

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 15th THROUGH December 22nd

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

| STUDY | TOPIC/TITLE | WHEN & WHERE |
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| Adult Study | VOTERS' MEETING | 10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall |
| Youth Study | The 12 Days of Christmas | 10:30 AM – Youth Room |

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: *Isaiah 35:4* – “Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.’” The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by John and Elyse Adams in memory of their parents.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE! We still have 100th Anniversary cookbooks available for \$15 each. All proceeds go to the Elevator Fund. They are available after the Sunday service in the Office Equipment Room. **THE COOKBOOK ADDENDUM** has been published! If you purchased (or won) a *100 Years of God's Grace* cookbook, please stop by the Office Equipment Room and pick up your copy.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS: Please take a copy of the *Behold the Child Daily Devotions* book. They are in the rear of the nave near the LWML mite box.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES: Our midweek Advent services continue **this Wednesday, December 18th**, at **6:30 PM**. This week's Advent supper theme is “Breakfast for Dinner.” Please sign up on the Office Equipment Room door to bring a dish corresponding to this week's theme. Freewill monetary donations will be gladly accepted. Doors open by **5:00 PM** and suppers begin at **5:15 PM**. Come enjoy the fellowship and food!

BAKE AND CRAFT SALE: Lighted Pictures are for sale for \$15.00 each. Other craft items and bake sale items are available, too. Please check out the display near the coat room. All proceeds go to the Elevator Fund. Thank you!

PLANNING TO MAKE A YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION? Offerings must be received by December 31 to count for 2019. With the increased expenses incurred by the installation of our elevator, we deeply appreciate your generous support.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION: Stop by the Office Equipment Room to update your contact information. You can note any changes directly on the directory located there or you can place a note in the secretary's mailbox. You can also call or email the church office. We want to keep our records as accurate as possible, especially as we prepare an updated directory.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: TODAY, December 15th, at **10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Agenda: Elections and 2020 Budget.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: TODAY, December 15th, the Youth Group invites the congregation to join them to go Christmas caroling to our shut-ins. We will have a light lunch at church after Sunday School and the Voters' Meeting. After lunch, we will carpool to our shut-in members' residences. It is always a good time, and our shut-in members look forward to it every year.

THANK YOU: The Board of Christian Care would like to thank those who have donated food for Harvest Outreach or volunteered to staff their distribution counter. The next open date to volunteer is **Monday, December 30th**. They are still in need of mac 'n cheese, spaghetti sauce, hearty soups (canned or dry), and tuna helper. You may put your food donations in the marked bin in the coat room or bring them to Grace's food pantry shelves next to the elevator, up a few steps to the right (from first floor), and through the door. Volunteer opportunities are available on the first two Fridays of even-numbered months and every fifth Monday (any month) from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at 2000 DeKoven Ave., Racine. Please contact Connie Abrahamson, Becky Gardner, or Becky Saxena to volunteer or for more information.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is now available at Grace. This is a free service from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Questions can be answered by John Adams, Doug Alexander, or Steve Kanetzke. Enrollment forms are available in the Office Equipment Room. Completed forms should be returned in a sealed envelope and placed into John's or Doug's mailbox outside the church office. If you decide to participate in this optional service, please continue to place your offering envelope in the collection during the worship service and write "e-giving" on the front of the envelope.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS YARD SIGNS are available near the coat room. Please take one and display in your yard for this Advent and Christmas season. If you wish, return them to the same spot after Christmas, and they will be stored until next year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Next Sunday, December 22nd, during the regular Sunday School time (**10:30 – 11:30 AM**), the Sunday School children will be having a Christmas party. Hope to see your kids there!

THRIVENT CHOICE: If you are a Thrivent member, you may be designated Choice Dollars based on your eligibility. These Choice Dollars can then be designated by you to Grace or to other charities. Call 1-800-847-4836 or visit Thrivent.com for more information.

GREETERS: If you can serve as a greeter, please sign up in the Office Equipment Room.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mail slot in the back of the nave.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT is **TODAY, December 15th**. Pre-service music begins at **6:45 PM** and the concert is at **7:00 PM**. This concert is free of charge.