



Prayer Needs
Delray Anderson



Serving Our Country

Greg Perrault
(grandson to Jeanette Kurtz)

Jared Carlson
(son to Royal & Debbie, grandson to Curtis & Elaine Carlson)

Ryan Pietila
(son to Steve & Lisa)

Ethan Yerigan
(grandson to Ruth Waldo)

“Loving God and Loving Others”

“People are hungry for spiritual truth.”



Harris Covenant Church

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9 – Noon and by appointment
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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School 9:00 am
Coffee, fellowship 10:00 am
Worship 10:30 am

Monday

Red Cross Blood Drive 1- 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Youth Group (Teen Center) 6:30 pm
Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm
B.L.A.S.T.

Today's Serving Group

Ushers: Royal Carlson & John Mohr
Reader: Julie Lund
Praise Team 1

Next Week's Serving Group

Ushers: Steve & Therese Schmidt
Reader: Steve Schmidt
Praise Team 2

Our Vitality Partner

Calvary Covenant Church, Grantsburg, WI
Scott Sagle, Pastor

Sermons can be found online at harriscovenant.org. Click on "resources", then "sermons", then the one you wish to hear.

First Sunday in Advent Communion and Benevolence Sunday December 3, 2017

Gathering

Prelude
Opening Song
Welcome and Call to Worship
Praise Songs and Carols
Surprise Box

The Word

Lighting of the Advent Wreath & Numbers 24:15-17a
Scripture: Revelation 12:1-17; Matthew 2:1-18
"A Dangerous Time to Be Born"

Response

Celebration of Communion
Prayer
Offering
Announcements
Sending Song
Benediction
Postlude

We welcome children of all ages to join us for worship.
An unattended family room is available during the
Worship Service for parents and children if needed.
The service is televised.

The season of **Advent** begins today! Christians the world over use the four weeks leading up to Christmas to prepare their hearts and minds for the coming Christ. Advent means “coming” and we remember both His first coming over 2000 years ago and His second coming, whenever it may be. Our Advent wreath is a circle, representing God, Who has no beginning and no end. It is made of evergreens to remind us of God’s everlasting life. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent and four themes as well (this year we are remembering Jesus’ first coming): the expectation of a Savior announced in prophecy; the love of the Father in sending His Son to the world at Bethlehem; the joy of the world exemplified by the shepherds who were the first to know of Jesus’ birth; and the peace that is ours through the forgiveness of sins proclaimed by the angel host. The white candle in the center of the wreath is the Christ candle, lit on Christmas Eve, as we celebrate the divine Light of the world coming to us in human form. May this be a great season of blessing for you and your family!

Today is also **Benevolence Sunday**. Once a month we take a special offering after the service to provide food and gas for those in our community who find it hard to make ends meet. Thanks for your generosity!

Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall following the service for a chili cook-off/farewell get-together.

Tomorrow is our **Red Cross Blood Drive** from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. See Jane Erickson to sign up!

An **Inquirers’ Class** will be offered next Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for anyone interested in church membership or just finding out more about our church. See Pastor Steve if you would like to attend. Lunch will be provided!

Help us celebrate **Gloria Tofte’s 90th birthday!** There will be a birthday potluck after church on **December 10**. Cake will be provided. No gifts please, but cards of appreciation are welcome! Everyone is invited!

The **Leadership Team** will meet next Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 pm.

Men’s Group Potluck, Saturday, December 16, 5:00 pm at Ecumen (3rd floor activity room in Sommar Haus).

FYI...The **Nominating Committee** is now working to find qualified and godly individuals for leadership positions in the church for 2018.

Would you be interested in having a **mentor** for your walk with Christ or your marriage? Would you be interested in being a mentor for someone? See Pastor Steve for more information.

It is time to begin thinking about our upcoming **Annual Meeting in January**. Each Ministry Team is asked to write a report about last year’s ministry. Also, each team is asked to prepare a ministry spending plan for the coming year, to be given to the Leadership Team. This is one of the ways we “keep moving forward,” as the message encouraged us to do last Sunday. In addition to a ministry spending plan, each team should set a couple reasonable goals for the coming year. That way we can see how we are doing and celebrate our gains.

Our church directory is going to be updated so we need everyone’s current contact information (address, phone numbers, email address). This info should be given to Anne Weihsman. You can email it to her, anne1212@centurylink.net or write it on an index card and get it to her that way.

Food Distribution Ruby’s Pantry
Saturday, December 9, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Access Church, 4359 392nd Street
North Branch, MN 55056

- *You receive an abundance of grocery items
- *Everyone who gets hungry qualifies!
- *Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.
- *\$20 Cash donation
- Bring 2 large boxes or laundry baskets for food!