PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT READING

Congregational Chorus

You have drawn near that we might draw near Love and compassion that drives out all fear

You have drawn near that I might draw near You've opened the heavens and met all of us right here.

OPENING HYMN

#145 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Children up to 5th grade dismissed for Nursery & Sonshine Club.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

#148 O HOLY NIGHT

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

#124 COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

A WORD ABOUT SUFFERING, LOSS & HOPE

Dr. Bob Evans, Romans 8:14 - 18

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSIVE SONG

INTO MY HEART

Into my heart into my heart Come into my heart Lord Jesus Come in today come in to stay Come into my heart Lord Jesus Harry D. Clarke © Words & Music: Public Domain MISSIONS MOMENT

Andy & Amy Schmidt

The Schmidt family, missionaries with Commission To Every Nation (CTEN), will be serving through agriculture in Panama. www.growtherefore.com

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:12

MESSAGE Kevin Sutton

Motivation #5: Discipleship

CLOSING SONG #127 THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE

BENEDICTION

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Service for Janelle Larson

Saturday December 16, 1:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Luncheon afterwards here in the Fellowship Hall Ways to help:

Brownies for the luncheon can be dropped off in the kitchen Friday or Saturday morning.

Friday— Help is needed to set-up for the meal and move furniture.

Saturday – Help is needed in the kitchen to prep, serve & clean up.

If you are interested in helping Friday or Saturday, please text Deb at 218-387-5505.

How Can We Pray For You?

If you would like prayer for anything please fill out a prayer card, which will be available in the pews, and place it in the box in the foyer under the t.v. or email your request to prayer@grandmaraisfree.church

Weekly Events

Tuesday 11:15 – 12:15 **High School Lunch** at Patten's

See Andrea for permission slip.

Wednesday 5:45 – 8:15 pm Youth Group Thursday Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm

Celebrate Recovery 5:30 pm Dinner 6:10 pm Large Group 7:00 pm Men's & Women's Small

Group

Christmas Program

Sunday December 17 – During the service
Please bring a plate of cookies to share.
Practice will be held during Sonshine club this week &
Saturday December 16, 10:30 – 12:30.

Any interested kids through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Preschool & Nursery kids will be included but do not need to attend practices.

Christmas File, Sunday December 24

No Sunday School
Worship Service at 10:30 am
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm
Cookies will be served after.

Happy Birthday, what a gift you are to our church Josh Lindstrom 12/10, Ben Selin 12/10, Micah Wilson 12/13, Anna Sorensen 12/14, Natalie Irvin 12/15

	December 10	December 17	December 24
Ushers	Horen	Harsdorf	Dowling
	Avery	Pszwaro	T. Dean
Sonshine Club			
Nursery	Larry	Cathy	This could be you!
Missions	Schmidts/Dahlma	n CR/Laky	Okontoe/Laky

Advent Week #2 bulletin artwork: Pieter Brueghel the Younger's *St. John the Baptist Preaching* (1566)

Symbolism includes:

- Left of center is John the Baptist, clad in camel hair. Instead of standing as a dominating figure, John is one of the crowd, one of the people who serves his peers with prophetic passion.
- Great diversity is shown in the crowd through their hats, hoods, and headdresses—each signifying a different culture, vocation, or profession.
- In the background, we see a clearing in the woods that presents a vista of a river, a walled castle, and misty mountains. This is a constant scene in classical painting, pointing to eternity.
- The river, evocative of Baptism, is especially important as it winds like a road into the mysterious beyond.

Our church is currently seeking a new Lead Pastor to replace Pastor Dave. The Church Profile & Job Description can be found at https://www.grandmaraisfree.church/church-profile-job-description/

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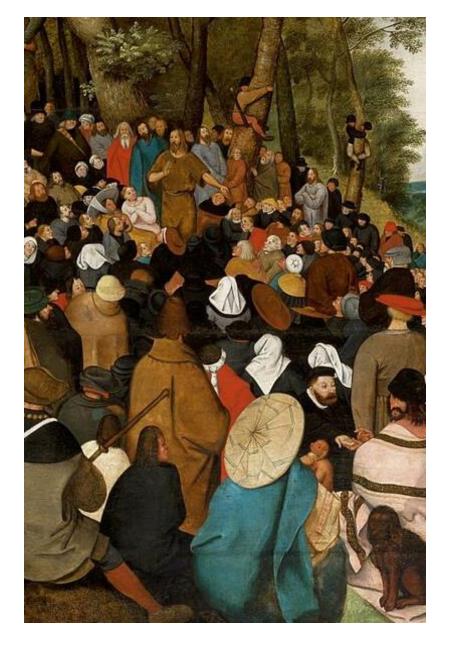
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Youth Director Andrea Patten: 370-8227

Ministry Coordinator: Deb Veit: 387-5505

Bookkeeper: Cathy Wilson bookkeeper@grandmaraisfree.church



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9:15 Christian Education Hour 10:30 am Worship Service & Sonshine Club December 10, 2023