

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Preparing the Way

December 8, 2024



And [John the Baptist] went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. *Luke 3:3*

### **Mount Hope Lutheran Church**

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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### **Welcome! Members and Guests**

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

### **Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### **Large Print Bulletins**

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

### **Listening Devices**

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

### **Pew Cushions**

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

### **Wheelchair Accessible Seating**

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

### **Church Nursery**

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

### **Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies**

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

***Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!***

**PRELUDE**  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**  
**PREPARATION**

Pastor: In this month of December, we find ourselves getting ready and preparing for many things, such as gatherings with family and friends, gifts to get and give to others, traditional treats to be made, and decorations for the season. The foremost preparation, of course, is for our Savior's birth. Today we are reminded of another time of preparation that would be after Jesus' birth and prior to His earthly ministry—that of John the Baptist, who would prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. In our busy times of preparing to celebrate this season, today we draw our focus on and give thanks for the one who would raise valleys, level mountains, and make straight the paths for Him.

(Please stand)

**+ PREPARATION +**

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*John 1:5, 9; 14:27; Luke 2:14; Psalm 4:6–8*

Pastor: We light our second Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Pastor: The second Advent candle has been known by a few different names, including the Bethlehem candle, the preparation candle, and the candle of peace. As we await the angelic proclamation of “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased,” we rejoice in the present reality of the peace Christ has assured in and through Him until perfect and eternal peace is ushered in upon His return. In this season, and until that day, we find comfort in His assurance: “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

**People: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

Pastor: Guided by the light of peace, we respond with the psalmist: “There are many who say, ‘Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!’

**People: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

Pastor: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

**People: for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety."**

*Two Advent candles are lit.*

## **HYMN**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *LSB 357 vs 3-4*

**O, come, o, come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O, come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the confession and absolution)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 3:5-6; Philippians 1:6*

Pastor: Malachi prophesies about and John the Baptist fulfills the call of the one who would prepare the way for the Lord. John the Baptist would preach a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We, too, seek the forgiveness our Lord has promised, and our Savior gives us assurance as we

come before Him in humble repentance.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord,  
who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may  
be feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call  
upon Him in prayer and praise, and prepare again  
to receive Him who came in our flesh, comes  
through His Word and in His body and blood given  
and shed for us, and promises to come again, let  
us stand before Him in humble and contrite  
confession.

**People: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have  
sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
by the things we have done and left undone, and  
we cannot free ourselves from our sinful  
condition.**

Pastor: We have not loved the Lord with all our heart,  
soul, mind, and strength,

**People: and we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves.**

Pastor: We justly deserve present and eternal  
punishment, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, we  
pray:

**People: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we  
may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to  
the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain  
and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall

become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began a good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

(Please stand)

**+ WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

**People: The voice of one crying in the wilderness:**

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”**

Pastor: Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me! I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me. Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”**

**KYRIE** (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us**

**Christ, have mercy upon us**

**Lord, have mercy upon us**

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Philippians 1:9–11*

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Prepare our hearts room, O Lord, to receive with peace and joy the Savior made flesh, that at Your time of completion we may be found with faith and trust remaining in You,

**People: with knowledge and all discernment, so that we may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God;**

**Pastor:** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

(Please be seated)

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Malachi 3:1–7b*

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming,



says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup> From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"O Come, O Come, Emanuel"

Sung by Marie & Dave Brown

## **EPISTLE** *Philippians 1:2–11*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making

my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**VERSE** *Luke 3:4b, 6*

Pastor: Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight;

**People: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**People: (sing) Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Please be seated)

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 3:1–14*

Pastor: In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

## **HYMN**

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” *LSB 344 vs 1*

**On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh  
Awake and hearken for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings**

Pastor: As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

## HYMN

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” LSB 344 vs 2-3

**Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin  
Make straight the way for God within  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there**

**We hail Thee as our Savior Lord  
Our refuge and our great reward  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow’rs that wither and decay**

Pastor: He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” And the crowds asked him,

**People: “What then shall we do?”**

Pastor: And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him,

**People: “Teacher, what shall we do?”**

Pastor: And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers also asked him,

**People: “And we, what shall we do?”**

Pastor: And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN**

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” *LSB 344* vs 4-5

**Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev’ry place**

**All praise eternal Son to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit it evermore**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS**

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

## **++ SERMON ++**

The Song of Zechariah

Text: Luke 1:67-80

Outline:

1. We often teach our children the “song” of living for yourself.
2. Zechariah teaches us a much greater song, the song of Christ.

