

Greetings to all on this first Advent Wednesday. Tonight at 7:00 p.m. is our evening Advent I service if you did not get to come to the 12:30 p.m. service. A lot of things going on with both the church and school so please read through this e-mail. Several new items to read. Have a blessed rest of the week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 5

1:00 pm Pioneers for Christ Mtg.

12:30/7:00 pm Advent I service

6:00 pm Bd. Of Education Mtg.

December 6

6:30 pm Adult Choir

December 7

6:30 pm Boys' BBall HOME vs. St. Paul, Bourbonnais

December 8

7:00 am Men's Bible Class

9:00 am Elders' Mtg.

11:00 am Boys' BBall HOME vs Beecher

December 9

8:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:30 am Worship Service (both school choirs involved)

Sunday School

Adult Chimes after church

December 12

12:30/7:00 pm Advent II Service

1:00 pm Pioneers for Christ Meeting

6:00 pm Board of Education Mtg.

December 13

6:30 pm Adult Choir

December 14

6:30 pm Boy's BBall HOME vs. IL Luth, Crete

December 15

7:00 pm Men's Bible Class

December 16

8:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:30 am Antiphonal Service for Advent with Communion

Sunday School

Adult Chimes after worship

WHOLE CHICKEN PRE-ORDER FORMS: (attachment) Grilled whole chickens will be available Saturday, December 15th for purchase. Average size is 3 pounds. Purchase price is \$7.00 each. All proceeds will go into the general fund. Please turn in order form and payment by Thursday. Form is attached to this e-mail.

KENYAN ITEMS are available for sale in the school office. This includes bracelets, necklaces, key chains etc.; each costing \$8-15.00. Each purchase goes to a clean water for Kenya project. Our school heard about this need of help through an assembly held last week.

REQUEST FROM DAN & EILEEN BRUDI....Eileen's mom, Leona Youkey, is celebrating her 95th birthday. If you would like to send her a card, please send it to Dan and Eileen Brudi, 14430 Chicago, Dolton, IL 60419. Please send it no later than December 7th. Thank you.

GIFT CARDS: Gift cards will be for sale outside the Chapel after Sunday Service for Kohl's, Target and Stracks's. All are \$25 denomination. Cash or check only.

Order forms for you to look at for hundreds of vendor gift cards that you can order. Please have the order in the office by Tuesday to insure Friday delivery. Cash or check only please. Can't make it in to pick up your pre-paid order? Delivery is available to Lansing and Lynwood area - contact Patti in the office for more information. ALL proceeds from this program benefit the church.

OUR P.T.L. has been helping our total ministry here at St. John's. Most recently, the PTL has raised and given to the church \$5000 from their fundraisers and events. In addition, the PTL has also purchased a new AED (Auto External Defibrillator) which is located in the gym. This AED is available for immediate use if someone has a heart attack. Please continue supporting our PTL for what they do to promote our mission of proclaiming Christ through our church and our school.

CHRISTMAS SECRET WORKSHOP: St. John's Santa's Secret Workshop is Coming to Town! Mark your calendars for the shopping event of December. Santa's Secret Workshop is hosted by a group of PTL volunteers. A variety of new products are displayed for the students to purchase. Items are for 3 year olds up to Moms and Dads. The extravaganza will open on Monday and Tuesday with shopping 9-11:30 and 9-12:30 on Wednesday. The last day to shop being Thursday, from 9-10. Parents are welcome to take a peek in the church basement! All shopping will be in the morning. The volunteers will be available to help your student shop. All items are reasonably priced starting at \$1 and up. Wrapping is also available for the student's special gift choices. If you can volunteer to help set up or with the sales, please contact the office. Help is needed!

THANK YOU to those who have contributed to our "125th School Anniversary." This is an ongoing project but here is a listing of who have contributed so far....(a form is attached as well as in the December church newsletter).

