Bulletin Announcements 12/2/2018

FLOWERS/BULLETINS: The flowers on the piano and window sills are given by Dawn Rousar in loving memory of her husband George. The bulletins are given by Ed & Lisa Cruz in honor of our Savior and in grateful thanks for all of God's blessings.

ADVENT: What Child Is This? Join us this Advent season for Evening Prayer services on Wednesdays (December 5, 12, & 19) at 7:00 pm.

NEWSLETTER: Check your e-mail or mail slot for the December newsletter.

CHRISTMAS PRACTICES: Practices for the children's Christmas program are Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Terri Kreier for a script/music for your child to practice.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: All voting members are encouraged to join us after the Divine Service next Sunday (December 9) for a congregational voters meeting. Items on the agenda include brief reports from current Council members, election of officers, and approval of next year's budget. Officers up for election are Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving, or have a name to suggest, please speak with Mike Dobbs, Kevin Pape, or Dawn Rousar (nominating committee).

GIVING TREE / FOOD DRIVE: If you are able, please take one or more envelopes from the Giving Tree in the narthex and help those in need this Christmas. Please return the envelope and/or form inside with your gift by Wednesday, December 12. See Lisa Cruz with any questions. A food drive is also being held. You are invited to bring one or more non-perishable food items and/or paper products and place your donation in the boxes in the narthex by Sunday, December 16. Thank you for your generosity to your church family

PASTOR MAY: Donations (cash or check) for the May family should be placed in the offering plate by today and earmarked "Pastor May."

SHOP WITH SCRIP: The next turn-in dates are December 2, 9, & 16. Consider purchasing gift cards for the annual Giving Tree. Shop with Scrip has physical gift cards as well as Scrip Now and Reload options. Go to shopwithscrip.com and use enrollment code B2LD2C7A55973. See Lisa Cruz with any questions, or Judy Yuenger to buy pre-purchased cards.

BENEFIT MOBILE: Sign up via <u>benefit-mobile.com</u> and designate Divine Shepherd as your charitable organization. Then download the app (Apple or Android). Benefit Mobile purchases qualify for our 50% cash back rebate. Purchased gift cards are instant and can be used immediately. You may also send these as a gift to an email account.

CHURCH PHONE: We are in the process of switching to a new internet provider and a new line needs to be laid outside. Because our phone service operates over the internet, all church and preschool calls are immediately going to voicemail until line maintenance is completed. Church and preschool phone messages will continue to be monitored. Your patience is appreciated.

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