

Joys and Prayers

Prayers for Betty Hazen's daughter, Edna for healing after her knee surgery.

Continued prayers for Greg Klendl's daughter, Carmen as the family deals with husband, Michael, who has progressive ALS condition. Also prayers for Greg as he deals with a back condition.

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. She has a birthday on November 30th.

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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Mon, Wed. Thurs. 9 AM-2 PM

Sunday Bulletin

December 7, 2025

Welcome

New Life!
New Hope!

Isaiah 11:1-10



WORSHIP WARM-UP

"View the Present Through Promise" (words on screen)

"The King of Glory Comes" FWS #2091

"Like a Child" FWS #2092

GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

First Reader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when "the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).

All: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.

Second Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

Light the second candle of the Advent wreath.

*OPENING SONG

"Star-Child"

Faith We Sing # 2095

OPENING PRAYER

God of Peace, as we walk further into the season of Advent, watching and waiting for your Son, journey with us. Help us to repent for what we have done or left undone. 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*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 18:1-5

MESSAGE "Returning to Childlike Wonder"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER HYMN "Until Jesus Comes" (*sing twice*) see words on screen

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Hymnal # 94

OFFERING PRAYER

Persistent God of new paths, we have been called to prepare the way—not with platitudes, but with changed hearts and lives. In this season of turning and anticipation, we offer these gifts as signs that we long to live by your story. Use them and use us to bear fruit worthy of repentance: fruit of justice, compassion, hospitality, and peace. Let our generosity reflect the nearness of your kingdom and the urgency of your call. In the wilderness of fear and want, may this offering clear a path for hope to be seen, known, and shared. In the name of the one who is coming and is already among us—Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal p. 13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" see words on screen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE A Christmas Medley

Upcoming Events

December 7, 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. Will not be in November 28.

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

Messy Church, Sunday, December 14 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 Dec. 10 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 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 Mangette at 715-505-6748 or jmangette@hotmail.com. Everyone Welcome!

Care Bucket for Stepping Stones last Sunday was \$148.95. Thank you!



Monday's Meal December 8

Menu subject to change

Cheesy hashbrown egg bake with ham, 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!