

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4, 2022

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 380 364 368

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

TODAY Dec. 4 11:30 a.m. LYC Spaghetti Dinner and church decorating

TODAY Dec. 4 6:30 p.m. Rhythm of Bethlehem at United Methodist Church

Dec. 4 8:15 a.m. Worship at English

Dec. 4 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Dec. 4 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

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Dec. 4 10:15 a.m. Christmas Program Practice

Dec. 6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Dec. 6 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Dec. 7 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Dec. 7 5:15-6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Dec. 7 4:30 p.m. Ladies Aid at English (Pot luck lunch)

Dec. 10 9:00 a.m. Woman's Prayer Group

Dec. 11 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program

Dec. 13 6:00 p.m. Secret Pal Christmas Party

Dec. 14 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace Christmas Party

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 35:1-10 James 5:7-11 Matthew 11:2-15

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our theme for this Sunday is hope. In *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, we meet the one who fulfills all of our hopes. Christ is the one who brings to us God's peace and mercy. He is the one who fills us with joy. He is the Sun of Righteousness who has risen on us with healing in his wings. No matter what God has promised to us, all of it is fulfilled for us in Christ. When he comes again, the longings of our hope will be perfectly satisfied, and we will live with him for eternity.

A WORD: Our sermon for this Sunday is *Christmas Gifts: Hope*. Christian hope is the certain expectation of the fulfillment of God's promises. In Isaiah 11, we receive God's promise. Life as we know it will not continue forever. Christ will set all things right. The earth will be remade. The lion will lie down with the lamb. In Romans 15, Paul points us to the Scriptures the source of our hope. In God's Word, we receive God's promise (such as in Isaiah 11), and that promise fills us with joy and peace in every circumstance because it gives us hope. In Matthew 3, John the Baptist prepares us to enter the kingdom that Christ brings by calling us to repentance and faith.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Earlier in Isaiah, God's people were compared to a great tree that had been felled, leaving only the stump. However, just as large roots draw their sustenance and nutrients from the earth, this stump of Jesse was rooted in the promises of God's Word. Christ is that promise that grew forth from these roots in order to bear the fruit of salvation, making the cross into a life-giving tree.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH: TODAY, there will be a spaghetti lunch put on by the LYC following the service. Everyone is invited. Please consider staying after lunch to help decorate the church for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE: Dec. 4, Dec. 11-Sunday Mornings: 8:30 a.m. Christmas Band Practice (5th -12th grade/adult); **9:00 a.m.** Christmas Program Songs and Sunday School lesson; **10:15 a.m.** Christmas Program practice (pre-school -12th grade). The Christmas program is Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Ann Langholdt at 712-461-1695.

BLESSINGS BASKET: Thank you to everyone who has given to the blessings jar over the last few months. The blessings in that jar have now become a blessing basket. If you know of anyone who would be blessed by this gift, please place their name and address in the box next to the basket. A name will be drawn December 11th.

SECRET PAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 13th. We will gather at Pizza Ranch at 6:00 p.m. Secret Pals for 2022 will be revealed and new names will be drawn for 2023. If any ladies would like to join, please join us at Pizza Ranch.

DAUGHTERS OF PEACE: The Christmas party will be December 14th at 3:30 p.m. Please bring an ornament that has special meaning to you. We will share why the ornament is special. Also, please bring a guest if you wish. Karen Olson will have devotions and program.

DECEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEES: Altar Committee for Peace is Doris Iwen, Yvette Waagmeester, Harper Flying Horse, and Danie Folkens. At English it will be Wanda Wulf.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAYS: Frontier Bank will be offering donation checks at their annual Community Appreciations days. Everyone is welcome to stop by and pick up a \$5.00 donation check to be written to the church or charity of choice. The dates are as follows: George Branch-December 5th, and Rock Rapids Branch December 9th.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect canned soups, cream soups, crackers, canned vegetables, canned fruit, microwave popcorn, instant potatoes, Pop Tarts, cereals, tuna Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERS: December 4-Terry Dieren & Lowell Fick December 11-Steve and Jesse Janssen