

December 17, 2023 Vol. LXIII No. 50

Prelude Melanie Gering

Welcome Char Hardt

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: As the earth brings forth in shoots

High voices: As a garden causes what is sown to spring up

Low voices: So the Lord will cause righteousness and grace

Leader: God's image is found in the image of those who witness to the healing

of the nations

People: Where will see God at work next?

[silence]

All: Together we wait, watching for God's good work.

Songs of Praise:

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (V 1,2,3,5)

VT 248

Scripture Psalm 126 Char Hardt

Children's Story

Offering

Message Who we wait on Bryce Miller

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Responding

Hark! the Glad Sound!

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Benediction/ Candle Lighting

Sending Song VT 222

My Soul Proclaims with Wonder

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Deacon Nomination Ballots are due by noon Today, December 17.

All are welcome to our Christmas Eve Service next Sunday at 6:30 PM

Please find the Menno Directory for revision on the bulletin board adjacent to the mailboxes. Please review your and your family's information for any updates for the coming year.

Come enjoy the season with Community Christmas Carol Sing. The Ritzville Ministerial Association is welcoming the community to gather for a service of song on Sunday December 17, 2023, 3 PM at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Bryce & Emily will be officiating. Light refreshments will follow.

Menno Mennonite Church, a Christian Anabaptist Community, equips believers through relevant Worship and Study, and expresses God's love to others through Stewardship and Service

Women In Mission could use pillowcases. The Women In Mission group enjoys maximizing the materials they have. They have a lot of scraps that they want to stuff into pillowcases for reuse as pet beds to be donated to shelters. If you have some cases that have served their time, please consider donating them to this effort.

We have a surplus TV Wall Mount available for anyone who would have a use for it. It is a wide-mount, two-armed type that should fit most width and types of TVs. The library TV had to be replaced and the new model's alignment did not allow for reuse using this mount. See Bryce if you have interest.

Please begin considering Annual reports that you might be authoring. We would like to have everything collected for assembly by January 7. The date for the congregational meeting will be confirmed at the board meeting this week.

Sunday December 31, 2023: **Start the New Year with fellowship and goodies.** On Sunday, following the worship service, there will be an informal time to visit over coffee and your left-over Christmas goodies! So please bring those leftover Christmas goodies, crackers, meat, and cheeses to share! There will be no adult Sunday School.

From Phyllis Dorsing: Laverne Horst's service will be June 15 at the Warden Community Church at 11am.

	Upcoming Events
Sunday December 17, 3 PM	RMA Christmas Caroling at Emmanuel Lutheran, Ritzville
Sunday December 24, 6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Evening worship
Sunday December 31 after church	New Years Fellowship and Goodies

Worship Contributors		
This Sunday	Next Sunday	
Speaker: Bryce Miller	Speaker: Bryce Miller	
Worship Leader: Charlotte Hardt	Worship Leader: Emily Toews	
Accompanist: Melanie Gering	Accompanist: Katherine Swinger	
Greeter: Henry and Mary Helen Boulton	Greeter: Glenn and Mary Burkholder	
AV Support (Self Scheduled): Cleon Claassen, Bill Dyck, Reed Meyer, Doug Claassen		