



LYNNVILLE FRIENDS CHURCH

Making Much of Jesus

December, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Advent Reminder

During the four weeks leading up to Christmas we are in the season of Advent. Maybe many of you have an Advent wreath at home. I remember that we often had an Advent wreath that we would light at home when I was young. We always had lit the Advent wreath at church. Usually a family would be asked to get up and do a reading and light the candle.

In the time of Advent we wait for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Each Sunday we light a different candle. The first Sunday is Hope. The second Sunday is Peace. The third Sunday is Joy. The fourth Sunday is Love. On Christmas the center candle, the Christ candle is lit. We will light the Christ candle at our Christmas Eve service.

As a youngster it wasn't too hard to get excited for Christmas. It was an awesome time of the year. We usually got snow which was so fun to play. We would build forts and go sledding. There were extra parties and all kinds of goodies to sample and enjoy. Of course the growing excitement of Christmas with all of the presents accumulating under the tree.

As an adult life is so much more complicated. There are bills to pay. Nights fill up with meetings and other commitments. You have to navigate the crowds at the store in an effort to find the best deal. Will they like this? Should I have waited and gotten something else? Helping your kids navigate high school, college or life out of the house.

Life has a way of getting a little overwhelming, maybe even a bit depressing. The holiday time without a loved one can be difficult. Dealing with the uncertainty of the markets or a job can make it

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Upcoming Greeters

December 2
Canopy: Pat Norman
Front: Dwight & Kim Harsseelaar

December 9
Canopy: David & Peggy Hofer
Front: Ron & Vickie Nikkel

December 16
Canopy: Eunie Scholten
Front: Henry Rozenboom

December 23
Canopy: Beth Steenhoek
Front: Joel & Jen Rozendaal

December 30:
Canopy: Jim Bob Suiter
Front: Jack & Barb Suiter

hard to celebrate in the most joyous time of the year.

What better time to remember the promises of Advent fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. Because of Jesus we can have hope, peace and joy. It is because of his love for us. If the Christmas season is trying to drag you down this year don't forget the Advent promise. Jesus gives us Hope for tomorrow. Jesus brings Peace into our chaotic lives. Nothing can bring Joy to our hearts like Jesus. Jesus was born into this world as a helpless baby and died on a cross for our sins out of his Love for his children.

Jesus has come and he is coming again. May he bring you Hope, Peace, Joy and Love this Christmas season.

Nursery for December

December 2: Craig & Sheri James
December 9: Matt & Lisa James
December 16: Brian & Monica Lanser
December 23: Glenn & Cris Lewis



DECEMBER 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Luke Jones 2 | 3 | 4 | Kids 4 Christ and Focus 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | Jamie Beyer 11 | Kids 4 Christ and Focus 12 | Church Council Meeting 7:00 Brenda Terpstra 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Donna Zylstra David Hofer 16 | 17 | 18 | Kids 4 Christ and Focus 19 | Elders Meeting 7:00 Denny & Dot Zylstra 20 | Curt & Stacey James 21 | David & Garnet Gertsma Walt & Violet Van Maanen 22 |
| Jelissa Rozendaal 23 | Treyton Turnbull 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | Maida Dunwoody 28 | 29 |
| 30 | Tyler Harsseelaar 31 | | | | | |

Missions Around the World

Thank you to everyone who filled a box for Operation Christmas Child. We sent 108 boxes! Thank you for being a light in the life of 108 children!!

As we near Christmas, please remember to pray and give extra to our missionaries and to the organizations that we support monthly. We support several that will not be with family this Christmas season. We take that for granted when we are around family all the time. God may have called them to go out into the world but He also calls us right where we are. God may be calling us to share with one of our missionaries. We can give financially, send emails, or some that are close we can help serve. Hope Ministries enjoys having individuals and families help serve food. Thank you for all you do!

Continue to pray for those going to Clarkston, GA in February. Wednesday, December 5 the group will be working at Grinnell Pizza Ranch. All tips will go towards their trip. If you are unable to make it I'm sure they will take your financial donation sometime between now and February. Pray that God will prepare their hearts and the people they will encounter. God is good and I'm excited to hear about their trip when they return.

Please pray for the Home Missions Committee. It is a committee that you do not hear much from although they may still be doing things. Matthew 6:2-4 Christ says, "so when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." There are other reasons as well. They are supported by you through the Missions Committee. It is hard for them to have a budget because they never know how much support they will give throughout the year, so they were moved to under the Missions Committee. They will organize meals for those who need it, help pay for certain bills if needed and other situations that come up. If you know of someone who is in need of help financially and other tangible ways, please let Vickie Nikkel know. There is a criteria they look at. They don't just give money to whoever wants it. Feel free to call them if you have questions. Thank you for your support for the Home Missions!

Thank you for your prayers for the Missions Committee and please continue to pray for all of our missionaries!

United Society of Friends Women

On Monday, November 12th, 2018 the USFW met at Lyn Kinney's home at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Ronda Lanser, Bev Flander, Regina Kaldenberg, and Lyn Kinney.

Lyn opened with prayer.

Lyn briefly discussed the Fall Retreat held at Lynnville Oct. 13th. The evaluation report that folks reported on was very good. The ratings were 1 to 5. 5 being good. The location was rated 4.8, the meal was 4.88, theme 4.94, and program 4.56.

Comments were concerning how excellent our speaker, Julie Jones, was. Our guests learned allot about Cambodia and the Martins' from her presentation.

Comments concerning the meal were positive. Everything was delicious and just right with lots of salads.

The decorations were superb. (Thank you Cindy Norman, you had great ideas.)

The Door Prizes were a big hit. Nice compliments. Approximately 1/3 attending received a door prize. (Cindy and Lyn paid for these.)

The state USFW paid us \$100 for hosting and \$196 for the meals. We paid \$226 for the meals and \$50 for janitorial services. We had \$26 to the good.

Regina Kaldenberg stated she had sent a letter to our sponsored Honduras young lady, but had not heard from her this month yet.

Ronda Lanser discussed our money situation. We will be sending money for our Honduras child, Yeimi, to get a Christmas gift. After the first of the year, Ronda will pay for the sponsored year.

After some discussion, we decided to sponsor 5 people from the local Christmas Tree at the bank. Reggie, Bev and Lyn will buy for 1 each and Ronda will buy for 2. We will have a \$25 limit for each donation. Ronda will reimburse each of us after we present our proofs of purchase.

Prayerfully submitted,

Lyn Kinney

11/18/18