Third Sunday of Advent - December 14, 2014

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

Lighting of the Advent Candle	*Light a Candle in the Night (vs. 3) - insert (choir 1st time, congregation 2nd time)*
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Word

Let the Children Come……	
Holy Baptism	Riley Maris Jacobson
First Reading	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
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Sermon	Pastor Rebecca Breddin
Hymn of the Day	*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! - ELW #246*
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Sending

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Weekly Announcements

In Our Prayers

John Freer, Gabriel Steinwand, Willis Romfo, Glen Symons, Tyler Witzel, Jordan Link and Asher Crockett

Our condolences to the family and friends of Janet Olson on her death. A memorial service was held yesterday at United.

Baptism

Congratulations to Zach and Andrea Jacobson on the baptism of their daughter, Riley Maris. Riley's baptismal sponsors are Chris Puppe and Rachelle Cameron.

Singing Telegrams

It's not too late! For $5.00, the Sunday school children will sing a Christmas Carol telegram to a Maple Manor or Wheatland resident for you! Please pick up a form from the church narthex today and give to Sara Goodman, as the children will be singing the telegrams **this afternoon** starting at 3PM. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to join in with the kids, we just ask everyone to meet at the east entrance of Maple Manor at 2:45PM.

Advent

Each Sunday during Advent, we will have a different group from our congregation **lighting the wreath**; this week, we thank representatives from our Quilters group for sharing in this leadership.

If you would like free **Advent devotional resources**, grab a copy of "Christ in Our Home" in the narthex, or download "Your People Long to Greet You," a publication of Luther Seminary, from our website.

Harvest Sunday Report

With gratitude to God for the gifts of our harvest, we joined together with Harvest Sunday offerings of "first fruits" to serve our neighbors in a variety of ways. Thank you for serving Christ in our neighbors as $7,620 was raised for Harvest Sunday.

Poinsettias

If you would like to order poinsettias for Christmas, you may order them through Langdon Floral. Poinsettias will be displayed on the altar through Advent and—pending their condition– the Christmas season. Please be sure the card on the plant has your name and the person's name you would like to acknowledge.

Baked Potato Bar/Live Auction Today

In financial support of the mission trip to Haiti, a Thrivent Action Team is serving a **Potato Bar and Live Auction** hosted by Al Adam after worship today. Free will offering for the Potato bar. Thank you to those that donated items for the auction.

Christmas Program & Lunch

Next Sunday, December 21, the Sunday school students will have their Christmas program during the worship service. All are welcome to stay for a barbecue lunch. Thank you to Dennis and Linda Balsdon for volunteering to oversee this lunch! The lunch will be free will offering.

Pastoral Visits

Please contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized or would like a home visit from one of our pastors.

Welcome to United! We're glad you're here, and we believe that God led you here. We pray that today's worship would be a blessing to you. If you're looking for a church home, we'd be excited to have you consider ULC as your permanent church home. If you'd like more information, you can simply fill out the tear-off card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Annual Christmas Dinner

The Annual Christmas dinner will be held again on December 25th at the St. Alphonsus parish hall starting at 12PM. If you are alone or with many, all are welcome. For more information, you may contact Carla Horpestad at 256-2924 or 370-0594.

Senior High Mission Trip

We have reserved the dates of **JUNE 13-21, 2015** to go to Lutherhaven Bible Camp in Wallace, Idaho. This service trip is open to current 8th graders and senior high youth. A $50 non refundable deposit is due to the church office to secure your spot.

Offering Envelopes

The new 2015 offering envelopes are now available. They may be picked up from the table in the Narthex.

Decorating

Thank you to Karen Pederson, with the assistance of Keri Jo Evans for decorating the church for the advent and Christmas season!

WELCA

WELCA changes for the new 2015 WELCA booklet can be given to Cheryl Muhs, Monica Porterfield or Julie Johnson as soon as possible.

Park River Bible Camp

Next Sunday, December 20th, 4PM, Anoka High School Chamber Orchestra with the Seventh Avenue Carolers in the chapel, free will offering. **Please note that this is the correct date.**

Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- ☐ I/we received communion today:
- ☐ Prayers requested/answered:
- ☐ I am in need of a ride to church:
- ☐ I would like a Pastor to call regarding:

Today's Faith and Care Leaders

Pastors: Karl & Rebecca Breddin
Reader: Carol Hart
Greeter: Carol Hart
Ushers: Paul & Ethan Peterson
Acolytes: Erykka Gratton & April Kratcha
Projectionist: Austin Hart
Organists: Kathie Johnson & Lisa Schuler

Next Week's Leaders

Pastors: Karl & Rebecca Breddin
Reader: Linda Olson
Greeter: Leota Mikkelsen
Ushers: Glenn Pederson & Jim Wilhelmi
Acolytes: Andy Muhs & Lizzie Muhs
Projectionist: Hayes Haslekaas
Organists: Kathie Johnson & Lisa Schuler

The Week Ahead at ULC

Today:	11AM Baked Potato Bar - Haiti fundraiser
	3PM Sunday school caroling at Maple Manor
Monday:	7:30PM Council meeting
Tuesday:	7PM Rachel Circle @ Elaine Haugen's home
Wednesday:	5PM 7&8 Grade Confirmation, 7:30PM Senior High Youth Group
Next Sunday:	9AM Sunday school & Grown Up Sunday school
	10AM Worship & Sunday school Christmas program with lunch

Today, I am a

- ☐ Member
- ☐ First Time Visitor
- ☐ Second Time Visitor
- ☐ Regular Visitor

☐Please send me information about membership in United Lutheran Church

☐I am a member of another church. Where?

What brought you to United today?

Readings for next Sunday:

Luke 1:26-38
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:46b-55