

# PLYMOUTH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ***First Sunday after Christmas December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017***

Announcements

Hymn: "There's A Song in the Air" 25


Invocation

Scripture Reading: **ISAIAH 61:10-62:3**  
**LUKE 2:22-40**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

 Praise Hymn: "We Three Kings of Orient" 24

The Offertory Prayer

The Pulpit Hymn: "What Child Is This?" 27

 Sermon Text: **GALATIANS 4:4-7**

The Sermon: **"An Heir"** Pr. Joel Baker

The Benediction

Hymn: "Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming" 28

Postlude



The Congregation stands

### **ABBREVIATED HOLY COMMUNION**

All those desiring Holy Communion this morning are invited to remain in Church after the service.

**\*\*Please turn off cell phones during the service – thank you\*\***

**ON OUR PRAYER LIST THIS WEEK** (Please leave a note in the office of any changes)

- ❖ **For Missionaries: David & Sharon Matti, Lynton & Iona Silva, Stacy Maikkula, Pastor Etinah, Daniel & Denisa Harcar, Phil, Cindy, Megan & Sarah Read, Nicole Bartell, Trevor Rubenstein, David Gunderson, Bill Rogers, ALC Foreign Missions, Outpost Ministries.**
- ❖ **MILITARY – Pray for those Serving Our Country – Scott Matti, Jesse Maunu, Mike Larson, John Saari, Tripp Otto, Gregg Johnson, Jason Leonard, Dominic Anspach, Ryan Pelkola, Jeff Ritter, Tim Miller, Michael Palkki, John Pahkala, Joshua Pahkala, James O'Neill, Caleb Hendrickson, Luke McDonald, Ben Jenkins, Brandon Hietala, Zach B and Rose Stamp**
- ❖ **The family of Rebekka Wahala(7/17); Jack Bergstedt(9/17)**
- ❖ **Al Saari – Pray that God will give strength and comfort.**
- ❖ **Don Bielinski – Pray for continued healing.**
- ❖ **Sharon Emery – Healing and strength from severe arthritis and pinched spinal nerves.**
- ❖ **Jana Pile - (Joyce Tibbs' daughter) Relief of back pain, anxiety, pulmonary & personal care**
- ❖ **Dan Puumala- Blood supply to right eye/miraculous healing/infection/strength**
- ❖ **Sara Graf – Relief and healing from Crohn's Disease and hormonal imbalance**
- ❖ **Mary Pahkala – (Marlene Walters' mother) Pray for healing**
- ❖ **Karen Nolte – (Anita Aho's Niece) Pray for her and her caregivers.**
- ❖ **Don Matti – Successful chemo treatments**
- ❖ **Clayton Matti – For physical, mental and spiritual healing of multiple disabilities**
- ❖ **Pastor Charles Bergstedt – Continued healing**
- ❖ **Jill Sanko (Joyce Tibbs' daughter) Pray for healing of break in left arm and physical fatigue**
- ❖ **Lois Johnson (Neil & Myrna sister): Lois's had lab work after first radioactive bead treatment and results show chromogranin levels dropped from 6,200 to 2,600. Next apt is in December. Thank you for praying for Lois.**
- ❖ **David Mickelsen – (Joyce Tibbs' brother) Pray for remission of cancer in the blood**
- ❖ **Roger Larson – Healing**
- ❖ **Ed Puumala – inactive lymphoma**
- ❖ **Cheryl Puumala – continued healing after radiation treatments**
- ❖ **Ed Pahkala (Marlene's brother)-that the chemo shot and pill he's getting for Multiple Myeloma, continues working. Also that he will draw closer to God and trust Him.**
- ❖ **Jeannie Pietari(Deb Sunnarborg's sister) – Wisdom for the Drs & nurses caring for her. Pray for Christ to touch her in spirit and in healing. That His peace will be upon her and the family**
- ❖ **Lil Mindermann – (Bette Hietala's Sister)recovery from cancer surgery and healing and endurance as she undergoes treatment.**
- ❖ **Katrina Vahakangas - healing in ankle**
- ❖ **Lori Krumholz-(Bill's Sister-in-law)pray for healing from surgery & successful chemo treatments**
- ❖ **Mark Fredrickson-(Lorraine's Son-in-law) pray for physical & speech Therapy**
- ❖ **Reuben Aho – Prayers for healing**
- ❖ **Elise & Charlotte O'Neill – prayers for mom and baby**
- ❖ **Kristi Nordstrom(Julie Bartell's cousin) – Pray for strength & healing during Chemo for stage 4 cancer**
- ❖ **Pastor Rodger Foltz-Healing**
- ❖ **Pray for Pastor of the Week - Pastor Elmer Yliniemi**
- ❖ **Pray for our Country**
- ❖ **Radio Ministry**
- ❖ **Peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6-7)/For the Unreached People Groups/Persecuted Church(Heb 13:3), ALC Balm of Gilead, Gospel Café, Sharon**
- ❖ **Silent Prayer**

## PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting. <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary... <sup>9</sup> For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

**Psalm 107:1-2, 9**



Meditation Scriptures for this Week: Psalm 148

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father

### Confession:

Gracious God in Heaven, we bow before You to confess to You that we have sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight. We have walked in Pride, we have not been as thankful, or forgiving as You would like us to be. Help us to show forth fruits of Your Spirit, the love joy and peace that You have shown to us. And forgive us for all our wrong doing, even those stubborn habits that we struggle with, for we pray this in the Name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.

### Absolution

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, You who have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that they turn from their way and live: we pray to You that You would mercifully avert the punishment that our sins deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



### WE WELCOME TO HOLY COMMUNION

all who believe in Jesus Christ as personal Savior and who believe that at the Lord's table we receive His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins. If you will not be communing but desire a blessing, please indicate the same to those serving Holy Communion. Grape juice is also available upon request.

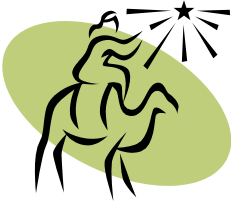
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### ANNOUNCEMENT

Shalom To You Radio Program  
KKMS 980AM Radio **Saturdays at 2:30pm**  
Please be in prayer for this ministry.

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*Have a Joyous Christmas 2017  
And  
Blessed New Year 2018*

*Filled With the Happiness and the Peace of Christ  
To All Our P.L.C. Members and Friends  
From the Following Persons:*

*Don & Pam Bielinski  
Bill & Phyllis Krumholz  
Noel & Kris Walters and Family  
Joyce Tibbs  
Stewart Lee  
Joan O'Brien  
Neil & Deb Sunnarborg  
Lloyd & Marlene Walters and Family  
Roy Saari  
Greetings from the Saari Family  
to our beloved Brothers & Sisters in Christ*

*Have a wonderful celebration of Jesus' life in connection with  
yours. Merry Christmas to all of you and your families.  
Pastor Joel and Susan*



## **POINTSETTIAS**

### **In Loving Memory of:**

Our Parents & brothers, Rodney & Chester, sister, Joyce & Earl –  
Reuben & Anita Aho

Hilding & Sadie Christopherson – Karen & Earl Christopherson  
Donald & Florence Smith – Karen & Earl Christopherson

Melissa Roeser, Edward & Ellen Takkunen & Louis Dahlmeier –  
from Steve & Marilyn Dahlmeier

Our Parents – Don & Bette Hietala

Aale & Jennie Pesola – Bill & Phyllis Krumholz

Harold Myrmel, Tom Hatcher, Jim Atkins – Kevin & Mary Kay  
Myrmel

Richard O'Brien – Joan O'Brien

Edwin Puumala – Lulu Puumala

Luuk Wahala – Larry & Sharon Wahala

Rebekka Wahala – Larry & Sharon Wahala

Henry & Ruth Johnson – Larry & Sharon Wahala

Ernest & Nella Wahala – Larry & Sharon Wahala

Dee Walters Salguero – Larry & Evy Walters

### **In Honor of:**

Grandchildren: Samuel, Stephen, Hannah & Meg - Joel & Susan  
Baker

Our Children & Grandchildren – Steve & Marilyn Dahlmeier  
Al Saari – Janis Saari

Family & Friends – Kevin & Mary Kay Myrmel

Our Children: Nathan(Mary), Amanda, Jennie(Ryan) – Neil & Deb  
Sunnarborg



For those that are interested, there is a **free book exchange** in the meeting room next to Pastor Joel's office.

