

<b>December 24 Christmas Eve</b>	
Provide Bread and Prepare	
Communion	Lundys
Greeters	Lundys
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Connie Schindler
Deacons	Linda Yeoman Sue Courtney Julie McClatchey
Communion Prayer	Don Hiscox
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

<b>January 1</b>	
Provide Bread and Prepare	
Communion	Karen Vroman
Greeter	
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	
Deacons	Jane Shane Connie Schindler Linda Yeoman Tom Small
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Jane Shane
Fellowship Refreshments	Jane Shane
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 277-7574

Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1
<b>Christmas Day</b>			Centering Prayer 12:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am			Adult SS 8:45 am
no services	Office Closed	Office Closed					

Merry Christmas! There will be no worship services on Christmas Sunday. Enjoy the holiday with your family and we'll see you on New Year's Day!

<b>Financial Notes</b>	
<b>December 11, 2016</b>	
Total Deposit	\$2,662.00
<b>December 18, 2016</b>	
Total Deposit	\$2,820.96

December 24, 2016  
Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve

**PRELUDE** “Christmas Medley Duo”

**\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Connie Schindler

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light as shined.

**We have beheld Christ’s glory,  
glory as of the only Son of the Father.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #148** “O Come All Ye Faithful”

**\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Connie Schindler

**Immanuel, God with us, show us where you may be found today:  
in each human birth, in family joy, in relentless tragedy,  
in treasured babes, and homeless families.**

**Immanuel, we rejoice that you are with us—  
in everything, through everything.**

**Lord Christ, be born in us today.**

**Loving God, help us to see our grace,  
hear your voice, and follow in your way;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #128 vs.5**

**Come, listen, the sounds of God-with-us ring clear,  
and signs of a cross in the distance appear.**

**The Word once made flesh, yet the Word ever near.  
One candle is lit for he Christ-birthday here.**

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** “Away in a Manger” Sjolund

**A TIME WITH THE YOUNG**

**OUR STORY IN WORD AND SONG**

Luke 2:1-7 pg. 58

**#144 (Verses 1-2)** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Connie Schindler

Luke 2:8-14 pg. 58

**#155 (Verses 1-3)** “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Luke 2:15-20 pg. 58

**#162 (Verses 1-2)** “What Child Is This”

**WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD**

“Where Else Would God Be?”

Rev. Paul Witmer

**SONG OF PREPARATION** “The Body of God”

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

We will come forward to the communion table as a sign of our commitment and response to Christ’s gracious invitation and loving presence. If you are unable to come forward, a deacon will bring the elements to you.

**INVITATION AND CALL TO GIVING**

Connie Schindler

*(Our offering tonight is in support of the Christmas Offering, a special offering that supports the work and ministry of the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest.)*

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Don Hiscox

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**FEAST OF JOY** “Still, Still, Still” (A Christmas Lullaby)

arr. J. Martin

**SONG OF SENDING FORTH #145** “Silent Night”

*We share the light of Christ this night.  
You are welcome to remain with the light  
and depart in peace.*

*Christmas Blessings to you and your family!*

**Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister  
Judith Henry, Music Director**

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.