

# The Federated Church of Wauconda

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## Office Staff:

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## Serving in Worship this week:

Pastor..... Soon Sun Lee  
Director of Music/Organist..... Geri Meyer  
Worship Assistant..... Pastor Crystal  
Greeters..... Jim & Michelle Riechers  
Nursery Attendant..... Nancy Lucius  
Ushers..... Louise Bundy, Ann Petersen, Tony Rake  
Usher Chairperson..... Dave Fehlman  
Acolytes..... Hero & Madison Lucius

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*Welcome and Announcements*

*Choir Introit* "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" Bob McGee

*Registration* (Please sign the attendance sheets)

*Opening Prayer*

*Prelude and Lighting of Candles*

*Advent Wreath Candle Lighting:* **Hope** by Michelle Stephens family

**First Reader:** This is the first Sunday in Advent. Today, we light the purple candle, candle of hope. Advent is a time of waiting and hoping. We wait for the day when we celebrate again the birth of Jesus. We hope that everyone will come to know God and to worship God. (*Light the first purple candle*)

\**Hymn* "Advent Song" (vs. 1) No. 2090

\***Second Reader:** When we look at the first candle, we remember God's promise. God promised to send a Savior to the people. When we listen to our Scripture reading, we hear what the prophet Isaiah wrote about God. God is the potter who molds us. We know that the gospel witness is one that helps us understand that God is loving and just. God brings peace. This gives us hope. We anticipate again the birth of the baby Jesus, remembering that Jesus helps us know God's love for us.

\***Third Reader:** Let us pray together.

**Dear God: Thank you for your son, Jesus. Thank you for the words of the Prophet Isaiah that remind us that you are the source of our hope in this messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.**

*(Advent wreath candle lighting and opening prayer are written by MaryJane Pierce Norton who gives us a permission to use it)*

\**Opening Hymn* "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

*Children's Message* Pastor Crystal Johnson

\**The Lord's Prayer* No. 895

\**Passing of the Peace*

*Choir Anthem* "In Remembrance" Buryl Red

*Joys and Concerns*

*Prayers of the People*

*\*Prayer Hymn*

No. 213

**“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”** (vs. 1)

*First Reading*

Isaiah 9:2

*Prayer of Preparation*

*\*Second Reading*

Luke 1:30-31, 34-35, 38

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*Sermon*

“There’s Always Hope!”

Pastor Soon Sun

*Holy Communion* (Everyone is welcome to receive communion)

Today’s communion will be received at the pews. Communion is open to all who confess or seek Jesus Christ as their Lord.

*The Great Thanksgiving*

please see page 13-15

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

*Prayer After Communion*

(Please bring your offering as you come for the holy communion)

*\*Closing Hymn*

**“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

No. 240

*\*Benediction*

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Cathy Mate, our Minister of Prayer is available for prayers after service.

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Worship service – 9:30am; Sunday School (Sept. – May) – 9:45am;  
Fellowship – 10:30am**

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## **WORSHIP GUIDE FOR THE WEEK**

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This guide is prepared for you with the scriptures used in today's service. We encourage you to read through them as the week progresses as part of your personal devotions.

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 9:2**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

### **SECOND READINGS**

**Luke 1:30-31, 34-35, 38**

<sup>30</sup>The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. <sup>31</sup>Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

<sup>34</sup>Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?" <sup>35</sup>The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son.

<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADVENT BIBLE CLASSES

Pastor Soon Sun will be leading two Advent Bible Study classes on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Tuesday morning classes will be on Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 10:00am. The Tuesday evening classes continue Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 6:00pm. The book we study is “The Journey” by Adam Hamilton.

### NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS – Dec. 7

New members class will be on December 7 at 6:00pm with dinner after and New Members Sunday will be on December 9 at 9:30am.

### SUPER SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY – Dec. 9

Our Super Seniors Christmas party is Sunday, December 9 at 5:00pm at Strawberry Moon on Main Street. The cost of \$21 includes appetizer, salad, entrée, dessert, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity. Please bring a \$10 grab bag gift. There will be a prize for the most originally wrapped gift. Please sign up today!

### SMALL GROUP GATHERING - Dec. 13

A small group of single older women will be gathering on December 13 at 12:00pm at Dock’s and Judy Culberg’s house.

### MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Worship Meeting – Dec. 5 at 6:00pm

Outreach Meeting – Dec. 9 at 10:45am

Nominating Meeting – Dec. 6 at 6:00pm

Trustees Meeting – Dec. 12 at 7:00pm

Federated Board Meeting – Dec. 19 at 7:00pm

Education Meeting – Dec. 23 at 10:45am

### PEDESTAL FLOWERS

The flowers on the pedestal today are from Don & Geri Meyer, given in celebration of Dori Cacioppo’s birthday.

### COMMITMENT CARD REMINDER

If you haven't yet turned in your commitment card, please prayerfully consider what you can give your church in 2019. You can put it in the offering plate any Sunday, drop it off, or mail it to the church office.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Fred Berchtold, Bernice Block, Larry & Elise Bock, Leonor Braund, Florence Burton, Paul Deinlein, Donna Gallmeyer-Dixon, Kitty Green, Abigail Hladik, Mickie Kisselburg, Scott Matthews, Billy Meyer, Melissa Pearson, Dolores Prusinski, Mary Taylor, Dorothy Wheelock, Lisa Wineski, Brian Zinkel, Lydia – Shelba Lefort's granddaughter

### OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are from 8:00am – 12:00pm, Monday through Friday. If you need to drop off or pick up something we are always open during those times.

### PASTOR SOON SUN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Soon Sun's office hours are Tuesday through Friday 9:30am – 4:30pm. She will be in the office at this time unless called away due to pastoral visits or ministry. She will be visiting people on Friday afternoons. Even when she is not in the office she can be reached 24/7 by phone or text at 815-861-2415. You can also contact her at [soonsunlee@live.com](mailto:soonsunlee@live.com).

### PRAYER PARTNER EMAILS

Joys and Concerns from each Sunday's service are emailed each week to those who have signed up. If you would like to receive them or if you have a concern during the week you can email Nancy Swanson at [church60084joysandconcerns@yahoo.com](mailto:church60084joysandconcerns@yahoo.com).

### PRAYER MEETINGS

We have two prayer meeting times - 7:00pm evening meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month, and every Thursday morning at 10:00am. Our meetings are a time to gather with other believers to lift our needs and our praises to God.

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – DEC. 2 - 9		
TODAY: Dec. 2		Communion in the Pews
		Food Pantry Sunday
	10:45 am	Youth Group Meeting
	11:00 am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
MON: Dec. 3	8:00 am	Breakfast with the Pastor
	9:00 am	Senior Exercise
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
TUES: Dec. 4	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
WED: Dec. 5	6:00 pm	Worship Meeting
	6:00 pm	T.O.P.S.
THURS: Dec. 6	9:00 am	Staff Meeting
	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 pm	Nominating Meeting
	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 pm	Alanon
FRI: Dec. 7	6:00 pm	New Members Class
SAT: Dec. 8	12:00 pm	Funeral Service for Donald Paschke at Kisselburg's Funeral Home
SUN: Dec. 9		Children's Christmas Program
		No Sunday School
		New Members Sunday
		Baptism Gabriella Stephens
	10:45 am	Outreach Meeting
	5:00 pm	Super Seniors Christmas Party

**LAY MINISTRIES:** Next Sunday – Dec. 9

Ushers..... Raj & Rose Bhatt, Tom & Peggy Martin

Acolytes..... Isabella Dewar & Gabriella Stephens

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

### *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am*

Advent Wreath Liturgy: **Hope** by Michelle Stephens family  
Holy Communion

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am*

Advent Wreath: **Joy** by Paul Lucius family  
Children's Christmas Program "Christmas Tradition"

High School Youth Christmas Party at the Carr's house –  
Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Youth Christmas Cookie Bake – Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
from 10:45am – 12:45pm

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am*

Advent Wreath: **Peace** by Kathy Dewar family  
Christmas Cantata

Christmas Caroling at Wauconda Care and Alden Estates –  
Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm – 6:00pm

Back to church after caroling for supper and hot cocoa

Blue Christmas Service and a light supper –  
Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm

### *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Advent Wreath: **Love** by Judy Culberg, Ruby Thacker and  
Jutta Culbertson

Christmas Eve Service – Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm  
ABC Christmas Stories with carols, scripture lessons

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Adult Choir –  
Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00pm