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*“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.” Malachi 3:1*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever seen the movie the Lion King? In it, Scar the main villain, has a song that can help us this Advent season. The song is titled Be Prepared. In the song, preparation is mandatory for things that are completely and totally unexpected. We have to be prepared for the unexpected. As Christians, we have to be prepared, not for the unexpected, but for the expected Return of our Lord.

Advent is all about preparing for our Lord’s coming. Many people think that it is about getting ready for Christmas. In a way, they are partially correct. As we prepare for our Lord’s birth we are being prepared for our Lord’s second coming. We remember why our Lord took on our flesh, to do what we could never do. God takes on our flesh, enters into His creation in order to save us from our sins by shedding His precious blood upon the Cross. This is not old news. It was foretold by many of the Old Testament prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, and Malachi to name a few. Our Lord has kept His promises and will continue to do so.

That is why we have to be prepared, we have to be ready. Our Lord keeps every single one of His promises, which means that He is returning, as He promised His disciples. We do not know the day or the hour when we will face our own judgements in death, nor do we know when our Lord is returning in glory. All we know is that He has promised and He will fulfill it, therefore we must be prepared.

How are we prepared? Our Lord prepares us every time we gather around His good gifts of Word and Sacrament. Baptizing us into His death and resurrection, our Lord prepares us for the end by giving us life everlasting. Feasting on our Lord’s true body and blood, we are assured of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Hearing the blessed words of Absolution, “Your sins are forgiven.” Our consciences are at peace, reconciled to God by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Are you ready? Are you prepared? Thanks be to God that He prepares us to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and prepares our hearts and minds by His coming to be ready for His second coming!

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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Everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving Day meal at the church.  
**Tristin Reinke, Val Martin and Gloria Creek** for playing the organ during our worship services.  
**Elsie Huss** for changing the banners and paraments.  
**Angelika Fisher** for cleaning the church.  
**Everyone on the Prayer Chain** for their time and prayers.  
**Everyone** who has donated treats for our fellowship time.  
**Everyone** who cleans the kitchen after Bible study on Sundays and Wednesdays.  
**All of the men** who volunteer to usher.  
**Everyone** who counts the offering.  
**Cheri Magnuson** for cleaning the Communion linens.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.



**December Anniversaries**

- Dec. 12 Bob and Liz Ellesch
- Dec. 28 Peter and Ly Doscher
- Dec. 30 Emich and Sieglinde Steinke

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- December 4 Jacob Meierhoff
- 19 Kristen Jacobsen
- 22 Ganetta Ryster
- 23 Donnalene McPartlin
- 29 Ernie VanVleet
- 29 Reilly Jacobsen
- 30 Nicholas Birkholz

**Ushers for December**

- 4 Arnie Gidlow  
Pat Lewis
- 11 Greg Franczyk  
Kevin Aguiar
- 18 Peter Doscher  
Darrell Greenwood
- 25 Gary Link and Arnie Gidlow



**INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 9 year old with kidney cancer
- Deloris Brown**, shut-in
- Marylan Dallum**, Fort Benton
- Jody Decker** – Fort Benton
- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS
- Rev. Ray Larson** – after open heart surgery
- Ed Ostlund**, in assisted living in Billings
- Pam Schaaf**, Ovarian cancer
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons
- Richard Schottey**, The Lodge
- Ron Van Horn** – Fort Benton
- Van Oman family** – Fort Benton



## Ladies Friday Bible Study

Jesus is the reason for the season! The commercial world has worked hard to take the sacredness away from the Advent and Christmas season. May we keep our focus on Jesus, as we gather together for worship during special Advent services to hear God's Word and prepare our hearts for His coming.

Jesus is the reason people gather around His Word to discuss and learn. Join the ladies who have begun studying the book of Mark! They will meet December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

Assisted Living Ministry brings hymn singing and a devotion to people who often cannot worship in person at their local congregation here in Great Falls. How these people enjoy being able to sing as Val and Gloria play the familiar hymns! Join them on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am at The Lodge, 1801 9<sup>th</sup> Street South, where you can wish Millie Birkholz, Jean Ann Craven, and Richard Schottey a Merry Christmas while you are there. Christmas carols will be among the hymns residents will sing 1:30-2:30pm at Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. There you may give Christmas greetings to Ken Brandt, Ken Meske, Vi Biberdorf, and Eleanore Boumans. Preceding the Highgate event many friends will gather at 11:45am for the no host monthly lunch at Jaker's, 1500 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Some people come just for lunch. Some people come only for the singing. Others join in both activities. All have a great time while bringing the reason for the season to others!

## Advent Service Schedule

We are having Advent Worship Services each Wednesday at 7 PM. There is also potluck dinners served at 6 PM. The theme this year is *This Is My Son*.

## Christmas Service Schedule

Holiday Worship Service is as follows:

Saturday, Christmas Eve Service - 3:00 PM - First Lutheran in Fort Benton

Saturday, Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 PM - Peace Lutheran

Sunday, Christmas Day Service - 10:00 AM –with Christ Lutheran for the Deaf and First Lutheran with Holy Communion

Monday, December 26 – OFFICE CLOSED – NO service for CLCD

There will NOT be a New Year's Eve Service

## Advent Devotion Booklets

Lutheran Hour Ministries provides us with devotion booklets each Advent. They are available on the table in the hallway. Please take one and enjoy!

## LWML

- ♥ **December 3**, Saturday, at 11 AM, we will be decorating the church and putting up the Christmas Tree! All are welcome to come and join us!
- ♥ **December 16**, Friday, at 11:00 AM, we will have a baking day at the church!. We will be baking the goodies that will be handed out when we go caroling on **Sunday, December 18** at 1:30 PM. Please meet at the church at 1 PM and we will decide our route for caroling. All are invited to join us!
- ♥ **During the month of January**, we will have a Baby Shower for Denice Combs who gives baby layettes to the mothers at Benefis who have babies but have no clothes to put on them. You may bring new or clean, gently used baby items and place them in the box provided. We will also be making fleece blankets that will be given to Denice Combs.
- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. with a Bible study. Please note the day and time change!!** If you want to make a no sew fleece blanket during our meeting, please bring a 1 ¼ yards of any fleece material with you and we will show you how! All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! Remember your Mite boxes!

