

**Perley Lutheran Parish**  
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# December Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It just doesn't seem like Advent to me and I don't know if that's because the weather doesn't feel cold and white enough, the pandemic has created such a strange sense of time or if it just feels like I don't have time for the holiday season yet. Whatever the reason, it is indeed time to remember the reason for the season as we've heard so many times.

I hope that you were able to spend some time to thank God for the many blessings in your life during thanksgiving time. It was of course a very small gathering for my family – hard to not be together and yet we made the most of it with an amazing meal, some fun phone calls and video calls with those who were away and just took time to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet of the day. I find that even though things aren't supposed to be as busy with our distancing and so many things on hold or canceled it still seems impossible to take a moment to breath and enjoy some time just being still.

As we prepare for the birth of the baby Jesus it is my hope that you too can find peace and joy in the season. Find new and creative ways to connect with those that we can't be with. Make new traditions and spend time in remembering the amazing holidays of the past.

Blessed Advent Season to you and yours,  
Pastor Michele

## **December Still On-Line**

We will continue to only have streaming/recorded services through the month of December due to regulations in regards to gathering inside. The Councils will be meeting Mid-December to determine our plans for January.

## **Confirmation 2020-2021:**

Confirmation will be held for students in 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade. We will not begin meeting until January. Please complete a Confirmation Registration form – available on the church home page. If you need forms mailed to you please call the office and leave a message. Registrations were needed by December 1<sup>st</sup> so supplies could be ordered – deadline has been extended due to little response. Deadline will be extended to Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the registration form found on the church home page ASAP.

## **In our thoughts and prayers:**

Jeff Loe, Kirk Stevenson, Paxley Vettleson, Veronica Gunderson, and Lisa Flaherty. *IF we have missed someone please let us know so we can update this list.*

## **Helping our Digital light shine**

We need your help! The congregations of Kirkebo Lutheran in Perley, MN and Nora Lutheran in Gardner, ND are looking to you to continue to share their light and services with their neighbors now and in the future. We are in need of raising funds to upgrade our technology in order to continue to provide our services on-line during this time and all of the coming tomorrows. Please consider helping us to meet our goals and keep our light shining. It is our hope that we can purchase these items by the end of this calendar year.

Needs include (but are not limited to) camera for the Kirkebo sanctuary, microphones and stands, cords, software, etc... You can find the Go Fund Me by searching for Kirkebo Lutheran or send donations to the Perley Parish Office.

## **Treasurer Needed:**

Kirkebo is seeking a treasurer for the church effective January 2021. Duties will include Kirkebo accounting responsibilities and Perley Parish needs. For questions or to apply for the position please contact Rose at 361-2666. Deadline for application is Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Merry and Blessed Advent Devotions**

Streaming on Facebook Live 7PM Wednesdays. Please join Pastor Michele for a 15-20 minute mid-week devotion during the Advent Season.

## **December at a glance:**

December 2 – Wednesday Devotion @ 7PM  
December 6 – Sunday service - 9AM – Nora  
Nora Council Meeting at 9:45 AM  
December 9 – Wednesday Devotion @ 7PM  
December 13 – Sunday service-9AM – Kirkebo  
Kirkebo Council Meeting at 9:45 AM  
December 15 – Tuesday, Joint Council Meeting at 6:30PM - Kirkebo  
December 16 – Wednesday Devotion @ 7PM  
December 20 – Sunday Service – 9AM  
w/ Children's Christmas Program  
December 24 – Christmas Eve Candelight Service  
Streaming at 7PM from Kirkebo  
December 27 – Sunday – No Service

## **Kidz Connection**

Advent Bags went out to the families who received Sunday School bags and those members who are unable to watch the services on line.

Each family received an advent wreath and lesson for lighting each week and other holiday treats. We will continue to ensure that the kids of congregation keep connected with God and the teachings of the Word.

## **New Member Sunday**

Due to not having in-person services for the month of November and December the New Member Sunday has been postponed until after the first of the year. Continue to reach out to neighbors and friends and invite them to join us. Watch for the January Newsletter for information on future dates for the New Member Sunday.

## **Create a Party!! Send an invitation!!!**

It is clear in this uncertain time that there are many people out there searching for hope and connection. Have you considered hosting a watch party on Facebook while we stream service? Maybe invite a neighbor or someone new to watch the service on line? The opportunities are endless as we seek ways to share God's love and the good news. Consider inviting today!