

A message from Pastor Ken,

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. John 1:8

John the Baptist is the ideal model for us, because as children of God, disciples of Jesus Christ, it is our calling to point people to Jesus. To what are our lives pointing? To what do we give our attention? We do a lot of pointing at ourselves. Martin Luther coined a popular phrase to describe our struggle with sin, "incurvatus in se," which means "curved in upon oneself." We are hopelessly mired in our own needs and insecurities. The call to repentance is at the heart of the Advent season. God calls us to direct our lives outward, toward the way that is serving our neighbor and loving God. The only way we can do this is by confessing our sin and asking God to forgive and redeem us. When we do this, we follow John's model of pointing the way to Jesus!

ADVENT STUDY - Pastor Ken leads an Advent Study on **Wednesdays** at **10:30 AM** in the Prayer Room, continuing until December 20.

FAMILY PROMISE - Comes to Grace at the end of the year. We begin hosting on Sunday, December 31 and will have our families the first week of January, 2018, through Sunday, January 7. Sign up sheets have been posted in the Fellowship Hall on the table near the offering envelopes.

2018 SUPPER CLUB - Supper Club is a social gathering of 8 people who share a meal & get to know each other. It's a lot of fun especially if you are new to the congregation. Please indicate on the tear & share or on the sign up in the fellowship hall if you'd be interested in joining for 2018. There are typically 4 suppers scheduled between January and September: 3 where you will be with 8 people to share a meal, 1 where everyone in supper club & anyone interested in finding out about supper club have a group gathering held in June, July or August. Welcome your new chairpersons, Nick & Jill Grossoehme. They will set up the schedule for 2018 in January. If you are interested please sign up and or call the Grossoehmes at 803 372-8180.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - worship service is at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 24. It will be based on the O Antiphons, and include Holy Communion. There will be no coffee or Sunday School that day.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - Worship services for Christmas Eve are at 5:00 PM (the Children's Service), 7:00 PM (Contemporary Worship), and 10:00 PM (Traditional Worship), with Holy Communion at all services. If you ordered a poinsettia in honor or memory of your loved ones, please take them with you after the worship service you attend.

OFFICE CLOSED - Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26.

CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR ALL SERVICES

SERVICE TIME:	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Lector:	Emory Beer	Steve Johnson	Dee Westbrook
Petitioner:	n/a	Pam Kirby	Floyd Ritchie
Communion Assistant:	Noah Gamerl	Sara Johnson	Jaxon Sidden
Acolyte:	Carsen Gamerl	Connor Johnson Mary Vettorel	Dustin Stegall Mary Vettorel
Crucifer:	n/a	Coby Johnson	Aleeyah Sidden
Ushers:	Beer Family Wasserman Family	Chris Cassidy Doug Gay Harold Williams	Don Horst Bill Sliney Larry Winsch Wally Seigler

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - December 18

5:30 PM NO Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
6:00 PM York County Quilters (FH)
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - December 19

5:30 PM Chrysalis (Conf)
6:30 PM AA (101)

WEDNESDAY - December 20

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
10:00 AM Lutheran Services of the Carolinas (Conf)
10:30 AM Advent Study (Prayer)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - December 21

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)

FRIDAY - December 22

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - December 23

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY - December 24

10:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship (w/nursery)
5:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Worship Service
7:00 PM Contemporary Christmas Eve Worship (w/nursery)
7:00 PM AA (102)
10:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Worship

MONDAY - December 25

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TUESDAY - December 26

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December 24, 2017

Worship Assistants

10:00 AM

Hospitality:
NONE

Muggers:
Kathy Schwandt

Nursery:
Heather Litzinger

Tabulators:
Carla Harrison and Bob Stonebraker

Altar Guild:
Nora Sliney

10:00 AM
Lector: Dan Polito

Communion Assistant: Debbie Gignac

Petitioner: Ruth Wasserman

Acolyte: Palmer Floyd

Greeter: Vicky and Bob Goodbar

Ushers: Floyd Ritchie, Mike Dunnett, Wally Seigler

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DECEMBER 2017

Christmas Eve Services - December 24
5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM
Family Promise - December 31 - January 7

FEBRUARY 2018

GYM Ski Trip - February 9-11, 2018

JUNE/JULY 2018

National Youth Gathering - Houston, Texas
June 27 - July 1, 2018