

Serving at the Good Samaritan Center

Today

Carla Haan & Billie Valentien

December 31

Marlyn & Kathy Bunger

Serving as Greeters

Today

West Door: Dixie Shay

North Door: Alan & Gloria Rops

East Door: Jerry & Gail Carlson

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West door: Phil & Judy Fett

North Door: Delphi Klusmann

East Door: Ken & Laurie Shaffer

Serving in the Nursery

Today

Adam & Heather Aesoph

December 31

Brock & Nancy Rops

Serving Fellowship Time

Today

Alan & Brenda Ratliff

December 31

Ken & Laurie Shaffer

This Week at LEPC

Sunday, December 24

9:25 am Morning worship

Coffee Fellowship following

No S.S. today

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Candle Light service

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day - offices & The Exchange are closed

Wednesday, December 27

3:30-5:00 pm The Exchange is open

No evening activities

Thursday, December 28

8:00 pm LEPC to the Union Gospel Mission for Chapel service

Saturday, December 30

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

Sunday, December 31

9:25 am Morning worship

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Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church
Where we strive to grow daily in the grace
and knowledge of Jesus Christ

December 24, 2017

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

MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2017 — 9:25 AM

Time of Preparation

Lighting the Advent Candle

The Carlson Family

God Calls us to Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

* Hymn # 278

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

* Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn # 279

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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God Renews us In His Grace

Call to Confession

Nehemiah 9:17b

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14

Hymn # 265

“The First Noel”

THE FIRST NOEL

(verses 1 and 6)

Passing the Peace

Giving Back to God

Offering

Romans 12:9-13

Congregational Prayer

God Gives us His Word

Children’s Message

Scripture

Luke 2:8-20

Sermon

“At the Manger: The Shepherds”

Rev. Ethan D. Sayler

* Hymn # 292

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

MARGARET

God Sends us out with His Blessing

* Charge and Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:13-22

* Doxology # 271

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

HYMN TO JOY

Visitors, we welcome you with open arms.

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

At the Manger: The Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20

I. Regarding Shepherds

A. The Role of the Shepherd

B. God’s Heart for Shepherds

C. Levitical Shepherds

II. How the Shepherds Came to Christ

A. They Heard the Word

B. They Came to See

C. They Glorified God

Food for Thought

The shepherds became the first evangelists of the Christian church. Their testimony, although worthless in the law courts of the day, was valued by God. He entrusted to them the first human proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They heard the gospel; they came to Christ; they saw, believed and proclaimed.

R.C. Sproul

Questions for Discussion

1. Why were shepherds disregarded in their society? How were they essential?
2. Name some of the ways in which God has demonstrated a special favor towards shepherds throughout the Bible.
3. How would the announcement of the angels have had special meaning to the shepherds if they were in fact Levitical shepherds?
4. Considering the shepherds’ response to the angel’s message, what can we learn about coming to Christ today?

Order for Worship
Sunday, December 24th, 2017
Christmas Eve Service

PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Saylor Family

A WORD OF WELCOME

* HYMN No. 249

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Colossians 1)

Leader: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him.

People: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Leader: And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

All: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

* CAROLING

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

No. 259

(verses 1, 2, & 5)

“Away in a Manger”

No. 261

“Good Christian Men Rejoice”

No. 273

“Joy to the World”

No. 270

THE OFFERTORY

Larry Bunjer & Betsy Thompson

Tonight’s offering will be taken for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund Christmas Offering. This fund is used to assist needy PCA retired or disabled pastors and missionaries, their widows and dependent children.

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

THE MESSAGE

“At the Manger: The Christ Child”

Rev. Ethan D. Saylor

SPECIAL MUSIC

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Laura Welch & Emily Roberts

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

As we sing the closing hymn, the ushers will receive their light from the pastor, and will then bring it to the congregation. **Please remember that the lighted candle remains upright, and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lit.**

*HYMN No. 253

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

STILLE NACHT

**Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
`round yon virgin mother and Child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent Night, holy night,
Wondrous Star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love’s pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

December 24, 2017

Praise & Prayer

Praise the LORD for His inexpressible gift.

... at home: **Vera Steever**; ... our member residents at GSC: **Bernice Bultena, Ray Bunjer, Bonnie Husman & Don Kuper**; ... at Welco: **Frances Klock**, ...at Riverview Healthcare & Nursing Home, Flandreau: **Mike Reed**; ...our member residents in Sioux Falls: **Virgil Dykstra** - Dow Rummel Assisted Living; **Mary Ann Albers** - Good Samaritan Village, **Harven Brass**, - Stoneybrooke Suites, **Erma DeWilde** - Prairie Circle, and **LaVerne Miller** - Good Samaritan Village, **BJ Olson** - Dakotabilities, **Walter Otten** - Good Samaritan Center in Canisota ... in the military: **Jacob Beukelman & Ben Miller**

Announcements

Last week's offering... for the Mission fund was \$4,424.00.

Sunday school... There will be no S.S. today or next Sunday.

Bouquets of flowers... are from the family of Susan Nelson whose funeral was this past Monday. Please pray for the family.

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight service... will be at 6:30 pm. An offering will be taken for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund Christmas Offering. This fund is used to assist needy PCA retired or disabled pastors and missionaries, their widows and dependent children.

Update on Ethan Zimmerman... Ethan is currently about \$20,000 away from reaching his goal for raising funds to serve with the Navigators in New Zealand for two years. If you have been considering supporting him or would like to give him a year-end gift, please contact him at 413-7202.

Praise teams... It's time to again plan the praise team name lists and schedules for the coming year. If anyone is interested in becoming a 'praise team member', please let Joyce Williamson know as soon as possible. If there's enough interest with new members, a 5th praise team may be formed. Contact Joyce at 605-261-2422 or email her at williamson76@yahoo.com.

New women's Bible study... led by Pastor Sayler will be starting on Saturday, January 6th, at 8:30 am at the Pizza Ranch on the book of I Corinthians.

New newsletter/update from Union Gospel Mission is on the mission bulletin board.

Thank you

Thank you to the carolers who stopped to sing some Christmas songs. It was much appreciated. What a joyful sound! **Erma DeWilde, Rose Haan, Virgil Dykstra, & Iva Haan**

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.

Vera Steever, Ardis Fischer, Rose Haan, Albertha Albers, Iva Haan & Erma DeWilde

New Year's Day Fellowship Time

The Outreach & Fellowship Committee would like to carry on the tradition started by Pastor Phil & Rose Postma by inviting you to a New Years' Day fellowship time.

Come for scones, fruit, beverage, and fellowship on January 1st from 9:30 –11:00 am. Come and go as you please. This is a good time to start the New Year with your church family.