# Granum Christian Reformed Church

**Rev. Pastor Henry Veldboom** 

Sunday, December 10, 2023

## December 10, 2023 ~ Second Sunday in Advent Guest Minister: Pastor Frank Lanting

#### **Entering God's Presence**

## **Celebrating the Joy of Christ in Advent**

Advent Readings
Lighting the Advent Candle
Song ~ "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" L56
Children's Blessing

## **Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 2:8-20 Sermon ~ Good News of Great Joy Prayer of Application \*Song of Response ~ "Joyful, Joyful" L581

#### Responding to God's Word

Congregational Prayer
Song during offering ~ "Away in a Manger" L86
Offering ~ Emma House
\*Offertory Prayer

#### **Receiving God's Blessing**

\*Benediction
\*Song ~ "Joy to the World" L92

\*Please stand if able

#### **CHURCH FAMILY**

Please remember our members who need ongoing prayer, including: Henrietta, Ralph, Aleda, and Rob, Crystal & Alex.

#### **MUSICIAN**

Today- Jennie Next Sunday- Worship Team

#### A/V TEAM:

Today- Alex & Mary Next Sunday-Stacey, Marianne & Bryn

#### NURSERY

Today- Lauren, Amber & Anna Next Sunday- Beverly & Janessa

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today- Diane & Kaydie Next Sunday- No Sunday School

#### OFFERING:

Today- Emma House Next Sunday- Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Center

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

December 10- Kaycee

December 11- Randy

- Tom vH.

December 12- Fred

December 14- Conrad

- Keith

Congratulations to everyone celebrating Birthdays this week!

#### TODAY:

**Nursery** is available prior to start of service. **Sunday School** 

- Children age 4 to Grade 1 leave during the service
- Assembly directly after service in sanctuary age 4 to Grade 6. After assembly grade 2-6 Sunday school teachers will lead children to their Sunday school classrooms
- -Grade 7/8: meets directly after church

#### THIS WEEK:

Monday- 6:30 pm GEMS/Cadets Wednesday- 10:00 am Coffee Break

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

December 17- Sunday School Christmas Program

## **OUR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Congregational Meeting Report

The Congregational Meeting was held on December 6. The Proposed 2024 Budget was passed, and the following were chosen by lot to serve as officebearers: for elder-Ken S.; for deacon-Grant D. and David Vv. We were blessed to hear about the many groups and activities that take place in our congregation. We also discussed joys and addressed concerns. The greatest concern that was addressed was the divisiveness and slandering caused by some who are discontent with how we live out our faith in Jesus Christ as a congregation and especially in our worship. We were reminded in God's word that our focus should be on Christ and God's word in all we do. Obedience to scripture and God's truth is the vision and mission we seek to follow as a congregation.

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander." 1 Peter 3:15-16

Recorded videos of services can be found on our Granum CRC YouTube channel.

Go to YouTube and in search box enter "GranumCRC AV" and click on that search result option.

Then click on the video you want to watch.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs0yVIMAC\_bnTpqX8Ch0xfA
Previous bulletins with order of worship can e found on our website.

https://www.granumcrc.com/news-1

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# GRANUM CRC NEWSLETTER

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## **OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

Please join us for Christmas Bells- A Christmas Candlelight Service. Sunday December 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Monarch Reformed Church 103083 Range Rd 235, Lethbridge County. Come join us for an evening of music and the Christmas Story told in a new way. There will be coffee, dessert and fellowship afterwards and of course, candy bags for the kids!

## **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY & AROUND THE WORLD**

Kids Corner: Promises and Peace - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. During Advent, we remember the story of Mary, a teenager, called by God to be Jesus' mother. "How could this be?" she wondered at first. But the angel Gabriel assured Mary. "God's favor is on you," he said. "Anything is possible with God." Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Birth of Jesus."

**Groundwork: Jesus: Our Mighty God** - The prophet Isaiah next calls the coming Messiah "Mighty God." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 10:21, Acts 1:6-8, and Revelation 5:6,11-14 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus. Together, we'll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God's power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.