

## Welcome to Worship!

Pine City Evangelical Free Church— Lighthouse  
Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

*If you are visiting today, we welcome you! If there is any way that our staff or church family can be of assistance to you today or throughout the week, please call the office at 629.2584. We invite you to sign our guest register at the Welcome Desk or use the communication card located at the bottom right of your bulletin as an avenue to communicate with staff or elders.*

### Call to Worship

**Advent Candle Lighting— Peace**  
*Milo & Kelly Allen, Peyton, Carter, Oliver & Henry*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Praise & Worship

### Offering

**Message—** Pastor Joel Preston  
*The Songs of Christmas*  
*Zechariah's Song - the Benedictus*  
Luke 1:67-80

### Closing Song & Benediction

#### Sunday Morning Ministry Team {Next Sunday, Dec 15}

**Greeters—** Mark & Traci LeBrun  
**Host/Hostess—** Lonnie & Jeanne Johnson  
**Welcome Desk—** Laura Kryzer  
**Ushers—** Tom L/Todd J/Mike H/Greig R  
**Nursery—** Meagan M/Ellie W/Lena R  
**Sunday Morning Coffee—**

#### This Week at Pine City EFC (today) Dec 8

Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am  
Worship 10:00 am

#### (mon) Dec 9

Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm

#### (tues) Dec 10

#### (wed) Dec 11

Women's Prayer 1:00 pm  
Awana 6:00 pm  
Jr. High Frontline 6:00 pm  
Sr. High Frontline 7:00 pm

#### (thurs) Dec 12

Men's Bible Study & Prayer 8:30 am

#### (fri) Dec 13

Bulletin Announcement Deadline 9:00 am

## Something for Everyone

### MEN

[pcefc.com/men/](http://pcefc.com/men/)  
**MEN'S PRAYER & STUDY**  
Thursdays/8:30 am  
South Campus, Library

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
2nd Monday/6:30 pm  
South Campus, Main Level

### WOMEN

[pcefc.com/women/](http://pcefc.com/women/)  
**JOY LADIES**  
Meeting occasionally throughout the year. Dates and times will be announced

**WOMEN'S PRAYER**  
Wednesdays/1:00 pm  
South Campus, Library

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
3rd Thursday/6:30 pm **(Fall-Spring)**  
South Campus, Main Level

### YOUNG ADULTS

[pcefc.com/college-career/](http://pcefc.com/college-career/)  
If you are in college, in a career or anything in between, this is for you!

Special Events  
(Please note to text 320.438.4209 for next special event and the location)

### FRONTLINE (FOR TEENS)

[pcefc.com/students/](http://pcefc.com/students/)  
**6:00 PM JR HIGH STUDENTS**  
**7:00 PM SR HIGH STUDENTS**  
Wednesdays  
South Campus, Lower Level

### AWANA (FOR KIDS)

[pcefc.com/children/](http://pcefc.com/children/)  
**CUBBIES** (PRESCHOOL)  
**SPARKS** (K-2ND GRADE)  
**T&T** (3RD-6TH GRADE)  
Wednesdays/6:00-7:30 pm **(Fall-Spring)**  
South Campus, Main Level

### SUNDAY SCHOOL (ALL AGES)

**ADULTS** (LOWER LEVEL)  
**JR HIGH** (LOWER LEVEL)  
**SR HIGH** (LOWER LEVEL)  
**ELEMENTARY** (UPPER LEVEL)  
**NURSERY** (MAIN LEVEL)  
Sundays/9:00-9:45 am **(Fall-Spring)**  
South Campus



**Frontline in December**  
**Wednesday, December 11**  
*Frontline Christmas Party!*  
Same time as always...  
Jr. High 6:00 p.m./Sr. High 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 18**  
Student Leader Progressive Dinner 6:30 p.m.

**Pine City Community Blood Drive-** Tuesday, December 17 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (bus in parking lot). Dave Hill, contact person, 320.267.6025

**Holiday Meal Basket—** It's not too late to bring in a box or bag of stuffing for the Pine City Food Shelf. They are putting together items to make up a complete meal, to give out to 100 families in need, so that they can make a nice meal for Christmas. The Food Shelf has asked each church to focus in on collecting one type of food item. Our church has been asked to gather 100 boxes of stuffing mix. There is a **box at the Welcome Desk** to place the donated stuffing mix. Thank you, once again, church family for reaching out and into the community!

