

CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS* AND WORSHIP FOR DEC. 10, 2017

General Fund	\$ 5394.00	Thur. 12noon / 7:00 pm	21/12
Building Fund	\$ 75.00	Nursery	3
Endowment Fund	\$ 495.37	No early service	0
Memorial Fund	\$ 0.00	Sunday 10:30 am	148
All Other Funds	\$ 44.25	WEEK TOTAL	184

*Contributions include online giving

THIS WEEK'S SERVANTS December 17, 2017

	8:30 am	10:45 am	Thur 12/21
Greeters - Sanctuary	Marlys Hyslop	Jerry & Laurel Gatz	
- Parking	John & Penny B.	Dwight & Delores L.	
Reader	Esther Bunch	-	
Communion	Alexis G./Jerry L.	NO Communion	Noon / 7:00pm
Worship Assistant	Bruce Davis	Lovell Davis	Jerry G. / Les. L
Acolytes	Alex Tiaden	Melanie Jaeger	
Ushers - Captain	Kevin O'Donnell	TBD	
- Assistant	Chuck Brummer		
Projectionist / AV	Jeff Banks	Paul Hickey	
Weekend Custodian	Cheryl T./Clara A.		

NEXT WEEK'S SERVANTS December 24, 2017

	9:30 am	5:00pm	10:00pm	Thur 12/28
Greeters - Sanctuary	Bob & Muriel T.	Paul & Tricia H.	Bobbie Z./Marlene I.	
- Parking	-	-	-	
Reader	Vicki Gordon	-	-	
Communion	-	-	-	
Worship Assistant	Chuck Brummer	Andy Schuster	Steve Opdahl	John Hafner
Acolytes	Alex Tiaden	TBD	-	
Ushers - Captain	Kevin O'Donnell	TBD	TBD	
- Assistant	Chuck Brummer			
Projectionist / AV	Paul Hickey	Jeff Banks	Kevin Zook	
Weekend Custodian	Chuck Niesen			

VISITORS: Check out our website,
www.berealutheran.org for more
information about Berea.

Copies of the December **Eager Berean**
newsletter are also available in the tract
rack in the narthex.

MEMBERS: Pick up your **December Eager
Berean** from your mail box.

This Week's Birthdays

Paul Cordes 12/18
Barbara Mize, Janet Thompson,
Ava Wiederholt 12/19
Anita Guillotel, Rosalie LaMott 12/21
Travis Feller, Darla Schroeder 12/22
Melanie Jaeger, Marlene Zimmerman 12/23

May the Lord bless your special day!



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17

8:30 am Worship – *Lord's Supper*
9:45 am Education Hour
10:45 am Worship – Sunday School
1-3:00 pm Light Restoration
6:30 pm Girl Scouts - #13906

Monday, December 18

9:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am LWML Cards

Tuesday, December 19

6:00 pm A.A.

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast
- *Baker's Sq., 98th & Lyn.*
9:00 am Newsletter Crew
6:00 pm A.C.A.
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, December 21

6:30am-4:30pm B4 & After Care
10:00 am Bible Class
11:00 am Advent Lunch
12:00 pm Advent Worship
7:00 pm Advent Worship

Friday, December 22

6-7:00 pm Light Rest Bible Study
Fireside Room

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

9:30 am Worship
1-3:00 pm Light Restoration
5:00 pm Worship*
10:00 pm Worship*
**pre-service music 15 min. prior*

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

9:30 am Worship – *Lord's Supper*

✠ - On the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:45am, we offer a contemporary worship service
(Except in December)

If you would like to place an announcement in the Beacon, please give it to the office
in writing (note or to office email below), by noon Tuesday for the upcoming Sunday.



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YOUR STAFF

Rev. Kevin Tiaden, *Pastor*
Paul Cordes, *Music Director*
Penny Voxland, *Music Assistant*
Allen Petersen, *Parish Administrator*
HaeKyung Thompson,
Community Outreach Coordinator
Matt Connolly, *B4&Aft School Director*
Colin Harrison, *Custodian*

ANNOUNCEMENTS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Over the Christmas break, the Before & After families were offered care for while school is out of session. At this time we have enough children signed up for just one day, December 21st. We will offer care that day from 6:30 am until 4:30pm. Volunteers are needed to help with caring for the children that afternoon, from 2:30-4:30pm. If you can help out, please contact me at beforeandaftercare@berealutheran.org . Thanks, Matt

THE WORD BECAME FLESH – AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES

John 1:1-18 introduces one of the Bible’s greatest and grandest books—the Gospel according to St. John. These eighteen verses contain some of the most important words written—ever. They explode with light and brilliance, truth and grace. And John 1:1-18 is chock full of dearly loved Advent and Christmas themes, with the most famous one being, “The Word became flesh.” (John 1:14). That’s our focus during our mid-week advent worship; Thursdays at 12noon and 7:00pm. Coming up:

Advent 4 (Dec. 21) – “The Word Dwelt Among Us” (John 1:14a)
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24pm) – “We Have Seen His Glory!” (John 1:14b)

Historically, the fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image suggesting that John soars to awesome heights of glory and grandeur. As we continue Advent and dig deep into John 1:1-18, *get ready to fly!*

MITTEN TREE

Each year the Berea Mitten Tree welcomes new mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves! These will be donated to the Marie Sandvik Center in south Minneapolis for their Phillips neighborhood folks that are in need of warm winter gear. Donations may be added to the tree through Jan. 1.

Thank You

Thanks to the Sunday School kids and the Before & After School kids for decorating the Fellowship Hall!

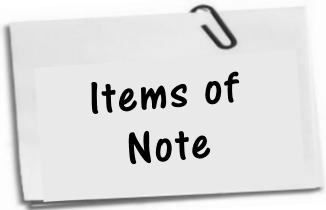
Thanks to all who attended the cantata last Sunday, and special thanks goes to Kathleen Tiaden, Kevin and Diane O'Donnell, Bruce and Diane Davis, and many others for providing the food for the choir reception and for their invaluable preparations. I'm sure visitors, choir members of both Berea and Emanuel, and their family members felt both refreshed and welcome at our church before the Cantata.

Paul Cordes - Music Director



Holiday
Schedule

Christmas Eve
9:30am, 5:00pm*, 10:00pm*
**pre-service music 15 minutes prior*
Christmas Day
9:30am – Lord’s Supper
New Years Eve
9:30am, 7:00pm



New Phone Number – Pastor Tiaden has a new cell phone number; 612-221-5617

Flowers/Bulletins/Treats – The sign up for 2018 is now posted on the east bulletin board.

Portals of Prayer – The devotion booklet for January-March is now available at the track rack by the Emerson Ave. doors.

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S
MISSIONARY LEAGUE

LWML Card Corner

Feel free to browse our fine selection when you get your coat!

Now available:
Christmas

Also small gift boxes (50¢ – \$1) & bookmarks/gift tags (15¢ea or 2/25¢)

Babies!

For New Infants/Parents/
Grandparents/Great Grandparents

Also, Remembering Shut-ins:
Along with our prayers, “Thinking of You” cards are always welcome.

Thanks to all donors, crafters,
& purchasers for your support!

All card income goes to support
LWML mission projects
in the U.S. & abroad.

Special Birthday - Berea member, Ruth Joyce, is turning 95 on Dec. 24th! Her daughter, Linda, sent an update on Ruth which is posted on the east bulletin board.

Count Your Blessings...a Stewardship Minute

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.