



Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

December 17, 2014

Advent Devotion

How did you start your day? With a quick push of the snooze button? A desperate search for a cup of coffee? A rushed commute to work? By any chance, did your day start with this reminder? "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning." What makes these words particularly poignant is that they were part of a lament bemoaning the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. If ever there was a time to doubt God's steadfast love and faithfulness, that was it. Still, the poet held out hope for the future. This hope was based not on a pie-in-the-sky optimism that their troubles would soon be over, but rather in the abiding sense of who God is and how God will act on behalf of God's people. We need that hope too. How about waking up tomorrow with a prayer on your lips: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning." Lord, give me eyes to see the wonders of your love for me and for our world. Amen.

Based on Lamentations 3:22-26. Devotion for December 17, 2014 from "Your People Long to Greet You" 2014 Advent Devotional published by Luther Seminary.
<http://www.luthersem.edu/advent/GC1036-14%202014%20Advent%20Devotional.pdf>

Children's Christmas Program

Mark your calendars for the Children's Christmas Program—Sun., Dec. 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Children should be in costume and ready to go at 8:15 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

Christmas Eve worship will be held Wed., Dec. 24 at 4:30 and 10:00 p.m.

A Lessons & Carols service will be held Sun., Dec. 28 at 9:00 a.m.



Discovery Meetings

During January and early February, 2015, St. James will be joining in a series of Discovery Meetings. The meetings are for two purposes: (1) help Pastor Randy become more acquainted with St. James; and (2) provide a forum for sharing in conversation about God's mission for our congregation.

Please sign up in the narthex to attend one of the Discovery meetings that will best fit your schedule. It would be more fun to sign up with people you know, so tell your church friends which one you are attending!

Mark your Calendar

- 12-21 *Christmas Program, 9 a.m.*
- 12-24 *Christmas Eve Worship, 4:30 & 10 p.m.*
- 12-28 *Lessons & Carols worship, 9 a.m.*
- 12:31 *End of Year Offering due by noon*

Holiday Office Hours

The church will be closed on Wed., Dec. 24, Thurs., Dec. 25, Wed., Dec. 31 (close at noon), and Thurs., Jan. 1.
In case of an emergency, contact Pastor Randy at 612-803-2879.

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