3. Jesus brought us the salvation Zechariah sings about by becoming the sacrificial lamb.

Here the Song of Zechariah and **Go Where It Leads You-  
to the Lamb of God**

(Please stand)

## **NICENE CREED**

**People: I believe in one God, the Father**

**Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of**

**sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the Prayers of the Church)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Philippians 1:3–11*

Pastor: Let us pray for the church, for the people of God,  
and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gathering  
of us together around Word and Sacrament, as  
You call, gather, and enlighten us through Your  
Spirit. Keep Your church united in truth, as Christ  
has completed His work for the sake of humanity  
as we await His return. As You continue to work in  
us and through us Your grace and mercy,  
empower us by Your Spirit to live holy lives  
according to Your will and to live as Your  
witnesses among our neighbors, coworkers, and  
community. As we pray to You now, we also pray  
with Paul upon ourselves and all believers who  
call upon Your name:

**People: “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,  
always in every prayer of mine for you all making  
my prayer with joy, because of your partnership  
in the gospel from the first day until now. And I  
am sure of this, that He who began a good work  
in you will bring it to completion at the day of  
Jesus Christ.”**

Pastor: Be with all who bear Your Word, including those  
who serve as missionaries both near and far.  
Grant open ears and eager hearts to receive the

good news of a Savior given, and forgiveness assured. For all who face trials, persecution, and even death for confessing Your name, grant a steadfastness of faith even in the most dire times.

**People: “It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.”**

Pastor: For all who are sick, lonely, and in need of comfort, we lift them up to You, ..... According to Your will, grant healing. According to Your promises, remain with them with the comfort and peace of Your presence in times of affliction. Be with doctors, nurses, and medical staff as they use the gifts and abilities given to them. Help us and others to serve as Your instruments that we may show compassion in times of need, speak words of hope in times of hopelessness, and serve according to needs had in times of helplessness. For all people, as we prepare to receive and rejoice in the Savior given and born for us, keep us prepared for the day of His coming again.



**People: “And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”**

**Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**“Thee will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” LSB 694 vs 1 & 2**

**Thee will I love, my strength, my tower**

**Thee will I love, my hope, my joy**

**Thee will I love with all my power**

**With ardor time shall ne’er destroy**

**Thee will I love, O Light divine**

**So long as life is mine**

**Thee will I love, my life, my Savior**

**Who art my best and trusted friend**

**Thee will I love and praise forever**

**For never shall Thy kindness end**

**Thee will I love with all my heart**

**Thou my redeemer art**

## **+ SACRAMENT +**

### **PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(Please stand)

### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who has begun a good work in us that will be brought to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the work for which Jesus was sent and born into this world has been completed for us through His perfect life, sacrificial death, victorious resurrection, and glorious ascension, with the promise to come again and to come to us now for the forgiveness of sins through His true body and true blood given and shed for us. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** *(we sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is He, Blessed is He  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for  
You have had mercy on those whom You created  
and out of perfect love sent Your only-begotten  
Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our  
Savior, for whom John the Baptist prepared the  
way proclaiming a Baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins. With repentant joy we receive  
the salvation accomplished for us by the all-  
availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the  
cross. We thank You for all the work of Your hands  
and for all the words You have spoken and kept,  
as You come to us still now with Your healing  
grace through Christ's body and blood given and  
shed for us.

