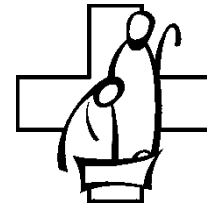


FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 21, 2025



**DEAR FRIENDS,** may God bring gladness to your hearts through the promises of His Son. We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who brings gifts of eternal life, joy, and peace.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Gracious omnipotent Lord, whose throne room is open to us, and hears our prayers, forgive us when we doubt Your concern and wonder where You are, and teach us to rejoice in Your constant presence in the midst of the trying and the easy times of living; in Your name we pray. Amen.

**WE PRAISE GOD** and thank Him for all the blessings He has given us. We rejoice in the fellowship of the living saints at our church. We thank our Lord for His undeserved forgiveness and continuing love. We also pray for those with needs including Charmaine Stuewe, Phillip Theel, Larry Herbic, William Fritts, Tim Songs, Paula Moege, Earl Moege, Evelyn Schmidt, Ruth Tracy, Rev. Chris Kellogg, Rev. David Grouner, Joyce Mathies, Laurie Burbank, Joyce White, and shut-ins.



**WORSHIP SERVANTS:** Sunday School Teachers: Jim MacGregor, Phillip Theel, Traci Dickens, Lisa Thompson, Cheryl Buttenhoff; Altar Guild: Kathy Cox, Karen Herren, Debbie MacGregor; Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Turk Peddicord, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Peterson; Acolytes: Creighton Ferris, Treyton Leonard; Ushers: Tim Songs, Charley Gann, Mike Savage, Don Snodgrass, Byron Wenderott, Caden Yonke; Communion Assistant: Harmon Butler; Technicians: Bruce Schultz, Whitney Howard; Children's Message: Harmon Butler.

**OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK**

TODAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Communion Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
	3:00pm	Caroling (meet at west door of our school)
	5:00pm-12:00am	Confirmation Lock-In (at SJLS)
MONDAY		SJLS Christmas Break Begins
	12:00pm	Pray for Missions Around the World
	7:00pm	Choir
TUESDAY	6:15am	Bible Breakfast @ Frank's
WEDNESDAY	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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THURSDAY	9:30am	Christmas Day Communion Service
SUNDAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Worship Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST			DECEMBER 14, 2025		
Attendance:					
Advent	57	Livestream	13	Views	264
Sunday	135	Livestream	35	Views	454
SJLS Christmas Service	186	Livestream	28	Views	1,100
Sunday School	34				
Total Receipts:		\$12,658.00	Weekly Budget Needs		\$12,684.00

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Larry and Kathy Hendricks for Christmas blessings.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are on the table outside the church office. They are in alphabetical order by last name and should be easier to find. Please feel free to pick them up after the service this morning.

**THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY** will close the books for 2025 on December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to make a contribution to be recorded for the 2025 tax year, please do so by year's end. Gifts received in 2026 will be recorded as such.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Join us in worship.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. with

Communion at the altar rail.

Christmas Carol Service, December 28<sup>th</sup> at

9:30 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE DOOR OFFERING** will be to support Lutherans for Life.

**CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN:** Students and friends will spend an evening of fun and games from 5:00 p.m. until midnight tonight, December 21<sup>st</sup>.



**CAROLING:** Everyone is invited to go caroling in town December 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at the west door of our school at 3:00 p.m. Supper will be provided for carolers.


**ANNIVERSARY:** Ervan and Pam Stuewe invite family and friends to join them on Sunday, December 28, 2025, as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The open house will be at St. John Lutheran Church, Memorial Hall, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ervan and Pam request no gifts.

**NEW YEAR'S BREAKFAST:** You are invited to Redeemer Lutheran Church at Lake Wabaunsee for a new year breakfast on new year's day. It will be served at the Lake Wabaunsee fire station from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. You may eat in or carry out. A free will donation will be accepted to support their mission.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Holy Family Catholic Church will host a Blood Drive Monday, January 12, 2026 from 12-6pm in the parish hall. All are welcome! You can sign up through the Red Cross or contact Louise Ronnau at 316-706-7060 (leave a message).

**LIFE MESSAGE:** "As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us pray for all mothers who find themselves pregnant and afraid. Abortion is never the answer. We pray daily that the Lord will strengthen all expectant mothers who find themselves alone and seemingly without hope and that He will help them choose life. Every human being's life is a precious and beautiful miracle." *Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



Dec. 21	Jacob Meseke Taylor Giefer Jim Johnston
Dec. 22	Timothy Mumaw Oakley Whitaker Dalton Johnston <i>Jim &amp; Debbie MacGregor</i>
Dec. 23	Terrie Yordy Dennis Theel <i>Derek &amp; Kelly Moon</i>
Dec. 26	Kristin Coon
Dec. 27	Richard Feyh <i>Rev. Robert &amp; Gayle Grimm</i>