

Bulletin Announcements 12/23/2018

MERRY CHRISTMAS: A Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones. May Jesus Christ be at the center of all your celebrations this holy season.

BULLETINS: Today's bulletins are given by Ed & Lisa Cruz in joyful celebration of Jesus' birth and in honor of their grandchildren.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Join us today as we go Christmas caroling at Senior Star at Weber Place 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 SERVICES: Join us tomorrow (Christmas Eve) at 7:00 p.m. for a candlelight service of Lessons & Carols, featuring nine Scripture lessons paired with Christmas carols and delivering the mercy of the Christ-child. Then join us Tuesday (Christmas Day) at 9:00 a.m. for a festive Divine Service and hear why the Word became flesh for you. Both services will also feature special choral and instrumental music. Invite a relative, friend, coworker and/or neighbor. This good news of great joy is for all people!

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 it home (leave the clear plastic base here at church). Poinsettias that are left here will beautify the sanctuary into the Epiphany season. See the insert on Christmas Eve/Day for those donating poinsettias or monetary donations to the Altar Guild Fund.

GIVING TREE / FOOD DRIVE: Thank you for your generous monetary donations, gift cards, gifts, and food items for your church family. We were 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, Joan Sturm for heading up the food drive, and Carolyn Mazurkiewicz's company for their generous food donations.

EPIPHANY: Join us on Sunday, January 6 at 9:00 a.m. as we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord, journey with the Magi, and worship the Christ-child.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Members, please check your mailslot for your 2019 Offering envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Potempa, Financial Secretary.

SHOP WITH SCRIP & BENEFIT MOBILE: The next Shop with Scrip turn-in date will be in January. See Lisa Cruz with any questions, or Judy Yuenger to buy pre-purchased cards. Benefit Mobile is an iOS and Android app that 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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