



We have come here today to magnify and worship our wonderful Lord. We are so happy that you have joined us, and we want to welcome you. We hope you will be blessed through God's Word and feel His presence here. If you are a visitor, please take a moment to fill out a Connection Card (found in your pew) and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the coffee window to receive a welcome gift. Join us for coffee, juice, and snacks in the lobby after the service.

Preparation: You are encouraged to pray silently asking God to soften your heart to hear His voice.

## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2019*

### **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Hope  
Greet one another

Praise Singing

“Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn #121

“Joy to the World!” Hymn #135

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymn #133

Congregational Prayer

Men's Chorus – “O, Holy Night”

### **We Hear God's Word**

At this time, children 3 years old – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are dismissed for Walk Out Worship in the basement.

Message – At the Core: The Lord's Supper

Scripture – Matthew 26:26-29, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

### **We Respond to God**

Communion

Prayer

Offering – “Christmas Offering” video

Benediction

Closing Song – “O Come, Let Us Adore Him” Hymn #69 vs 3

We would love to pray with you! If you would like prayer, please join our prayer leaders at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

## *Today at the ARC*

**Ushers:** Dwaine Vande Berg, Mark Zeatlow, Ben Kraemer, Casey Flier

**Nursery:** Jen Foch, Beth Ann Redeker, Garret Glewen, Blayne Kloosterboer

**Greeters:** (M) Paul & Audrey Elenius (N) Rick & Jean Stelsel

(N. Ext) Paul & Debbie Bruins **Benevolent offering** is for the Christian Home

**Video Tech:** Hannah Derksen & Ruth Brewer

**Parking Assistance:** Keith Loomans & Milan Vande Zande **Sound:** Jason Mulder

**10:45am – Sunday School, Autopay Offering Meeting**

**5pm – Middle School Youth Group 7:00pm – Jr. Choir 7:30pm – Jr. Worship Team**

## *This Week at the ARC: December 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>*

**Media Delivery:** Paul Elenius & Jerry Medema

### **Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:30am – Prayer Meeting for our schools

8:00am – Prayer Meeting

12:30pm – Women's Mission Circle

7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you would like to request baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*

### **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am – Golden Lifers

5:30pm – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Program Practice

5:45pm – Prayer Meeting

6:30pm – Bible Class, Mixed Choir

7:30pm – Sonshine Singers, High School Youth Group

7:40pm – Men's Chorus

### **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm – Foster Care Volunteer Training

## *Next Sunday at the ARC*

**8:30am – Prayer Meeting**

**9:30am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Pastor Kevin, Jr. Choir**

**Ushers:** Larry Daane, Matt McDowell, Andy Derksen, Corey Flier

**Nursery:** Des Hull, Rachel Zeatlow, Ruth Brewer, Isaac Glewen

**Greeters:** (M) Larry & Betty Daane (N) Keith & Donna Bruins

(N. Ext) Steve & Pauline Peters **Benevolent offering** is for the Union

**Video Tech:** Oliver & Garrett Glewen **Media Delivery:** Jim Stelsel & Bill Bruins

**Parking Assistance:** Brad Flier, Larry & Gloria Mulder **Sound:** Steve Chené

**10:45am – Sunday School, Autopay Offering Meeting 5:30pm – Jr. Worship Team**

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## *Upcoming Events*

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### **Who May/Should Participate In Communion?**

“We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.” (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

*“Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don’t do it in a way that isn’t worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You’ll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Cor. 11:27-28 NIRV)*

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins to participate in the Lord’s supper. If your child understands the above statement, they too are welcome to the table. As well, we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as active confessing members. For more information, check out “Discovering Membership” on our website or at the information table.

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight we’re meeting at church at 5pm or the Christian Home at 5:15pm to go caroling! Jr Choir practice will follow from 7-7:30pm and Jr Praise Band will practice 7:30-8pm.

**High School** – What does advent mean and why do we celebrate it? Let’s find out on Wednesday. See you at 7:30!

**Christmas Card Distribution** – The youth group students will have a table set up for Christmas gifts and cards starting Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> running through December 29<sup>th</sup>. We will pass your addressed Christmas cards (first and last names if possible) out to the correct church mailboxes - all we ask is that you donate the money you would have spent on stamps to the youth group in the box on the table. Thank you so much for your support!

