The flowers, bread & wine, and candles are given today by Richard Schneider in loving memory of his mom and dad Fremont on their birthdays’ Dec. 7th. They both were born on the same day. They both were members of Luther Memorial. My mom and dad were on the “Yarmouth Castle cruise ship” which burned and sank in 2 hours. Mom went down with the ship and dad was badly injured and went overboard. He was rescued by another ship as he fell into the water.

Worship with Holden Evening Prayer will follow the dinners at 7:00 P.M.

Advent suppers on Wednesdays prior to the 7pm mid-week Holden Evening Prayer worship service: Dec 11th, Dec 18th. Week 2 is Cabbage Rolls. Sign up sheet in the Social Hall.

TONIGHT: It’s North Syracuse’s Holiday Parade time again! It is set for tonight, December 8th and starts at 5:00pm at the Baptist Church parking lot. We plan to walk, “ At the end of the route, you can stay and enjoy the many free activities at the NS Community Center. There will be a tree lighting, refreshments, horse and wagon rides, kids arts and crafts, and Santa! We hope you will join the fun. For more information, call/see Ruth Beasley, 315-699-3855. Sign up sheets in the Social Hall.

2020 Offering Envelopes are available in the Social Hall. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not find yours, please contact the office at 315-458-1481 x1. Just a reminder that if you do Direct Deposit you will not have been issued them unless you ask. NOTE: please do not use them until the New Year. Help yourself to a 2020 calendar courtesy of Krueger Funeral home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Annual Congregational Meeting January 12th directly following a 9:30 service. Only one service this day! Agenda: Final Reports Elections to Council, and 2020 and the Budget

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be December 22nd!

We will have one service that day at 9:30am and there will be Communion. There will be a fun reception following. All are welcome! Come join this festive, fun day!!

Annual Reports

A simple reminder to everyone responsible to write an annual report that they are due in the church office no later than January 2nd. Please try to email your reports if at all possible. The church email address is info@luthermemorialns.org. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020. Following one service at 9:30 Thanks!
Remember when you shop for Christmas to log on to Amazon through Amazon Smile and select Luther Memorial Church will be gifted a donation from Amazon.

**Give Plus!** A mobile app is now available. Enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Offering Gifts, Coffee Hour Gifts, Flowers/Bread/Wine Gifts, Memorial Gifts. The app is free and is called Give+.

**Ongoing events**
Worship: Sunday’s 8:00 & 11:00 am & Wednesdays @ 7pm
Bible Study at Panera’s Tuesday at 9:30am, Choir is Thursday Evenings at 7:00
St Paul’s Food Pantry Collection December is boxed Spaghetti
Thanks to your generosity we collected 46 jars of sauce.
*The food pantry is collecting reusable bags*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDER FORM**
For our Christmas Eve Services, we will again be using poinsettias to add to the beauty of our sanctuary. If you would like to donate one of the plants in honor of someone or some occasion, or in memory of someone, please fill out the information below. Place the slip and donation in an envelope and place it in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office. The cost is $10 per plant. The deadline for orders to be received in the Church Office is MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th.

NAME _________________________ TELEPHONE NUMBER________________
EMAIL ADDRESS____________________________________________________
IN MEMORY OF -  _______________________________________________________
IN HONOR OF ________________________________________________________
☐ please check if you will be taking this plant home.
REMEMBER WITH CARDS and PRAYERS: Pastor Susan’s mother, Nanni, George & Belinda (Mantor) Mantell and family, Peg M., Joan, Fred Ensworth, Beth Putnam, Laila, Pastor Johnson, Tom & Ruth Fonda, John, Isabella, Bev Collins, Mike, Joan, Chip, Michael, Gary, Betty, Shani, Pat A., Jerry, Arin, Connor, Gerry, Peter, Jon, Jim, Nancy Wright, and Brian.


Other Congregations: Faith Lutheran Church, other local Lutheran churches in the call process, and Luther Memorial Church in Syracuse, Nebraska.

CARD & PRAYER LIST … January 1st

At Councils request we will be “starting over” with our card and prayer list that is printed in the bulletin. What has been happening is that people ask to put a name on the prayer list but we are not familiar with the person and therefore do not know how long they should be on our weekly list. Please understand that in the newsletter that we have a long-term list of those who we continue to pray for indefinitely.

Please contact Anne in the church office to put a name in the bulletin for cards and prayer. That name will be listed for 2 Sundays and then removed unless you contact Anne again and ask that it stays on for another 2 weeks. At this time, if you would like prayers to continue, she will then move the person’s name to our long-term list in the Newsletter.

Also, if you are putting a person on the list, feel free to indicate who that person is. For example: if I wanted prayers for my mom, I could list it as Kaye Zinsmeyer, Karen June’s mother. Some do not wish to put their last name in the bulletin, but you could list a first name and “as they undergo surgery” for example.

This is an effort to make the card and prayer list more personal and helpful for those who are in need of prayer. Thank you, Karen June, Worship and Music

UPCOMING SERVICE TIMES

December 22nd 1 Service at 9:30 with Children’s pageant

CANDLE LIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00, 8:00 & 10:00

ONE SERVICES 9:30AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, SUNDAY JANUARY 5th and JANUARY 12th followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting
GIVING TREES  3 opportunities
We will have three trees and in our Social Hall. One tree is being sponsored by the Mission Committee. It for our ever-popular Good Gifts Project. Buy a goat, a chicken, or a pig to help a family in Africa and one tree is for Knitted hats, scarves and mittens and the final tree is for gift cards. These gift cards we use throughout the year to give to people that might have a need.

Good Gifts Advent Tree
Give a gift that’s exactly what someone in the world needs…to survive and thrive. Make that gift in honor of or in memory of someone important to you, through ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts. How do you do that?

1. Look through the Good Gifts Catalog you will be given on Sunday morning. Study it like some of us use to study the old Sears Christmas Catalog or the Toys R Us fliers. Encourage your children to “study” it and to…

2. Pick out the gifts you’d like to give to a family somewhere in the world. More than 85% of your gifts directly support programs in 77 countries including the USA.

3. Write your check to Luther Memorial with “Good Gifts” clearly marked on the memo line.

4. Then, if you wish to, using one of the available note cards, write your honoree a note telling them of your gift in their name. Then…one more thing.

5. Find an ornament in the box by the Good Gifts Tree in the social hall that shows your particular gift(s) and hang it on the tree. You may write your honoree’s name on the tag…or not.

Let the boughs break with ornaments!!!!! A master list of gifts given will be made using the ornaments. If you make a gift but aren’t at the church to hang an ornament, let the office know of your gift selection and your gift ornament will be hung for you. Want to make an undesignated gift? Just note “Undesignated” on your check.

Today’s Anthem: “Advent Grace”

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.
The dark night wakes, God’s glory breaks, and Christmas comes again.
O come, thou Son of David, come. Your blessed peace proclaim.
O come, Thou bright and morning star, Your people now to save.
O come, Desire of nations, come, as saints of old have sung.
Your people watch, Your people pray throughout all Christendom.
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound the heav’nly music swells;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel, Our Lord Emmanuel.