

Serving at the Good Samaritan Center

Today

Ardis Fischer & Marie Klingbile

December 16

Rhoda Strasser & Dana Haan

Serving as Greeters

Today

West Door: Ron & Marlene Abbas

North Door: Dave & Gail Strasser

East door: Gene & Billie Valentien

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West door: Brenda Sinning

North Door: Alvin & Carla Haan

East Door: Jeff & Teresa Rippentrop

Serving in the Nursery

Today

Bruce & Joyce Olson

December 16

Keli Brende & Kim Hanssen

Serving Fellowship Time

Today

Nov/Dec birthdays

December 16

Volunteer needed

This Week at LEPC

Sunday, December 9

9:25 am Morning worship with Lord's Supper
Coffee Fellowship following

10:50 am Sunday school for all ages

3:00 pm Meet at church for all church caroling
& chili supper

6:30 pm 1st through 8th grades

7:15 pm High school youth

7:45 pm Choir practice

Monday, December 10

2:00-3:30 The Exchange is open

7:00 pm Rachel Bible study at the church

Tuesday, December 11

1:00 pm Women's Connection

7:00 pm Session meeting

Saturday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 16

9:25 am Morning worship

Coffee Fellowship following

10:50 am Sunday school for 7th through adults

Pre-K through 6th - Christmas
program practice

6:30 pm Christmas program with fellowship
time afterwards

Wednesday, December 12

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

Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church

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Lennox, SD 57039

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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

647-2659 ~ www.lennoxpca.org

MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 9, 2018 — 9:25 AM

Time of Preparation

Lighting the Advent Candle

The Aesoph Family

God Calls us to Worship

Call to Worship

Isaiah 51:1-6

* Hymn

“Glorious Day”

* Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn #250

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

God Renews us In His Grace

Call to Confession

1 John 3:2-3

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-20

Song of Assurance # 263

“What Can I Give Him?”

CASTLE

Passing the Peace

Giving Back to God

Offering

2 Corinthians 9:7

Congregational Prayer

God Gives us His Word

Children’s Message

Scripture

Romans 5:1-5

Sermon

“The Gift of Hope”

Rev. Ethan D. Saylor

* Hymn # 244

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

God Sends us out with His Blessing

* Charge and Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:13-22

* Doxology # 234

“Now Unto Him”

NOW UNTO HIM

The Gift of Hope

Romans 5:1-5

I. Defining Hope

II. The Foundation of Our Hope

III. Living Out Our Hope

Food for Thought

Unlike the English word *hope*, the New Testament word contains no uncertainty; it speaks of something that is certain, but not yet realized. The believer’s ultimate destiny is to share in the very glory of God, and that hope will be realized because Christ Himself secures it. Without the clear and certain promises of the Word of God, the believer would have no basis for hope.

John MacArthur

Questions for Discussion

1. What is your greatest hope?
2. What does Paul say is the Christian’s greatest hope?
3. What is the foundation of the Christian’s hope?
4. What has God done to confirm our hope in the midst of suffering?
5. How should our hope in the glory of God change the way we think of God?
6. How should our hope in the glory of God change the way we live today?

Visitors, we welcome you with open arms.

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

December 9, 2018

Praise & Prayer

Pray for **Jan Steadman** who will be having back surgery at Sanford on the 12th. Praise for **Duane Poppens**. He is now at Covington Heights nursing home. Pray for **Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church** in Minnetonka, MN & **Pastor Judson Marvel**.

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, & Donna White**; ...at Riverview Health-care & 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

All church caroling and chili supper... will be this afternoon. You are asked to meet at the church at 3:00 pm. Following the caroling we will return to the church for a chili supper. **Please bring a plate of cookies or Christmas treats to share.** The bus will be used again this year and also the flat bed weather permitting.

Children's Christmas program... will be on the 16th at 6:30 pm. There will be a time of fellowship afterwards. **Each family is asked to bring 1 1/2 dozen Christmas goodies.**

Choir... The choir will practice this Wednesday at 7:45 pm and on Sunday at 8:45 am and will sing that day.

Next week's offering... will go to the Mission fund.

Special offering... A special offering will be taken at the end of next week's service for the PCA church in Paradise, CA who lost the building they were meeting in and the houses of all their members. The funds will help families meet current needs, temporary housing, rent for a place to meet for worship, office space, etc.

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.

December newsletters... are in your mail boxes. If you do not have a mail box and would like a copy, there are extras on the bulletin board west of the boxes. **Love gift for the Union Gospel Mission...**for December is cash for Christmas gifts. Please have your donations in the box by December 12th.

Poinsettias ... have been given by the following:

Valley Exchange Bank, Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Alan & Brenda Ratliff in memory of their parents, Dean & Helen Ratliff and Hilbert Van Westen, the Haan family in memory of Fred Haan, Temple Insurance, Dixie Shay, and in memory of Sandy Knock.

December issue... of Voice of the Martyrs is here and on the literature rack in the narthex. Please feel free to take it and read about our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. Please return it to the rack after you have read it. There are two copies this time.

In The Spirit Of Giving...	Offerings to Date	December 1st
Year-to-Date <u>Projected Budget</u> \$159,848.37	Year-to-Date <u>Giving</u> \$159,292.72	Year-to-Date <u>Expenses</u> \$149,635.18

New newsletters/updates... from Brandon & Erin Haan, Voice of the Martyrs, Chris & Josephine Hatch, and Pete & Esther Errington are on the mission bulletin board.