



# Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES

November 25, 2012

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## *Advent Tea Approaches*



**All ladies** are invited to our annual Advent Tea to be held **NEXT Sunday, December 2 @ 3:00p.m.** There are invitations in the communications center for you to send or hand out to friends and family. **This year we will be joined by a quartet from the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra!**

## *Advent Worship Series*

Wednesday, December 5

**Wonderful Counselor**

*Pastor Joshua Free*



Wednesday, December 12

**Everlasting Father**

*Pastor Philip Schupmann*



Wednesday, December 19

**Mighty God**

*Pastor Joshua Free*

In the weeks before Christmas, let's take some time to reflect on the coming of Christ our Savior. What will we call him when he comes?

Our midweek services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Also plan to join us at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday for family soup supper and dessert after the service.



## *Church Decorating*

We will be decorating the church – inside and out – for Christmas on **Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Let's meet and beautify our worship space together.



## *Apache Mission Collection*



Our WELS missions in the southwest United States that serve the Apache people are looking for new Christian story books & Christian coloring books. They will be used in their outreach efforts in evangelizing to children. They also have a need for new or gently used (with tag still on) beanie babies. There is a collection box in the entryway. Thank you.

## *King's Daughters Christmas Party*

Kings Daughter's Cookie Exchange and White Elephant Gift Exchange will be on **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, @ 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Jones.

We will have an appetizer dinner, reveal our Prayer Partners, and select new ones for the coming year. You are welcome to exchange cookies and/or gifts or just come and share a few laughs and some Christmas cheer! Please sign up in the entryway.



## *Seminary Christmas Concert*



The Seminary Chorus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon will present its annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Two identical performances begin at 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. and are held in the campus auditorium. The choir will present Christmas anthems and hymns in a program entitled *Sing a Song of Christmas*. Advance reservations are not required. For directions to the seminary go to **wls.wels.net**.

### *Christmas Car Magnets Available*

“Keep Christ in Christmas” car magnets are now available in the entryway. Freewill offerings will benefit mission work selected by King’s Daughters.



### *An Encouraging Word*

#### **Vision for Christian Living - Revelation 1:4b-8**

Grace and peace are yours. To the Triune God be glory forever and ever! Why? Our Heavenly Father loves us.

Christ Jesus, the firstborn from the dead, has freed us from



our sins by his blood shed on the cross. The Holy Spirit has brought us into a special relationship with God – giving us a unique status and service.

In response to God’s love we glorify God with thanksgiving. We glorify him through our service, worship, and offerings. This is not just a Sunday morning task.

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God. It permeates our life. It shows itself in our love for people. Christ the King is coming. To him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.



All Aboard the Bethlehem Express!

A place for crafts, carols, refreshments, and the Christmas story.

Great Family Fun! FREE!

**PLACE** Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

**DATE** Saturday, December 8th

**TIME** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

We will be boarding the *Bethlehem Express* to learn of the birth of our Savior, Jesus! This event is for kids ages 4-12. We are looking for children's rhythm instruments and adult Victorian caroler clothing and accessories. Please see Pastor Free or Caryn Grossman if you would like to take part in the event or have any of the above items. Thanks!

# *WELS Christmas Concerts*

## **Thursday, November 29:**

- Wisconsin Lutheran College\*, Milwaukee, WI - 8:00 p.m.

## **Friday, November 30:**

- Wisconsin Lutheran College\*, - 8:00 p.m.

## **Saturday, December 1:**

- Wisconsin Lutheran College\*, - 8:00 p.m.

## **Sunday, December 2:**

- Wisconsin Lutheran HS°, Milwaukee, WI - 3:00 p.m.
- Wisconsin Lutheran College\*, Milwaukee, WI - 3:00 p.m.

## **Friday, December 7:**

- Wisconsin Lutheran College°, Milwaukee, WI - 8:00 p.m.

## **Saturday, December 8:**

- Wisconsin Lutheran HS\*, Milwaukee, WI - 7:00 p.m.
- Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN - 7:30 p.m.

## **Sunday, December 9:**

- Illinois Lutheran HS, Crete, IL - 2:00 p.m.
- Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary\*, Mequon, WI - 3:00 p.m.
- Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN - 4:00 p.m.
- Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary\*, Mequon, WI - 7:00 p.m.
- Wisconsin Lutheran HS\*, Milwaukee, WI - 7:00 p.m.

## **Friday, December 14:**

- Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, WI - 10:00 a.m.
- Shoreland Lutheran HS, Somers, WI - 7:00 p.m.

## **Sunday, December 16:**

- Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary\*, Mequon, WI - 3:00 p.m.
- Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, WI - 3:00 p.m.

*\*indicates choir only      °indicates band only*



## *Kids on a Mission*

Kids, we have coin boxes for the LWMS **kids c.a.r.e.** project - VBS Camps for Home Missions! Any money that we collect will help mission churches and kids to attend a VBS in their areas. The coin boxes are available in the entryway.



## *The Season of Giving*



This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported **Abiding Peace Lutheran Church** this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact the church office for more info.

## *Birthday and Anniversary Greetings*

This week, birthday greetings go to the Rosie Schoenbeck (November 25), and Guy Christiansen (November 30). Anniversary wishes are extended to Mark & Sandy Jones and Brian & Shica Povich (December 1).



## *Sunday School Christmas Practices*



Two practices have been set up in addition to the work we will be doing on Sunday mornings in preparation for the Children's Christmas Eve Service this year. The first scheduled additional practice will be on **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The second one will be on **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** from Noon - 2:00 p.m. We will serve lunch to the kids on that Sunday, so we can all stay after second service. Please make every effort to have the children here for these important rehearsals. Thank you.

### *Cookbooks Are Available!*

We have a number of Abiding Peace cookbooks available in the church entryway in time for holiday giving! A freewill donation of \$10.00 is suggested.



### *Harvest Gifts for Those in Need*



Many people are experiencing hardships during these tough economic times, and God calls us to “*serve one another in love*” (Galatians 5:13). Please put any food donations in the baskets in the kitchen for the Elgin Community Crisis Center, a local organization that serves those in need.



## *Weekly Mission Prayer*



*Christian Aid and Relief – God of might and compassion, you never slumber nor sleep; your eyes are always open to the needs of your people. Watch over all who face danger or disaster. Respond to the needs of others, both individually and collectively, through WELS Christian Aid and Relief. May our response be a bright and accurate reflection of Christ’s compassion for us, to the glory of your name and the temporal and eternal blessing of many souls. Amen.*

## *Service to Our Lord*

	<b>November 19 - 25</b>	<b>Nov. 26 - Dec. 2</b>
<b>Pianists</b>	Dave Frick	Dave Frick
<b>Ushers – 8:00</b>	Jeff Bruemmer Jared Bruemmer	Dale Manzel Zac Bruemmer
<b>Ushers – 10:30</b>	Dan Woltman Trent Whitney Amy Whitney	Geoff Grossman Caryn Grossman Ted Grossman
<b>Refreshments</b>	Kreklow Fry	Pearl Salzwedel
<b>Cleaning</b>	Schoenbeck Bernthal	Kreklow Bredemann

## *Give Thanks to the Lord!*

Worship Attendance: 83 (21 - 8:00, 62 - 10:30)  
Sunday Bible Study: 24  
Women's Bible Study: 9  
Sunday School Attendance: 22