

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2016



*We long for PEACE.*



*“The Voice of one crying out  
in the wilderness:*

*‘Prepare the way of the  
Lord!’”*

**Welcome to Word of HOPE  
Lutheran Church, ELCA !**

***We are Saved by God’s Grace  
and  
Called to Share the Love of Jesus with ALL.***

**Please Visit our WELCOME Center...  
*We are glad you’re here!***

### ***For Whom Shall We Pray***

#### ***For those in need:***

Julie McEwen, Richard Saunders, Dion Parker,  
Karl Knapp (Floro), Natalie Anderson,  
Makenzie Webb, Walter & Patricia Finger (Brown),  
Margaret and Michael DeCarlo (Campbell),  
Corrie Fosson (Whitehead), Carl Bowen (Black),  
Steve DeWitte, John Ege

#### ***For those serving our country:***

Hunter Schultz, Matthew (Sorrell)

#### ***In a special way:***

St. Martha’s Episcopal Church, as we share our church  
home and look forward to sharing Pr. Sandy Stone.

### ***Do you have a need for Prayer?***

Let us know of your concern. Contact the Care Team by  
calling Colleen Black 859-223-3877

Or call the Word of Hope office

859-272-8515

Or email: [wordofhopeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wordofhopeoffice@gmail.com)

**Holy Communion** is God’s gift to us and we’re  
happy to share it with you. There are gluten free  
wafers available. White grape juice is available in  
the inner ring of the tray of individual cups if you  
prefer. We invite all who trust in Jesus’ presence in  
the bread and wine to participate in this holy meal.



***If you are a VISITOR, please sign our GUEST BOOK in the Welcome Center.***

We want to get to know you better and help you get to know us! We have a warm, family-like congregation and we love welcoming others to it. Please write down the best way to get in touch with you.

**THANKS AGAIN FOR JOINING US AND PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS WEEK

### **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE THIS TUESDAY**

**DECEMBER 6, 2016.** For more information and to donate time and food, please contact Sue Cook 859-421-9064.

## ONGOING

**CARE AND CONVERSATION** Meets at WOH on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm to share our thoughts and show concern for each other and the world around us. You are invited to join the group any Wednesday. All are welcome.

**PRaise BAND** Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. New Members always welcome! Contact Dawn Webb.

## COMING UP!!

**FAIR TRADE FAIR IS NEXT SUNDAY, December 11,** from 9:15-11:15. Lucia's Boutique will be here again offering their beautiful fair trade items for sale. Bring your Christmas lists. Fair trade items provide artisans in poverty areas of the world livable wages to help support their families.

**NEXT WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING** will be Sunday, December 11 after worship. We will be putting together our Lessons and Carols celebration for January 1 as well as other worship tasks. Everyone is welcome.

**ADVENT LESSON AND CAROLS** with St. Martha's on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, we will be joining them for their annual holiday celebration potluck.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** Wednesday, December 21 at 6:00 PM, we will be decorating the church in our annual "Hanging of the Greens". Bring a Christmas goody to share and we will enjoy them while we decorate for our Christmas festivities.

## REMEMBER

**THE GIVING TREE** is set up in the entryway. Items will be going to Natalie's Sisters. Take a tag and bring back the unwrapped items and put it in the box next to the tree. We will be collecting items through to Christmas.

**Psalm 82:3 MINISTRIES.** Starting next Sunday is the season of Advent. During our offering each Sunday, we will again be taking up a **Noisy can collection**. If you would like to hear more about this ministry, please see Jen Polnisch.

**POINSETTIAS TIME** Please see the sheets in the entryway to order your poinsettia in honor of loved ones and to help decorate our worship area during the Christmas season. \$12 per plant per name. THANKS!!

**St. AUGUSTINE'S CHAPEL** invites all to a service of Lessons and Carols on December 8 at 7 pm with a free meal followed by the service at 8pm. All are welcome! An offering of diapers/wipes/creams will be taken to benefit a local diaper bank.

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE December 4-11**

### TODAY

9:30 am Worship **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

10:30 am Coffee and Conversation

11:00 am St. Martha's Service

12:00 pm 6:00 pm Al Anon

7:30 pm AA

### Monday

7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday

3:00 – 6:00 pm KODA (Fellowship Hall)

5:00 PM Ronald McDonald House Dinner

### Wednesday

7:00 pm Care and Conversation

7:00 pm Praise Team Practice

### Thursday

### Friday

6:30-9:30 pm

### Saturday

8:00 am-Noon NA Fellowship Hall

### Next Sunday

9:15-11:15 am **FAIR TRADE FAIR**

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Coffee and Conversation

11:00 am St. Martha's Service

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**December 4** Advent 2 – Worship as usual

**December 11** Advent 3 – Dedication Sunday (Pledges); Installation of Assisting Ministers

**December 18** 11 am Worship with St. Martha's-Advent Lessons & Carols. St. Martha's hosting their traditional Christmas Celebration Feast

*(Note: For those preferring it, there will be an abbreviated 9:30 am communion service).*

**December 21** 6 pm Hanging of the GREENS.

**December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE:** 7pm SHARED WORSHIP SERVICE WITH ST. MARTHA'S (note: No worship service on Sunday, Dec. 25th Christmas day)

**JANUARY 1, 2017** 9:30 am Worship: Christmas Lessons & Carols.

## **CONTACT US!**

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