

Our Worship of God

4th Sunday of Advent

Dec. 22, 2019

Our mission: To welcome all to grow together in Christ through prayer and the Word.

Harris – 9:00 a.m. Worship Lake Park – 10:30 a.m.
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Amid these busy days, we pause for worship and to remember the heart of this season. Welcome!

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Greetings/Announcements

Hymn "People, Look East" #202, vs. 1-2

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn "People, Look East" #202, vs. 3-4

Opening prayer – **We are surrounded by your love, Lord. Thank you for the gift of the people we love. Help us not take them for granted. You are the greatest of all our gifts, Jesus. We cannot praise you enough. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ, Joys, Concerns, Prayers

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Children's Sermon—as the children come forward, let us sing, "*Jesus Loves Me*" #191

Scripture Isaiah 9:6-7

Message "*Christmas is About God's Purpose*"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Apostles' Creed #882

Offering

Please sign the attendance record and pass it to the next person, returning it to the beginning when completed so we may learn one another's names.

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT OUT

*Hymn "Joy to the World" #246, vs. 1-2

*Words of Blessing

*The "Amen" "Joy to the World" #246, vs. 3-4

*Postlude

Prayer Concerns: Lil Jansen (back surgery), Tom Kyle (cancer), Becky Morris (Darlyne Halquist's daughter – broken hip), Sherry Ahrenstorff (chemo), Tom Jansen (cancer), Cheryl Dake (cancer), Garrett Goodell, those with mental health concerns, Allen Rowe (Parkinson's), Shirley Fredericksen, Rita Reimers, Ardyce Rueter (mother of Lori Sheeler and Scott Rueter), Dave Lindemann, the men and women in the armed services, their families, and our churches.

Large print bulletins are available from your ushers.

Ministers.....The People of God	Greeters/Ushers..... Jeff/Phyllis Johnson
BishopLaurie Haller	Doug/Dawn Goodell
District Supt.Ron Carlson	
PastorEmmanuel Naweji	Sanctuary Flowers.. Judy Taber
Custodian.....Mary Schmidt	Ginny Verdoorn
Parish SecretaryJudy Taber	Candle Lighters..... Jr. /Sr. High Youth Group
Worship MusicJudy Taber	

Sr. High Youth Group Meal –Jan. 8 – Shakira Meyer

Jr. High Youth Group – Jan. 8 – Meyer

Sunday School Snack Servers

Dec. 22 - ???

Dec. 29 - ??

Jan. 5 – Sarah Prevot

Sunday School Snacks

Dec. 22Snacks/Juice – Lisa Carstensen

Dec. 29Snacks/Juice – Dawn Goodell

Jan. 5Snacks/Juice – Jan Mitchell

There will be no PowerPoint during the service today so you may enjoy our beautiful stained glass.