**People: Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;*

*1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**“Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates”** *LSB 341 vs 1*

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates**

**Behold the King of glory waits**

**The King of kings is drawing near**

**The Savior of the world is here**

**Life and salvation He doth bring**

**Therefore rejoice and gladly sing**

**To God the Father raise**

**Your joyful songs of praise**

(Please stand)

## **THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus  
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to  
life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

## **THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (we sing) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You  
have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and  
we implore You that of Your mercy You would  
strengthen us through the same in faith toward  
You and in fervent love toward one another;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING SENTENCES** *John 1:5, 9*

Pastor: The light shines in the darkness, and the  
darkness has not overcome it.

**People: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was  
coming into the world.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The  
Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you  
peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Savior of the Nations Come” *LSB 332* verses 1 & 8

**Savior of the nations come  
Virgin's Son make here Your home  
Marvel now O heav'n and earth  
That the Lord chose such a birth**

**Glory to the Father sing  
Glory to the Son our king  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor  
Marie Brown, Organist  
Ken Kosmalski, Elder  
Carolyn Kimbrough, Reader  
Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



New, Unwrapped children's toys or books

Box out in the Narthex

**THURSDAY December 12<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY**

## **Downriver Circuit Youth Group Fundraiser Hosted By: St. John Lutheran Church**



Youth Fundraiser

### **Flea Market & Bake Sale**

**December 14th, 9a-3p**

**13115 Telegraph Rd**

(in the school building)

Donations appreciated!

*\*supports the youth groups of*

*St. John's (Taylor)*

*Mt Hope (Allen Park)*

*& Trinity (Wyandotte)\**



## **Senior Luncheon**

When: Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

Where: Logan's Steak House in Westland

Call Ruth to confirm



## **A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL FROM THE QUILTING LADIES, WITH THEIR LOVE AND THANKS.**

They want you to know that all the great small items on the Quilters table in the narthex, great stocking stuffers and items for a special person  
all items are Free Will offering,  
EXCEPT THE QUILTS: Mediums are 25.00, Large are 40.00;

All proceeds go towards supplies, needed for making more quilts.

The Quilters voted to send 300.00 to the Missionary, Salam Ayagri for the holidays also.

## **Community Service Opportunity**

Donations of Cereal Boxes for Blessed Hope.  
Please place cereal in grey box by the mailboxes.

## **BINGO!**

December 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm

Bring a friend

## **Quilting**

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

## **Attendance**

Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm 6

Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>

9:30 am 32

## **Prayer List**

**If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437.** Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

## **Anniversary**

### **Birthdays**

Alexandra Aubrey – December 10<sup>th</sup>

Alyssa Corona - December 12<sup>th</sup>

Shayla Ladach – December 14<sup>th</sup>

Jim Smith – December 14<sup>th</sup>

### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Louis Bigliardi, Assistant Living*

*Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons*

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*Camell Faulk, at home*

*Phyllis Witte, at Aerius Health Center*

*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*

*Lynn Mayfield, at home*

### **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Baby Brother of Preschooler at Mt. Hope**, at Children's  
for intestine surgery recovery

**Dominic Walker**, Lori Wilson's neighbor, he is suffering  
from cancer

**Bill Switter**, in his recover from surgery last Thursday

**Marion Pollatz**, Pastor's sister-in-law, critical condition  
at Grand Rapids hospital

**The Family of Ralph Aiello**, Marilyn Hieber's husband,  
called to glory this past week at the age of 91½  
(Marilyn is our substitute organist).

**Mary Newton, friend of Pollatz**, inoperable cancer

**Megan & Nathan**, daughter & son in law to Cheryl  
Smith, health and employment issues.

**Bill Morrison**, Sandy Cairns' father, now at home

**Christian Warden**, Prayers for healing

**Barabra**, Frank's sister, internal shingles

**Stanley Faulk**, Camell Faulk's son, cancer

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday December 8	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Tuesday December 10	6:30pm Elder's Mtg 7:00pm Council Mtg
Wednesday December 11	10:30am Bible Study
Thursday December 12	10am Quilting
Friday December 13	Office Open
Saturday December 14	5pm Saturday Service
Sunday December 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent 9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service