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2nd Sunday of
Advent

December 10, 2017



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES... *Say YES and be involved.*

*Many thanks to all our volunteers who came out and decorated the Chrismon Tree- as usual it looks spectacular

FOOD PANTRY- On Wednesday December 13th St. John's will be distributing food boxes at the St. Luke Food Pantry. In the box will be a Christmas ham donated by St. John's through an endowment grant. Please sign-up to help with distribution- we gather at St. Luke at 3:30pm and are done by 6pm.



ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITY- In 2017 St. John's Outreach Committee felt you should be given a choice on how to give-

1. Hospice of the Foothills 2. Lutheridge 3. Lutheran Disaster Response 4. Water Missions International 5. Food for the Poor. These ministries are local and far reaching. Give as much as you are able to one or more of these ministries. Envelopes are located on the Giving Tree in the Sacristy area beginning 12/3 through

1/6. Indicate your giving choice(s), the amount(s) you wish to donate, make a check out for the total donation (payable to St. John's) and leave in the basket on the



Spiritual Ops table.

ADVENT POTLUCK- Sign-up today to join our congregational Advent Pot Luck on Sunday 12/17 after

worship. Bring a dish to share. This is our chance to officially welcome Pastor Rachel. Time to show her what an "EPIC POTLUCK" can be!

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER- Our community Christmas Eve dinner distribution will take place on SATURDAY, 12/23 (not 12/24). We will assemble the meals and distribute beginning at 10am. Helpers are also needed to help clean-up that day. On Friday 12/22 at 3pm volunteers are needed to do prep work- bagging rolls, attaching labels to the meal boxes, cutting and boxing the cake. Please sign-up today to help as much as you are able. All ages welcome!

"CAN"struction is happening at St. John's- *Starting immediately*, we will be collecting cans of soup. "A surprise" will be constructed using with the cans, You will see it on "Souper" Bowl Sunday. All cans of soup will be donated to the St. Luke Food Pantry. Donations can be left in the basket at the Spiritual Ops table. Start looking for those "soup" sales now and bring in as many as you can. The more cans donated, the larger the surprise!

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, December 13th- distribution of food at the St. Luke Food Pantry
Sunday, December 17th- Advent Potluck after worship

Friday, December 22nd- prep work for our community Christmas Eve meal distribution
Saturday, December 23rd- assembly and distribution of



We Pray for...

Our brothers and sisters in Christ:

- Kristy Bryson, health
- The family of June Shobe who passed away Nov. 14 in FL
- Gary and Barbara Bowman at the death of Gary's father, Woody Bowman.
- Tom Shea, Al Pittman's son-in-law, recovering from a heart attack
- Ginger Huber, Marsha and Gary Cabbage's daughter, facing surgery for a severed ligament in her leg
- John Miller, hospitalized (Son-in-Law to Dwight and Janine Baldus)
- Steven Addis, recovering from a broken back
- Sandra Marcengill, diagnosed with cancer
- Mark Steele, friend of Gary Cabbage, chemotherapy
- Brenda and Paul Cantrell, health issues
- Edith Lambert, Grace Schmeelcke's sister, heart valve replacement
- Kathy Gross, recovering from surgery
- Joan Whitsel, recovering from a stroke
- Joyce Shirey, knee replacement Dec. 19
- Bob Smith, medical tests
- Marie Palmatier, healing
- Jean Pittman, under Hospice care at Park Place
- Betty Wallace
- Horace Barrett, health issues
- Lauren, friend of Jan Long
- Ann Sloan
- Susan Watt, resuming chemo treatments
- Carol Ewald (Jeanne Welch's sister), continuing prayers
- Paul Maw, friend of Ann Brackett, cancer diagnosis
- Johnny Hester, Ann Brackett's cousin's husband, cancer
- Dan Fogel, son of Dean and Anne, continued prayers
- Carter Gale, 4 yr. old great-nephew of Tina Stephens
- Lauren Hartman, (daughter of the Bowman's) ongoing battle with lyme disease
- Joanne Garland, friend of Betty Sosebee
- Margaret Penington, Lila Doyle
- Bonnie Stebing, (Anne Fogel's cousin) continued improvement and recovery
- Marj Bouse (sister of Betty Mantell) various health issues

Our tithes and offerings

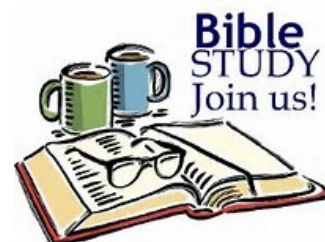
are an important part of our faith journey. Electronic offerings may be given through GIVELIFY. You may also go to our website: www.stjohnswalhalla.org

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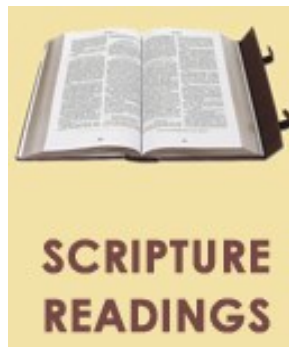
• Alison Wil-

Our weekly Tuesday Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 11:00 am. This will be the last meeting until the new year and we will study 1 Corinthians 14-16. Everyone is invited. Bible study will reconvene in January.



Worship Assistant Schedule The Second Sunday of Advent Sunday: December 10, 2017 10:30 am Service

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Rachel Connelly
Lay Assistant: Cathy Plowden
Lector: Tina Barrett
Ushers: Joe Sears (H), Bob Johnson
Greeter: Tricia Sears
Communion: Lynn and Jack Williams
Acolyte: Ryan Raab
Nursery: Skyler Raab, Randy Parris
Altar Guild: Diane Rawlins



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Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a





Every day, Living Lutheran offers a prayer for the day from the ELCA resource Prayer Ventures, which can be downloaded at scsynod.com. These petitions are offered as a guide for your own prayer life as together we pray for the needs of the world and give thanks for the ministries of our church.

Dec. 10 Give thanks daily for our baptism into the body of Christ that prepares, renews and moves us to be faithful, compelling messengers of the good news.

The Gloria Shealy Circle will meet on December 19th at 6:00 PM for their monthly meeting. We will meet at the home of Ann Brackett in Seneca. Fredi Hallman will lead us in devotions. Each person attending is asked to bring finger food for our Christmas Party. Also bring a pair of Christmas socks for the gift exchange. (One sock is filled with small items any woman would enjoy receiving.) We invite any women wanting to visit our circle and possibly join to come.



Our deepest sympathy

Reminder...

Knitters-Crocheters meet **Wed., Dec. 13th, at 10 am.**

Come enjoy the fellowship and click your needles. Plan to stay for lunch, too....



to Gary and Barbara Bowman at the death of Gary's father Elwood

Join us for Wednesday Lunch! Wednesday Lunch is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

We gather for lunch at 11:30 am. **Wed., Dec. 13th,** is our next lunch!



Sign up today or speak with Libby McLean at 638-7070 or Cathie Nowell at 638-3284.

(Woody) Bowman.

Christmas Poinsettias...Now is the time to order poinsettias for Christmas, Please fill out this form and place in the offering plate with your check to St. John's ..please put "poinsettias" in memo. Or, turn form and check into the church office. **Poinsettias are \$10 each.**

I would like to order _____ (quantity) poinsettias at \$10 each **Total \$** _____

In memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by: _____

