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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

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Morning Worship Service

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25; Hebrews 7:22-28

Message: “Christmas with the Catechism”

Evening Worship Service

Advent Carol Sing at HRC (led by Jack TenCate)

Congregational & Community News

Advent Carol Sing: Jack TenCate will lead us this evening at 6:00pm as we begin the season celebrating the real meaning of Christmas. A special offering will be received for Love INC. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Women’s Ministry Christmas Party:

The Women’s Ministry Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, at 7:00pm. Sign up **TODAY** if you plan on attending!! There will be fellowship, games, snacks and fun (lots and lots of fun)! The Christmas Party is for ALL women. The evening will conclude with Secret Pal gift exchange, participation in Secret Pal is not required to attend. If you have any questions, talk to: Misti Lindholm, Shelly McCormick, Karen TerHaar or Barbara VanGelderren.

Fleece Blanket Ministry: We are looking for 1, 2 or more folks that will be willing to help organize the Fleece Blanket Ministry. The materials are all purchased with church funds, but we need someone who would be willing to shop for the material, tie the blankets and deliver to folks in the congregation following surgeries etc. This has been a very appreciated gift from those that have received them, so we would love to keep this mission going!! If you are willing to help, please see Nancy Kleinheksel, Ann Eding or Shelly McCormick.

Kids Hope Christmas Party:

The Kids Hope Christmas party is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 6. Food donations are needed. Please sign on the poster by the new KIDS HOPE bulletin board near the nursery. Also, new or gently-used items continue to be collected and should be placed in the totes outside the Library by Wednesday, December 5.

Ordination/Installation of Deacons

and Elders: Ordination and Installation of newly elected Elders and Deacons will take place on January 6 during the morning worship service. Being ordained/installed to the office of Elder are Sally Elenbaas and Arlynn Immink. Being installed to the office of Deacon are Arie Doolaard and Jeff Hulst.

Mentors Needed: The Gate Youth Center will be adding Monday sessions in January for 5th graders and is looking for mentors. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please email: thegateministry117@gmail.com

The Gathering Service Project:

The Gathering (high school youth group) will meet from 4:30-7:30pm tonight. They will be heading out with their mentors from 4:30-6:00pm to stop by congregation members’ houses to collect items for a canned food drive.

Children’s Christmas Program

Practice: Practices for the Children’s Christmas Program begin this Saturday, December 8, at 10:00am.

Christmas Cookies: The Children’s Christmas Program is scheduled for December 16 and is in need of Christmas cookies for after the program. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

You’re Invited!! Beginning in January Pastor Adam and Shaelee will be hosting a “Head of the House” party each month. What is Head of the House? It’s a monthly gathering for you to come to the Van Der Stoep’s home for fun, fellowship, and celebration – and when is a better time to come than the month of your birthday! Invites will be placed in church mailboxes the birthday month of the WOMAN of the house for couples (or your birthday month if you live alone, are widowed, or a widower). Watch for your invitation as you will have to RSVP (this is for adults only). These parties will be held once a month throughout the year 2019. We can’t wait to have you!

Prayer Corner

Please Pray for:

- Lorraine Nyhoff is a patient at Zeeland Hospital for pneumonia
- Frank Workman is scheduled for back surgery at Spectrum Butterworth on Monday, Dec. 3

Recovery & Rehab:

- Orv Deters
- Gary Ende
- Ken Haverdink

Undergoing Treatments:

- Ron Kleinheksel
- Stu Woldring

This Week's Friend at Home

Jean Hutt

Missionary of the Week:

Mark & JoAnn Hibma
590 Wigwam Way
Fairbanks, AK 99712
Email: mjhibma67@hotmail.com

Missionary Prayer Request:

- Please pray for the work of Leadership Resources and Rev. Ron Ver Wys in his travels to places often dangerous and unwelcoming to Christian influences. Pray for those that are taught by Rev. Ver Wys and others as they strive to bring understanding of Scriptures to the local Christian leaders in hidden church settings.

December Missions of the Month
Teen Challenge
HAYM

Tithes & Offerings

November 18 - \$8,470
Regular Offering - \$7,995
E-file Offering - \$475

Thanksgiving Offering – \$12,845

Happening this Week

Sunday, December 2

9:30am Rev. Kayla Fik
11:00am Sunday School
4:30pm The Gathering
6:00pm Advent Carol Sing at HRC

Monday, December 3

8:45am Preschool
10:00am Pantry
6:30pm Zumba

Tuesday, December 4

8:45am Preschool
7:00pm Women's Ministry Christmas Party & Secret Pal Reveal

Wednesday, December 5

8:45am Preschool
10:00am Pantry
5:30pm Family Meal
6:00pm Youth Praise Team
6:30pm Kid Connection, Gravitate, and Adult Classes

Thursday, December 6

8:00am Moms In Prayer (Adult)
8:45am Preschool
9:00am Moms In Prayer (HMS/HHS)
3:00pm Kids Hope Christmas Party
5:00pm Pantry
6:30pm Zumba

Friday, December 7

8:45am Preschool
10:00am Pantry

Saturday, December 8

6:00am Men's Bible Study
8:30am Zumba
10:00am Christmas Program Practice

A Look Ahead...

Sunday, December 9

9:30am Pastor Adam
Communion Vespers
6:00pm Pastor Adam at HRC

Ministry Helpers

Greeters: Dale & Carla VanderPoppen
Nursery Helpers: Donna Diekema
Sally Boerigter

Next Week (December 9)

Greeters: Del & Mary VanderPoppen
Nursery Helpers: Rick Eustice
Missy Eustice
Praise Team: Musical Instruments

Wednesday Night Activities

- Dinner is served from 5:30-6:15pm. This week's meal is tacos and will be served by Women's Ministry.
 - All are welcome to these meals...free of charge!
- Youth Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00-6:30pm in the Red Carpet Room downstairs for 2nd-12th grade students
- Gravitate meets 6:30-7:45pm in the Youth Room downstairs
- Kid Connection begins at 6:30pm in Room 101 downstairs for children 3 years old – 4th grade
- Several opportunities are available for adults:
 - Faith and Music meets 6:30-7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall
 - The Prayer Group meets 6:30-7:00pm in Room 8

Youth Group News

Gravitate - 5th - 8th Grade: Meets Wednesdays 6:30-7:45pm

The Gathering - 9th - 12th Grade: Meets Sundays 6:00-7:30pm
4:30-7:30pm this week (December 2)