

December Newsletter

There is much going on at Chapel. We are learning how the new heating and cooling system works with the boiler system to keep us warm this winter. Many are cold during worship services while some are hot. Thank you for your patience as we attempt to keep your temperature in a good range.

The new sign has been installed on the front lawn. But there is some work that still needs to be accomplished. Hopefully that will be completed the first week of December. It will allow us to display messages that let others know who we are, what we teach, and how they can be part of it. It can simply be a great way to share the Gospel with our neighbors and anyone passing by. The church is purchasing a new computer for the main office. A great deal of work has been done with the electrical system and the operation of the many lights outside and inside the building. Some are on timers that need to be controlled a little better and others will still operate the same.

Advent has begun. This year we continue with the color blue for all the paraments, vestments, wall hangings, and decorations. Yes, there is even an advent tree. Blue reminds us of Hope. The church used to celebrate the season with purple. It marked a season of penitence like that of Lent. And yes, some people do fast during the Advent season. Advent means coming or arrival. It calls us to remember that Jesus is coming again. It also prepares us to remember our Lord's incarnation and birth as we move toward Christmas. Midweek advent services begin Wednesday December 3 at 4pm and 6pm. The theme will be Jesus as Prophet, Priest, and King.

Christmas begins our journey through the life of Christ, from manger to Ascension, from December to April. We go from a time of Thanksgiving for all that God the Father has given to us to a time of giving. We especially give thanks that the Father has given His Son Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, as both True God and True Man, to bring redemption to all mankind – to you. God continues to bless us with His gifts through His Son's crucifixion, death, and resurrection as we gather together to receive the body and blood of Christ, one family, one confession, one Lord, One Faith, One baptism and one God and Father of us all. Here at church, God has called you together through the Holy Spirit as His people, His children, to be fed and nourished unto eternal life through word and sacrament. May God continue to bless His family at THE Lutheran Chapel of the Cross, and His church throughout the world.

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