

Bulletin Announcements 12/3/2017

FLOWERS/BULLETINS: Today's flowers are given by Dawn Rousar in loving memory of her husband, George. The bulletins are given by Sharon Kotermanski in memory of her brother, George Rousar.

NEW MEMBERS: Today we receive Jim Bingenheimer and Matt Wise into membership via adult catechesis. Matt is also being confirmed. Welcome to the Lord's Table and to our fellowship as brothers in Christ!

NEWSLETTER: Check your e-mail or mailslot for the December newsletter.

ADVENT MIDWEEK: Join us Wednesdays during Advent for Evening Prayer. These tranquil candlelight services feature Scripture, song, and prayer as we take to heart the Shoot from the stump of Jesse who saves us from our sin.

CHILDREN: Practice for our Christmas program is Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

VOTERS MEETING: Next Sunday we will be electing three members to the Church Council, two members to the nominations committee, and approving the 2018 budget. All voting members are encouraged to participate.

GIVING TREE & FOOD DRIVE: Please take one or more envelopes from the Giving Tree in the narthex and help our members this Christmas. Envelopes are marked as follows: A=adult; F=family; K=kid; S=senior. Please return the envelope and/or form inside with your gift by Sunday, December 10. See Lisa Cruz with any questions. Thrivent is sponsoring a food drive as an extension of the Giving Tree. You are invited to bring one or more non-perishable food items and place your donation in the box in the narthex by Sunday, December 17. Thank you for your generosity to your church family.

SHOP WITH SCRIP (MANNA): The next turn-in dates are today and December 10 & 17. These gift cards are perfect for personal use and make great gifts for our Giving Tree recipients and for your loved ones over the holidays. See Judy Yuenger to buy pre-purchased cards.

COOKIE SALE: The youth group is taking orders for Christmas cookies. Cost is \$15 for 2 dozen or \$25 for 4 dozen. The signup sheet is posted in Luther Hall. Orders must be placed by Sunday, December 10 with pick up on Sunday, December 17. See Lori Mumme if you have any questions.

POINSETTIAS: Forms to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season are in the narthex. Completed forms and money are due by Sunday, December 17. In lieu of purchasing a poinsettia, consider making a donation so we can purchase handcrafted Chrismons for next year's tree.

IMPORTANT DATES: Mark your calendar and join us for the following. See the December newsletter for more information.

- Christmas Decorating Saturday, December 16
- Christmas Caroling Saturday, December 16
- Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 17
- Advent Dinner Wednesday, December 20

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