

## *Serving at the Good Samaritan Center*

### Today

Vicky Levene & Joan Bleeker

### December 30

Linda Cramer & Billie Valentien

## *Serving as Greeters*

### Today

West Door: Kyle & Courtney Rippentrop

North Door: Jeff & Teresa Rippentrop

East door: Dick & Charlotte Lounsbery

### December 30

West door: Eric Rops

North Door: Marlyn & Kathy Bunger

East Door: Ken & Laurie Shaffer

## *Serving in the Nursery*

### Today

Crystal Kezar & Barb Buse

### December 30

Adam & Heather Aesoph

## *Serving Fellowship Time*

### Today

Dave & Gail Strasser

### December 30

Volunteer needed

## *This Week at LEPC*

### Sunday, December 23

9:25 am Morning worship

Coffee Fellowship following

10:50 am Sunday school for all ages

7:00-9:00 pm Open House at the Saylor's

### Wednesday, December

3:30-4:30 pm The Exchange is open

No evening activities

### Saturday, December 29

9:00-10:00 am The Exchange is open

### Monday, December 24

2:00-3:30 The Exchange is open

6:30 pm Christmas Eve service

### Sunday, December 30

9:25 am Morning worship

Coffee Fellowship following

No evening service

### Tuesday, December 25

Offices closed

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Office hours: Monday - Friday ~8:30 am - 3:30 pm

If you are unable to attend the morning service, you may watch it on cable 19 or 98

or you may LiveStream the service by going to the website and clicking the link.

lepc@iw.net (Church office)

Office Hours: 12:30-3:30 pm Tuesday-Friday

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# MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 23, 2018 — 9:25 AM

## Time of Preparation

Lighting the Advent Candle

Richard and Charlotte Lounsbery

## God Calls us to Worship

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:1-5

\* Hymn # 292

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

MARGARET

\* Prayer of Adoration

\* Hymn #274

“O Harken Ye”

O HEARKEN YE

## God Renews us In His Grace

Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 40:10-11

Song of Assurance # 349 “O How He Loves You and Me”

PATRICIA

Passing the Peace

## Giving Back to God

Offering

Acts 20:35

Special Music

“Hallelujah”

Emma Allison

Congregational Prayer

## God Gives us His Word

Children’s Message

Scripture

1 John 3:1-3

Sermon

“The Gift of Love”

Rev. Ethan D. Sayler

\* Hymn # 256

“Love Has Come!”

BRING A TORCH

## God Sends us out with His Blessing

\* Charge and Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:13-22

\* Doxology # 233

“Grace, Love and Fellowship”

CANE PEAK

## The Gift of Love

1 John 3:1-3

### I. The Grace of God’s Love

A. God’s Love in the Old Testament

B. God’s Love in the New Testament

### II. Knowing and Growing in the Love of God

A. Think more on the Love of God

B. Love transforms the Beloved

## Food for Thought

It is but a false pretense of love to God that any man has who lives in any known sin. Where God is not loved above all, he is not loved at all; and he is not so where men will not part with one cursed lust for his sake. Do not let your light deceive you, nor your gifts, nor your duties, nor your profession; if you live in sin, you do not love God.

John Owen

## Questions for Discussion

1. What is the name that God gives Himself in Exodus 34:6-7?
2. How is the wrath of God understood as an expression of God’s love in the OT?
3. Where is that wrath seen in the NT (two places)?
4. How has God proven His love for us in Jesus Christ?
5. What other “loves” in this world compete with your love for God?
6. How can the gift of God’s love transform you?

*Visitors, we welcome you with open arms.*

*Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service for fellowship and refreshments.*

## December 23, 2018

### Praise & Prayer

Pray for Marla Poppens daughter, **Marissa**, as she recovers from her cornea transplant.

Pray for **Grace Presbyterian Church in Duluth, MN** and **Pastor Nathan Lee**.

Pray for **Jim Wipf** who is serving as pulpit supply at 1st Presbyterian Church in Parker.

at home: **Vera Steever**; ... our member residents at GSC: **Bernice Bultena, Ray Bunjer, Bonnie Husman, & Don Kuper**; ...at Riverview Healthcare & Nursing Home, Flandreau: **Mike Reed**; ...our member residents in Sioux Falls: **Harven Brass**, - Stoneybrooke Suites, **Erma DeWilde** - Prairie Creek Memory Care, **LaVerne Miller** - Good Samaritan Village, **BJ Olson** - Dakotabilities, **Walter Otten** - Good Samaritan Center in Canisota ...those with cancer: **Arland Abbas** ... in the military: **Ben Miller** – South Korea

### Announcements

**Next Sunday's offering...** is a 5th Sunday offering. It will go towards replacing the roof on the fellowship hall.

**Last week's offerings...** The amount given for the Mission Fund was \$5371.00 and for disaster relief for the PCA church in Paradise, CA was \$7,579.00. Praise the Lord!

**Christmas gift...** If you would like to contribute towards a Christmas gift for Pastor Ethan and his family, please place your gift in the box on the information center by December 24th.

**Pastor Sayler & family...** will be gone December 25th until January 1st. If you have a need, please contact one of the elders.

**January newsletter...** will be printed next Thursday. If you have something to include, please have it in the office by Monday noon.

**Love gift for the Union Gospel Mission...** for January is coffee. Please bring your gifts by January 15th.

**TableTalk devotionals...** for December are on the information center.

**Attention treasurer's....** In preparation for the annual congregational report, please have your reports in the office by the end of the first week of January.

### New Men's Study Group Starting in January

Are you drawn by the call of the wild? Is your idea of spiritual growth spending time in God's country? Close Encounters was designed to reach men's groups who want to delve deeply into Scripture, using hunting and fishing as the staging ground. This six-session, video-based study features real-life wild game hunts and fly fishing ventures with nationally known outdoorsmen who connect divine spiritual truths with the unique earthly experiences found only in the world of hunting and fishing. Cruise takes you on a trek into creation that will show you how to live out your passion for the outdoors in ways that bring honor to the God who created the dirt under your boots.

The group will have its first meeting **on Monday, January 7th, at 7:00 pm**. See Pastor Sayler or Paul Beukelman for more information.

**New phone number...** Jim Kickland's phone number is 214-2925.

**New newsletters/updates...** from the UGM, Ethan Zimmerman, Brandon & Erin Haan, Voice of the Martyrs, and Pete & Esther Errington are on the mission bulletin board.

### Thank you

Thank you to the Deacons for the nice goodie bags that were delivered recently and for the visits. We appreciate the special consideration during this Christmas season.

**Joan Bleeker, LaVerne Miller, Iva Haan, Vera Steever,**

**Arlis Poppens, Rose Haan, & Donna Dykstra**

Thank you to all the carolers who stopped to sing some Christmas songs. It was much appreciated. **Rose Haan, La Verne Miller, Joan Bleeker, & Donna Dykstra**

Duane is home as he recovers. Thank you for your prayers and calls of concern.

We praise God for His answered prayers.

**Duane, Arlis, & Marla Poppens**

### Community announcements

**The Lennox Area Minister's Association...** is hosting the GriefShare Ministry beginning on Thursday, January 10, from 6:30 PM-8:00PM at the Dindot-Klusman Funeral Home in Lennox. GriefShare is a video seminar series that features some