff  
**Altar Guild:** Kim Hovie and Janet Steinhaus  
**Greeters:** 8:00am: Vickie Hein & Olivia Woloshuk  
10:30am: Laura Zimmer  
**Fellowship:**

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR DEC 19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

- SAT** 9:30am Handbell Rehearsal  
**SUN** 8:00am Worship and Communion  
9:15am Education Hour  
10:30am Worship and Communion  
6:00pm Youth Group  
**TUES** 6:30pm Women’s Home Bible Study  
**WED** 3:00pm Christmas Eve Worship  
5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship  
**THURS** 9:00am Christmas Day Worship  
**SAT** 8:30am Men’s Bible Study  
**SUN** 9:00am Worship and Communion

## **WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION**

**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.

**NO THURSDAY WORSHIP:** Please note that there is no Worship Service on January 1st.

**DECEMBER 28th WORSHIP:** We will have one Worship Service next Sunday, December 28th at 9:00am.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume on Sunday, January 11th at 9:15am in Oswald Hall. We pray you enjoy this Christmas season with your families!

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am. Following a Christmas break, we will resume on Sunday, January 11th.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will resume on Tuesday, January 6th.

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will resume on Tuesday, January 6th and will continue their Bible Study on "The Chosen".

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

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** will resume on Wednesday, January 7th.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will resume on Thursday, January 8th.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 8:30am-10:00am and is studying "Grace, Period. Living in the Amazing Reality of Jesus' Finished Work".

## **CHARITABLE INFORMATION**

**FOURTH QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS:** Our fourth quarter special mission will be to support Journeys Lutheran School in Hales Corners as they recover from the devastating floods that struck in August. This mission gives us the opportunity to walk alongside the school community as they rebuild and restore their classrooms and resources for this very special ministry. Together, we can help provide stability and encouragement for the students, staff, and families who have been deeply affected. For more information about the ministry of Journeys Lutheran School please visit their website at [www.journeyslutheran.org](http://www.journeyslutheran.org).

**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](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com).

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** Please note that the Church Office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24th for Christmas Eve, will be closed all day on Thursday, December 25th for Christmas Day. It will also close at noon on Wednesday, December 31st for New Year's Eve and will be closed on Thursday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2026 Offering Envelopes are now available in your cubby. For households with more than 2 giving members, your envelopes are located above the mailboxes. Please continue using your current 2025 envelopes for the remainder of the year.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** The next quarter of Portals of Prayer, Hopeful Living, and other devotions are now available for you in the Narthex. Feel free to take one for you and one to share with a friend!

**2026 ALTAR FLOWER AND SPECIAL MISSION SIGN UP:** The sign-up sheets for donating altar flowers and special missions throughout 2026 is now on the bulletin board.

**GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** On Sunday, December 21st at 1:30pm, Benediction Lutheran Church (8475 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Milwaukee, 53224) will be hosting their annual German Christmas Service. For more information, please visit: [www.benediction-lcms.org](http://www.benediction-lcms.org).

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY THANK YOU:** Women's Ministry shares their most appreciative thanks to everyone who has made their events possible these past couple months! For all of you who baked, crafted, hosted, served, and so much more, THANK YOU!

**TWELFTH NIGHT:** Join us Sunday, January 11th after the late service for Twelfth Night - an Epiphany Meal and Tree Burning! Following a chili meal, 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. If you are willing to bring a chili to share, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**YOUTH GROUP:** All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Sunday, December 21st for our Christmas party at the bowling alley! Please meet us at New Berlin Bowl at 6pm and pick up at 8pm.

**YOUNG AT HEART:** Please join us on Thursday, January 8th at 11am for a pizza lunch and movie! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

**CALENDAR AND CARD PICTURES:** Helping Hands is collecting your past year's calendars and Christmas card art to make prayer booklets. Please place your donations in Linda Phillips' mailbox.

**THANK YOU:** We are grateful for everyone who made our Advent meals a huge success this year! Whether you brought soup or dessert, or worked to set up, clean up, or run the meal, we appreciate your service!

**CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP:** If you are able, we would love your help in putting away Christmas decorations following late church on Sunday, January 4th!

**2026 FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP:** The sign-up sheet to provide snacks for our Fellowship time throughout 2026 is now on the bulletin board.

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS**

**We pray for our members:**

Charles Boie   Shari Schulz

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

Phillip   Pastor Alex   Paul   Gabe   Ellie   Rich

John   Jenny   Dan   Sarah   Elizabeth   Aiden   Brenda

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

Corwyn   Erika   Carlos   Mary   Darren

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Monday-Thursday, 8am-4:30pm  
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the prompts on the phone.*

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