

By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord

“John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent’” (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John’s work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, “a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots” (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is “a signal for the peoples” (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. “With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips” (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the “root of Jesse” comes to us, “even he who arises to rule the Gentiles” (Rom. 15:12), that “we might have hope” and be filled “with all joy and peace in believing” (Rom. 15:4, 13).

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: Steve Hammill

10:30am: Keith Kamperschroer
- Acolytes:

Thurs: Morgan Knoblauch

8:00am: Sophia Boettcher

10:30am: Kaitlyn Butzlaff
- Altar Guild:

Jack and Marian Welter
- Greeters:

8:00am: The Burow Family

10:30am: Jill Krueger
- Fellowship:

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR DEC 5th-14th

- FRI

6:00pm Craft Night
- SAT

9:00am Birthday Breakfast for Jesus

9:30am Handbell Rehearsal
- SUN

8:00am Worship and Communion

9:15am Education Hour

10:30am Worship and Communion

6:00pm Youth Group
- TUES

9:00am Ladies Bible Study

6:30pm Women’s Home Bible Study
- WED

9:00am Quilters

11:00am Advent Worship

11:30am Midweek Lunch

5:30pm Midweek Dinner

6:30pm Advent Worship

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- THURS

9:30am Bible Study

6:30pm Worship and Communion
- SAT

8:30am Men’s Bible Study

9:30am Handbell Rehearsal

10:00am Bake Sale Set-Up
- SUN

Women’s Ministry Bake Sale

8:00am Worship and Communion

9:15am Education Hour

10:30am Worship and Sunday School

Christmas Program

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

ADVENT WORSHIP: Midweek Advent services will be held on Wednesdays, December 10 and 17 at 11:00am and 6:30pm with a lunch following the morning service and dinner preceding the evening service beginning at 5:30pm. This Advent we will be gathering under the theme "*Every Heart Prepare*." Please join us as we prepare our hearts of the coming of Christ our Savior at Christmas.

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 begins each week at 9:15am in Sanctuary, as we rehearse for our Christmas program.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Each week we will look at the complete story of the Bible from Genesis-Revelation as one seamless story! We will meet at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is taking a short break for the Advent season. Please join us again on Tuesday, January 6th.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and is working their way through the series "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 is taking a short break for the Advent season. Please join us again on Wednesday, January 7th.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is taking a longer look at the readings on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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 \$1,380 for the New Berlin Food Pantry. We give thanks to God for your generosity to our neighbors!

ADVENT MEALS: Please join us for a meal 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.

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY: Did you get a nice family photo over Thanksgiving? Now is a great time to upload your family photo to the Instant Church Directory! For more information on how to get set up, please see the flyer on the table in the Narthex or contact the Church Office.

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.

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 14th 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 13th.

YOUTH GROUP: All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for a Christmas pj party on Sunday, December 7th from 6-8pm. We'll work on blankets for the Ronald McDonald House while we watch a Christmas movie in our Christmas pjs!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: You are invited to join us on Sunday, December 14th at the 10:30 service as the Sunday School children share with us "The Ornaments of Christmas".

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 15th from 3-6pm.

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 155 kids around the world!!! Thank you for packing Operation Christmas Child boxes and filling them with love whether you donated items or joined in on the packing party fun!

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.

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.

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 Sandi
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

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Rob and Cheryl Taves, in celebration of their granddaughter's birthday.

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