

## CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 4

9:00 am Bible study (in person and on Zoom)  
10:30 am Worship (in-person and online)  
11:30 am Coffee HI  
11:30 am Cabinet  
NO Confirmation II

### Tuesday, December 6

3:30 pm Vermillion Children's Choir  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, December 7

6:00 pm LAF, BC  
7:00 pm Adult Choir

### Sunday, December 11

9:00 am Bible study (in person and on Zoom)  
10:30 am Worship (in-person and online)  
11:30 am Coffee HI  
4:00 pm Confirmation II

USHERS: Kari Jensen, Jama Christopherson, Mike and Kathy Carlson

DEACON OF THE DAY: Connie Nelsen

COFFEE HI: Jeanne and Don Dahlin

### **WE NEED YOU TO RING BELLS!!**

for the **Vermillion Ministerial Emergency Fund/Salvation Army**. We hope that all of you will contribute whenever you pass one of our kettles, but perhaps you and your family and friends could donate a couple of hours to ring bells this season. On Saturday, December 10th local banks will be matching donations of \$20 or more and that is an important day to have ringers for all of the time slots from 9 am to 7 pm. We need one or two ringers (or a whole family!!) at each of our stations around Vermillion (Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee and Ace) on weekends. Bell Ringing begins Friday, November 25th and runs through Sunday, December 18th. Check Shalom @ home for the link to sign up or call the church office.

### **2022 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE WRAP-UP**

We are looking forward to exciting things happening in 2023, hopefully with a new Settled Pastor in our church! We need to wrap up the campaign so that we can plan our final budget for the upcoming year. If you have not made your pledge yet, we could really use your help! Please contact the church office via email or phone.



Advent II, December 4, 2022 - 10:30 am

PRELUDE "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" arr. Anna Laura Page  
*UCC Adult Bell Choir*

WELCOME  
Announcements  
Joys and Concerns  
Friendship Pads

\*GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH A SMILE, WAVE, A NOD, OR A BOW

INVOCATION

\*GATHERING SONG "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE **Lisha, Oscar, and Stella Edelen**

L: We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God’s love.

**All: We are a people of hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin.**

L: Today we will light the candle of peace.

**All: Peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all – that is the peace for which we dare to hope.**

L: Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.

**All: In the name of the Christ Child whose birth we await, we light the candle of peace.**

RESPONSE “When God is a Child” vs 1-2 (insert)

THE GOOD NEWS Luke 1:39-45; 46-55

MUSIC TO INSPIRE “Gesù Bambino” arr. Sondra K. Tucker

A TIME WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Born in the Night, Mary’s Child” 152

REFLECTION “Mary’s Song of Revolution”

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Story from Tradition

Sharing of the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison):

**God of amazing grace, in the chill of this season, we are grateful for your presence, warming us. We pray your presence will strengthen us to follow in the way of the one who is coming to bring the light of love and to show us the way. Amen.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Offertory “Fantasy on Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” arr. David Tiedman

\*Response “In the Bleak Midwinter” 128, vs 4

**What can I offer, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise one, I would do my part;  
but what can I offer: all my heart.**

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison):

**O God, may these gifts that we offer be allowed to blossom and spring forth to bring peace and joy in our community and throughout the world. Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG “My Soul Gives Glory to my God” 119

\*BLESSING

L: Let us bless one another...

**All: Through this season of Advent,  
may our faith grow from flicker to flame,  
our hope from glimmer to glow.  
And may our love for God and neighbor  
be brave and bold and bright.**

L: Go in peace.

**All: Amen.**

POSTLUDE “On This Day Earth Shall Ring” arr. Ron Mallory

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**THE ANGEL TREE OF GIVING**

Our 2022 Angel Tree of Giving is up in the sanctuary! Please help others in our community by choosing a card, with suggested gift ideas, from the tree. The gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the church on or before Sunday, December 11th after worship. Please remember to attach the card to the outside of the gift. Financial donations will also be accepted and may be dropped off at the church office. Thank you so much for helping to make a brighter Christmas for those in need.

**TRUSTEES CURRENT BUDGET REPORT**

Pledge income through November 2022: Actual \$213,693; Budget \$251,427, Deficit \$37,734.