



# Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES

December 8, 2013

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## *Prepare for His Coming*

Wednesday, December 11

### **The Advent Life**

*Pastor Philip Schupmann*



Wednesday, December 18

### **Our Advent Task**

*Pastor Joshua Free*



In the weeks before Christmas, let's take some time to reflect on the coming of Christ our Savior. How will we prepare for his coming?



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.

## *Ladies' Christmas Party*



All ladies of Abiding Peace are invited to a Christmas party on **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:00 p.m.** at the home of Caryn Grossman. We will start things off with an appetizer dinner.

If you have a Prayer Partner, you may bring a gift to exchange with her. You are also welcome to participate in a White Elephant

Gift Exchange or just come and share a few laughs and some Christmas cheer!

## *Birthday and Anniversary Greetings*

This week, birthday greetings go to Caden Pearl (December 9). Anniversary wishes are extended to Mark & Yolanta Kreklow (December 9).



## *Christmas Worship at Abiding Peace*

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.**

Children's Christmas Service

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

Christmas Day Festival Service

## *An Encouraging Word*

**Vision for Christian Living - Isaiah 11:1-10**



It's refreshing when someone delivers on what they've promised to you, refreshing because we struggle with unfulfilled promises every day in this sinful world. Here's one of the many promises that our Savior God has fulfilled in you. He has brought you into his Church through the work of his Son, the Branch from Jesse's stump. And in that Church you enjoy the peace of forgiveness and a loving relationship with the holy God. How many others are there in our world that still need to be brought into his Church by faith in Jesus? That's our mission. May the Lord richly bless your efforts in carrying out and supporting that work!

## *Cookbooks Are Available!*

We have a number of Abiding Peace cookbooks available in the church entryway in time for holiday giving!

*Suggested donation is \$10.00.*



## *Christmas Caroling*



Share the joy of our Savior's birth by joining us for some Christmas caroling **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:30 p.m.** All are most welcome to join in!

A gathering at the Miller home will follow caroling. There is a sign up in the entryway - please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

## *Sunday School Christmas Practices*

Two practices have been set up in preparation for the Children's Christmas Eve Service this year. The first practice will be on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> / 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

The second one will be on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</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.



## *Weekly Mission Prayer*



*WELS Congregation and Ministry Support Group* – Lord, bless the work of the *WELS Congregation Ministry Support Group* as they assist our congregations and schools. If it is your will, let the new movie they helped produce, *Come Follow Me*, lead people to follow you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. Peter and your disciples rejoiced to see you and serve you. May others join us in that same effort today. Amen.

## *Service to Our Lord*

	<b>December 2 - 8</b>	<b>December 9 - 15</b>
<b>Pianists</b>	Margaret Schubring	Becky Miller
<b>Pianist - Advent Service</b>	Dave Frick	Dave Frick
<b>Ushers - Advent Service</b>	Dan Schoenbeck Rosie Schoenbeck	Geoff Grossman Caryn Grossman
<b>Ushers - 8:00</b>	Sean Hogan Reilly Hogan	Mark Kreklow Dale Manzel
<b>Ushers - 10:30</b>	Mark Jones Dan Schoenbeck Rosie Schoenbeck	Doug Salzwedel Howard Smith Bob Fry
<b>Refreshments</b>	Schubring Baird	Cook Frick
<b>Cleaning</b>	Baird Woltman	Miller Manzel

## *Give Thanks to the Lord!*

Worship Attendance: 56  
Bible Study Attendance: 18  
Sunday School Attendance: 14