

# Bulletin Announcements 12/24/2017

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**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Join us tonight (Christmas Eve) for a candlelight service of Lessons & Carols at 7:00 p.m., featuring nine Scripture lessons paired with Christmas carols. Then join us tomorrow (Christmas Day) for a festive Divine Service at 9:00 a.m. and hear why the Word became flesh for you. Both services will also feature special choral and instrumental music.

**POINSETTIAS:** Thank you to all who donated poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary this Christmas Season. If you ordered a poinsettia, please wait until after the Divine Service on Christmas Day to take the poinsettia home (leave the plastic base here at church). Poinsettias that are left here will beautify the sanctuary into the Epiphany season.

**NEWSLETTER:** January newsletter articles are due Tuesday, December 26.

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

**EPIPHANY:** Join us on Sunday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m. as we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord, journey with the Magi, and worship the Christ-child.

**SHOP WITH SCRIP:** The next turn in date is January 21. These gift cards are perfect for personal use. See Judy Yuenger to buy pre-purchased cards.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Members, please check your mail slot if you are getting 2018 envelopes. See Barb Potempa at church if you have questions.

**FLOWER CHART/BULLETINS:** The 2018 flower chart and bulletin signup sheets for January–March are posted in the narthex. Sign up for any open Sunday(s) to celebrate a special occasion or to honor/remember someone. Cost of bulletins is \$10. Cost of flowers is \$40, \$45, or \$50 (subject to change). See Karen for details.

**CLOTHING DRIVE:** Please bring gently used clothing to church any Sunday and give to Judy Yuenger or any member of Ladies Aid. We will receive 20 cents per pound for this ongoing clothing drive. Thank you.

**PORTALS OF PRAYERS:** Pick up your regular print January–March 2018 issue of *Portals of Prayer* from the bookshelves in Luther Hall. Cost for 2018 is \$13/year (submit via the offering plate, earmarked "Portals of Prayer").

**LUTHER HALL DOOR:** For general safety reasons, the elder on duty will be locking the doors a few minutes after the start of our worship services. These doors will be unlocked again near the end of the service.

**TALK RADIO FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio. This week's topics include: the Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming," Apparent Contradictions in the Genealogies of Christ, Praetorius: Lutheran Mass for Christmas Morning, Jesus Presented in the Temple, the Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," Top Religion Stories of 2017, and more. Listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or the LPR mobile app.