

# Worship Lifeline

## Congregational News

### \*\*\*POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT\*\*\*

We are continuing the tradition of decorating our altar with poinsettias during Advent. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, **please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter (the form is also attached to Lisette's email)** and submit via email to Kelly Kraus at [kkrausblitz@gmail.com](mailto:kkrausblitz@gmail.com). The cost per poinsettia is \$12. Make checks payable to All Saints Lutheran Church and note "poinsettias" in the memo line. Send payment in your usual offering mode.

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### \*\*\*CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE\*\*\*

The Call Committee has completed the congregation description and community characteristics modules of our Ministry Site Profile. Work continues on the remaining modules of the profile.

The Rev. Karen Boda is our Synod liaison, and committee members are Tom Wagner (Chair), Maddy Faass (Secretary), Martha Wooden, Barb Litke, Mary Yale, and Blandon Johnson. Herb McCaulla is the Council liaison.

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### \*\*\*ADVENT WEDNESDAYS VIA ZOOM\*\*\*

Dec 9, 16 at 7pm: Holden Evening Prayer with discussion and singing of Advent hymns:  
"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"  
"People, Look East"

Zoom link: [Wednesday Evening Worship/Bible Study](#)

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### \*\*\*DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE\*\*\*

10am at the church – drive by to drop off donations:  
Dec 19 Christmas "basket" food and gifts for Rainbow House girls

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### \*\*\*CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 7pm\*\*\*

Worship in person or via Zoom at 7pm with candlelight, hymns, and Communion. We will not have a 10:45pm service this year.

## Readings for Dec 13

### Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Righteousness and praise flourish like a garden

### Psalms 126

The Lord has done great things for us. (Ps. 126:3)

### 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Kept in faith until the coming of Christ

### John 1:6-8, 19-28

A witness to the light

## Ministry This Week

### Sunday, Dec 6, Advent 2

10:00 AM—S ASLC Hybrid Worship  
8:00 PM—F AA

### Monday, Dec 7

6:00 PM—F Cub Scouts Pack  
7:30 PM—Virtual Meeting OA

### Tuesday, Dec 8

9:00 AM—F Sandwich MeetUp\*  
10:15 AM—Z Christian Conversations  
7:00 PM—F Wylde Roots Yoga & Wellness  
7:45 PM—GR or LL NA

### Wednesday, Dec 9

6:15 PM—F Wylde Roots Yoga & Wellness  
6:30 PM—LL Word of Faith  
7:00 PM—Z Holden Prayer Advent Service  
8:00 PM—F AA

### Thursday, Dec 10

6:00 PM—LL Cub Scouts Den  
7:00 PM—F Wylde Roots Yoga & Wellness  
7:45 PM—GR or LL NA

### Friday, Dec 11

9:00 AM Cleaning Services

### Saturday, Dec 12

9:00 AM—F Wylde Roots Yoga & Wellness  
9:00 AM—Virtual Meeting OA

### Sunday, Dec 13, Advent 3

10:00 AM—S/Zoom ASLC Worship  
8:00 PM—F AA

Z=Zoom; F=Fellowship; OC=Out of Church; OO=Outer Office  
GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1;  
CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N=Narthex; S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper Room; A=Away from All Saints

\* Calendar Note: The Sandwich MeetUp limits participation to 4 individuals at this time. Sandwiches are shared with Rock of Ages in their ongoing shepherding with homeless/street people.

## In Scripture Today

### Second Sunday in Advent

The origin of Advent as a season of fasting to prepare for baptisms at Epiphany is evident on the second Sunday, which introduces the preaching and baptismal ministry of John the Baptist. God comes, in the past in the history of Israel and the incarnation of Jesus, in the present in the word and sacrament of each Sunday, and in the future at the end of all things. The preaching of John the Baptist calls us to prepare for God—perhaps in many ways quite different from our preparing for Christmas.

### Mark 1:1-8

By connecting John the Baptist with Elijah, Isaiah, Malachi, and the Jordan, Mark introduces Jesus as the culmination of Jewish tradition. This reading exemplifies the reason that Christians have continued

to proclaim the Old Testament, without which countless New Testament references make no sense. So John the Baptist is not a crazed wild man, but like the prophets of old is the mouthpiece of God. The Christ who came, who comes, and who will come brings God's Holy Spirit to us.

### **Isaiah 40:1-11**

The passage is chosen to proclaim the Isaiah passage quoted by Mark. We too are like grass, soon to die. Yet we hear the comforting promise that, as we wait for the end of our sufferings, God will care for us like a mother sheep her lambs.

### **2 Peter 3:8-15a**

The excerpt from 2 Peter contains both "law" and "gospel": the earth will come to an end, until which we are supposed to live in perfection; but, mercifully, God promises a new creation. We taste the beginning of that new creation at holy communion today.

## **Russ' Reminders**

### Anniversaries

#### **DECEMBER**

- 4 Ray and Jeannette Sanders
- 31 Charlene Adams

### Birthdays

#### **DECEMBER**

- 1 Joann Rosselle
- 6 Jim Scobee
- 12 Sue Stover
- 16 Raymond (Ray) Klages
- 18 Cindy Murphy
- 29 Anna Elizabeth Crutchfield
- 30 Richard (Rick) Robinson
- 31 Susan Lystad

## **Worship Assistants**

### **Dec 6 (in-person/Zoom)**

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Lisette Branscomb  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Jack Branscomb  
Ushers: Herb McCaulla  
Greeter: Melody McCaulla & Rica Kelly  
Sound Board: Al Kates  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Angie Sanderlin

### **Dec 13 (in-person/Zoom)**

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Joann Rosselle  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Amy Cauble  
Ushers: John Holdrich  
Greeter: Jack & Lisette Branscomb  
Sound Board: Roger Boyer  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Angie Sanderlin

### **Dec 20 (in-person/Zoom)**

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Susan Holbrook  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Barb Litke  
Ushers: Herb McCaulla  
Greeter: Mary Kay Kates & Martha Wooden  
Sound Board: Al Kates  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Angie Sanderlin

### **Dec 24 Christmas Eve (7pm in-person/ Zoom)**

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Joann Rosselle  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Joanne Swanson  
Ushers: Bruce Kraus  
Greeter: Jack & Lisette Branscomb  
Sound Board: Roger Boyer  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Children's Sermon: Pastor Ruth Hamilton

### **Dec 27 (in-person/Zoom)**

Altar Guild/Comm Assist: Lisette Branscomb  
Lector/ Worship Assist: Kelly Kraus  
Ushers: Lisette Branscomb  
Greeter: John & Joyce Holdrich  
Sound Board: Al Kates  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Angie Sanderlin

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macmccann8@gmail.com
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404 556 2322
- ❖ For all other compliments!, suggestions, complaints 😊 – Lisette Branscomb  
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# POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

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**My name**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_ poinsettia(s) at \$12 each.

- **Checks should be made payable to All Saints Lutheran Church (note Poinsettias in memo line). Include your payment via your usual method of offering.**
- **Return the completed form to Kelly Kraus at [kkrausblitz@gmail.com](mailto:kkrausblitz@gmail.com).**

Please dedicate my poinsettia(s) as follows:

*(Include as much information as needed to clarify the relationship to you/your family.)*

**In Memory of:**

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