### *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – We are looking for bell ringers for December 6<sup>th</sup> at Piggly Wiggly in Waupun. Please sign-up at the information desk or contact Darryl Navis for more details.

**Avenue of Angels Parade** – Interested in being in the Avenue of Angels Parade with us? The Outreach Team is looking for 5-10 joyful faces to help hand out candy or ride on the wagon Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please sign up on the information desk or talk to Jessa.

**Drop and Shop** – On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-4:30pm the Outreach Team will be holding a free babysitting day for anyone wanting to go Christmas shopping without their children. This is an outreach event, so tell your friends outside of church. Get together a group of people to shop and drop all your kids off with us! This is a great way to get people in our building and offer a helping hand to our community. Interested in helping babysit? Sign-up for a 2-hour shift at the information desk. Questions? Contact Jessa TerBeest, Angie Daane, or Rachel Zeatlow.

**Alto Christmas Caroling!** – December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited! Meet in the youth room. If you're willing to bring treats to make gift plates for our neighbors, please come at 6pm to put them together. Let's spread some Joy! Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

**Women's Ministries Board** – The Women's Ministries board is looking for two more members. Terms are only two short years, and the opportunity to work with a great group of ladies planning fun events throughout the year. If interested, please let Tiffany Arndt know.

### *Bulletin Board News*

**Thinking about joining church?** – Read over the Discovering Membership packet (found at the info desk or on our website) then join Pastor Kevin & Stephanie at their home for brunch on **January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am**. RSVP to Pastor Kevin or Megan.

**Congrats** to Jim Stelsel as he celebrates his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday today.

**Congrats** to Alvin Harmsen as he celebrates his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Autopay Offering Changes** – Effective February 1, 2020 the way the church receives offerings via autopay will be changing. If you currently give via autopay or would like to start giving via autopay we ask that you meet with Jason Vande Zande or Ned Derksen on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> or Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in the copy room during the Sunday school hour, so these changes can be explained and the required information gathered. If one of these times does not work for you, please contact Jason or Ned to arrange another time.

**Cookbook Orders are Ready** – If you ordered a cookbook, you may pick up the quantity that you ordered in the copy room. Please cross your name off the list and place your \$5/cookbook in the gold box.

**Did you see the mitten tree?** We hope you'll take new and gently used mittens (the waterproof ones are best!) and put them on the tree to help our local school and food pantries keep kids warm this winter. In even higher demand are boots, boots, boots (especially middle school sizes), snow pants, and elastic waistband pants, so please share those as well. Thank you for your help helping the community. Donations will be collected through the end of December.

**Christmas Carol Sing** – First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas carols and enjoying a variety of special musical selections. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Access for Recess adaptive playground at Meadow View Primary School in Waupun.

**P - praise R - repent A - ask Y - yield**  
***Prayer Concerns since November 24<sup>th</sup>***

\*Concerns submitted since last week

1. Pray that we would be listening for God to speak by the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
2. \*Pray for the family of Karen Cunningham as her dad passed away.
3. \*Pray for Faye Janey's granddaughter as she has surgery on December 20<sup>th</sup>.
4. As the RCA's Vision 2020 Task Force is leaning toward a "functionally diverse" future for the RCA, pray for the Alto 2020 Task Force, other RCA churches, our classis, and the Gospel Alliance to carefully consider next steps.
5. Pray for the farmers and the stresses they face.
6. Pray for the prayer requests in the silent prayer box.
7. Pray for those battling addictions, anxieties, worries & stress & for God to sustain & deliver them.
8. Pray for marriages to be strengthened.
9. Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Bill Bruins, Carol DeGroot, Marla De Jager, Annice Hopp, Faye Janey, Lynette Loomans, Dorothy Mills, Deb Navis, Dave Rumley, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, and Silas Willey.
10. Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home:  
**Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein. **Anchor Community (Fox Lake):** Doris Daane. **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen. **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Katherine Prange, Helen Straks, Warren & Kay Vande Zande. **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans. **Home:** Dayton Ter Beest. **Maple Crest Assisted Living:** Carol De Groot. **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning. **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans, Junice Vande Zande. **The Meadows Assisted Living:** Donna Kastein. **Spring Lake Apartments:** Jessie Klumpers.
11. Pray for: Aaron Zeatlow stationed in Nevada; Sebastian Hoenisch stationed in North Carolina, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas; Mitch Miller (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East; Dan Bruins deployed to the Middle East.
12. Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