

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. THANK YOU to the Bible Study group for the birthday card and the enclosed monetary gift. –Pastor Nelson

2. ADVENT SERVICES-In the Old Testament the house of David produced three kings who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in his ways. These kings were David himself along with Hezekiah and Josiah. Join us for our midweek Advent services as we discover what these kings did and what they can teach us today.

3. 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.

4. SOUP SUPPERS- We will once again be offering Soup Suppers right before Advent Worship services each week. December 5th will be hosted by the ACT, December 12th by KFC and December 19th by the LWML. Meal will be served from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Come enjoy a warm bowl of soup, crackers, warm bread, pickles, dessert and fellowship before heading upstairs for Advent Worship. A Christmas Carol sing-along will start at 6:45 pm in church. Worship service begins at 7:00 p.m.

5. 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!

6. 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!

7. 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.

8. SCHEDULE- For December 9th: *Ushers:* 1st Service: Larry Roth, Pat Feltmann, Troy Lueck, Chip Hentges; 2nd Service: Gregg Machemehl, Jeff Engen, James Bettcher, Leah Bettcher; *Acolytes:* 1st Service: None; 2nd Service: None; *Greeters:* 1st Service: Audrey Litzau; 2nd Service: Brett & Darlene Schmidt; *Helping Hands:* April Lee; *Flowers:* Annette Feltmann/Carol Parpart; *Worship Bags:* Elaine Peterson

YOUTH

9. ACT Youth Group will meet tonight at **6:30 pm** in the Youth Room. We will discuss “God’s Not Dead 3”.

10. 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!!!

11. ACT SOUP SUPPER- An email was sent out last week informing families as to what each grade is supposed to bring. If you did not receive this, please contact Katie.

LWML

12. 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.

13. COLLECTION- LWML will be collecting items for Orphan Grain Train to assemble Hygiene Kits. The tree is in the upper narthex. Take a tag from the tree and bring item (unwrapped) and place in bin under the table. Monetary donations can be placed in the can. This will continue through the week of December 23. Thank you! LWML Missions

14. CARDS- LWML continues to sell religious greeting cards and napkins. Cards are only 50 cents each. Napkins \$2.50. Also available are Mustard Seed devotion packets for \$2.00. There are different topics for various needs. Each packet contains separate devotions so can slip one into a greeting card or letter or hand one to someone in need, or give the whole packet as a gift. You may purchase any items at anytime. They are located downstairs on the table by the kitchen. There is a box marked for payment. Payment is the honor system. Checks made payable to St. Paul LWML. This project helps support mission work of the LWML.

MISC.

15. CONCERT- Singing Friends Chorus will be performing their holiday concert Saturday, December 1, 2 pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1014 Knight Ave. N., Glencoe, Mn. and Sunday, December 2, 2 pm at Church Of Peace, 424 Franklin St. N., Norwood, Mn. All are welcome!

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

Debt Reduction Special Offering Update

Envelopes last week: 21 Total to date 118

Amount last week \$ 1,110.00 Total to date: \$ 6,695.00

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

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