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**The Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019**



PRAY FOR We remember in our prayers this morning and ask for God's continued comfort, strength and healing: Jackie Dubois, Barb Fuhr, Donna Huber, Dorothy Keller, Ulla Nystrom, Cathy Ongpin, Wanda Rosenzweig, Marian Schuk, Verna Schmitt.

- We remember Sherrie Bowen-Slutzky in our prayers. Sherrie is fighting against a brain tumor. May our Lord grant His hand of healing that embraces her with peace, comfort, strength and healing according to His mercy.
- We remember Paul Graver (Lois Lade's brother) in our prayers. May our Lord watch over him and grant him strength,
- We remember Verna Schmitt in our prayers and ask for the for Lord's healing and strength.

ALTAR FLOWERS The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Milt & Berdie Blersch in loving memory of George.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS We rejoice with those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Please remember our "Peace Family" and send a card or give a call to wish them blessings on their special day.

Dec 15 Carter Kallay

Dec 16 Rylee Selmeyer

Dec 18 Chrissy Kallay

Dec 18 Shawn Vallandingham

Dec 19 Janet Beckett

Dec 20 Michelle Guenther

Dec 22 Donna Huber

Dec 22 Gail Somers

Dec 25 Wanda Rosenzweig

Dec 28 Jesse Koelling

Dec 29 Charles Zimmer

Dec 31 Sandie Rodencal

Dec 31 Nancy Stout

Donna Huber 701 Oakwood Dr Chesterton, IN 46304

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

- Dec 24th Christmas Eve @ 6:30 (Children's Service)
- Dec 25th Christmas Day Worship @ 10:00

PLEDGE SUNDAY was December 8.

To pledge or not pledge?? Your pledge is a planning of what your offering will be to the Lord and His work among us in 2020. If you have not returned your pledge for 2020, please kindly return it in the offering any Sunday or return it to Garry Laaker.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.



USHERS The Elders are putting together the Usher's schedule for 2020. Ushers have been named as in the past. If you would like for your name to be removed please speak with Chuck Ausman (574-7732). If any confirmed member would like to participate as an usher please speak with Chuck Ausman (574-7732) by the end of December.

Our Gifts to Jesus

Christmas is the gift-giving season. Even though the stores are super-stocked, it is often difficult to find just the right gift for every person on our lists. God had no such problems. He knew exactly what each person needed. In fact, he knows our needs better than we know them, and he knew them before we were ever born. The timing of his most indescribable gift was perfect. *"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons"* (Galatians 4:4). Now, that's a gift that can't be topped! And it's the gift that truly keeps on giving! How do we respond to what God has given us? Shouldn't we be asking, "What have I given to him?"

Certainly, we don't go to the malls to shop for Jesus, but we do know that we please him by our love and obedience. The best gift that we can possibly give him is to show him our love by faithfully and obediently doing what he asks of us. Our heavenly Father is pleased when we seek to please him by doing his will. In this Advent season, remember that, even though we don't gift-wrap gifts for Jesus, we can give him the gifts of love and obedience.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for leaving the glories of heaven to be my Savior. Thank you for your love that teaches me to love. Grant me faith so I can follow your ways and be obedient to your Word. I ask your blessings on this Christmas season. In Jesus' name I pray. **Amen.**



ALTAR FLOWERS available for 2020.
Please use the sign-up in the front hallway.