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Carver, Minnesota

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Worship

with Holy Communion on 1st, 3rd,
and 5th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

**Coffee Fellowship,
Sunday School & Confirmation**

10:15 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

December 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9am-1pm Church Office Open	3	4
5 9am Worship-Communion 10am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Women's Bible Study	6	7 9am-1pm Church Office Open	8	9 9am-1pm Church Office Open	10	11
12 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Women's Bible Study	13 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	14 9am-1pm Church Office Open	15	16 9am-1pm Church Office Open	17	18
19 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am No Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Women's Bible Study	20	21 9am-1pm Church Office Open 6:30pm Council Meeting	22	23 9am-1pm Church Office Open	24 4pm, 5:30pm & 7pm Christmas Eve Worship	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
26 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am No Sunday School & Confirmation	27 1pm Quilting Group	28 9am-1pm Church Office Open	29	30 9am-1pm Church Office Open	31	

Words from Pastor Sarah

December 2021

And the angel Gabriel came to Mary and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”....Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” ~Luke 1:28, 38

Shhhh. Are you sitting down? Don't be afraid! It's Good News! Really, whatever else you were going to do can wait. Let this moment be just for you.... Are you sitting down yet? A cozy, comfy place. Maybe light a candle. Turn off the tv. Shhh. Deep breaths. Slowly, slowly; in and out. Breathe and pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Come....

“Greetings, favored one, the Lord is with you.” Yes, God is truly with you. Rest in this promise for as long as it takes. You'll know. Breathe....

Read Mary's response to Gabriel. Pray with her hopeful words. Let it be with me... Hold them loosely in your heart. Breathe... Let these Spirit-filled words hold you. It's ok if your mind wanders, if you have wandered. God brings you back, favored one. Always. Breathe...

“Let it be with me” in the Greek can also be translated, “Let it be born through me.” What is God's word to you in this quiet-sitting-down-breathing-praying time? What might God be gestating in you? Birthing through you? Breathe through the birth pangs. Shhhh. Deep breaths. Slowly, slowly; in and out. Breathe, breathe, breathe...

Do not be afraid, favored one. The Holy Spirit is your midwife and whatever God is readying to birth into your life, and through you into the world, is something beautiful. You are beautiful. Breathe...

This Holy Season may God overshadow all of God's people, transform our hearts, unlock our minds, move our feet, open our hands and lips, that we may show and tell and shout with joy the good news for all people that is true no matter what else is going on: Emmanuel has come **to you!** God is turning the world around!

Let us pray: “Living God, visit us in this season with your Holy Spirit that we may get carried away to do obedient things we have not yet done, kingdom things we did not think we had in us, neighbor things from which we cringe. May you act in us, through us, beyond us, more than we imagine, because newness is on its way among us. Amen.”

(Walter Brueggeman, in Celebrating Abundance.)

Advent blessings! Merry Christmas! Shalom!

Pastor Sarah

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Worship,
December 24—We are offering 3 services this year to celebrate Jesus' birth at **4pm, 5:30pm and 7pm.** Hope you can spread your families out. If at all possible, come to a later service.



SAVE THE DATES!

- ♦ Sunday, January 30th—Annual Congregational Meeting
- ♦ Sunday, February 13th—Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Spaghetti Dinner



Calendar Updates

Please notify the office when your committee has a meeting or hosts a special event as soon as you know the dates. We will update our communications to help get the word out early.

Thank You

Thank you to our fabulous decorating team for getting our church—and us—ready for the holiday.

Puzzle Library

Don't forget our puzzle library at the Parish Center for your winter entertainment.

AV Upgrade

Over the last few weeks our technologically –gifted folks have gone to other churches in the area to see their setups. We look forward to more updates soon.

Good Gifts

As you begin considering gifts for Christmas, check out <https://goodgifts.elca.org/>. There are also catalogs at the Parish Center.

Opportunities to Serve

Altar Guild

We are looking for a team to be responsible for changing paraments, communion set-up, filling candles, etc. Sign up on the clipboard at church, talk to Pastor or Carol Kolodejchuk our Music Director.



Lector Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to lector during 2022, please let the office know and we will put you on the schedule.

Spaghetti Dinner Donations

We are looking ahead to our February 13th event. We'd love your help! If you'd like to make something or have a contact for a silent auction item, Great!



ELCA National Youth Gathering

July 24-28 here in Minneapolis

The theme is BOUNDLESS—God beyond measure
Youth in 8th—12th grades are able to sign up for this.
Are you interested? Talk to Pastor!

Towel Ministry

We continue to collect towels as the needs are great. Thank you for your donations. Ann Decker leads this ministry deckerag@gmail.com



Christmas Offering

This year the Christmas Offering will be given to:

- ♦ Carver County Veterans
- ♦ Nigeria College
- ♦ Local Food Shelf

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you.

And you need the church. 🏡❤️🙏

Submitted by Paul Lundquist