

December Newsletter

“Wait Training”

As many of you know probably already know, I’m a big fan of weight training. I would love to share with you all of my recent PR’s (Personal Records) but you’re probably not interested. Instead, I’d like to talk to you about “wait training.” The season of Advent starts this Sunday. It marks the beginning of the church liturgical calendar. In this season we celebrate how Jesus came to us at that first Christmas, continues to come to us through Word and Sacrament, and will come again on the Last Day to make all things new. So often it is hard for us to wait; not just because we are impatient people, but because we can’t always see what God is up to. It’s hard to wait because we often don’t believe God is at work in our lives. This Advent season, join us at The Gate for a sermons series entitled, “Come Lord Jesus,” written by Rev. Dr. Mart Thompson from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. We’ll be emphasizing the importance of personal and family devotions as we wait for Jesus’ return. The hope and strength we have as we wait comes from the sure victory Jesus has won for us over the “unholy trinity;” sin, death, and Satan.

Prayer Requests

- Praise God with us at the baptisms of Marit Hogenson, John Palmer and Callie Doughty this last month!
- Praise God for awesome Junior and Senior high youth gatherings this fall.
- That God would continue to bless all our students and volunteers in our D6 Kids Midweek Ministry and our Junior and Senior High youth groups.
- For Hope Ministries with whom we served this month and their mission of serving the poor, hungry and homeless in Des Moines.
- For the Center for US Missions as they conclude their 20 years of mission and training churches and church planters.
- For the 2:47 Network, that God would send them the necessary financial support for 2020 as they further their mission of equipping, training, and supporting church plants and church planters.
- That God would give us at The Gate His heart for the lost and the marginalized.
- Thank and praise God for the numerous volunteers who humbly serve at The Gate.
- Thank God for our great mission partners, the Iowa District West-LCMS, St. Paul Lutheran, the LWML of the IDW, and Lutheran Church Extension Fund.
- For God to give us a vision for what kind of church He wants us to be and who specifically we should be trying to reach here in Ankeny.





