

Today's Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

FLOWERS SUNDAY in the Sanctuary are provided by JoAnne Cope in memory of Arlyn Cope.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS ARE HERE...If you ordered greens from the Boy Scouts, you may pick up your orders at the East entrance today.

CHURCH CONFERENCE TUESDAY...The Reverend Norman Lidke, an Elder of the Church, will preside over a Special Church Conference of the Rosemount United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2009, to transact the following business: set pastoral compensation and reimbursement for 2010; elect officers; receive reports; other annual business of the church. Approval must be given by a majority of the membership present and voting.

"SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" CONCERT...Monday, Dec. 7th Get in the spirit of the season with an evening of Christmas music presented by the Bloomington Medalist Concert Band, under the direction of Jerry Luckhardt. This FREE concert will include many of your favorite Christmas songs to get you in the holiday spirit. Come and enjoy!

TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CANTATA are on sale in the narthex today or during the week in the church office. Ticket prices are \$5, with a \$20 cap for each family. The cantata will be presented on **Saturday, Dec. 19 @ 7p and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2p & 4p. (Note the new times!)** Seating is limited for each performance, so get your tickets early. Childcare will be provided. Contact Nick Klemetson at nklemetson@rosemountumc.org with any questions. *Regular morning worship services will be held at 9a & 10:30a on Dec. 20.*

LA PUERTA CHRISTMAS There are 113 names to 'adopt' for Christmas from La Puerta Abierta UMC in W. St. Paul. The congregation at LPA is in need of basic need items. In order to serve their needs, we ask that you purchase a \$25 gift card plus a fun item for a child or a \$50 gift card for an adult (Cub, Rainbow, Wal-Mart, or Target.) You can add additional items for your chosen name, but we ask that the gift cards be in the exact amount designated per age group. Questions? Contact Meredith Johnson meredith.johnson@thomsonreuters.com

GREETERS
 9:00 Kris Anderson
 10:30 Bryan and Barb Christensen
LAY READERS
 9:00 Jeannette Harrington
 10:30 Karyn Kelley
WORSHIP LEADERS
 10:30 T Pastor Rick Ormsby
 10:30 C Pastor Karen Bruins

USHERS
 9:00 T Jeff Baldwin (*head*), Hans Larsen, Bruce & Colleen Landeck, Kris Anderson
 10:30 T Jack Parker (*head*), Cindi Parker
 10:30 C Dennis VanSkyhawk (*head*), Ron & Lisa Long, Rich & Wanda Wirt



Order of Worship
 Sunday, November 29, 2009
 Contemporary (10:30)
 1st Sunday of Advent

Gathering "Rejoice"
 "Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna"

Welcome
Please sign and pass the welcome pads down the rows; hand to the ushers as they receive the offering.

Lighting of the Advent Candle
 "Prepare the Way"

Praise Songs "Joy, Joy, Joy"
 "It is Good"
 "Lord, You Are Good"

Prayer "Take Me, Jesus"

Service of Wholeness and Healing
 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Offering Music "Prepare Ye the Way"

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16

Message "Prophets Foretold: A New Kind of Love"
 Pastor Brooke Heerwald Steiner

Song "The Lord's Prayer"

Blessing

WORSHIP SERVICES
 Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Blended
 Sunday, 9:00 am – Traditional
 Sunday, 10:30 am – Traditional
 Sunday, 10:30 am – Contemporary

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Order of Worship
 Sunday, November 29, 2009
 Traditional (9:00 & 10:30)
 1st Sunday of Advent

Gathering "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" Pepper Choplin
 Volunteer Choir

Call to Worship
 Leader: For all that we have received, for all that we have been given, for all that is:
All: **We give you our thanks and praise, O God.**
 Leader: For all that we hope to receive, for all that we hope to give, for all that we hope will be:
All: **We give you our hearts and our willing spirits.**
 Leader: For all that we wait for—justice for all, love abounding, joy unstoppable:
All: **We wait earnestly for the birth of Christ to lead us on the path towards life and salvation.**

Opening Hymn "Prepare the Way of the Lord" #207

Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle
 Leader: Today we light the first candle on our Advent wreath. It is the candle of love. Throughout the history of our faith tradition, prophets told about the coming reign of God—about a kingdom filled with justice and peace, mercy and love. They spoke of a God so filled with grace and love that we could not be separated from it. Isaiah tells us of God's presence in our lives. "I will gather you. With everlasting love I will have compassion on you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed." So we light this candle of love with gratitude that God's steadfast love is always part of us and can always find us. Let us pray,

All: **Loving God, your love knows no bounds. May we see your love in places that we least expect it—in the unseen, quiet, ignored people and places around us. May we see your love in the following weeks as we wait and prepare the way for the child of love to come to us. Amen.**

Hymn "Prepare the Way of the Lord" #207

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Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16

Message "Prophets Foretold: A New Kind of Love"
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Hymn "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" #182

Unison Prayer

Word of God, Word of love, Word of compassion, come down and live in all of us. We thirst and ache for your words of peace and your acts of justice to transform the world. As we wait for your arrival and keep watch for your birth, may our hearts be changed. May you use us to teach the world of the power of your touch. May you guide us on the paths that lead us to life and to harmony. In your holy name we wait and we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer, Prayers for the People
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Invitation

The paths of steadfast love and faithfulness lead us to God and God's grace. It is right to share our blessings in a world where justice for many is still but a dream, and mercy is but a hope felt from afar. With thankful hearts, and love for our neighbors, let us share our gifts so that we might be for the world the light of Christ, shining the darkness.

