***Celebrating the Richness of God’s Grace***

***Proclaiming the Kingdom: beginning in Chisago County***

*+ Please stand if you are able*

*To enhance our worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

*Hearing devices are available at the sound booth.*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Words of Welcome/Attendance Registration

Announcements and Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Leadholm Family

Children’s Moment

\* Children 2 years – 5th grade are invited to go to Sunday School at this time

+Hymn #211 vss. 1-4 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Bible Reading Luke 21:25-36

Message *Always On The Watch*

*“Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:36*

Hymn #202  *People, Look East*

Offering *Waiting and Longing* Choir

+Offering Response (screen)  *Christmas Doxology*

Prayer

+Hymn #213 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

+Benediction

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**Monday, November 30**

 4 – 6p Community Dinner at Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City

 6:15p Bell Choir

 7:00p Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas

**Tuesday, December 1**

 9:15a Women’s Bible Study – lounge

 4:00p Girl Scouts – fellowship hall

**Wednesday, December 2**

 5:00p Family Dinner

 6:00p Adult Bible Study

 7:00p Choir

**Thursday, December 3**

 7:30p Worship Team Rehearsal

**Friday, December 4**

 2:30p Club Rock – youth room

**Saturday, December 5**

10:00a – 6:00p Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Lindstrom Foods

**Next Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent**

 9:00a Worship / Sunday School for children

 Message based on Luke 3:1-6

10:15a Fellowship

10:30a Intercessory Prayer – chapel

2 – 6p Christmas Open House @ Dan & Laurie’s Home

Last week’s offering: $2,041 Budgeted Weekly: $3,676

Monthly giving (Nov.): $12,784 Budgeted Monthly: $15,833

Attendance last Sunday: 96

Carpet Project Giving (Phase Two): $7,769 Goal: $23,500

**Carpet Project:** If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check out to First UMC, marking “carpet project” in the memo.

**Children at First**

* ‘Worship Bags’ are in the foyer for children to borrow
* A Nursery for babies and toddlers is available every Sunday

**Please Pray For:** Cole Anderson; Chuck Zimmerman; Janice McCafferty;

the family of Hannah Irvin; Chuck Loula; Kimberly Carlson; Doris Brand; Erin Thorvaldson’s cousin, Charlie; Roger Anderson; Steve & Sue Hernick;

Pat Videen; the family of Doug Perry

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

**Fellowship:** Join us for coffee and treats in the fellowship hall following the service.

**Our Mission Focus this month: Operation Christmas Child**

For 20 years, Samaritan’s Purse has delivered shoebox gifts packed by caring people like you to hurting children around the world. “Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of   Jesus Christ with a hurting child.” states Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan’s Purse.

**Mission Envelopes:** Mission Envelopes can be found in each pew rack. You are welcome to give to our monthly Mission Offering throughout the month using the designated envelope. Please make your check out to FUMC, marking “Missions” in the memo.

**Decorating Sanctuary:** We will decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season Monday, Nov. 30, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come help!

**Christmas Eve Prelude:** If you or anyone you know would like to share a Christmas song (about 3-4 minutes) at 4:00 p.m. on December 24th, please see Kay Oien by Dec. 6.

**Needed For Living Nativity:** the kings costumes need a pressing. If you have a clothes steamer we can borrow, contact Linda Ploog.

**Christian Men’s Breakfast:** All men are invited! Tuesday, Dec. 1, 8:00 a.m. at the Swedish Village Restaurant in Center City. See Gary Gerke if you have questions.

**Christmas Caroling and Hayride:** Saturday, December 12. Everyone is invited to join Children & Youth Ministries for a hayride and Christmas Caroling through the neighborhood. Supper will be at 4:30 p.m. at the church and we’ll go caroling at 5:30 p.m. We come back to the church afterwards for hot cocoa, dessert and games.

**Christmas Cookies:** Let our youth bake Christmas Cookies for you! Order forms are in the fellowship hall and deadline for ordering is Dec. 13. You can pick up your order Sunday, Dec. 20 in the fellowship hall.



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***November 29, 2015***

 ***9:00 a.m.***