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St. Paul's & Buffalo Lutheran Churches

Pastor Bill's December Message

To All The Folks At Harmony,

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

December is a time the church, you and I hear about the words of light and life in the ongoing and sometimes formidable darkness of the world.

Into this darkness the Gospels point us to the light shining in this darkness and to the voice of our Lord to follow Him.

May the journey of Advent find us walking with and in the light.

"Come, O house of Jacob let us walk in the Light of the Lord." Isaiah 2:5.

How is it that we walk in the Light of the Lord?

By --

Faith – We put our trust during this time of darkness focusing on what Christ has done, is doing, and will continue to do. The Good Shepherd tends his flock. Leave darkness aside and walk in faith with Jesus—

Holy Scripture – Christ is present in the word. Christ's voice speaks to us in the word. Our Lord teaches, leads, guides, disciplines, gives hope and sight to the believer in the word. If we do not read His word, we walk in darkness.

Prayer – Prayer is the key to walking in the Light of Jesus. In prayer, we make known our hopes and prayers, our fears, confessions. We meet Jesus in prayer, "Sweet Hour of Prayer, that calls me from the world of care and bids me at my Father's throne to make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of despair and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare, by thy return sweet hour of prayer."

Walking in darkness is possible by Faith, Word and Prayer. The light of our Lord shines on our path with Him and through them and Him.

Remember -- "O Come – let us walk in the Light of the Lord; Faith, Word, Prayer."

God's Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Bill & Weslie

Cares and Concerns and Activities

DECEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 AM AT BUFFALO LUTHERAN CHURCH. PASTOR BILL AHLFELDT CAN BE CONTACTED BY PHONE AT 701-412-6953. HE WILL APPRECIATE BEING CONTACTED BY PHONE REGARDING ANY SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS BAPTISMS OR FUNERALS! IF YOU CAN'T REACH HIM CONTACT CAROL HINTZ, OUR SECRETARY, BY LEAVING A MESSAGE ON ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH'S PHONE AT 749-2309 OR CALLING CAROL AT HER HOME AT 701-429-0030 AND THOSE IMPORTANT MESSAGES WILL BE FORWARDED TO PASTOR BILL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

The Church Office should be open on Fridays from 1 PM-4 PM. If you find you need something at a different time don't hesitate to call Carol at her home at 701-429-0030.

Hi I am Carol Hintz have taken the position as Church Secretary and you can reach me by phone at 701-429-0030 or email at chintz@adermann.com or mail at 204 Broadway St B2, Tower City, ND 58071.

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Christmas Service Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24

Buffalo Lutheran Church at 5:00 PM

Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM

Sunday January 9 is the scheduled date for St Paul's Annual Meeting. It will be held at St Paul's Church. There will be a congregational vote at the annual meeting concerning the change from 7 council members to 5.

There will also be a retirement party for Betty Hovelson following the January 9 church service. She has retired after 20 years as church secretary.

A work day for St Paul's has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 26.

We are looking for a housekeeper at St Paul's to work about 1 hour a week at \$15.00 an hour. St Paul's services are every other month.



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