



**Greetings to Everyone,**

**Advent is the time of year when we are invited to pause our busy lives to reconnect with our spiritual roots. Hopefully we find a deeper purpose and to notice the quiet ways God is at work among us.**

**On Sunday mornings at St. Simeon's we light candles to remind us that even the smallest flame can push back the darkness. We hear the ancient promises fulfilled in the birth of Jesus and still unfolding in our lives today. We walk forward with hope, peace, joy and love - the four messages of Advent.**

**This is a challenging time for our St. Simeon's community.**

**First, we are still in search of a priest, likely part time, who will be available for Communion services on a regular basis and who can provide additional services as required. Second, financial issues are still a concern.**

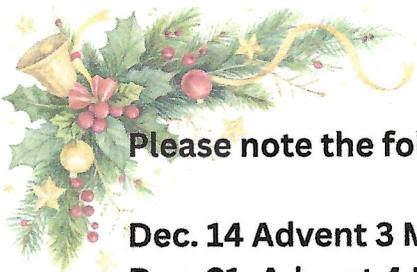
**However as we continue to move through the Advent season in preparation for the birth of our Saviour Jesus, we do so trusting in God's plan for St. Simeon's.**

**May this Advent be for each of us a time of renewal, expectation, gratefulness and grace.**

**We wish all of you a most blessed Christmas.**

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**Please note the following schedule of services at St. Simeon's.**

**Dec. 14 Advent 3 Morning Prayer 10 am Susan Sioui**

**Dec. 21. Advent 4 Lessons and Carols 10 am Gordon McPhee.**

**Please come and support this joyous service of music and readings.**

**Bring your friends and family too.**

**Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Family Service 4 pm with Edna Hall. This is a lay-led celebration of the birth of Christ. All are welcome.**

**In addition, please note the following:**

**The Advent Bible Study (Heaven and Earth) will be held on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 at the Rotary Apartments. (400 Thomas St., Lachute). All people are welcome to join us. This week, the 10th, was about light. The following week, the 17th, is titled "Rejoice, Emmanuel is Here."**

**A Christmas concert with The Hemiole Choir, will take place on Sunday, December 14th at 2:30 pm at 463 rue Principale, Lachute (Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church). Tickets are 25\$ per person (30\$ at the door, free for children under 12 years.). To purchase tickets, please call Bridget at 579-366-4327 until December 11th.**

**Ecumenical Dialogue:**

**St. Simeon's began discussions with the Lachute United Church and Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church, in the fall of 2025. The aim is to look at ways of offering support and ministry to our communities, using the resources already established in each of the congregations, Delegates from each of the three churches will meet in January to continue their discussions. Some ecumenical activities have already begun: Bible Study once a month at the United Church; our Advent Study and the joint service at the Presbyterian Church at the end of December. Please keep this dialogue in your prayers.**

**A special note goes out to Darren Prentice for completing a much-needed church renovation. Thank you, Darren, for a job so beautifully done!**

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