

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We have started a weekly men's morning Bible study on **Thursday mornings at 6:00 a.m.** We purposefully chose an early morning time so that men are able to study God's Word together and still have time to get their kids to school or themselves to work. We will always end promptly by 7:00 a.m. All men in the congregation are invited to join us! Just bring your Bible and come at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings. Please contact Pastor Nass if you have any questions.

**APPLICATIONS** are now being accepted for a part-time office assistant at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. A job description and application are available at 345-4966.

**THANK YOU** very much for your donation of \$1,079. We are grateful for your help. St. Peter Area Food Shelf

**MVL HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS & BAND** will be presenting their Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. Preconcert music will begin at 6:45 p.m.



# The EVANGEL

**December 17, 2017**

**GREETERS:** 8:00 a.m. is Karen Duden and 10:30 a.m. is Bev Habeck. If you are willing to be a greeter, please contact Bev Habeck (931-3945) or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

**ALTAR GUILD CONTACTS** for December are as follows: Sharon Olsen (351-1623), Anna Sumption (934-5444), and Candy Siewert (995-2975). If you are placing flowers on the altar for a special December date, please call one of these members.

**JOY SINGERS:** Come and join us! We will be rehearsing Monday evening, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. and singing on Wednesday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.

**ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES:** Christmas will be here before we know it! Don't let this Christmas season pass you by without finding time to reflect on God's great gift to us in Jesus. Please join us for our last Wednesday Advent service on **December 20 at 6:30 p.m.** These quiet, evening services are perfect opportunities to focus yourself and your family on what the Christmas season is really all about - the birth of our Savior Jesus.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 18 & 19.....Geography Bee  
 Dec. 20 ..... 6:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Service  
 Dec. 24 .....9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
 .....1:00 p.m. Spanish Christmas Eve Service  
 ..... 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
 ..... 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service  
 Dec. 25 ..... 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service  
 Dec. 31 .....9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
 ..... 6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship w/ Comm.  
 Jan. 3 ..... LES and Little Lambs Resumes  
 Jan. 8 .....Messy Monday

**MEAL TRAIN FOR THE NASS FAMILY:** One of our members - Alysha Coffman - is planning a "meal train" for the Nass family. What is a meal train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a meal train. Beginning in January, we would like to support the Nass family after the arrival of their newest bundle. Questions? Contact Alysha Coffman at [alyshacoffman@gmail.com](mailto:alyshacoffman@gmail.com).

**PIONEERS EVENTS:** A "jam" sale will be held today, Sunday, December 17 after both services. The funds will support the Pioneer program and the summer camp fees. **CHRISTMAS CAROLING** will be on Sunday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us and then gather at church for cider and cookies afterwards. The Pioneers will meet on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

**HOME VISITS WITH PASTOR HEISE:** Pastor Heise would love to come and visit you at your home. Please contact him and suggest a time that works for you. His number is (920)264-7665 or you can email him at [heise.justin@gmail.com](mailto:heise.justin@gmail.com).

**THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS???** It's not too late. We have Kwik Trip cards for those treats and gas. Remember we get 5% for items purchased in store and when we buy the cards we get 5% also. Plan ahead and save on a headache or the rush at the last minute.

**CELEBRATION MEAL AND CHILI DUMP—JANUARY 7th!** Since September 2016, our congregation has been conducting a Capital Campaign with several goals in mind: to eliminate our debt, pay back our endowment fund, and build up a surplus in our building fund for future projects. Please join us for a celebration meal after our 10:30 a.m. service as we celebrate the success of this campaign and thank our congregation for their wonderful gifts and contributions!

**CHRISTMAS EVE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** If you have musical ability and would like to play/sing/perform some Christmas music, you will have an opportunity before the Christmas Eve service at 5:00. Individuals or groups of any age can sign up on a sheet in the narthex. Depending on the number of performances, music will begin at 4:00. If you are interested, please sign up or ask Pastor Heise about your questions.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:** We are planning lots of special services to celebrate Christmas at our church this December. We would love to have you keep Christ in Christmas with us this year.

**Sunday, Dec. 17th—Sunday School Christmas Service—10:30 a.m.**

Our 10:30 a.m. service will be dedicated to our children's Christmas service—"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come."

**Sunday, Dec. 24th—Sunday Worship Service—9:00 a.m.**

Instead of having our two usual morning worship services, we will have one service at 9:00 a.m. This service is a final Sunday Advent service preparing us for Christmas and is different from our other Christmas Eve services.

**Sunday, Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve Worship Service—5:00 p.m.**

Our Christmas Eve service focuses on the familiar story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2. We will sing many familiar Christmas carols, including a hymn sing-a-long before the service begins, so come early! This service will include a sermon, but we will not be celebrating the Lord's Supper.

**Sunday, Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—9:00 p.m.**

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is a quiet, peaceful service filled with lessons and carols. We dim the lights in the sanctuary. There is no sermon. Instead, we hear a number of different lessons focusing on Jesus. Many of the songs are sung by a choir.

**Monday, Dec. 25th—Christmas Day Worship—9:00 a.m.**

Our Christmas Day service celebrates who Jesus is—true God who became a Man to save us from our sins. We will sing more familiar Christmas carols, but different hymns from our Christmas Eve service. This service will include both a sermon and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**Sunday, Dec. 31st—Sunday Worship Service—9:00 a.m.**

Instead of having our two usual morning worship services, we will have one service at 9:00 a.m. This service will be different from the New Year's Eve service held later in the evening.

**Sunday, Dec. 31st—New Year's Eve Worship—6:30 p.m.**

Our New Year's Eve service thanks God for his blessings and trusts in God's grace as we enter the uncertainty of a new year. This service will include both a sermon and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.