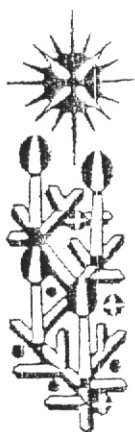


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Advent

Advent is a time of intense preparation and prayer; faithful Christians around the world eagerly await the promised coming of our Lord.

♦ *Sundays -- Dec 6, 13, 20*

Each Sunday we will light a candle on our Advent Wreath. As the light grows, so will our anticipation of the Lord's promised return.

♦ *Wednesdays - Dec 2, 9, 16 at 7:30PM*

Dec 2 - At our service of Evening Prayer we will commemorate the life and witness of St. Nicholas

Dec 9 - At this service of Evening Prayer we will crown our 20th St. Lucy. If you're a young lady between the ages of six and twelve, this could be *you!*

Dec 16 - Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent. (We will begin decorating our church home for the Christmas season following this service (and complete our decorating after the second service, Dec 20).

Poinsettias

Enclosed with this newsletter is a form for ordering poinsettias (\$13 each) for the decorating of our church home. NOTE: The deadline for receiving your forms (with payment, please), is Wednesday, Dec 13.

Advent Offering Box

Your Advent Offering Box is enclosed with this newsletter. We look for you to be generous at this special time of the year, and encourage a gift of at least \$1/day throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our thanks!

DECEMBER 2009



Christmas Eve

There will be *three* opportunities for you to worship on this Holy Night.

♦ *4:00 PM -- A family-oriented Service of Lessons and Carols. We will hear the traditional Christmas story, and Pastor Stickley will gather with the children for a story aimed especially at our younger members.*

♦ *7:30 PM -- A Festival Service of the Nativity of our Lord with Holy Communion will focus on the Christmas story from St. Luke's Gospel. Pastor Stickley will preach, our Adult Choir will sing, and our Handbell Choir will "ring"*

♦ *10:00PM -- A service of Candlelight and Holy Communion. We will listen to readings and sing the carols of the season.*

Holiday Food and Crafts Fair

As a result of everyone's generosity and hard work, we realized over \$6,000 (including \$1020 in "matching funds" from Thrivent Financial).

Raffle winners were: Patty Veith (David Adams print), and Alan Wadsworth (Wine basket). Our special thanks to all those who: contributed and made bids on items for our Silent Auction, those who worked in the kitchen for the breakfast and for our homemade soup, all who helped sell items, all who contributed baked goods and crafts, members of our Christ Lutheran Youth for "busing" tables, and the After-Five Group for organizing this fund-raising event.

Annual Congregational Meeting -- Part 1

Sunday, December 6
(Following the 10:30 Service)

Agenda

Congregation Council Election

Five three-year terms

Nominees will include: Judy Sosik, Cathi Leigh McAdams, Bill Rish, Lester Doyle and Matt Holmes

Nominating Committee Election

Five one-year terms

Nominees will include: Martha Baranek, Paul Daniels, Randy Sibert, Lauren Stickley and Heather Wevodau

Additional nominations from the floor will be invited.

Approval of the 2010 Budget

A copy of the proposed budget is enclosed with this mailing.

A Fun Night for All Ages! Sunday, December 6

Beginning at 4:30PM, things will begin with a *Covered Dish Dinner* -- last names beginning with A-M are to bring a main dish; N-Z should bring a dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the Great Room (but, you're welcome, even if you forget to sign up!). AND . . .

After dinner, stay and decorate a "gingerbread house." Decorate your own, or team up with a friend. This is a great thing for both young and "not so young." NOTE: Please bring a bag of candy (ex. gumdrops, M&Ms, candy canes, nonpareils, jellybeans, etc.) for decorating the houses. Everyone will share these. Put this on your calendar, NOW!

