ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers are given by Pastor Mumme and sons in celebration of Lori's birthday (11/21).

BOOK OF CONCORD: All are welcome to attend the Book of Concord Study this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the Augsburg Confession.

THANKSGIVING: Join us this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for a festive Thanksgiving Eve Vespers service, featuring special choral music.

BLOOD DRIVE: Thank you to everyone who participated in yesterday's Vitalant blood drive here at church, and to Cindy Rambeaux for organizing it.

FALL YARD WORK: Our youth group is ready to assist with raking leaves, cleaning gutters, etc. (weather permitting). Donations will help them attend next summer's Higher Things youth conference. See Lori Mumme to schedule them.

NOMINATIONS: In December we will be electing congregational officers for 2019 (chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer). If you are interested in serving, or have a name to suggest, please speak with one of the members of the nominating committee: Mike Dobbs, Kevin Pape, or Dawn Rousar.

PROPERTY OR FACILITY ISSUES: If you notice something that needs repair or attention, please let the Board of Trustees know via <u>bot@ds-lcms.org</u>.

CHURCH PHONE: We are in the process of switching to a new internet provider and a new line needs to be laid outside. Because our phone service operates over the internet, all church and preschool calls are immediately going to voicemail until line maintenance is completed. Church and preschool phone messages will continue to be monitored. Your patience is appreciated.

SHOP WITH SCRIP: The next turn-in dates are November 18 (with pickup on the 21st) and December 2, 9, & 16. It's not too early to purchase gift cards for the annual Giving Tree. See Judy Yuenger to buy pre-purchased cards. Shop with Scrip has physical gift cards as well as Scrip Now and Reload options. Go to <u>shopwithscrip.com</u> and use enrollment code B2LD2C7A55973. See Lisa Cruz with any questions. Additional info is printed in the newsletter.

BENEFIT MOBILE: Sign up for Benefit Mobile via <u>benefit-mobile.com</u> and designate Divine Shepherd as your charitable organization. Then download the Benefit Mobile app (Apple or Android). Benefit Mobile purchases qualify for our 50% cash back rebate. Purchased gift cards are instant (not physical cards) and can be used immediately. You may also send these as a gift to an email account; you will be notified when the recipient opens the gift.

GIVING TREE: Donations for Rev. James May and family should be placed in the offering plate by December 2 and earmarked "Pastor May." The Giving Tree is located in the narthex. If you are able, take an envelope and help someone in need. A food drive will also be held in conjunction with the Giving Tree.

CUC LESSONS & CAROLS: Concordia University Chicago will present its annual Service of Lessons & Carols on Saturday, December 1 (4:00 & 7:00pm) and Sunday, December 2 (4:00pm). This service includes Scripture, choral music, and congregational singing. You may also watch live on the web at <u>cuchicago.edu/live</u> on Sunday, December 2 beginning at 6:40pm.

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