Ray Nommensen
Kathy Soderstrom
Al and Lynn Erke
Darryl and Margie Von Behren
Kristine Davy
Joan Douma
Hal Gronewold
Eileen Gronewold
Andy Banas
Anita Anderson
Bragg Automotive
Tom and Lois Cornwell
David Banas
Mike and Kathy Maanum

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS are again going to be used to decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas Services. The cost this year is \$20 per plant! Forms will be available Sunday the 9th and are also attached to this e-mail.

GIVING TREE ...the Giving Tree will be ready by Sunday. It will be covered with snowflakes with suggestions of Gift Cards for some families in need in our congregation. We encourage everyone to help out. They can also purchase these gift cards through Scripts program and in doing so also helping out the school. A basket will be placed under the tree to place the gift cards.

ADVENT DEVOTION AVAILABLE "The Coming King." What God has done for the world is most intimately expressed in the life of

His Son Jesus. In *The Coming King*, explore God's marvelous work through the lives of those who were on the scene at the time of the Savior's birth.

The coming Savior's birth was foretold by the prophets of old and later experienced by many who were on hand as He came into this world. Mary and Joseph, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Simeon, shepherds, wise men from the east, a legion of angels, and even King Herod—all play their parts in the Gospel narratives that speak of the Savior's incarnation. Explore the many ways their lives were touched as God became one of us, for each of us, in *The Coming King*.

The Church divides the year into different seasons that emphasize the life of Christ and the life of the Church. Beginning on Sunday December 2nd, 2018, we will enter the season of the Church year called Advent. Advent is the season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas, and continuing to Epiphany January 6th, 2019.

To get your own copy, either go to www.lhm.org/advent/ and print your own OR ask the church office to make you a copy.

PIONEERS FOR CHRIST: The annual Christmas Party for PFC will be held on Wednesday, December 12th at J. J.Kelly's , 2455 Bernice Rd, Lansing. We will gather at 1:00 pm and dinner at 1:30 pm. **DON'T BE LATE.** There will be a \$10.00 gift exchange. Please wrap and mark for men, women, or co-ed. Entertainment by "Marilyn." Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased from the Schultz' (708 474-0698) or the Chambers (708 895-5511). Purchase your tickets before 12/9/2018.

LIFE HAPPENS LAUGH ANYWAY: Come for a night of LAUGHS @ Crossroads Community Church @ Schereville, IN. This show features the very funny Christian Comedian, Tracy DeGraaf on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. To purchase tickets and more information check out: aboutccc.com

ATTENTION ALUMNI.....MARK YOUR CALENDARS: There will be alumni volleyball and basketball games on Sunday, December 30, 2018. Come at 11:30 a.m. for "instructions" and games will start 12:00 p.m. We will have the Volleyball game first and then the Basketball game. Tell your alumni who may not get these e-mails/bulletins so they can participate.

ST. JOHN'S HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Advent (Sunday service 9:30 a.m.)

Dec. 16 Advent III "Come, Lord Jesus, "An Antiphonal Service for Advent with Communion

"Come, Lord Jesus, An Antiphonal Service for Advent"

The seven prayers around which this service is based - the O Antiphons - are among the richest treasures of Advent. With a montage of biblical images of creation, redemption, and ultimate restoration, they remind us that Christ, whose glorious return we anticipate and patiently await during Advent, is surrounding and sustaining us already. He is truly Emmanuel, "God with us".

Advent (Wednesday 12:30 & 7:00 p.m.)

Dec. 12 Advent II "On Your Knees"

Children's Services

(Wednesday 12:30/7:00 p.m.)

Dec. 19 School Christmas Program in church

(Thursday 7:00 p.m.)

Dec. 20 PK/K Christmas Program in gym (refreshments afterwards)

Christmas

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve (Monday)

3:00 p.m. Candlelight with Holy Communion

11:00 p.m. Candlelight with Holy Communion

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

(Tuesday)

9:30 a.m. with Holy Communion.

Dec. 30 New Year's Eve Eve (Sunday)

9:30 a.m. with Holy Communion