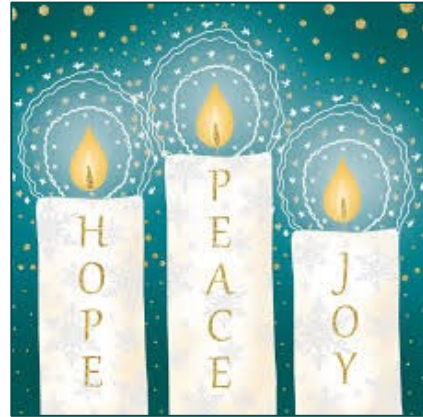


GREETINGS ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

As Advent celebrates, hope, peace, joy, and love, here is a benediction for you.

Walk hope, walk peace, walk joy;
God bless you in the walking.
Share faith, share mercy, share love;
God bless you in the sharing.
Live calm, live courage, live compassion;
God bless you in the living.
Be just, be humble, be kind;
God bless you in the being.
Do right, do well, do curious;
God bless you in the doing.
Amen



-Bp. Deon K Johnson

December 21 will be the last day to give to the **ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts Advent Appeal**. Make sure you get an ornament to give honeybees, goats, or fill other needs around the world. We have a matching gift that for every dollar raised, will be matched up to \$1,000. Help us raise at least \$1,000 to get the full match.

This year, we are having a **Longest Night worship service on Sunday, December 21 at 7p**. I hope you can join us for a time to reflect on Jesus being the Light of the World.

Christmas Eve worship is at 7p. We will have singers and instrumentalists playing pre-service music starting around 6:30p. If you want to sing or play a Christmas song, please let me know and I'll add you to the list. It is best if you can accompany yourself or have a CD/Streaming.

The **Sunday after Christmas** will have a time of Lessons and Carols to continue singing Christmas carols as we still celebrate 12 days of Christmas after Christmas Day.

Sunday, January 4, will be a service of scripture and monologues based on characters in the Christmas story. **If you want to help read, please let me know.**

Tuesday, **January 6, is Epiphany**. We'll gather together to celebrate. One of my favorite operas is "Amahl and the Night Visitors." I bought it on DVD and wanted to show it. It is a perfect Epiphany story as it tells about the wisemen who visit Jesus, but it's really about their stop on the way to Jesus. They visit a poor mom and her crippled son's house. Spoiler alert – the crippled son gets healed. So, between that opera and the ECLCs Trike-a-thon last month, I was thinking about having a time when all of our folks who have walkers or canes walk around the circle drive, like our school's Trike-a-Thon. **So, let's meet at 1p in the circle drive and then watch the DVD in the sanctuary.** You can bring your own movie snacks. And even if you don't have walking devices, you can walk around the drive too.

Sunday, January 11, is Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. The theme will be the ABCs of the Baptism of Our Lord. There are multiple speaking parts, most of them short. **Please let me know if you are interested in a speaking part and helping that day.**

And then that brings us to our Four Weeks of Favorites! Sundays, January 18-February 8. On the insert in the bulletin this week, there is a space for you to put your favorite songs/hymns. **Please turn these in by Christmas Eve.** And start looking for your favorite recipes to bring for fellowship time after worship.

Then it's Shiny Jesus Sunday with Transfiguration on February 15. And then it's Lent. I said if we blink, it will be Lent.

God bless you all *-PrAshley*