



Greetings from St. John's Lutheran Church Wednesday, November 29, 2017 First Sunday in Advent this weekend

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

I do not know if I will be alive tomorrow, next week or next year. Therefore, today is more important than tomorrow. We have to be able to say each day, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."
Henri Nouwen, *Waiting for the Lord*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

ADVENT devotional booklets are available in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary. One has been ordered for each household in the congregation.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP begins next week. The evening starts with a simple supper at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a Holden Evening Prayer service at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. As in past years, a special collection will be taken for an outreach project. This year's collection will be items especially needed at the MICA food pantry – oatmeal, canned soup and soup mixes.

GENERAL OFFERINGS received the weekend of November 25-26 totaled \$6,165.
For the year to date, the current shortfall is -\$12,924.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Word accomplishes God's Purpose
Read Isaiah 55:8-11, John 4:13-14
God promises to keep speaking to us.

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Welcome Team: Larry and Marilyn Deppe

Reader: Marilyn Deppe

Communion Assistant: Bob Roys

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Acolyte: Sarah Ashing

Greeters: Amy & Sydney Anderson

Reader: Mary Lindberg

Communion Assistants: Jim & Sara Hegg-Dunne

Fellowship: Don & Doris Sundell, Sarah McCarthy