

December 2018

THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY

“An Announcement and an Invitation”

First, I want to make an announcement. A new Director of Worship and Music has been selected. His name is Eric Bellah. Eric is just finishing a degree in Music Theory from the University of Houston. He has been assistant Director and then Director of Music Ministry at a Presbyterian church in Katy, TX for the past six years. He was one of 20 applicants considered, and he has had experience in working with all kinds of choirs, bells and children’s music and theatre. Eric’s first day with us will be 5 January and his first Sunday, Epiphany Sunday, 6 January 2019. Warmly welcome our new Director of Worship and Music, Eric Bellah!!!!

Second, I want to extend an invitation. The invitation is for you to invite your friends who might not have a church, or might not even presently be Christian to go with you to Advent to worship on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Statistics tell us that non-churched people are much, much, more likely to accept an invitation to church at this time of the year than at any other. That trend has become more pronounced in the past few years. So – if you have friends who don’t have a place to go this Christmas, invite them to Advent. We’ll take good care of them ---- and you!!!!

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE – 23 to- 25 December

17 - 24 December - Las Posadas

23 December - Children’s Christmas Worship at 10am (only one service)

23 December - Jingle and Mingle Cookie Exchange right after 10:00 am Worship (bring cookies to share)

24 December - TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS at 5pm and 8pm

25 December - CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP at 10am (followed by birthday cake celebration of Jesus’ birth!!!)

Peace and Joy,



Pastor Joel

Search Team Update - Director of Worship & Music

For many weeks the search team has conducted resume reviews, phone screens, interviews and in November we were able to bring in our final candidate for a very successful audition. The search team is excited to announce that our new Director of Music & Worship, Eric Bellah, will be joining us beginning on January 5, 2019. We look forward to his leadership and new ideas as we enter a new year! Once again, a huge thank you to Carol Kocher for leading the choirs and to Veronica Schramm who served as praise band leader during this interim period. Also, a special thank you to all of the search team: Cory Hachmeister, Cyndy Rearick, Katie Mangum, Linda Guidry, Megan Kraus, Melina Shaffer, Sonja Kraus, Todd McCann and Pastor.

Please plan to help us welcome Eric in worship on January 6th. A reception will also be planned for January. Date to be announced soon. Questions? see: Karen Dittmar & Meg McCann Search Team Co-Chairs



Preschool—5th graders start in room 2/4 of the CGC building from 9:45-10:45am on Sunday mornings. After a 15 min opening, children rotate each week to a different workshop. Workshops include Arts & Crafts, Games, Creative Cooking, Movies, Science, Drama, and more.



The Christmas Bible Bucks store will open during the DiscipleLife hour



For children in Preschool – 2nd grade. This group meets in the CGC building on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings of most months from 6:30-8 pm.

2019 dates - Jan 16th, Feb. 6th & 13th, March 20th, April 3rd, & May 1st (Arlington Skatium)



For children in 3rd-5th grade. This group meets in the gym on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings of most months from 6:30-8 pm.

Christmas Party at Campo Verde Dec. 12th (see info below, notice the time change from previous years.)
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Christmas Party - Wednesday 12/12

Meet at 5pm at Campo-Verde (2918 W Pioneer Pkwy, Arlington, TX 76013)

You must sign-up on the bulletin board in the gym so I know how many of the "World's Largest Hamburgers" to pre-order.

Cost is \$5 each & a \$5 gift to exchange.

Parents and other family members are welcome to eat at Campo-Verde that evening, but please sit on the other side of the restaurant.

Santa Gives Back Christmas

PLAY PRACTICE & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- 12/16 Sunday Rehearsal 12:30-2 pm
- 12/20 Thursday Night Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 6:30 - 8 pm
- 12/22 Saturday Dress Rehearsal 12-2 pm
- 11/23 Sunday Performance Arrive at 8:15 in costume



SUPER START LIVE!!!! 3rd—5th Grade only!



The Nation's BIGGEST Christian Preteen Event!

