



### **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”**

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon said, “If God be near a church, it must pray.  
If he be not there, one of the first tokens of his absence, will be  
slothfulness in prayer.”*



## **Harris Covenant Church**

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9 – Noon and by appointment  
[www.harriscovenant.org](http://www.harriscovenant.org)

### **Weekly Schedule**

#### **Sunday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

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

### **Today's Serving Group**

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

### **Next Week's Serving Group**

Ushers: Jerry & LaVonne Tylee  
Reader: Brad Jacobson  
Praise Team 1

### **Our Vitality Partner**

Calvary Covenant Church, Grantsburg, WI  
Scott Sagle, Pastor

**Sermons** can be found online at [harriscovenant.org](http://harriscovenant.org). Click on "resources", then "sermons", then the one you wish to hear.

## **Second Sunday in Advent December 10, 2017**

### **Gathering**

Prelude  
Opening Song  
Welcome and Call to Worship  
Praise Songs and Carols  
Children's Message

### **The Word**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath & Isaiah 11:1-5  
Scripture: Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-56  
*"A Mother God's Face Could Love"*

### **Response**

Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Sending Song  
Benediction  
Postlude

*The world has not yet seen what God can do  
with a fully consecrated person.  
With God's help I will be that person.*

The season of **Advent** began last week. 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!

Help us celebrate **Gloria Tofte’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!** There will be a potluck meal after the service today. Everyone is invited!

The **Leadership Team** will meet tonight at 6:00 pm.

Community Caroling Party around town, Thursday, December 14. Meet here at Harris Covenant parking lot by 4:45 pm and we will be back by 7 pm. Henry Gregoire, a member of the Harris fire department is organizing this event. Local churches, fire department families and anyone who wishes to participate are invited.

**Men’s Group** will meet on Saturday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m. at Ecumen for a pizza party and Yahtzee tournament. We will be in the community room on the third floor of Sommar Haus. The cost will be covered by the church! Bring a friend. Men 12 and up are welcome! RSVP to Royal Carlson at (763) 639-7356.

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, and email address). This info should be given to Anne Weihsmann. You can email it to her, [anne1212@centurylink.net](mailto:anne1212@centurylink.net) or write it on an index card and get it to her that way.

#### **Kenya Mission Update**

Our mission team has grown to 14! Please pray for our team...here is the updated list:

Branda Jacobson  
Matt Duong  
Heidi Duong  
Julie Immel  
Michelle Tessness  
Marsha Carlson  
Jeremiah Carlson  
Kimberly Brown  
Chloe Mickle  
Melinda Sorensen  
Carol Ramberg  
Nikki Bell  
Michelle Pattee  
Kasiha Pattee

For a few days, we had reached our minimum of 15 people, but sadly our latest addition had to back out...but, we are trusting in God to provide just as He has been! We have room for 1 or more to join us – if you are feeling called to go, please talk to Carol Ramberg.