

## **THIS WEEK @ ECLC – November 30, 2022**

**MIDWEEK ADVENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:** This year, ECLC members reflect on deep roots for waiting, specifically how they remain rooted in times of uncertainty or expectation. Join us for a 6pm soup supper and worship at 7pm beginning **TONIGHT** Wednesday, Nov 30 through Dec 21.

**DEDICATION OF ANNUAL COMMITMENTS:** On Sunday, December 4, we will dedicate commitments to the annual stewardship campaign during worship. We have 207 households and \$906k committed. Thank you for sharing your stories of generosity these last several weeks and for your commitments for the year ahead!

**CONNECTING YOUR DEEP ROOTS WITH FOOD** ~ Community Enrichment on Sunday, Dec. 4 is a time to share your stories. What is a food from your heritage that connects you with your roots? Why do you think this is so? Do you continue to make/eat these foods? What have you learned about the food important within other cultures? How is it similar and different from your familiar foods? Bring a story, a recipe, a reflection for table conversations. And for our Community Enrichment experience on December 11, Mark Sedio will lead us in Advent and Christmas hymns and reflections – an opportunity to sing and to learn!

**REDEEMER'S CHRISTMAS STORE GIVING OR VOLUNTEERING:** Stop by ECLC's Alternative Advent Giving Station after worship this Sunday to make a donation towards Redeemer's Christmas store where neighborhood kids can "purchase" 4 gifts for family members for \$1. Or, pick out desired gifts (Teen and Adult gifts much needed: tools, beauty kits, headphones, sports equip, etc.) and bring them Sunday.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – December 4** Please join in welcoming new members with special treats provided by the Welcoming Team after our 9am worship!

**CHRISTMAS MUSICIANS WANTED!** Contact Melissa to add your sparkle to the season! **1) Children's service** 3:30 - looking for all young musicians to play as part of our prelude. **2) All ages** - offer your music during the offering or communion at 3:30 or 5:30 services or 10am on Christmas Day! Play or sing your own carol or Melissa can make an arrangement for you or your family band! **3) Christmas Choir** - rehearse Wednesdays 12/7, 12/14, 12/21 after Vespers and sing at 9:00pm service on Christmas Eve. The more the merrier in the sounds of this season - please consider adding your gift to our worship on Christmas Eve & Day!

**MORE FOOD PACKERS NEEDED FOR FOOD SHELF:** Our partners from Community Emergency Service say food requests are up 30%...so we need more packers! Join ECLC from 11:00-12:30 on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at CES (1900 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Mpls) as we pack bags off of lists.

**JUSTICE THROUGH THE CHURCH YEAR—A BOOK CONVERSATION:** Join Deacon Lauren reading The Rev. Heidi Neumark's book, "Sanctuary: Being Christian in the Wake Of Trump". We will gather 8 evenings (a few in person, mostly zoom) throughout 2023 based on the seasons of the Church Year to discuss chapters of Neumark's personal and congregational stories of justice through the radical lens of faith. Email Deacon Lauren for more info.

**UPCOMING SABBATICAL FOR PASTOR JEFF** In 2021, the Council of Ministers approved a sabbatical request for Pastor Jeff. Jeff's sabbatical will take place immediately following Christmas through the first quarter of 2023. The Council hopes you will join them in giving thanks for Jeff's ministry over the past five years and praying that his time away will provide rest, renewal, and new learning. Watch for a letter from Pastor Jeff that will outline the plans for his sabbatical, both for himself and for the staff and congregation at ECLC.