SuperStart! is a high quality/high-energy weekend event where preteens learn and grow in their relationships with friends, leaders and, most importantly, God. This year the event will be held at Crossroads Christian Church in Grand Prairie on Feb. 1st & 2nd. The event runs from 6-9:30pm on Friday night & Saturday from 8am-3pm.

The cost for the entire weekend including a T-shirt, lunch & a fun outing on Sat. & is only \$85 (if paid by Christmas) The price goes up \$5 after that until 1/16 (when all payments are due.) Call or email Greta to register.



Summer & Confirmation Camp 2019 July 28th – Aug 2nd

\$100 deposit is due by Christmas to reserve your spot and receive last years prices plus an early bird discount. All money must be given directly to Greta with checks made out to Advent Lutheran Church (DO NOT PUT IN OFFERING PLATE & DO NOT PAY BRIARWOOD.)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

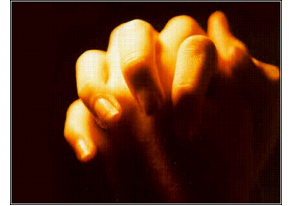
MEMBERS REQUESTING PRAYERS

HEALING: Judy Gromatzky, Jeff Guidry, Dianna Thibault, Keith Hutchins, Rita Beck, Louise Julius, Don Geist, Phil Howard, Jan Jaquish, Jack Davis, Kathy Clay, Gottfried Weber, Earl Horn, Dee & Tom Riggelman, Dave Lindell, Maddie Johnson, Cambri Collins, John Staehle, Gil Ginn

WISDOM/STRENGTH/GUIDANCE: Felix family, Gloria Cramer, Gwen Oller

LONG-TERM CARE: Lois Paulsen, Doris Heikkinen, Dolores Trokey, Allen Sowle, JoAnn Kelley, Vivian Jacobson

MILITARY: Cpt. Jeff Horn Jr., Ben Bailey



Prayers requested for Non-Member Friends, Relatives

MOURNING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF: Dora Martinez's father, Robert North, those killed in the Synagogue bombing, Wendy Low, Nena Borah, Bonnie Peaslee,

HEALING: Betty Lightle, Leo Smith, Brian Peaslee, Mary Lou Geist, Carlos Randol Jr., Evelyn Lawvere, Don Burgess, Linda Boyd, Milt & Barbara Sage, Dave VanBuskirk, Christine Thompson, Lawrence, Mary West, Remi Sier, Shawn Finer, Louisa Youree, Donna Brown, Melissa Freeman, Laurence Lowe, Shiela, Cynthia Ebert's grandson, Jessica Dawson, Cyndie, Leon, Keith Wyrick, Lisa Dunwiddy, A. C., Janet, Nick, Maureen Burgess, Marianne Rugely

COMFORT/WISDOM/STRENGTH/GUIDANCE/SAFETY: Shane Eaton, Darlene & family, Kirk, Paul Brown, Jean Schroeder, areas of disaster, Syria, Indonesia, Yemen, Pam Hall & her mother, Craig Cook

MILITARY: Dylan Hoog, Mike Kelly, Avery Shaw, Ben Reswick, Andrew Musfeldt, Travis Guidry, Matt Dennis, Brandon Ivey

PRAYER PARTNER: Green Oaks School, Malaika Children's Orphanage Foundation, UTA Lutheran Center, APD Officer Darren Vercruysse, Kairos Prison Ministry

Lord, hear our prayer!

We are collecting old jeans for Tarrant County Homeless. Please bring your gently used jeans and put them in the bin in the Gathering Room.



COME JINGLE AND MINGLE DECEMBER 23 @ 11:15 AM

You are invited to join the fun! Bring two dozen of any type of cookies for a cookie exchange after the children's Christmas program at 10:00am on 23 December. Bring your two dozen and take home a dozen assorted cookies to enjoy at Christmas. Bags will be provided, as well as refreshments while you pick out your cookies!