

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. CONGRATULATIONS** to Ella Rayne Kottke and Emelia Eve Kottke, daughters of Sean Kottke and Breanna Heldt, who will be baptized this afternoon.
- 2. CHRISTMAS DECORATING** of the church will take place Friday, Nov. 30th at 9:00 a.m. If not completed, decorating will continue Saturday, Dec. 1 at 9:00 a.m. We encourage any members of the congregation who can help to join us!
- 3. NO BIBLE STUDY-** There will be NO Wednesday morning bible study on Wednesday, November 21st.
- 4. EARLY DEADLINE** for the Sunday, November 25th bulletin will be Tuesday, November 20th at Noon.
- 5. CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER ACT** is doing a Christmas Gift Wrapping Fundraiser through the month of December at a price of \$2 per gift. We will have a table set up in the Upper Narthex where you can bring your gifts.

HOW DOES THIS WORK?

1. You will bring your unwrapped gifts to church with them labeled with what you want the TO/FROM label to say (i.e. TO: Susie FROM: Mom & Dad). You will have until Sunday, December 16th to bring your gifts to church.
2. The ACT Youth will wrap all your gifts for you
3. You can pick up your nicely wrapped gifts from church after Dec 16th—
OR—You can have them delivered right to your house for an additional \$1 per gift.

All proceeds will go towards the expenses of attending the National Youth Gathering this summer. Contact Katie (DCE) with any questions you may have!

- 6. POINSETTIAS-** If you would like to order a poinsettia for the upcoming Christmas season, please use the order forms found in the November Lamplighter or on the desk in the Upper Narthex. Orders are due Monday, November 19th.
- 7. THANKSGIVING SERVICE SCHEDULE-** Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21st, 7:00 PM with Communion. Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd, 9:00 am.
- 8. NEEDED-**Ushers are needed to help with the upcoming Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Services. Can you help? You do not need to be on the current Usher list to help, just sign up on the sheets in the Upper Narthex.
- 9. SCHEDULE-** For November 25th: *Ushers*: 1st Service: Derek Zebell, Jim Klaustermeier, Liam Meyer, Don Hoof; 2nd Service: Sheldon Ehrke, Cole Ehrke, Leighton Buhr, Jason Lyons; *Acolytes*: 1st Service: O. Zebell, E. Schultz; 2nd Service: A. Meyer, J. Smith; *Greeters*: 1st Service: Chip & Corbey Hentges; 2nd Service: Chuck & Kim Reed; *Helping Hands*: LaJean Hoof; *Flowers*: LaJean Hoof; *Worship Bags*: Elaine Peterson

YOUTH

10. ACT Youth Group will meet tonight at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room.

11. NO CONFIRMATION OR RELEASE TIME classes on Wednesday, November 21st.

MISC.

12. MAYER LUTHERAN NIGHT at Sovereign Estate's Holiday Light Show- The Winery at Sovereign Estate, on the north shore of Lake Waconia, is hosting the Mayer Lutheran community for a "Private Night" at the Spirit of Winter Holiday Light Show. Enjoy a beautiful array of decorated trees and attractions featuring a deck hockey play area, Nana's Gingerbread house, Santa, photo sleigh, lovable petting llamas, live music, Holly Trolley and walking trails about the winery, all synchronized to holiday music. 100% of admission goes back to support Mayer Lutheran High School. Tickets are limited and are \$5.00. See sign on bulletin board for more information.

13. FOOD SHELF- The McLeod County Food Shelf is looking for donations of the following most needed items: baking mixes, cereal, crackers, canned meat & beans, canned fruit & veggies, tomato products, pasta sauces, peanut butter, soups, packaged pasta, rice and potato sides, personal care products and household items. Donations are accepted at either distribution site (Glencoe or Hutchinson), or place your items in the shopping card in the hallway in the East Entrance.

14. COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - The Lester Prairie Lions will be serving a Community Breakfast at the LP City Hall on Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 9:00 am to noon. Menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast, juice and coffee. Cost is \$6.00 for ages 13 and older, \$4.00 for ages 6-12, age 5 and under are free. The proceeds from this event will go to support other Local Lions Projects.

Memory Verse:

1 Chronicles 16:8: "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!"

General Fund Update:

As most of you are aware, this Spring we were forced to borrow \$7,500.00 from the local bank to cover current expenses. In order to be good stewards of our resources, the Church Council has decided to focus on getting this paid off during the month of November.

We, the Church Council, are encouraging all members to make an “extra” offering, over and above their regular offerings during the month of November to help pay off this loan.

This can be done by using the specially marked envelope enclosed in your November Lamplighter or any envelope clearly marked as to its intent. (Fill in your number from your regular envelopes so that your gift is reflected on your annual giving statement.) This envelope may be placed in the offering plate, or dropped off at the office. Extra envelopes are also available in the upper narthex or the church office.

We know that no everyone has “extra” to give, but we sincerely ask all members to prayerfully consider this request and give according to what they can. Should the amount of “extra” offerings exceed the debt, those excess offerings would be placed in the General Fund for future expenses.

We pray that God would lead hearts to support His ministry at St. Paul’s with these special gifts.

Respectfully, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church Council

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Debt Reduction Special Offering Update

Envelopes last week: 32 Total to date 82
Amount last week \$2,261.00 Total to date: \$ 4,625.00

Thank You to all who have contributed to date. Additional envelopes are available on the desk in the Upper Narthex.

Welcome! We are glad you have joined us in worship today. We want to share the hope that we have in our Savior Jesus Christ with you. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book, which is located on the table in the upper narthex, and accept our invitation to worship with us again soon!

(Tear off and put in collection plate)

I am a visitor and I would like to join:

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____