NEWS AND NOTES

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Website Address: www.stlukewheaton.com

Pastor: The Rev. Terry L. DeGiovanni (785 396 4411)

Organists: Pam Steinmeyer and Gloria Falk

Chairman: Bruce Abitz Vice Chairman: Alan Fischer

Elders: Tom Kasten and Martin Henneberg December Altar duty: Janet Kufahl

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Attendance: Saturday, December 13: 5 Sunday, December 14: 29

Sunday School Attendance Dec. 14: 14 Offering:

We continue to Pray for those unable to Worship with us who are residing in a Care Facility:
Onaga Health and Rehab: Cynthia Althouse, Eugene Abitz
Eastridge (Centralia): Gary Kolterman RedBud Assisted Living: Joan Kolterman, Lavona Biesenthal Wellsprings at Westmoreland Assisted Living: Dorothy Guth

<u>Remembering in our Prayers</u>: Eldon Falk Dale Figge, Eugene Abitz, Pastor Gruoner, Milton Falk, Orlene Krohn, Betty Koch

Sunday School Co Superintendents: Linda Falk and Ireta Schwant

December birthdays: Sunday School: Timothy Graf Staff: Ireta Schwant

High School: Brooklyn and Carley DeChant,

Sunday School Teaching Staff: Pre K thru Grade 2: Jenny Donnelly and Bailey Starns Grade 3 thru Grade 8: Joy Zabel and Brenda Schlegel Substitute teacher: Dixie Revell

October: Attending 5 Sundays: Remington Donnelly, Zoey and Rory Starns
November: Attending 10 Sundays: Hazel and Olive Ubel
5 Sundays Timothy and Sawyer Graf
Westin Donnelly
Elsie and Michael Henneberg

The Christmas Eve Children's Service this Thursday at 6:00 p.m., Christmas Eve.

Please bring your children to the church basement by 5:35 p.m. Christmas Eve.

No Sunday School on Sunday, December 28th!

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion Thursday, December 25 at 10:00 am.

No Saturday Evening Service this Saturday December 27. Sunday December 28 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00am **December 21 – Advent 4 –** The birth of the King of Glory (Psalm 24:7) is surrounded by the messiness of human sin and intrigue (Matthew 1:18-25). As we rejoice that our Lord has taken on our human likeness with all its sin and pain, being "descended from David according to the flesh" (Romans 1:3), we can also rejoice that Jesus has sanctified every human life, even those born in circumstances which are surrounded by sin and pain.

The LWML is collecting **SOAP** to deliver to a Mission project. (any kind, bar, liquid, etc.) Please place in SOAP BOX IN THE NARTHEX!

The Wheaton Senior Citizens enjoyed their December meeting at the South 40 in Westmoreland on December 16th. Their next meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2026 at noon at the Wheaton Center.

The LWML ladies entertained at the Wellsprings Care Facility at Westmoreland on Wednesday, December 17th. They delivered lap quilts and bibs for all the residents and sang Christmas songs with the everyone and served homemade cookies! The ladies enjoyed lunch at the South 40 before the care home event.

December LWML birthdays are Erma Kufahl, Susan Magnett and Ireta Schwant.

<u>Thrivent</u> – if you still have your <u>Thrivent Action Team</u> event to use yet this year, if you ae a policy holder, you can do two a year!!! Just call Thrivent at 800 847 4836 and ask for "Thrivent Action Teams" And remember to order the <u>T shirts</u>, as the Sunday school can use them for their parade events, if you do not want them. You can apply this year and do it in December or schedule it for next year!

Greeting cards: There are Christmas cards available in the narthex. Thank you to Joy Zabel for your work keeping the card room well stocked!!!! Price: \$.50 each

Portals of Prayer for January-March are available in the Narthex. Looking ahead: Voters' Meeting Sunday January 11 following Worship. Election and Budget.

The Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcast

KNDY	1570	AM	Sunday	12:30 PM
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- December 21 "Everybody Is Somebody" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God sends His people—the Church—to be His letters to the world, delivering His Word of promise. Romans 1:7
- December 28 "Get Ready for the Best" Guest Speaker: Rev. Germán Novelli Oliveros Christ will return—maybe this year, maybe even today! Pastor German Novelli helps us to prepare for the blessings and challenges of a new year.