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**Read Through the Bible Wednesday's 6:30-8pm**

Jan 3 – No Wednesday evening Bible study

Jan 10 – Isaiah 10-16

Jan 17 – Isaiah 17-23

Jan 24 – Feed My Starving Children Event

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Jan 12-13** – Men's Retreat hosted by Kingston ALC

**Jan 20** – PLC Annual Meeting

**Jan 21** – Women's Book Group meeting

**Jan 24** – Feed My Starving Children

**Jan 27** – Ladies Saturday morning Bible Study

**Upcoming Coffee Serving List:**

**Jan 7** – Phyllis & Bill Krumholz

**Jan 14** – Lloyd & Marlene Walters

**Jan 21** – Pam & Don Bielinski

**Upcoming Nursery Schedule List:**

**Jan 7** – Cynthia Aho Family

**Jan 14** – Julie Bartell Family

**Jan 21** – Marlene Walters Family

**Current coffee serving schedule on the desk in the Narthex**

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Mens Retreat

Please set aside the evening of **January 12, 2018** and the bulk of Saturday, **January 13, 2018** for some time together at our **10<sup>th</sup> annual men's retreat** at the Chi Rho Retreat Center in Annandale. Our presenter for this conference will be **Pastor Nathan Juntunen**.

Letter with details on Narthex desk.

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Join us at FMSC in Coon Rapids to pack food on **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**

**Sign up sheet is on the Narthex desk.**

Van will leave from the church at 5:00pm.

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## **BUDGETARY INPUT NEEDED**

In preparation for our budget meetings, The Board of Trustees is asking input regarding any specific items you believe should be included in our 2018 Budget. Specific requests, comments, and ideas should be given in writing to the following individuals: For Mission and Evangelism suggestions: contact Bill Krumholz. For Building and Grounds suggestions: contact Noel Walters. For Christian Education suggestions: contact Earl Christopherson. For all other General Budgetary suggestions: contact Larry Walters.

## **Nomination Meeting**

Please note that the Board Nominations Meeting is on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 following the worship service. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to make a nomination please speak with a member of the board in advance of the meeting. Bill Graunke and Earl Christopherson have completed 1 term. Thank You. – The Board of Trustees

## **Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm - Please plan on attending.**

- Annual Meeting Reports are due on **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Reports can be submitted to the secretary by email:**  
[secretary@plymouthapostolic.org](mailto:secretary@plymouthapostolic.org).
- The Board encourages members to provide input before January 7<sup>th</sup> on any items they would like addressed at the Annual Meeting.
- Please place any agenda suggestions in Kevin Wempen's box in the office

## **Property Assessment Committee-**

5 names were submitted to lead the Property Assessment Committee. All 5 submitted names were approved by the Board and will be contacted by a Board member to set up a kick off meeting for the new committee.

- Bev Aho
- Ryan Kandoll
- Earl Christopherson
- Bill Krumholz
- Rich Riemersma

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**E-MAIL** - [secretary@plymouthapostolic.org](mailto:secretary@plymouthapostolic.org)

**WEBSITE** - [www.plymouthlutheran.org](http://www.plymouthlutheran.org)

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

**Ushers**

Larry Walters  
Neil Sunnarborg

Noel Walters  
Brad Aho

**Nursery**

Volunteer Please

**Counters**

Erik & Cynthia Aho  
Volunteer

**Greeters**

Larry & Evy Walters

**Sound Technician**

Roy Saari

**Van Driver**

Roy Saari

**Coffee-Fellowship Hour**– Sharon & Larry Wahala

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY**

**Ushers**

Kevin Wempen  
Roger Larson

Kevin Myrmel  
Volunteer

**Nursery**

Cynthia Aho Family

**Counters**

Bill Krumholz  
Volunteer

**Greeters**

Steve & Marilyn Dahlmeier

**Sound Technician**

Roy Saari

**Van Driver**

Neil Sunnarborg

**Coffee-Fellowship Hour**– Phyllis & Bill Krumholz

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**TODAY(12/31)**

10:30am  
11:30am  
11:40am  
11:40am

**New Year's Eve**

Worship Service  
Nominations Meeting  
Abbreviated Communion  
Coffee Fellowship

**MONDAY(1/1)**

**WEDNESDAY(1/3)**

9:00am  
7:00pm

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Men's & Ladies Breakfast at Perkins  
494 & 55**

**NEXT SUNDAY(1/7)**

9:00am  
10:30am  
11:30am

Choir Practice  
Sunday morning Bible Study for  
everyone  
Worship Service  
Coffee Fellowship