

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CONGRATULATIONS to Cora Ann Ruschmeyer, daughter of Todd & Dawn Ruschmeyer, who will be baptized today during the 10:30 am service

2. ANGEL TREE-We have received the tags from McLeod County Social Services and the Christmas tree is set up in the narthex with several tags with Christmas wishes of children living in McLeod County. This is a great way to help fulfill the experience of receiving gifts on Christmas morning to kids who may not be as fortunate to experience this otherwise. You may take a tag, purchase the item on the tag and then return the item with the tag to the Christmas tree. Please also note that you and your family are welcome to support this program even if all the tags have been taken! You may purchase a gift for a child age 1-17 and we will take those items over along with the tagged items. Items cannot be wrapped and will need to be back to church by Sunday, December 9th. Contact Katie with any questions.

3. 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!

4. OFFERING ENVELOPES- The 2019 offering envelopes are here! Pick yours up on the tables in the East Entrance. Please do not use these until January 1st!

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. NEEDED-Ushers are needed to help with the upcoming 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.

7. SCHEDULE- For December 2nd: *Ushers:* 1st Service: Tom Feltmann, Kent Landin, Steven Dietel, Matthew Kutz; 2nd Service: Jim Hoof, Chris Schultz, Neil Hecksel, Ben Hecksel; *Acolytes:* 1st Service: T. Schauer, C. Foust; 2nd Service: T. Lueck, K. Trittaugh; *Greeters:* 1st Service: Paul Mohwinkel; 2nd Service: Nick & Karissa Rasset; *Helping Hands:* April Lee; *Flowers:* Betty Klug/Carol Parpart; *Worship Bags:* Elaine Peterson

YOUTH

8. ACT Youth Group will meet tonight at **6:00 pm** (please note time change) in the Youth Room.

9. SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRACTICE-Each group will have one afternoon rehearsal on Sunday, December 2nd... Last Names of A-K = 1:00-3:00pm; Last Names of L-Z = 3:30-5:30pm This is really the only time we will have to go through the WHOLE service so it is VERY IMPORTANT that your child be at this practice!!!

LWML

10. MEETING- The LWML will meet for their annual Christmas party and meeting Monday, December 3, at 7 p.m. Offerings for the month will be given to the LCMS Lutheran World Relief fund. Servers are: Sonja Clausen, Carol Dammann, and Doris Dammann.

MISC.

11. 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.

12. LOCAL EVENTS- See the bulletin board in the Upper Narthex for information about other local events.

Memory Verse:

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

Debt Reduction Special Offering Update

Envelopes last week: 15 Total to date 97
Amount last week \$ 960.00 Total to date: \$ 5,585.00

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

Calendar of Events

Sun. Nov. 25th	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	WORSHIP Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study WORSHIP ACT Youth Group (note time change)
Tues. Nov. 27 th	6:00 p.m.	ECFE Class
Wed. Nov. 28 th	9:00 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Deadline for Bulletin Confirmation Classes Adult Choir
Thurs. Nov. 29 th	10:00 a.m.	Aphasia Group
Fri. Nov. 30 th		Offices Closed Church Christmas Decorating
Sun. Dec. 2nd	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION Christmas Practice Last Names A-K Christmas Practice Last Names L-Z

Upcoming Advent/Christmas Schedule

- December 5th:** 5:30 PM Soup Supper
6:45 PM Christmas Carol Sing-Along
7:00 PM Advent Service
- December 9th:** 8:00 AM Sunday School Christmas Program
(Last Names A-K)
10:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Program
(Last Names L-Z)
- December 12th:** 5:30 PM Soup Supper
6:45 PM Christmas Carol Sing-Along
7:00 PM Advent Service
- December 19th:** 5:30 PM Soup Supper
6:45 PM Christmas Carol Sing-Along
7:00 PM Advent Service
- December 23rd:** 9:00 AM Worship Service (1 morning service only)
- December 24th:** 5:00 PM Choral Service
- December 24th:** 7:00 PM Traditional Service
- December 25th:** 9:00 AM Service with Communion
- December 31st:** 5:00 PM Service with Communion
- January 1st:** Church Offices Closed