

Announcements

Sunday, 10DEC2023

9am: **Worship Service at Our Saviour's**

Serving: Neva Redetzke

1030am: **Worship Service at Fahlun**

Ushers: Ronnah Schoeck

Serving: Andrea Dammann

Wed, 13DEC2023

6pm: **Last Bible Study at Our Saviour's**

7pm Joint Council Meeting.

Sunday, 17DEC2023

9am: **Worship Service at Our Saviour's**

Serving: Pastor Jeremy

1030am: **Worship Service at Fahlun**

Ushers: John and June Sward

Serving: Stacia Johanson

Upcoming Events:

20DEC2023:

6pm Christmas Caroling at Galeon (All invited)

24DEC2023:

9am: **Combined Advent Worship at Our Saviour's**

2pm: **Christmas Eve at Our Saviour's**

4pm: **Christmas Eve at Fahlun**

31DEC2023:

1030am: **Combined Christmas Hymn Sing at Fahlun**

07JAN, 21JAN2023:

Leading Worship: Pr. Blaine MacNeil

14JAN2023:

Leading worship: Rose Johnson

28JAN2023:

Leading worship: Pastor Jeremy

2nd Sunday of Advent

I. Advent

Last week: Hope in Mk 13

This week: Preparation

“Prepare the Way of the Lord (Isaiah 40:3; Mk 1:2-3)

II. Preparation according to the Law: Things that we “do”

Like preparing for Santa

“You better watch out, you better not cry”

Then, turns the holiday season into a large burden

So many things to do (baking, buying, holiday parties)

III. Preparation according to the Gospel: Hopeful anticipation

Advent's color: Blue

The color of the twilight in the east in the morning.

Something that we cannot change.

Hence hymn: *People look east and sing today.*

“Love, the Guest, is on the way”

Promises for our world

valleys rise, mountains flatten (40:4)

The “Lord God comes with might” (40:10)

And the Lord comes as a shepherd (40:11)

Hence, we sing (quoting Isaiah)

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

IV. And Gives us a particular promise through your baptism

“I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Mk 1:8).

And with that, we cease needing to do preparation

As the Spirit is the one at work.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith. In the same way, he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in unity with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church, he daily forgives abundantly all my sins and the sins of all believers; and at the last day, he will raise me and all the dead and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true!

Prayers of the People

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Birthdays/Anniversaries for

Better health for Laurie K (Pastor Jeremy & Amy)

General Prayer requests:

- Augustana District & LCMC
- Organizations serving those in need
 - United Way
 - Galeon Senior Living
 - Food Shelf
 - Love INC
- Military Service Members & their families
- Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders
- Our Government (Local, State, Federal)
- Peace and justice in Israel and Ukraine

Parish Members:

Jerry Jensen
Jim Dyrud

Delores Hawkins

Friends and Families esp:

Our Saviour's

Merrit (Faye)
Josie (Faye)
Allison (Faye)
Dickie (Faye)
Tammy (Rick)
Tina (Rick)
Earl (Rick)
Tyler (Sandy K)
Joan (Sandy K)
Patty (Sandy K)
Kevin (Sandy K)
Gladys (Sandy F)
Caryn (Angie)
Sara (Sarah)
Richard (Anne)
Elsa (Terry)
Kathy (Sharyl)
Diana (Joel D)
Sheila (Neva)
Wayne (Joel D)
Ron (Joel D)

Fahlun

Steve (Bev)
Matt (Bev)
Mike (Bev)
Bud (Bev)
Jeffrey (Bev)
Elwood (Joel B)
Helen (Joel B)
Wayne (Joel B)
Paul (Joel B)
Jimmy (Joel B)
Glen (Joel B)
Don (Joel B)
Julie (Joel B)
Barb (June/John)
Mandy (June)
Wendy (Andrea)
Judy Alcott (Barb S)
Alicia (Barb S)
Brittany (Darlene)
Rob (Ronnah)
Travis (Kevin/Kelly)
Sharon (Ronnah)
Keith R (Rose)
Dylan (Bev)
Tammy (Bev)

Parish Sorrowing Families:

Ted (Mary R)
Gaylord Nack
David (Larry)

Elvira Blank
Dolly Brown
Greg A (Bev)
Larry O (Larry A)