THANKS: A heartfelt 'thank you' to all those who helped decorate the sanctuary yesterday morning.

POINSETTIAS: Poinsettia orders are due today. Forms are in the narthex. Both red and white are available. The cost is \$10 each. See Karen with any questions.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Come back at 3:00 p.m. today and hear our Sunday School and Preschool children speak and sing of Christ's birth. All are welcome. Please support them with your presence.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Mike & Katie Dobbs invite members of the congregation to their home (22906 Weinhold Drive, Plainfield) for an evening of fellowship and food today at 5:00 p.m. Please feel free to bring a snack or dessert to share. God's blessings to all of you this Christmas season!

ADVENT DINNER: All are encouraged to attend the Advent Dinner this Wednesday, December 19 at 5:45 p.m. Add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in Lutheran Hall if you are attending (for planning purposes) and, if you are able, please sign up for a dish to pass. Workers are needed at 5:15 p.m. to help set up make preparations.

ADVENT: What Child Is This? Join us this Wednesday for our final Evening Prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Join us next Sunday, December 23, as we go Christmas caroling at Senior Star in Romeoville. We will sing in the Memory Care building at 1:45 p.m. and the main building 2:15 p.m. Dress Christmassy, bring a smile, be ready to sing, and plan to stay for a few minutes to greet the residents. See the newsletter for directions.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: 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. Invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors too. These good tidings of great joy are for all people!

SHOP WITH SCRIP & BENEFIT MOBILE: The next Shop with Scrip turn-in date is today. See Lisa Cruz with any questions, or Judy Yuenger to buy pre-purchased cards. Benefit Mobile allows you to purchase electronic gift cards that can be used immediately or emailed as a gift. See the newsletter for more info.

PORTALS OF PRAYERS: Pick up your regular print January–March 2019 issue of *Portals of Prayer* from the bookshelves in Luther Hall. Cost for 2019 is \$13/year (submit via the offering plate, earmarked "Portals of Prayer").

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