



Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES

December 16, 2018

Sunday School Christmas Practice

In addition to the work we will be doing on Sunday mornings in preparation for the Children's Christmas Eve Service this year, a practice has been scheduled for **Sunday, December 23rd** from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. - pizza lunch included. Please make every effort to have your children here for this important rehearsal. Thank you!



Christmas Worship at Abiding Peace

Monday, December 24th
@ 6:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 25th
@ 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Festival Service

Sunday, December 30th
@ 10:00 a.m.

Only one Service this Sunday



Christmas Caroling



Share the joy of our Savior's birth by joining us for some Christmas caroling **Friday, December 21st, at 4:30 p.m.** We will meet at Ruth Kline's home, 814 Paige St., Hampshire. All are most welcome to come!

A gathering at the Greg Miller home will follow caroling. There will be a sign up in the entryway. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Thank You!

- To Nancy Baird, Ruth Buck, and Bev Frick ~ for helping in the church office all year.
- To Rachel John and Bev Frick ~ for relocating and maintaining our church library.
- To Becky Miller ~ for directing our church choir.
- To Amy Salzwedel ~ for formatting our bulletins weekly.
- To Greg Miller and Hermann John ~ for maintaining and posting on our church sign.
- To Kevin Kacer and Reilly Hogan ~ for mowing the lawn all season.
- To Doug Salzwedel and all Ushers ~ for providing order to our services.
- To Snack Providers ~ for creating social time on Sundays.
- To Margaret Schubring ~ for sending Christmas cards with \$10 gift cards to children of our missionaries on behalf of King's Daughters.
- To Kim Bruemmer, Ruth Buck, and Heidi DeHaan ~ for another successful Advent Tea.
- To Dan & Joy Symonds ~ for the complimentary 2018 calendars.
- To Greg & Becky Miller ~ for hosting the Christmas caroling party.
- To all who decorated the church for Christmas.



Mission Prayer



Richland Center, Wis. – Lord of all, you have called us to be witnesses both at home and to the ends of the earth. Continue to open our eyes to opportunities to share your gospel in cities and towns close to us. Bless our mission church in Richland Center, Wis.

Give success to their Christmas outreach efforts so that the community may learn the true purpose of Christ's incarnation. Please grant them the additional called worker they seek for reaching more of the lost around them. Amen.

Birthday and Anniversary Greetings

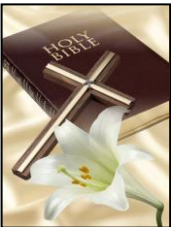
Happy Birthday greetings this week go to Emily Symonds (December 16), Britta Cuming (December 17), John Stroh (December 19), Braden Krause (December 29), Freda McCormack (December 31), and Adam Bernthal (December 31).



Anniversary best wishes sent to Paul & Marie Bernthal (December 30). Enjoy your special days!

An Encouraging Word

Vision for Christian Living - Luke 3:1-6



Repentance is key to our preparation for the coming of our Savior. But repentance without a corresponding change in life is no repentance at all. There will be fruits of repentance. God's forgiving grace changes us from the inside out. That change will be evident to those around us. Ultimately our Lord uses us as agents of his

grace to change others, as our entire lives and all the blessings in them become dedicated to service in God's kingdom.

Merry Christmas!

Wishing you and your families a joyous Christmas celebration that lasts throughout the year.

¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.



Service to Our Lord

	<i>December 16</i>	<i>December 23</i>
<i>Pianists</i>	<i>Rachel John</i>	<i>George Hogan</i>
<i>Ushers—8:00</i>	<i>Jim Stumpner</i>	<i>Mark Kreklow</i>
<i>Ushers—10:30</i>	<i>Doug Salzwedel</i> <i>Glenn Miller</i>	<i>Rich Long</i> <i>David Long</i>
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Vanderheyden</i> <i>Cuming</i>	<i>John</i> <i>Frick</i>

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Worship Attendance ~

December 2: 99
December 9: 85