VOTERS MEETING: All voting members are encouraged to join us today at 10:30 a.m. for elections and approval of the 2018 budget.

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.

DECORATING: Come and help decorate the church for Christmas this Saturday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m.

CAROLING: All are invited to join in caroling at Senior Star Place in Romeoville this Saturday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Check your newsletter for more information.

FOOD DRIVE: 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 next Sunday, December 17. Thank you for your generosity to your church family.

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 today with pick up next Sunday. See Lori Mumme if you have any questions.

SHOP WITH SCRIP (MANNA): The next turn-in dates are today and December 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.

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

ADVENT DINNER: Come and partake of a delicious Advent dinner in Luther Hall on Wednesday, December 20, 5:30–6:30 p.m. The main dishes are being provided. Please bring an appetizer, salad, sides, or dessert to pass. Add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in Luther Hall for planning purposes. Invite a neighbor, coworker, friend, or relative too.

LUTHER HALL DOOR: For general safety reasons, the elder on duty will be locking the Luther Hall door and the glass narthex doors a few minutes after the start of our worship services. Outside of the offering and the distribution, an elder and/or usher will be in the narthex to let latecomers in. These doors will be unlocked again during the closing hymn or immediately following the service.

TALK RADIO FOR ADVENT: Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio. This week's topics include: The Testimony of John the Baptist, Decorating Your Home for Advent, The Advent Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," Ways to Observe Advent, and more. Listen at your convenience at <u>www.issuesetc.org</u> or the LPR mobile app.