

Joys and Prayers

Continued prayers for Greg Klendl's daughter, Carmen as the family deals with husband, Michael, who has progressive ALS condition. Prayers for Greg's spine doctor so he can find the best way to deal with Greg's back problem.

Kimberly Martinson update: She has been moved to Mayo Health System in the Rehab dept. her address is: Room 3, 2321 Stout Rd, Menomonie, WI 54751.

Prayers for Pastor John Hazen who is still in the healing process, and will be retiring from the ministry at the end of the year. Cards of encouragement can be sent to John Hazen, 355 South 2nd St., Medford, WI 54451

Home Bound or in Care Centers

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Sunday Bulletin

December 14, 2025

Welcome

WORSHIP WARM-UP

"The Virgin Mary Had a
Baby Boy" FWS #2098
"Bethlehem"

Words on screen
"Some Children See Him"
Words on screen
"Until Jesus Comes"



GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

First Reader: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10).

Second Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

Light the third candle of the Advent wreath.

*OPENING SONG

"Cold December Flies Away"

Hymnal #233

OPENING PRAYER

God of Joy, as we draw ever nearer to Christmas in this season of Advent, watching and waiting for your Son, journey with us. Help us to prepare for

his coming with solemnity and joy, taking seriously our own call to bring your gospel into the world. Give us courage to deepen our faith as we face busy schedules and heightened expectations of the season. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

From Heidi Haverkamp, *Advent in Narnia*

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

MESSAGE

“Returning to Joy and Gladness”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER HYMN

“Joy Comes with the Dawn”

Faith We Sing # 2210

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God of deep joy, even when storms rage and doubts rise, you call us to see with kingdom eyes—to look for healing, hope, and signs of your grace breaking in. In this Advent season of expectation and weariness, we bring these gifts as expressions of joy, rooted not in ease but in trust. May our giving bear witness to your good news: that the blind still see, the lame still walk, and the poor still receive care. Use these offerings and us as signs of your coming reign, lights in the storm, and carriers of joy. In the name of Jesus, our hope and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

*HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Hymnal # 224

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE A Christmas Medley

Upcoming Events

December 14, 2025

Sarah Zarbock, our Parish Nurse to be in office most Fridays from

9:30 am-11:30 in the conference room. Feel free to stop by to meet or visit with any health or faith concerns.

Mom's Group, 1st Monday of the month 6:00-7:00, Fireside Room

Childcare available.

Joyful Noise Christmas Sing-A-Long! Tuesday, December 16 6:00-7:30

Hope to see you there!

Messy Church, TODAY! Join Us!

2nd Sunday of the month 10:30-Noon

It Takes a Village Join us Monday, December 22 6-8 pm for Celebration Night, ornament making, cookie exchange, dinner & much more!

Foot & Nail Clinic with Nurse Jacki Bruchert 2nd Wednesday of the month starting January 14 9:00-3:00 pm. Contact Jackie at 715-529-5637 to schedule appt.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Third Thursday of the Month,4:00 pm Fireside room for more information contact Margaret Hastings or Sarah Zarbock.

Choir Practice Mondays starting January 5, 2:30-3:30.

GriefShare Saturdays starting January 3rd to March 28 1:00-3:00 pm. For info contact Sarah Zarbock.

ALB Potluck Brunch every 3rd Sunday of the month starting January 18, 2026.

Whoever can bring! 10:00 am. For more info contact Janet Manette at 715-505-6748 or jmanette@hotmail.com. Everyone Welcome!



**Monday's Meal
December 15**

Menu subject to change
Sauerkraut, ham, cheese and
noodle bake, fruit, sweet treat

Betty Hazen is looking for colored paper (anything but white or black) as well as she is still on a quest for lace and ric-rac.

Can be left in the office for Anita to take to her. Thank you!