

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. LOAN UPDATE- Our November Debt Reduction campaign was a relative success. With this extra money, plus a little from the General Fund, this past week we were able to pay off our loan at the bank. Thank you to all who were able to contribute to this cause. As paying off the loan was a very important step, we need you to remember that everyone's continued contributions are needed to prevent future problems.

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- Gifts are due TODAY! Please place gifts under the tree in the Lower Narthex with the tag attached.

4. SOUP SUPPERS- We will once again be offering Soup Suppers right before Advent Worship services each week. December 12th will be served 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. **Gifts can also be brought during the week.**
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 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 16th: *Ushers:* 1st Service: Tom Feltmann, Kent Landin, Steven Dietel, Matthew Kutz; 2nd Service: Jim Hoof, Chris Schultz, Neil Hecksel, Ben Hecksel; *Acolytes:* 1st Service: A. Ernst, S. Litzau; 2nd Service: C. Catlin, A. Koch; *Greeters:* 1st Service: John & Julie Lange; 2nd Service: Carolyn Toenies; *Helping Hands:* April Lee; *Flowers:* Annette Feltmann/Carol Parpart; *Worship Bags:* Elaine Peterson

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9. ACT Youth Group will meet tonight at **6:00 pm** for Joint Youth Group..

10. KFC 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

11. 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

12. RED STOCKING- It's Red Stocking time! We hope you've been filling your stockings with your dimes or any change you have. You may bring them back and empty them in the large red stocking hanging in the upper narthex. This money will help meet the mission project goal of \$265, 000 district and \$2.075 million national. There are 35 organizations that will be helped. Please keep your stocking and continue into 2019. If you don't have a stocking, you can take one from the basket below the red stocking. Thank you! LWML

MISC.

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

Memory Verse:

Luke 1:32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David."

Acknowledgement:

Memorials for Lillian Dammann were received in the following amounts: \$10.00 for the Gift Fund, \$40.00 for the General Fund.

Calendar of Events

Sun. Dec. 9th	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	SUN SCHOOL PROGRAM A-K Bible Study (No Sunday School) SUN SCHOOL PROGRAM L-Z ACT Joint Youth Group Angel Tree Deadline
Mon. Dec. 10 th	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Board of Ed/ Elders Meetings Stewardship Meeting Council Meeting
Tues. Dec. 11 th	6:00 p.m.	ECFE Class
Wed. Dec. 12th	9:00 a.m. Noon 5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Bible Study Deadline for Bulletin Confirmation Classes Soup Supper (KFC) Christmas Carol Sing-Along ADVENT SERVICE Adult Choir
Sun. Dec. 16th	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP W/ CONT. LINE COMM. Adult Bible Study/ Sun. School Christmas Party WORSHIP W/ CONT. LINE COMM. ACT Christmas Party

Upcoming Advent/Christmas Schedule

- 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

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 _____