

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday in Advent Announcements

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 46

HYMNS: 27, 16, 14 v. 1 and 4

ORDER OF SERVICE: Included in the Worship Guide; *also found on page 15 in CHRISTIAN WORSHIP.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6 -- Printed in the Worship Guide and on its back cover.

PSALM: Psalm 24, Read responsively – Included in the Worship Guide and on page 73 in CHRISTIAN WORSHIP.

SERMON TEXT, THEME, & PARTS:

Malachi 3:1-4

THE LORD IS COMING!

1. The first time He came was to refine people
2. The second time He will come to judge people

CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK: Our congregational Christmas Party/Potluck will be held **NEXT** Sunday, December 16. After the worship service we'll view a short video explaining the making of the beloved Christmas Carol "Silent Night" (this year marks its 200th Anniversary), sing favorite Christmas Carols, and end the day's activities by enjoying a Potluck Meal. Hope you'll stay!

COMMUNION: To Our Members- If you plan to commune, please sign up on the table by the organ. To Members Of Other WELS/ELS Churches- If you would like to commune, please talk to the Pastor **before** the start of the worship service. To Our Guests- We appreciate your presence among us and ask that you respect our communion practice. Please talk to the Pastor **after** the worship service so you might better understand and appreciate our "Close Communion" practice. Personal preparation for worthy reception of the Lord's

Supper can be found on page 156 in the hymnal, CHRISTIAN WORSHIP; with communion prayers located there on page 11.

SERVICE: Serving the Lord **today** are: **Organist** - Pat Jahns, **Ushers** – Dennis Stuhr and Walt Tidwell (**Next Sunday** – Byron Langdell and Jim Burk), **Assistant Ushers** - Dave Warnke and Wayne Johnson, **Communion Assistant** – Dave Warnke, **Candlelighter** - Alyssa Tidwell, **Greeter** – Barb Stuhr (**Next Sunday** – Miriam Haubrich), **Altar Guild** – Kim Pisano and Judy Benton, **Flowers** – (None listed), **Camera Operator** - Steve Fischer,). *May the Lord bless such service!*

THIS WEEK WITH MY CHURCH

Today Worship (Communion) at 9:30AM, Choir Rehearsal at 10:45AM

Monday Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00AM-11:45AM,
Half Hour Worship on cable Channel 64 at 5:30PM

Tuesday Half Hour Worship on cable Channel 64 at 8:30AM,
Ladies League Christmas Party (Smoke Tree Village Clubhouse) at 5:00PM **ALL LADIES ARE INVITED.**

Wednesday Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00AM-9:50AM & 11:05AM-11:45AM
Bible Class (Smoke Tree Village Clubhouse) at 10:00AM-11:00AM

Sunday (next) **Special "To the Ends of The Earth" Bible Class, third session,** at 8:30AM, Worship at 9:30AM, **Congregational Christmas Party/Potluck at 10:30AM**

LADIES LEAGUE CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Ladies' League potluck Christmas Party is scheduled for December 11 at 5:00PM in the Smoke Tree Village clubhouse. There will be games, prizes, lots of good food, and fun. **ALL LADIES** are invited to attend.

SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY: A video-based Bible Study on the film "To The Ends Of The Earth" **continues today** and will conclude on Sunday, December 23. This study is being held during Bible Class - 8:30AM-9:15AM. **Even though you might have missed the first session, it's not too late for you to attend the remaining two.** The goal of this study is to have the attendees

be amazed by the grace of God, embrace how fully accepted they are in Christ, appreciate how powerful the Gospel is for others, and capture the passion and urgency to share it with people of different lifestyles and cultures. Hope you'll join us!

VIDEO: DVDs of the fourth and final installment in the WELS outreach videos – “To the Ends Of The Earth” - are now available. While all four videos point to Jesus as the Savior of the world, **this** video tells the story of the Apostle Paul taking the Word to Philippi. DVDs of the video are available from the small table under the Narthex bulletin boards at a nominal cost of only \$2/video. Get yours today!

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD: If you forgot that the last Sunday of the month has been set aside as “Community Cupboard Sunday”, you can bring your non-perishable food items to Church any time and set them on the kitchen counter by the refrigerator. Your donations will benefit the Yavapai Food Bank.

SIGN-UPS: There are two 2019 Sign-up Sheets on the Narthex bulletin for areas of service in the congregation: a Flower Chart for donating flowers for the altar and a Fellowship Hour Host Sign-up for hosting Fellowship Hour some Sunday morning. Stop by the Narthex bulletin board and sign up **today!** 😊

BACK BULLETINS: If you weren't able to make it to Church on a given Sunday, but would still like to stay informed, bulletins from the past four Sundays are available in the top row (right side) of the Church Mailboxes in the Narthex.

WELS CHRISTIAN AID & RELIEF: With the recent flooding that has devastated parts of our country in the East and the horrific fires in the West, there is an urgent need for aid & relief. Monetary gifts can be sent to *WELS Christian Aid & Relief, N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI, 53188*. Or, give online at *WELS.net* by simply clicking on the “Giving” tab. Please consider exercising your Christian faith and love to the glory of our Savior and for the good of others! **PLEASE REMEMBER THESE VICTIMS IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

ONLINE VIEWING: If you'd like to watch past episodes of our broadcasts on Cable Access Channel 64, go to prescottmediacenter.org. Scroll and click and watch what you'd like.

DAILY DEVOTION (and more): An opportunity for us to grow spiritually is to take advantage of the *Today's Devotion* series presented by WELS at whataboutjesus.com. These weekday devotions are written by WELS pastors, and a podcast of every devotion is included. To easily access the daily devotions, subscribe for email delivery at wels.net/subscribe and sign up.

ACSTO (Arizona Christian Student Tuition Organization): The WELS Foundation has merged and become part of ACSTO. It is hoped that this "change" will heighten awareness and provide more scholarships for our students at WELS schools! Pick up a brochure from the table under the tract rack.

MEDITATIONS: Institutional Ministries still make use of past editions of *Meditations*, so keep saving them and place them in the plastic receptacles under the table (under the bulletin boards) in the Narthex. If you have past editions of *Forward In Christ* that are **NOT** being used once you have finished reading them, you're encouraged to leave them where someone else might profit from them (doctor's office waiting room, repair shop waiting room, etc.).

HYMNAL PROJECT: Visit the Web site for the synod's Hymnal Project. It is located at welshymnal.com, and see short video that introduces the project. You can subscribe to receive updates about the project, insights about worship, and invitations to participate in the research and development process. May the Lord bless our new Hymnal Project!

COLLECTIONS In the Narthex there's a box to collect eye wear (glasses/sun glasses) to benefit individuals whose eyesight is "less than perfect". On the table entering the Fellowship Hall there's a basket to collect personal care products (unused small bottles of shampoo, lotion, and bars of soap) to benefit area shelters. Keep collecting and donating!

CHRISTMAS 2018 (C18): Our congregation has committed itself to participate in the synod-wide outreach effort entitled **C18**; short for Christmas 2018. Our local effort will focus primarily on Christmas Eve. Our synod will be providing worship suggestions and promotional materials such as postcards, banners, Facebook posts, and in-person invitations. **The "To the Ends of The Earth" Special Bible Study is currently ongoing today and will conclude on Sunday, December 23.** When the opportunity presents itself, please consider supporting and participating in C18.