

Sunday, December 2, 2018

First Sunday in Advent

Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; bring an offering,
and come into His courts. Worship the Lord in holy attire;
tremble before Him, all the earth. Psalm 96:1,8,9

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Hymn #1 "Lift Up Your Heads"
Opening Prayer/Confession of Sin

Worship in Spirit and Truth

Scripture Reading: Psalm 138:1-3 James 1:17-18
Apostles' Creed

Worship by Giving

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings
Pastoral Prayer
Doxology
Praise Choruses

Worship by Hearing and Responding

Message: "Best Gifts for Christmas" John 1:14
Communion
Benediction
Hymn #190 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"



The flowers on the altar are in honor of Clyde
Borneman's 96th birthday today, given by Ann
and family.

**Helmar Happenings
For the Week of
December 3rd**

Today 11:15am-3:30pmpm JAM Cookie Bake
5:00pm Youth Outreach
4:00pm Cantata Practice
Mon. 7:00pm Open Basketball
Tues. 7:00pm Bells Practice
Wed. 7:00pm Advent Service
7:00pm BLAST
6:30-6:55 & 8-9pm Open Gym
Thurs. 6:00pm Christmas Candlelight Dinner
Fri. 9am WeeCare
9am Ladies Prayer Hour
Sat. 8:00am Men's Bible Study
Sun: 8:30am Fellowship Time
8:30am Choir Practice
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
Nursery: Kristen & Cora Adams
7:00pm Christmas Cantata

Following the conclusion of the service, all those in need of
prayer for any reason, are invited to the front of the
sanctuary. Prayer partners will be there to pray for you.



Christmas will be here before you know it. If you'd like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary, they will be \$8 each (make checks payable to Newark High School). Please have checks or cash to Sheila Marie Urton no later than Sunday, December 16th.

Please indicate if you would like them in memory or honor of someone. Please call Sheila Marie with any questions @ 815-695-5547 or 815-617-2917.



The "Corinne Mathre Memorial Cantata", "Night of Miracles", will be on Sunday, December 9th at 7pm. There will be a time of fellowship in the basement following the program. If you could, please **sign up in the**

FLC lobby to bring cookies or bars to share.

DWWC Ladies Candlelight Dinner will be Thursday, December 6th in the church basement at 6pm - please bring a dish to share. Vickie Maxwell will be speaking on "The Truth About Angels" - Hebrews 1:14 - Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? At Christmas time, we see beautiful female angels adorning trees. When we watch "It's a Wonderful Life" we see the angel, Clarence, trying to earn his wings. So what does an angel really look like? What do angels do? We will be looking at what the bible says is true about angels. There will also be devotions and special music. Please mark your calendar and invite a friend.

- ◆ 2019 Calendars are available by the mailboxes by Pastor's office.
- ◆ Be sure to let Sue know if you'd like to be on the Announcement email list. **It's the best way to hear about last minute cancellations due to the weather.**

Helmar Lutheran Church

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*Standing on the Word of God,
Lifting Up Jesus Christ, Ministering to One Another*

Helmar exists to be a:
Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making, Burden-Bearing Church

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Announcements

- ◆ **2019 DWWC Committee** sign up sheets are in the FLC lobby. Everyone is busy, but being on at least one task will in return be a blessing back to you. We can all be willing workers in the church. You do not need to be a church member to participate- JUST DWWC (Do What We Can)!!
- ◆ **Advent Services** begin Wednesday, December 5th at 7pm **in the basement..** In addition to a special message, there will be a time of singing favorite Christmas hymns. Requests will be taken!
- ◆ **Christmas Books & DVD's** have been placed in the bookcase in the FLC and also in the one near the nursery. Feel free to check one out ! We also have a couple of new DVD's donated, "I Can Only Imagine" and "Paul, Apostle of Christ".
- ◆ **Check the bulletin board** in the narthex for a job opportunity. The YMCA Before & After School program Newark is looking for help in Newark.

Spiritual Discipline Sheet

Hide God's Word in your Heart

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Pray for: All men and women serving our country and specifically those from our congregation: Jeff and Terry.

Pray for: Our missionaries & other concerns of the church.

- John & Carmina Donhowe in Bolivia
- Omar & Ellie Gallo in Mexico
- Hope of the World- Nigerian Mission
- Our nation's leaders

Welcome To Helmar Church Guest Information

First & Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

I wish to be contacted:

- By Phone By Email
 By Personal Visit No Thank You

***Please tear off and place in offering plate. Thank you!**



...those who are sick, shut in or have other special needs, that the Lord's comfort and healing would be evident.

Clyde Borneman- health
Leonard & Leora Chally – health
Dave Chelsen- cancer
Bess Christian- health
Bob Christian- recovering from foot surgery
Don Funte- health
Jim Hagen Family
John- Alzheimers
Justin & Rebecca Leggett- health
Jim Leifheit – cancer
Virginia Mathre- continued rehab at home
Jon McKanna- health
Karl Michaelson- home with continued rehab
Emily Nash- cancer
Norma- cancer
Jackie Osmond – cancer
Laverne Spera- home healing from fall
Kelly Stanton – lyme disease
Natasha Stratizer- lyme disease
Brent Urton-health
Maxine Varness- health

(Please contact the office to add or remove someone to our list to help it stay current. Thank you.)

Pray for: Our Shut-ins.

Audrey Hodney- Bickford, Aurora
Elizabeth Johnson – home
Beryl McKanna- home
Lois Stangland- living with daughter in Sugar Grove
Doris Stevenson- Penny Lane Apts., Yorkville
Naomi Vatland- home

Ancient Words Lynn DeShazo

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus

Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O let the ancient words impart.

Chorus Twice

Christmas Offering by Paul Baloche

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar
Hoping to find the child from Heaven
Falling on their knees
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace

Chorus

I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You
I bring an offering to You

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of Heaven
It's only by Your blood it's only through Your mercy

Chorus Twice

Ending

We bring an offering to You
Oh we bring an offering to You



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Let us see from God’s Word:

- I The Grand _____ of God
"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,"
- II. The Gleaming _____ of God
"...and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,"
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