

## **MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES**

Our Midweek Advent worship services will begin this Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. We will also have special midweek services on Wednesdays, December 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. We will once again have our Soup Suppers before these services beginning at 6:00 p.m.

## **JOIN A CHRISTMAS CHOIR!**

It's time to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! If you love to sing and would like to share your voice, please join us for Christmas Choir Rehearsal. We will meet at church from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Mondays.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING TODAY**

We will be decorating the church for Christmas today following the second service. If you can stay and help we would be very grateful!

## **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

Drop off your kids at church from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. for dinner, games, Christmas stories and hot cocoa while you enjoy an evening out!!

## **BETHLEHEM VILLAGE UPDATE!**

We are looking for willing hands to do some simple painting of props and other easy jobs to get the props ready to go. We appreciate the overwhelming support of this project. Donated items need to be at church as soon as possible. Also, mark your calendar to come and be a part of this event for whatever time you would like on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES**

We will have a number of special worship services for Christmas. Please be looking ahead and plan to join us for these.

- Christmas Eve Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Christmas Day Service will be held at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have **ONE** service held at 10:00 a.m.

## **CHRISTMAS JOY SIGNS AVAILABLE TODAY**

Please pick up your Christmas Joy sign to put in your yard or business to proclaim our Savior's birth to our community.

## **MITE BOX SUNDAY IS TODAY**

The Mission Grants funded by mite offerings may fund a scholarship or ministry vehicles, may provide Braille materials or medical care, but all strive to share the gospel with those who have not heard the Good News of Jesus our Savior.

## **SCRIP REMINDERS**

A reminder that Scrip gift card order forms are available in a holder on the table in front of the school bulletin board in the narthex. Keep in mind the upcoming holiday season and gift giving as well as personal use for the hundreds of gift cards available. For more info see Sylvia Moody.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE** in the Fellowship Hall. There is a variety of religious ones if you are in need of some.

## **CHRISTMAS AT THE ORPHANAGE – WITH LOVE FROM FIRST LUTHERAN**

We have the opportunity again this year to bless the children and the workers at the Kids Kingdom Orphanage in Mexico with gifts for Christmas. You will find tags on the Christmas tree in the Narthex with the name of the child or adult and their age. There are two tags for each person, one for a clothes item with the size and the other for something special they would like. Please take a tag and purchase a gift for one of these deserving friends.

Since the gifts will be sent to Mexico, there are a few important rules.

1. Please return your wrapped gift by December 12 so we can get it there on time.
2. We want each person to receive the same number of gifts so that they all are treated equally. If you should purchase something extra for the tag you chose, please wrap the extra gift with the main item. Remember: only one package per tag!
3. Attach a note telling us what is in the package.
4. Include in your note the value of the package, which must be declared at the border.
5. Be sure to attach the tag you took from the tree so the right person receives your carefully selected gift.
6. Praise God that we have this wonderful opportunity to help these precious orphans and the staff that cares for them.

## **VALOR HOUSE GIFTS**

In celebration of Veterans we are collecting warm items for the Veterans that live at the Valor House. These veterans have been homeless and are now in transitional housing where they are assisted with finding permanent housing and other needed services. When we called to see what was needed this year, the staff was so excited to hear from First Lutheran remembering the gifts from last year, especially the quilts, all of which the veterans take with them when they move to permanent housing. This year they again need comforters and quilts as well as warm clothes, coats (medium to XX2), gloves, hats, scarves, sweatshirts and warm socks. We will be taking what we collect to them on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for reaching out in love to those who have sacrificed so much for us.

–Stewardship and Evangelism Boards and Ray Roberts Thrivent Action Team

### **A Measure of Our Stewardship**

Last Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 107

11:00 a.m. - 72

Adult Bible Class - 42

Middle School/High School Class - 8

Sunday School - 5

Offerings for the month

Monthly Need: \$39,432.79

Contributions for November: \$24,324.50

# WEEK OF

## November 28, 2021

Today-	8:30 a.m.-	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.-	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:45 a.m.-	Adult Information Class
	11:00 a.m.-	Worship Service – Communion
	12:00 p.m.-	Church Decorating for Christmas
Monday-	5:30 p.m.-	GraceNotes
	6:30 p.m.-	Praise Team
	7:00 p.m.-	Choir Practice
Tuesday-	9:00 a.m.-	Chapel
	10:00 a.m.-	Staff Devotions
Wednesday-	7:30 a.m.-	Men’s Bible Study – Paradise Falls
	9:00 a.m.-	Miller Boys
	9:30 a.m.-	Preschool Chapel
	12:00 p.m.-	Quilting
	6:00 p.m.-	Confirmation
	6:00 p.m.-	Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.-	Men’s Chorus
	7:00 p.m.-	Advent Midweek Service
Thursday-	9:30 a.m.-	Women in the Word
	9:30 a.m.-	Preschool Chapel
	11:30 a.m.-	Prayer Time
Friday-	6:00 p.m.-	Parents’ Night Out
Saturday-	1:00 p.m.-	Young Adult Event
Next Sunday-	8:30 a.m.-	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.-	Sunday School & Bible Class
	9:45 a.m.-	Adult Information Class
	11:00 a.m.-	Worship Service