

Calendar for the Week

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TODAY...SUNDAY, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:30 a.m. Worship –

Sunday School Christmas Play

10:45 a.m. Pot Luck Lunch for All

MONDAY, December 10

6:30 p.m. Advent Movie

TUESDAY, December 11

12:00 noon Deborah Circle

6:30 p.m. Northeast Chorale and

Senior Choir Combined Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Bible & Brews (Sean & Jenny's)

WEDNESDAY, December 12

NO GA Choristers

6:30 p.m. Gustavus Bells

6:30 p.m. Contemporary Choir

THURSDAY, December 13

5:45 p.m. Property Committee

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

FRIDAY, December 14

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

SATURDAY, December 15

NEXT SUNDAY, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School & Frolic

4:00 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons

and Carols presented by GA's

Musicians and Northeast Chorale

Christmas Eve Worship...

Monday, Dec. 24, at 4:00 p.m.

Handbell Prelude at 3:45 p.m.

WELCOME BACK, PASTOR JO!

We are happy to have Pastor Jo back among us after her medical leave – leading worship this morning and back in the office and doing ministry throughout the week. Please take a moment to greet her after worship or downstairs at the potluck lunch.

POTLUCK LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP

One of our GA traditions is to hold a potluck lunch after our Sunday School Christmas presentation. We invite everyone to join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after worship and share in a meal. There is always plenty of food for everyone.

WE DO NEED SOME HELP TAKING THE STAGE DOWN

We could use some hands to help disassemble the stage and store the pieces back in the shed immediately after the service. If you can spare a few minutes, please come to the front of the sanctuary and offer your services.

JOIN US AT CHURCH FOR ADVENT MOVIE NIGHTS

This week's Advent movie is *The Waiting Room* (2012). *The Waiting Room* is a documentary that uses extraordinary access to go behind the doors of an American public hospital struggling to care for a community of largely uninsured patients. The film offers a raw, intimate, and even uplifting look at how patients, staff and caregivers each cope with disease, bureaucracy, and hard choices. Join us tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room.

WE RECEIVED A REQUEST IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK

We have received an unusual request in this "Season of Giving." A patient at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, originally from Pennsylvania, but in MN while medical issues are occurring, has sent out letters to a number of MN churches.

The patient (whose name we have but are going to leave off this communication) is looking for a "living donor," who would be willing to donate a partial liver to the patient who has had a liver condition since childhood. The patient is now also suffering from liver cancer, putting the quest for a liver donor on an accelerated path. The Mayo website mayoclinic.org/livingdonor has much more information on the process.

If anyone is interested in becoming a donor, or thinks they know someone who may have an interest, please contact Pastor Jo or Phil, to receive the name and contact information of this patient.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY SOUP MEAL – DECEMBER 22

We are looking for someone to be our lead for the December Soup and Bread Supper. Please reach out to Lynn Lurvey if you are able to **take the lead** for this meal and/or if you are willing to **drop off soup** on or before December 22.