

Bulletin Announcements 12/17/2017

THANKS: A heartfelt ‘thank you’ to all those who helped decorate the sanctuary yesterday morning, and to all those who helped spread the Christmas joy by caroling with us last evening at Senior Star.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM: Come back at 3:00 p.m. and hear our Sunday School and Preschool children speak and sing of Christ’s birth. All are welcome.

ADVENT MIDWEEK: Join us this Wednesday for our final midweek Evening Prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

ADVENT DINNER: Come and partake of a delicious dinner this Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fried chicken and lasagna are being catered from Salerno’s. Please bring an appetizer, salad, side, or dessert to pass. Add your name to the signup sheet in Luther Hall for planning purposes. And don’t forget to invite a neighbor, coworker, friend, or relative too.

FOOD DRIVE: Thrivent is sponsoring a food drive as an extension of the Giving Tree. Today is the final day. Cash donations are always accepted. Thank you for your generosity to your church family.

SHOP WITH SCRIP (MANNA): The final turn-in date for 2017 is today. These gift cards are perfect for personal use and make great gifts 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 (or see Karen). Completed forms and money are due today. If you ordered one and would like to take it home for the holidays, please wait until after the Divine Service on Christmas Day has concluded (leave the clear plastic base here at church). Poinsettias that are left here will beautify the sanctuary into the Epiphany season.

CHRISTMONS: In lieu of purchasing a poinsettia, consider making a donation so we can purchase handcrafted Chrismons for next year’s tree (see notebook on the first pew for an explanation of each Chrismon). This year’s tree is adorned with a member’s private collection of 25 pearl and gold beaded Chrismons.

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. Both services will also feature special choral and instrumental music.

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.

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