# Cookie Exchange and Craft Night

We are once again hosting a Christmas Cookie Exchange and Craft Night on Sunday, November 30, starting at 5:00 p.m. You will get to leave with the same number of homemade cookies or bars that you bring. You can also make a tin center piece, lantern or ornament (\$3 each). Bring snacks to share with the group. If you are planning to craft, please let Dena Kotinek (402-239-5494), Courtney Tennant (402-806-1621), or the church office (402-645-3181) know, to be sure there are plenty of supplies. Everyone is invited to participate, however, due to lots of hot glue, wet paint, and extension cords, we ask that young children not attend for safety reasons. See you there!

### **Living Nativity**

We will be hosting our annual Living Nativity on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Inside activities run from 5-8 p.m. Our drive-thru scenes will run from 6-8 p.m. We invite you to sign up through the list on the Ledge in our foyer to bring cookies or soup, help in the kitchen, or help direct traffic in our parking lot. Thanks in advance for helping us share the story of Jesus' birth in a dramatic way.

#### Family Game Night

We will be hosting a Family Game Night on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> (also known as New Year's Eve Eve) from 6-9 p.m. Bring your favorite game, along with a snack or drink to share. Kids 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Praises & Prayers

- ~ the family and friends of Gregory Jack who passed away suddenly on November 13. Greg is survived by his wife, Marilou, his daughters Caitlyn Jack and Cara White and husband Patrick, and his mother, Vicki Jack. A Celebration of Life was held in our building on Friday, November 21.
- ~ Gary Arnold, son of Jerry and Ro-Jean Arnold, is battling kidney cancer that has metastasized to his brain. He is taking pinpoint radiation therapy on a half-inch tumor in his brain.
- ~ Randy Banks is battling blood clots in his lungs.
- ~ Don Lachowski is struggling with some urology issues.
- ~ Roy McElfresh had his spinal cord stimulator implanted on November 12 and had it turned on November 25. This should help his nerve pain significantly.

# Welcome to the Family!

Randy Banks made his confession of faith and was baptized into Christ by Clayton Lundstedt during 10:45 worship on Sunday, November 9. Randy is a part of the Brothers-in-Christ men's group and he and his wife, Sandy, are a regular part of the Christian Builders small group, and worship with us regularly. Congratulations, Randy, and welcome to the family of God!

#### Living Nativity Set-Up

We will be setting up the OUTDOOR Living Nativity scenes and putting up Christmas decorations INSIDE our building on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to Noon, followed by a meal for all of the volunteers. Thanks in advance for preparing our property to share the good news of Jesus with our communities during December!

## Christmas Program Practice

Christmas program practices for pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade have already begun during our Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) and Junior Worship time (10:45 a.m.). PLEASE make sure your child is here so they can participate. Our program will be December 14 during 10:45 worship.

#### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all those who contributed food items and finances toward our Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you also to those who packed and delivered the baskets. Because of YOU, we were able to bless 18 needy families in our communities!



# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

You're invited to worship with us on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Bring your family and prepare for all the feels as we celebrate Christmas by candlelight. What a great way to start your Christmas holiday!

### Veteran's Recognition

The following veterans were present to be recognized during worship services on Sunday, November 9:

ARMY: Jim Barr, Randy Banks, Lynn Carr, Ron Spitsnogle

NAVY: Travis Morgan, Brandon Smith, Jerry Van Winkle

AIR FORCE: Jerry Arnold, Ty
Davidson, Chris Pavlish

**MARINES: Mike Perrett**