**Music Benefit-** for *A Place For You* our local transitional shelter for those in need of a home... "We are THRILLED to let you know that we have a great fundraiser coming up to support the shelter! The groups of the "Deacon Brothers & Sister Carol" and the "Holy Hootenanners" volunteered to present a concert on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 at 3:00 PM** at the Pine City High School auditorium. It will be a free will offering. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** It's going to be here before you know it! Please SHARE this news with your friends and neighbors!

### Christmas Devotionals, Bookmarks and Family Christmas Ideas at the Welcome Desk!

Stop by the Welcome Desk and pick up a Christmas devotional booklet entitled, *Joy to the World*, reflections and highlights about what God has done for us in sending His Son, Jesus, into the world so that we may have eternal life with Him in heaven. Pick up a bookmark for all your Christmas reading and some ideas for your family!

### Christmas Eve Service

*"Today, in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

Bring your family to worship with your church family! A Christmas Eve Service is being planned for Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse. Bring the whole family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and His coming into this world. This is a great time to gather and remember the wonderful story of God's amazing gift of love, the birth of Emmanuel, *God with us*. Our Savior & Friend!



### Ministry Opportunity

Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry went so well this year! Thank you! Lisa Johnson has been our coordinator over the last 4 years and she has done a wonderful job! She is looking to step down from this role this coming year and is hoping someone else would volunteer for this ministry. **If you are interested, talk to Lisa (763.219.2142) or call/email the church office.**

## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Howie & Susan Schuetz	12 Jesse Johnson	26 Sue Kline
5 Aydan Eng	14 Deb Harer	J.J. Preston
Adrienne Roubinek	Howard Schuetz	27 Kelly Allen
7 Chloe Johnson	18 Grant Crider	Annette Lindstrom
8 Grant Crider	19 Tim & Miriam Paver	Reid & Jessie Ovick
Caleb Hejny	20 Millie Johnson	Jim & Ellie White
9 Kris Moulton	Dave & Joanne Shuey	28 Kaitlyn Ballou
Miriam Paver	21 Caleb Hogberg	Ken Kalikow
Alaina Steele	22 John Vandenberg	30 Hunter Brown
10 Laura Bavier	Asher Workman	Sally Engstrom
Pete Mollhoff	23 Isaiah Bavier	31 Kylie Harer
Pam Williquette		

## PRAYER and PRAISE!

*"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."* —Matthew 18:19-20

**Focus on our PCEFC Family:** Pete & Jamie Mollhoff, Hannah, Jessica, & Caleb

**As a church family, we extend our love, care and sympathy to Ryan and Rebekah Con-naker.** Rebekah's dad passed away Thursday night. He was only 64 years old and had a heart attack a month ago. Please pray for Rebekah at this time, along with Ryan and the kids. Please lift up Rebekah's mom, specifically, at this time, as she is taking this very hard. They had been married for 43 years. Thank you church family. For notes and cards their address is: 1005 9th Street SW, Pine City

**The funeral for Mark Shankey** is this Tuesday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the Light-house, and visitation Monday night at Swanson Funeral Chapel from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Please be in prayer for the family.

**Continued prayer for Evie Jewell and her daughters** as they grieve and adjust to the loss of Gene. Evie's address is: 10316 Beroun Crossing Road, Brook Park, MN 55007

**Kim Aleckson** is still having vision problems after sustaining a concussion. She has been out of school (where she is a teacher) for a number of days. She saw an eye specialist on Friday. Please continue to pray for complete healing for Kim.

**Pray for Ben Neel's upcoming surgery** December 11 to remove the mass behind his right eye. Please be in prayer as he prepares for surgery.

**Mike Long** is home now from the hospital. This last week he was diagnosed with MS and he has been working to regain strength and use of his right leg. Please continue to pray for Mike and for Pam, also.

**Jeff Titus** will be having lower back surgery on a few vertebrae that is pressing on the nerve. His surgery is scheduled for December 20. Please be in prayer for Jeff, for a successful surgery and for the surgeon.

**A praise! Joe Pung** was accepted and started an immunotherapy study at Mayo Clinic. The treatment will continue for 2 months with surgery to follow.

**Richard's (Floyd and Jan Nettleton's son-in-law)** esophageal cancer has returned. He is at Mayo. There is a concern that he may lose his ability to speak.

