

Sunday, December 8, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 at 7pm. This meeting is for LWCC Members only.
- The LWCC Search Committee wants to hear from the Congregation! Please don't forget to
 complete the <u>LWCC Vision Casting Survey</u> found on the LWCC website <u>www.LoveLWCC.org</u>
 by December 30th. Hard copies of the survey can be obtained at the Search Committee table in
 the Narthex following service.
- If you have lost a loved one during the past year, **The Bereavement Ministry** invites you to attend their **HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP & GATHERING**, Saturday, December 14th at 9:30am. Please register at the Bereavement Ministry table in the Narthex. The deadline for registration is today, Sunday, December 8.
- The Men's Ministry has set a goal to raise funds to purchase 30 bicycles for LWCC's Christmas Giveaway. They will be collecting the following NEW Men's items: Ski Gloves, Long Underwear, Sweatshirts, Flannel Shirts, and Skull Caps. Gently Used items: Blue Jeans, Corduroy Pants, Jackets, and Coats for their annual dinner and winter clothing giveaway for the homeless on December 22nd. All sizes need to be XL or 2XL. Stop by the Men's Ministry Table in the Narthex after Worship Service to make a monetary donation, drop off items or for additional details.
- The Women's Ministry will be distributing gift bags to women again this year during our Annual LWCC Christmas Giveaway! The Women's Ministry is collecting the following items in the Narthex after Sunday Service until December 15: lotion, body wash, body spray, perfume, nail polish, lip-gloss and lipstick. Please make sure items are TRIAL SIZE and NEW. Used items cannot be accepted.
- LWCC CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY: Collecting for our annual Christmas Giveaway is underway. Please sign up to serve, Saturday, December 21st from 9am -12noon. Volunteers and donations will be needed as we bless 250 families in one day! Volunteer sign up & Orientation will be held today in the Chapel immediately following service.
- LWCC Christmas Giveaway Greek Challenge: LWCC members of Divine 9 Fraternities & Sororities are asked to make monetary donations for the purchase of children's socks &underwear as well as help with distributing the items at the LWCC Christmas Giveaway. Please contact Charlotte Talley or Rachelle Hardiman Bible to connect with your organization's team leaders.

- <u>Educators Needed:</u> If you are a current or retired educator with a concentration in Early Childhood Development or Elementary Education, your assistance is welcomed. Please email Rev. Lynn Martin, Chief Operating Officer, at LynnMartin@lightoftheworld.org
- YOUTH FORMAL: The Youth Ministries of Light of the World Christian Church, New Beginnings Fellowship Church and Eastern Star Church present the 2019 Youth Formal "Hollywood Red Carpet" on Sunday, December 22nd from 8pm midnight, at LWCC. There will be dinner, music, dancing, entertainment, and much more. The cost is \$10 per person, ages 13 18.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for upcoming events and worship services.

- HOLIDAY CLOSINGS- The church and the church office will be closed for the Christmas holidays December 24 – January 1st
- BRING TO THE KING: our annual one hour Christmas service: Wednesday, December 25, 8am
- NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE: Tuesday, December 31st at 7pm
- TRAINING FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH WORKERS: Saturday, January 4, 2020
- SERVANT LEADER TRAINING: Saturday, January 25, 2020

WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. It is a period of worshipful waiting in which many Christians make themselves ready for the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves prayer, and realignment with the will and word of God.

The circular evergreen wreath on the table, is a symbol of eternity and unending love. The five candles represent **HOPE**, **PEACE**, **JOY**, **LOVE** and **CHRIST**. One candle is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent celebration. Today we will light the candle representing PEACE.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Colossians 3:15 NKJV





