

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Locksley)

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WELCOME

*In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
may you find within these doors rest of soul, peace of heart and
strength to walk with God all the days of your life.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

“Joy”

Reverend Paul Williams

Octavia McCarty

Ron Stresman & Keith Wright

Mrs. Kim Blais

Kevin Gillissie & Arnold Raglin

Donna Bourgoin & Paulette Medeiros

10:30 am

December 14th, 2025

PASTOR:

ACOLYTE:

ASSISTING ELDERS:

ORGANIST:

MONEY COUNTERS:

ALTAR GUILD:

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(While the candles are being lit, we sing the ‘Lighting of the Advent Candle’ song to the tune of ‘Away in the Manger’)



Candle of HOPE

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of hope in December's dark night.*

*While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*



Candle of PEACE

*A candle is burning, a candle of peace;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.*



Candle of JOY

*A candle is burning, a candle of joy;
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sun-shine on snow.*

OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Divine Service Setting Three

Opening Hymn:

Baptism Hymn:

Hymn of the Day:

Closing Hymn:

Lessons: Psalm 24; Isaiah 7:10-14; 1 John 4:7-16; Matt. 1:18-25

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Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come #350

Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering #600

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came #356

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates #340



OUR PRAYERS

Please include in your prayers; Vern Roesner, Carol Saar, Kathy Turcotte, Allen Mask, Betty Lorbetskie and those shut-in; Dorothy Craig, and in Long-term Care and Retirement homes; Hattie Nagora (Woodstock), Leona Mau (Miramichi), Ken Biesenthal (Marianhill), Frieda Biesenthal (Pinewood), and Shirley Gorr (Heritage Manor). If anyone desires prayer on behalf of family or friends, please contact Pastor Williams or the Secretary.

BAPTISM

Today we celebrate and welcome **Everleigh Pauline Malette-Doering** into God's family through the washing of holy baptism. Everleigh is daughter of Jacob Doering and Haley Malette-Severin. Everleigh's Witnesses are Tessa Malette and John Doering. Great grandparents are Wallace and Jean Nagora.

PARISH HALL FLOORING UPDATE

As of December 7th, 2025 the donations that have been received for the Parish Hall Flooring total \$20, 441.85. The total cost of the flooring is \$31, 850.56 with a **balance owing of \$11, 408.71**. Donations are greatly appreciated. If donating, please mark the envelope "Parish Hall Flooring".

MID-WEEK ADVENT

Everyone is welcome to attend the last mid-week Advent service at Christ Lutheran Petawawa December 17th at 7pm, the theme is *Jesus, the Root of Jesse*. A hot turkey sandwich supper is at 6pm. On December 31st there will be shepherds pie at 6pm and service at 7pm. Freewill donations will be sent to the food banks.

Also, St. John's Lutheran, Pembroke is hosting their mid-week Advent worship Wednesdays at 7pm with the theme; *Coming Home for Christmas-Advent in Isaiah*.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT - "CHRISTMAS PRESENCE"

This concert will be hosted by St. John's, Pembroke **today at 3pm**. Come out, bring a friend, and listen to our 45-member joint-church Christmas Choir, under the direction of Kevin Nieman. Admission is FREE and refreshments will follow the concert. A free-will donation of cash will be received for local food banks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Sunday School Christmas program will be held **next Sunday** at 10:30am. ***The last practise will be before the program***. Following the program, '*A birthday party for Jesus*' will be held in the Parish Hall. The Ladies Aid will be providing hotdogs and Christian Education will provide a birthday cake. Everyone is Welcome!

POINSETTIAS

If anyone is wishing to place a poinsettia on the altar for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please let the secretary know **by December 18th**. Poinsettias may be dropped off **that day (December 18)** to the kitchen in the Parish Hall.



PORTALS OF PRAYER ORDER

Please note that the Portals of Prayer order was mysteriously placed out without the secretary first being able to place in mailboxes of those that are on the order list. There are fifteen books missing, which means not everyone on the list will get one. Sorry for the inconvenience. This is for the *January-March 2026* edition.

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

SUN	9:15am	Sunday School Practise
	10:30am	Children's Christmas Program Jesus Birthday Party

LAST WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP:

Worship Attendance	-82	Baptized Membership	- 300
Communion Attendance	-27	Communicants	- 233
<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted Requirement</u>	
General Treasury	\$2,613.00		
Plate	\$ 15.50		
Total General Treas.	<u>\$2,628.50</u>	\$3,422.00	
Missions	\$ 132.00	\$ 308.00	
Lutheran Hour	\$ 10.00		
Benefit Share Augsburg)	\$ 300.00		
Parish Hall Flooring (Ladies Aid)	\$10,000.00		
Fellowship (Nov 30)	\$ 74.50		
Total Offerings	<u>\$13,145.00</u>	<u>\$3,730.00</u>	Total per Week



Isaiah 7:10-17 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah--the king of Assyria."

Romans 1:1-7 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18 - 25 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.