

# THE LORD'S DAY – December 23, 2018

## *Stir Up Love and Good Works!*

### Welcome Visitors

We are glad you are here! Please fill out the guest card.

#### Family Bible Classes – 9:30 am

*For all ages! Nursery is available*

#### Fellowship Time – 10:25 am

(coffee & snacks in the kitchen)

#### Morning Worship – 10:45 am

*Nursery is available*

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

- Prelude (prepare your heart)
- Hymn #107, “Angels We Have Heard on High”
- Prayer
- Special - Judy Monro, “No Room”
- Announcements / Pastoral Prayer
- Worship with our gifts and offerings
- Special - Karen Marsh, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
- Hymn #114, “The First Noel”
- Special - Ladies Group, “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”
- Hymn #108, “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”
- **Ministry of the Word: “Good Tidings of Great Joy!” (Luke 2:8-11)**
- Hymn #104, “Joy To The World”

**No AWANA Ministry today**

**No Evening Celebration today**

#### CARES CHORUS (CB #23)

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet. And any time that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

*“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works”  
(Hebrews 10:24)*

“8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

– Luke 2:8-11

#### OFFERING REPORT

Offering (12/16) ..... \$ 2,931.25

Weekly budget need ..... \$ 2,350.00

Faith Facility Stewardship Fund (FFS)  
current balance ..... \$ 18,416.16

Personal Listening Devices are available - request one at the sound booth.

#### THIS WEEK:

**Mon.** 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service

**Wed.** 7:00 pm – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; (no Teen Club this week)

**Sat.** 5:15 pm – Open Door Mission Ministry (or meet there at 5:45 pm)

#### COMING UP:

**Dec. 30** 6:00 pm – Nathan Burggraff in concert

**Jan. 13** 6:00 pm – Fellowship Service here with Bethel Baptist, Bergen

**Jan. 20** Missionary Paul Jewell (Campus Ministry in Syracuse, NY) will be preaching the morning and evening messages

**Feb. 24** Missionary Phil Melton (veteran missionary in Japan for over thirty years) will be ministering to us in the AM & PM services

#### FAITH FOCUS ON PRAYER (“pray without ceasing...” - I Thess. 5:17):

- 1) To consider one another to stir up love and good works
- 2) Pray for the persecuted church in **China** – Christianity in China has always lived in tension. Though the Communist Party of China has habitually restricted the freedom of Christians to worship over the last 70 years, the skyrocketing growth of the Chinese church is impossible to miss. In the last few months, we've seen numerous developments that represent what is now being referred to as an all-out “widespread crackdown” on church leaders and churches throughout China. One ministry leader said, “The situation on the ground [in China] is always changing. Don't be too quick to jump to conclusions about what China needs. Pray with us.” Pray for things like: wisdom and courage in the believers, workers for the harvest, and God's intervention in the hearts of government leaders. (from [opendoorsusa.org](http://opendoorsusa.org))
- 3) For our country: revival; believers being salt and light
- 4) For the first responders of our community
- 5) For our young families with babies and young children
- 6) George Glasow & Jim Todd - encouragement
- 7) Laura Miller - neuromuscular disease
- 8) Ed Frattare - half done with 6-month chemo regimen
- 9) Elyse's dad (Warren Howard) - surgery is Thurs., Dec. 27th
- 10) Sharon Kinney's sister, Katie - has stage 3 breast cancer
- 11)
- 12)

#### Nursery

12/23 SS - Bonnie C; Sun AM - Elyse R (Bella)

12/30 SS - Cathy H; Sun AM - Bonnie C (Luke)

*Out of respect for others and to minimize distractions, please turn cell phones off, or set them to silent mode during the services.*

#### DECEMBER

##### BIRTHDAYS:

22 - Donna Lawrence  
28 - George Forest  
31 - Elyse Richard

##### ANNIVERSARIES:

18 - Figuerola  
23 - Sterlings

#### JANUARY

##### BIRTHDAYS:

4 - Bonnie Campbell  
6 - Adria Gallery  
Steve Richard  
9 - Wayne Watkins  
Janet Harriman  
Lindsay Heale  
20 - Luke Richard  
23 - Cheri McKee  
24 - Susan Andriean  
27 - Tage Nielsen

##### ANNIVERSARIES:

29 - Nielsen