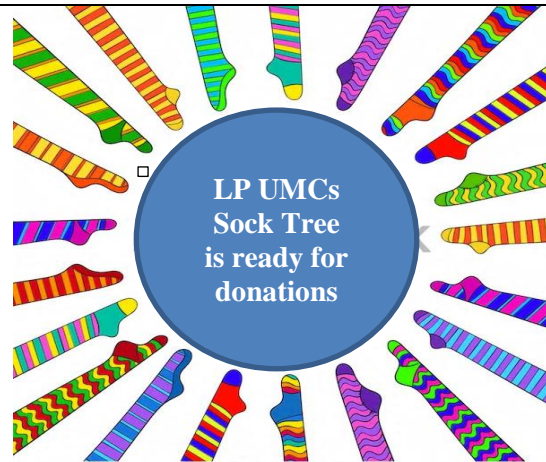
Parish Notes

Today - 4th Sunday of Advent



5:00 p.m. - Lake Park

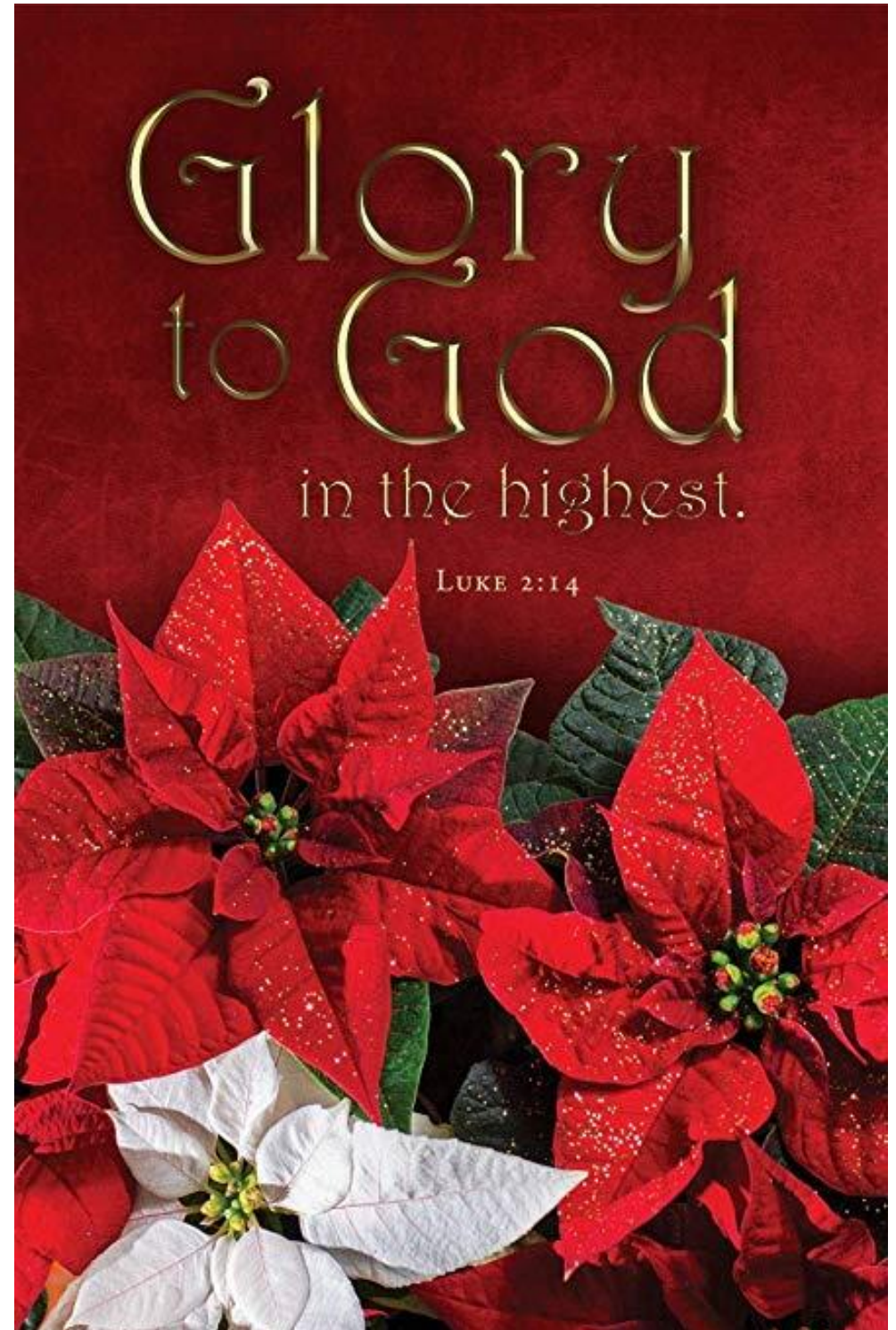
7:00 p.m. - Harris



Mark and Julie Dillehay would like to joyfully announce the birth of our grandson, [Ryan Jonathan Riesberg](#) on Sept.16, 2019. He is the son of Val and Harry Riesberg. Trevor, Annika, and Mark welcomed their new brother into their family.

[Jessie Anthony Stapleton](#) was born on November 21, 2019 at Lakes Regional Hospital in Spirit Lake. Parents are Brant and Heaven Stapleton.

Welcome to your church families, little ones.



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BishopLaurie Haller

Harry Riesberg

District Superintendent....Ron Carlson

Brett Tigges

PastorEmmanuel Naweji

Worship Music.....Marian Tuinstra

Parish SecretaryJudy Taber

Flowers..... Worship Committee

Custodian.....Kelley Morgan

Dec. 22.....Karl Davis

Dec. 29.....Tom Ransom

Jan. 5Verlyn & Jeff Jacobsma

Jan. 12.....Steve Travaille/Mike Raveling

Jan. 19.....Shannon Serck

