**TLC Weekly: *Sunday, December 11 – Sunday, December 18***

**The Radio Broadcast** *(KMHL 1400AM – or – 101.7FM)* **has no sponsor.**

**Sunday, December 11**9am Youth-led Worship – **Food Shelf Sunday** *(loose offerings go to Food Shelf)*

  ***Third Sunday of Advent*** 10am Coffee Fellowship

 10:15am Education Hour

**Monday, December 12** 9am Men’s Bible Study

 11:30am Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, December 13** 7pm Worship and Music Committee

**Wednesday, December 14** 9am Do-Day Quilters

 10am Prairie View Communion Worship

 Noon Glory Circle Pot-luck at Shirley Johnson’s Home

 2pm O’Brien Court Communion Worship

 6:30pm Mid-week Advent Worship

 7pm Chancel Choir

**Friday, December 16** ***– Offices Closed on Fridays –***

**Sunday, December 18**9am **Advent Lessons and Carols Communion Worship**

  ***Fourth Sunday of Advent*** 10am Coffee Fellowship

 10:15am Education Hour

**Please continue to Remember in Prayer:**

*Please…*

*We are happy to include people in our prayer list, but we must have their permission to be included. Many folks are very private about what is happening in their lives and we want to honor that.*

**Elias Heppler** – *grandson of Larry and Marge Fischer,*

 *at Madonna in Omaha for continued therapy*

**Keith Kropp** – *at home*

**Brian Ludeman** – *recovering from surgery*

**Amy Munson** – *being treated for breast cancer*

**Nyquist Baby** – *Soni and Carl are expecting a baby in February – they know the baby will need heart surgery*

**Otto Nyquist** – *at Lockwood Hospice House in Marshall*

**Karen Ziemke** – *friend of Kari Meyer, recently diagnosed with cancer*

**Sandy Nyquist -** *hospitalized in Marshall*

**December Acolytes:** Makenna Caron, Brooke Swenhaugen

**Dec. Altar Prep:** LaVerne Jessen, Shirley Johnson **Dec. 18 Comm. Serve:** Darcy Carlson, Eric Fultz, Sandy Fultz

**Christmas Eve Comm Serve:** **4pm:** Lexi Erickson, Sandy Ludeman, Kris Tiegs **5:30pm:** Anna Johansen, Pam Peterson, Kim Torkelson

**Coffee Fellowship:**  Sunday, December 11 Chris Kamrud, Heather Kamrud

 Sunday, December 18 Sara Swenhaugen and family

 Sunday, December 25

**Scripture Readers:** Sunday, December 11 Youth

 Sunday, December 18 Sheila Helleson

 Sunday, December 25 Seth Schmidt

**Greeters:** Sunday, December 11 Pam and Keith Peterson

 Sunday, December 18 LaVerne Jessen, Sharon Kosse

 Sunday, December 25 Terry and Kathy Filter

**Ushers:** Sunday, December 11 Mike Carlson, Jim Julien, Mark Peterson, Larry Retzlaff

 Sunday, December 18 Greg Carlson, Bruce Lerohl, Matt Loftness, Tom Streifel

 Sunday, December 25 Jim Christian, Dennis Fultz, Steve Meyer, Chauncey Muedeking

**Sunday Counters:** Sunday, December 11 Jim Julien

 Sunday, December 18

 Sunday, December 25

**Financial Update** *(as of Wednesday, December 7)***:**

General $3,333

Building $315 **Bills Paid this week:** **$1,988**

Missions $50

**Total $3,698**

**Food Shelf Sunday, December 11th**

This Sunday is “Food Shelf Sunday” – all loose offering will go to our Tracy Area Food Shelf.

**Midweek Advent Services Held Each Wednesday at 6:30pm**

Each Wednesday evening in Advent we gather together at 6:30pm for 30 minutes to sing Christmas carols, to hear a brief Advent meditation, and to take a little time out of a busy holiday schedule to prepare hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus.

This year we will learning about *“The Real Story of Saint Nicholas”* at our Wednesday evening gatherings.

**Christmas Poinsettias**

Help us decorate our House of Worship for the celebration of Jesus’ birth with the purchase of a poinsettia in memory of or, in honor of, someone you love. Only red poinsettias are available this year.

*Stop by the office and fill out a Poinsettia Information sheet if you wish to sponsor a poinsettia.*

**Thank You!**

Many thanks to all who set up and decorated for the Annual Christmas Tea – it was absolutely beautiful! Additional thanks to those who cleaned up and brought food to the event. Lastly, thank you to all of you who came and participated.

**Update Your Contact Information**

Please be sure to let us know if you have had a change in phone number(s), email address(es), etc. You can email this information to the church office at: tlc@iw.net – or – you can call the church office at 629-3563.

**Worship Technicians**

What’s a “Worship Technician”? We have been blessed with equipment that allows God’s Word to be heard both in the sanctuary as well as on the radio. There are individuals who also watch us on YouTube. The number of those serving as Worship Technicians has dwindled to two.

We are currently recruiting (and will fully train) individuals who would be willing to be part of a team taking turns to oversee this at worship. Interested members and questions can be made to the church office (629-3563).

**Pastoral Home Visits**

Pastor Eric is available to do a visit (for communion or prayer) in your home. Please call the church office (629-3563) if you would like to have him bring you communion or to stop by for a pastoral visit.

**2023 Budget Requests**

It’s time for all committees to put together and submit their budget requests to the church council. Requests must be turned in a soon as possible.

**Mary Magnified the Lord**

On one occasion, an orchestra presented Handel’s *Messiah* so beautifully that the applause was thunderous, and everyone turned toward the composer. Handel stood up and with his finger pointing upward, silently indicated that the glory should be given to God rather than to himself.

This is exactly what Jesus’ mother, Mary, did as she talked to her relative Elizabeth. It is as if the song she sings were saying, “Don’t praise me, but magnify the Lord Who is my Savior.”

**Sunday, December 25th – Fellowship Coffee Christmas Goodies Potluck**

On Sunday, December 25, we invite members to bring some of their not-yet-consumed Christmas goodies to share during our Fellowship Coffee time. Have some fun in sampling what other households in our church “traditionally” make for their Christmas celebration.

**Christmas Worship Schedule**

**December 24** 4:00pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion**

 5:30pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion**

**December 25** 9:00am **Christmas Day Worship**

 10:00am **Fellowship Coffee Christmas Goodies Pot-luck**

 *(bring your left-over Christmas goodies to share!)*