



# Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES

December 14, 2014

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## *Prepare for His Coming*



Our final midweek Advent service is @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17  
**The Messiah as a Champion**  
*Pastor Joshua Free*



Also plan to join us at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday for family soup supper and dessert after the service.

## *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 19<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



The second one will be on **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</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.

# Christmas Worship at Abiding Peace

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

Children's Christmas Service

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

Christmas Day Festival Service

## *Cookbooks and Car Magnets*

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



"Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets are also available in the entryway. Freewill offerings will benefit mission work selected by King's Daughters.



## *Weekly Mission Prayer*

*Martin Luther College* - Lord of the harvest, we praise you for your gifts to your Church, the young men and women who are graduating from Martin Luther College this



Thursday. Use them to advance your kingdom. Instill in them humility and Christian virtue, that they further your message whatever they do, or wherever they go. Anoint them with a rich measure of your Spirit. Amen.

## *Church Entrance*

The front doors to our church can be rather temperamental. In case you encounter problems unlocking the doors, you can lift up slightly and pull the door toward you as you turn the key. If anyone has a need for a key, please see Pastor Free.



## *Christmas Caroling*



Share the joy of our Savior's birth by joining us for some Christmas caroling **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:30 p.m.** All are welcome to join in! A gathering at the Miller home will follow caroling. Sign up in the entryway - please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

## *An Encouraging Word*

### **Vision for Christian Living - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Why should we be joyful, pray, and give thanks? Why should we bring our generous offerings to support the Church? Why should we worship and praise him? Why should we feed the hungry and support the poor? We do these things because they are God's will. God wants us to obey him out of love, with humble and grateful hearts. He loved us before we were born. He provided a Savior before we sinned, his perfect Son who carried our sins on the cross and triumphed over death three days later. When we realize this, our hearts will overflow with thanks to him and we will want to do everything we can to please him, serve him, and bring others to him.



## *Service to Our Lord*

### Cleaning

### Refreshments

<b>December 8-14</b>	Kammerer	Stumpner
<b>December 15-21</b>	Bruemmer Henkel	Schubring Baird

### Ushers

### Pianist

<b>December 14 - 8:00 a.m.</b>	Mark Kreklow TBD	Margaret Schubring
<b>December 14 - 10:30 a.m.</b>	Dan Woltman Earl McCormack	
<b>December 17 - 7:00 p.m.</b>	Geoff Grossman Caryn Grossman	Dave Frick
<b>December 21 - 8:00 a.m.</b>	Jeff Bruemmer Zac Bruemmer	Becky Miller
<b>December 21 - 10:30 a.m.</b>	Trent Whitney Amy Whitney	Becky Miller
<b>Children's Christmas Eve</b>	Doug Salzwedel Dave Kammerer Jon Kammerer	Dave Frick
<b>Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m.</b>	TBD	Becky Miller

## *Give Thanks to the Lord!*

Worship Attendance:                   83  
 Bible Study/Sunday School:   21 / 17