Pine City EFC Giving	
Dec 01 Giving	\$ 2,671.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	

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Go to: <a href="http://www.pcefc.com">www.pcefc.com</a>	
Click on: How Do I?	
Then, click on: Give Online	

Lighthouse Parking Lot Fundraiser Update	
The Lighthouse parking lot reconstruction has been re-engineered, and the new estimate for both Phase 3a (excavation, gravel) and Phase 3b (blacktop) now totals \$ 45,950.00 for the entire job. Money raised so far toward this goal: \$15,995.00.	

## Prayer Requests & Comment Card

Please use this card to communicate a prayer need or comment you have.  
Please place the card in the offering basket.

<b>Prayer Request</b>	<b>Please sign me up for</b>
____ Share with Prayer Team	____ <b>Email (Announcements/Events Reminders)</b>
____ Share only with Pastor and Elders	____ Prayer Team (email)

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request/Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**The Songs of Christmas**  
**Zechariah's Song - the Benedictus**

**Luke 1:67-80**

Zechariah's song, called "the Benedictus" from the first word of the Latin translation, is a prophetic song of praise that bursts forth after nine months of him living in silence. This song praises God for his redemption, salvation, mercy, and covenant promises all brought about through the coming of Jesus.

**I. Zechariah's Praise - Vs. 68-75**

- A. "Blessed" = \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ - **Revelation 4:11**
- B. What does Zechariah praise God for?
  - 1. He never \_\_\_\_\_ His people - **vs. 68a**
  - 2. He always \_\_\_\_\_ His people - **vs. 68b**
  - 3. He \_\_\_\_\_ all of His promises - **vs. 69-73**
  - 4. He \_\_\_\_\_ His people to live for Him - **vs. 74-75**

**II. Zechariah's Prophecy - Vs. 76-79**

- A. A Prophecy about John - **vs. 76-77** "prophet of the Most High"
  - 1. He will \_\_\_\_\_ the way for Jesus - **vs. 76**  
"in the spirit and power of Elijah" (1:17)
  - 2. He will \_\_\_\_\_ people to Jesus - **vs. 77; John 3:30**
- B. A prophecy about Jesus - **vs. 78-79** "Son of the Most High"
  - 1. He will bring \_\_\_\_\_ to a hurting world - **vs. 79a**
  - 2. He will \_\_\_\_\_ his people into peace - **vs. 79b**

**Application** - Do you regularly praise God for His goodness and gifts?

**Welcome to Pine City Evangelical Free Church!** We are thrilled that you are with us today and hope you feel at home as we worship. Our desire is that you come to know more about Christ and grow in your walk with Him. Please fill out the information card below. **Detach card and place in offering plate. Thank you!**

Date _____, 2019	<b>Children</b>
____ First Time Guest    ____ Returning Guest    ____ Regular Attender	Name _____
Name _____	Birthdate ____/____/____
Address _____	Name _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Birthdate ____/____/____
Phone _____/_____	Name _____
Email _____	Birthdate ____/____/____

# WELCOME to our guests

We hope you enjoy being with us today. Our desire is that you come to know more about Christ at Pine City EFC. Whether you are just starting your search for God or want to grow in your relationship with Him, we are delighted you are here! If you are searching for a church home, we would like you to know that there is a special place for you here. We hope you find us warm and welcoming as well as providing you with Christ-centered teaching, God-exalting worship and fellowship.

We desire that you feel at home here and are able to discover, develop and use the gifts and abilities that God has given you. The best way to get to know others and enjoy fellowship, is to join us on Sunday mornings for worship and through other ministries and Christian Education opportunities that we provide on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

**We invite you to the following  
get-acquainted opportunities**

**The Welcome Desk** is provided for you to ask questions, get answer to those questions and provide you with information about our ministries and opportunities. If visiting, please sign the Guest Register!

**Communication Cards** are inside your bulletin. Please use this card to communicate with any ministry team leaders, staff persons or pastor. There is also a place on the back of the card for prayer requests and comments. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

**Introduce Yourself to Someone**, they might be new, too! Take a moment to stop and get to know that individual who sat next to you!

**Sunday Morning Christian Education Classes** for all ages at 9:00 a.m. (Fall through Spring) All classes are located at our South Campus Building.

**PCEFC Mission Statement**

"Driven by the gospel and supported with prayer,  
we exist to worship God authentically,  
enjoy Christ's supremacy,  
treasure Scripture mightily,  
care for each other passionately,  
and reach out to others tenderly  
with the saving message of Jesus Christ."

**Pine City EFC Elders**

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