

Bulletin Announcements 12/13/2015

BULLETINS: Today's bulletins are given by John & Karen Moritz in loving memory of Karen's Mother, Florence deBoer.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our annual meeting to elect officers and approve a budget is today at 10:30 a.m. All voting members are welcome.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Everyone is invited to our annual Children's Christmas Program today at 3:00 p.m.

POTLUCK & HYMN SING: Join us this Wednesday as we gather for food and singing. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner in Luther Hall and continues with a Christmas hymn sing with special choral and instrumental music in church at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up in Luther Hall and bring a dish or dessert to pass if you are able. A free-will offering will be taken.

THANKS: We are grateful to everyone who helped decorate the sanctuary and Luther Hall for the Christmas season yesterday.

PEW TORCHES: Special thanks to Kelly Stewart for making 6 additional pew torches (for a total of 12) for use here at Divine Shepherd. While they are secured to the pews, please do not handle them as you enter/exit the pews.

GIVING TREE & FOOD DRIVE: Gifts, gift cards, and non-perishable food items are due today. Thank you for supporting our annual Giving Tree and the accompanying food drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

POINTSETTIA ORDERS: Poinsettia order forms with payment are due back today. Order forms are in the narthex and Luther Hall. See Karen with questions.

CHRISTMAS: Join us for one or both candlelight Lessons & Carols services on Christmas Eve at 7:00 & 10:00 p.m. Each offers unique readings and carols and delivers the mercy the Christ-child came to bring. Then join us on Christmas Day for a festive Divine Service at 9:00 a.m. and hear why the Word became flesh for you. Services will also feature special choral and instrumental music.

MANNA: The next turn-in dates are January 3, 17, & 31. See Marge Jahnsen to buy pre-purchased cards. Thank you for your support of the Manna program.

PORTALS OF PRAYERS: Pick up your January-March *Portals of Prayer* from the bookshelves in the narthex. Cost is \$13/year (submit via the offering plate, earmarked "Portals of Prayer"). Blessings on your study of God's Word!

BETHANY'S FESTIVAL: Bethany Lutheran Church in Naperville is having a Festival of Lessons & Carols on December 18 at 7:00 p.m. featuring choirs, chamber orchestra, organ, and hand bells. Admission is free.