

St. John Lutheran Church
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The Rev. Raymond H. Phyles Mrs. Margaret Knowlton
Pastor (phone 978-531-2264) Organist
Third Sunday in Advent December 14, 2008
Service of the Word-III 9:30 a.m.

Preparation

Prelude Enter quietly to worship
*The Confession of Sins p. 98
#*The Entrance Hymn (4) (alt. tune) # 30
*The Greeting (5) p. 99
*The Kyrie (6) p. 99
*The Hymn of Praise (7) p.100
*The Prayer of the Day (8) p. 13
*The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (st.3) # 34
#latecomers may be seated

The Word

The First Lesson (9) Isaiah 6: 1-4, 8-11
The Psalm 126 p. 280
The Second Lesson I Thessalonians 5: 16-24
The Alleluia p.103
*The Holy Gospel (15,16) John 1: 6-8, 19-28
The Sermon Pastor Phyles

The Response to the Word

*The Hymn of the Day (19) # 35
*The Apostles Creed p.106
The Offering and Offertory p.118
*The Pastoral Prayer (47) p.119
*The Lord's Prayer (either version) p.119
*The Benediction (48) p.119
*The Departure Hymn # 39
A Moment of Reflection
The Postlude Depart joyfully to serve

***Congregation Standing**

Lay Assistant: Linda Phyles
Lector: Fred Faust
Ushers: Chip & Shannon Bott
Nursery: Heather & Kristin

Please disable all cellphones and other devices upon entering the sanctuary. Thank you

The flowers on the Altar this morning have been presented by the Lee and Waisanen families to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alli Lee and Mary and Eino Kankalo.

We cordially welcome all who are present for worship, particularly you who may be visitors among us. St. John is a fellowship of God's people worshipping and serving in the Reformation tradition. Please sign our guest Book before you leave, and please join us downstairs following the service for coffee and light refreshments.

We shall use Setting III of the liturgy and will chant the psalm responsively.

Our WELCA women will meet today following the coffee hour to make Goody Bags to be delivered to our sick and shut-in. All women are invited to contribute cookies and other goodies and to remain to put them together. Your help is appreciated.

The Bible study will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. here at the church. All are welcome.

Christmas poinsettias to beautify the chancel for our Christmas Eve celebration are available this year from Evans Florist for \$10.00 per plant. Please place your order on the reservation sheet posted downstairs by today and please pay Raudna Pelletier.

The Flower Chart for 2009 is posted downstairs. Please sign for the Sunday(s) that you wish. The cost remains \$30.00 per Sunday.

Liturgical calendars for 2009 are available downstairs on the cabinet shelf. Our sincere thanks go to the Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home for their generous gift of these calendars again this year.

We invite you to send one Christmas greeting to fellow members here to the church, to be displayed downstairs, and to contribute money saved to providing food for the hungry.

We shall not celebrate the Eucharist next Sunday. Instead, we shall enjoy the Christmas pageant presented by our Sunday church school. We will celebrate the sacrament at our Christmas Eve service.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. on December 24. All are welcome. Please invite family and friends.

Next Sunday afternoon our Youth Group will go caroling to our shut-ins and through the neighborhood. All adults who wish to join them are most welcome.

We ask your prayers and concern for these members and friends of St. John today and throughout the coming week.
Ellen Hepburn Sylvia Moynihan David Fredricksen
Dorothy Fender Gary Garaputo George Winsor
Bill Henderson

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We join with those who mourn in remembering before God and one another those who have departed this life in the sign of the faith.

Nestor Philip Niemi - 12/17/64