

# Bulletin Announcements 12/18/2016

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Join us for the congregational voters meeting today, shortly after worship. This meeting will include the election of officers and the approval of a 2017 budget.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** Join our Little Lambs Preschool and Sunday School children today at 3:00 p.m. for their Christmas program. What a joy it is to hear them speak and sing the good news of great joy. All are welcome.

**CAROLING:** Join us this Wednesday as we go Christmas Caroling at Senior Star of Romeoville (605 Edward Drive), new home to Ruth Wroblewski. The caroling begins at 6:30 p.m. Directions are printed in the December newsletter. Dress Christmassy, bring a smile, be ready to sing, and plan to spend a few minutes afterward to greet the residents. All are welcome to join us.

**GIVING TREE:** Thank you for your generous monetary donations, gift cards, gifts, and food items for your church family. Through the Giving Tree program, Ladies Aid was able to help the Pastor James May family, the Vicar Jason Steffenson family, and numerous members. Thank you to Lisa Cruz and her family for their organizational skills and delivering the gifts and to Joan Sturm for heading up the food drive.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEUDLE:** Join us for a candlelight Lessons & Carols service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. This service features nine Scripture lessons paired with Christmas 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.

**GEORGE:** As we mourn his death, we also rejoice that George Rousar, our brother in the faith, is now with his Savior. Rest in the peace of Christ!

**POINSETTIAS:** Orders forms are in the narthex, in Luther Hall, or see Karen. Completed forms and money are due today. The poinsettias will beautify our sanctuary beginning on Christmas Eve. If you ordered one and would like to take it home for the holidays, please wait until after the Christmas Day Divine Service has concluded (leave the clear plastic base here at church). Poinsettias that are left here will beautify the sanctuary into the Epiphany season.

**CANDY & MANNA:** Ladies Aid is selling Fannie May candy bars (\$2 each or 3 for \$5) and pre-purchased Home Run Inn, Darden Restaurants, Subway, Walmart, Starbucks, and Target cards at their table in Luther Hall today. Manna order turn-in dates are today and January 8 & 22.

**40TH ANNIVERSARY:** Join us for a special Divine Service and catered meal on Sunday, February 26 (2017) at 4:00 p.m. as we celebrate Divine Shepherd's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and thank God for all His blessings to us. We will post more information as the planning process proceeds. Please speak with Karen if you are interested in helping send invitations, choose a caterer, plan the meal, etc.

**PORTALS OF PRAYERS:** Pick up your regular print January-March 2017 issue of *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!

**LUTHERAN TALK RADIO:** This week's *Issues, Etc.* topics include a variety of Christmas-themed items. Listen on demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or via the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.