Music during Offering

"People, Look East" Wayne L. Wold

**Doxology #94*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements / Share A Greeting

**Closing Hymn* "People, Look East" #202

Blessing (Unison)

May love abound in your hearts. May you love one another and all as eagerly and as wastefully as God has loved you. As you wait for the coming of Christ, may you not wait to show mercy and grace to those whose cross your path. Amen.

Postlude "The King Shall Come" David Johnson

Welcome! We're glad you're here today.

FIRST TIME GUESTS... are invited to stop by the Welcome Desk for a coupon for a free cup of coffee at one of two local coffee shops. We're glad you're here!

SUBSCRIBE TODAY...to receive the Monthly Newsletter and news items, go to www.rosemountumc.org. At the top of the screen go to red "Subscribe" button, click on "Subscribe to Newsletter", enter your information, click "Subscribe".

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS OFFERING envelopes have been inserted in your bulletins this week. These gifts will be received each week through Christmas. Thank you.

LAST DAY TO ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE...If you wish to have a Poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please pick up a purple form from the usher stand and hand it in today. Final orders are due this week.

THANK YOU from the Children's Christmas Store!! The Children's store was a huge success this year thanks to everyone who donated gifts and volunteered! We are thankful to be part of a church with such caring and generous members! A poster of the little shoppers is hung in the Narthex. Many thanks also to the youth who helped with the store! Have a Merry Christmas.

SUPPORT THE ROSEMOUNT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER...On Sunday, Dec. 20, there will be a bake sale right outside the Family Life Center from 8:30am-12:30pm that will be supporting the Rosemount Family Resource Center. Non-perishable food items will be accepted and encouraged, and will be able to be traded for a plate of treats. All proceeds will go **directly** to the RFR. Mark the date on your calendar and we'll see you there!

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING...It is that wonderful time of year when families can sign up for a 1/2 hour slot to ring bells for the Salvation Army. We will be at the entrance door at the Cub Foods in Rosemount, Saturday, December 19th from 10:30 - 5:30. The sign up sheet will be on the table outside the sanctuary. We look forward to many families signing up! For more information, contact Todd or Chris Bishop. bishop5@charter.net

SIMPSON SHELTER UPDATE The month of December is full for meal serving at the Simpson Shelter. A big thank you to everyone who served this year!

ADULT MINISTRIES

ADULT BASKETBALL OPEN GYM - Join us on Saturday mornings from 8:30 - 10 AM in the FLC for 90 minutes of good exercise. Cost is \$2. Contact Jim Dibley at djibley@charter.net or call 651-423-5392. See you there!

LOOKING THROUGH THE LENS OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS at contemporary issues.... December 6th the series continues in the Contemporary Issues class, Sunday mornings at 10:30. This week's commandment is "Thou shalt not kill." It is sometimes translated as "Thou shalt not murder." Is there a difference? What about abortion (late term pregnancy vs. early pregnancy), capital punishment, self-defense, war,

protecting someone else, some forms of birth control and more? Join us to discover what you really believe and why. Look at these issues from diverse perspectives.

HIKER CHICKS (Girlfriends)...will meet on December 6th, 3:30pm at the Farmington Heritage Village for a Christmas walk. Contact person, Deb Williams, 651-246-7088.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT (PNO) is Friday, December 4. Celebrate the holidays with friends or to get some Christmas shopping done? Mark your calendars now so that we can have a successful PNO. Registration forms for December's PNO will be available by the nursery and on the Children's Welcome Table. If you miss the 11/20 deadline, please contact Karen Klekner, Children's Ministries Director to ascertain if space is still available.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR JESUS! We are throwing a birthday party for Baby Jesus. Come help us celebrate. There will be games, prizes, crafts and birthday cake. The celebration is on Saturday, December 5th from 1:00 -2:30 pm. Children are encouraged to bring presents for baby Jesus (i.e. diapers, wipes, baby food, baby toys...) that will be donated to Rosemount Family Resource Center and Toys for Tots. Questions? Interested in helping? Contact Linda Bartlett, lbart.l@hotmail.com or 651-994-4903. Sign up sheet located at Children's Welcome Table.

ZONE 56

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual Zone 56 Christmas party on Friday, December 4. Part of our evening will be our annual walk to Cameo Place for caroling and BINGO as well as additional activities back at the church. More details to follow in Zone 56.

ELEVATION YOUTH MINISTRIES - Students 7th-12th Grades

SR. HIGH - (9th - 12th graders) Sunday, Dec. 6th @ 6pm upstairs in the ATTIC. We continue our series entitled "CONFLICT: Overcoming stress in your relationships" We will be talking about conflict with authority. Join us! NO SR. HIGH ON NOVEMBER 29th!!

CLUB 78 (for 7th & 8th graders) Our next Club 78 will be on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd from 6:30-8pm, upstairs in the ATTIC. Our topic - the 10 Commandments. This week - "Take a Break"

SENIOR HIGH MICHIGAN SKI TRIP - January 15th - 17th - Contact Josh if you are interested! Cost - \$210/person - includes transportation, lodging, six meals, lift tickets, program. *Rental equipment is extra. Adult chaperones are needed in order for us to go!!! Contact Josh!

SOME DATES LOOKING AHEAD... June 12th - 18th, 2010 - Sr. High Mission trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan! More information and sign up materials are available! Contact Josh to get more information!

JULY 14TH - 17TH, 2010 - Sr. High Trip to SONSHINE Music Festival in Willmar, MN. More details and cost will be coming soon! Mark your calendars for this awesome event!

AUGUST 2ND - 6TH - Camp Serve for students in grades 5-7! Join us for a Mission Trip Day Camp. Cost of the week is \$125/person. 20 spots available! Turn in your non-refundable deposit of \$60 to Josh Corbett or Karen Klekner! We will be participating in serving people in the Southwestern Suburbs of MN.