

Congregational Announcements

1. **OSLC Choir Christmas Celebration** ~ The choir will be celebrating the Christmas season with a Christmas Cookie Exchange today from 5:30-7:30pm in the social hall=. All are welcome to join the festivities. Please bring 2 dozen cookies, a favorite appetizer or party snack to share, voices for caroling, and joyous spirits for sharing in fellowship and praising our Lord.
2. **Advent Services** ~ *Midweek services continue this Wednesday, December 12th.* Lydia Circle will be hosting the supper at 5:45 pm. Evening Prayer Service will be at 7:00 pm. Devotions written by our pastors are available in the narthex. The remaining meal will be hosted on 12/19 by LWML. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share with others and round out our Advent Midweek Meals this Christmas season. We will assign dishes based on last name and rotate weekly. This week's assignments are as follows: *A-G Salad, H-Q Side Dish and R-Z Dessert*. Please consider coming early to help set up or staying late to help clean up. Thank you!
3. **Preschool Christmas Program** ~ This year's program will take place on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 pm. Please join us in celebrating Christ's birth through song at our Preschool Christmas Program. We will be singing Sacred Hymns in the Sanctuary directly followed by some fun tradition carols in the Fellowship Hall. We're hoping to have a special guest, as well! Our preschool parents will be providing yummy snack food and sweets to enjoy following the program. This is an opportunity for our congregation to see and meet our new teachers and enjoy watching the preschoolers celebrate through song!
4. **Christmas Program** ~ Our Sunday School and Youth are now working on this year's Christmas Program, which will be held on Christmas Eve at 5 pm. The program is open to all Sunday School, Junior High, and High School students. There will be two rehearsals, the first of which will be held this Saturday, December 15th and the final rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 22nd both at 10:00 am. Letters with more information have been mailed out. If there are any questions, please speak to Pastor Baikie or Tiffany Baikie.
5. **Our Savior Quilters Need Your Help** ~ Our Savior Quilters have once again made 160 Christmas stockings for homeless youth in the Cheyenne school district. You may help by donating items for the older students (7th-12th Grade). Needed items include: Clothing and personal hygiene items. Small games are also welcome. Additionally, the Unaccompanied Student Initiative, serving through Americorps Vista, is opening a new housing facility December 15th at 5th and Patton for older students (3 boys and 3 girls). They could use new towels, wash cloths, white socks for girls and black socks for boys, winter hats and gloves.
6. **A Gift For Our Households** ~ Using money from both the Trinity Vacancy and Thrivent Choice, we have purchased 100 copies of the 2 - Volume set of Luther's Sermons. These will be free to any member household that would like one. Read a Luther sermon to prepare for the coming Sunday. Please see an attendant at the table in the narthex if you would like a copy.
7. **Mission Mite Minute** ~ Those preparing for full time church work are assuming increasing levels of educational debt in order to prepare for ministry which can discourage young people from entering full time church work. LWML Grant #16: Educational Loan Repayment Assistance Grants will help full time church workers to pursue their calling even in settings where their income is low, by providing help with loan repayments. This national LWML grant of \$100,000 provides \$2500 toward their educational debt for each qualified full time LCMS church worker. We pray that they are encouraged in their work with the help of this debt repayment aid.

Serving in Worship

Elder: Bryan Bell (Sunday 8:00), Jeremy Royer (Sunday 10:45), Don Payton (Monday 7:00), Mike Hoffland (Wednesday 7:00).
Elder Apprentice: Dylan Fertig (Sunday 8:00), Colby Siltzer (Sunday 10:45).
Altar Guild: Melissa Royer, Jeannie Hamann (Sunday 8:00), Jeanne Payton, Linda Correll (Sunday 10:45).

Ushers: Bob Huelle, Jeremy Royer (Sunday 8:00), Volunteer (Sunday 10:45).

Ushers Next Week: Bryan Bell, Volunteer (Sunday 8:00), Volunteer (Sunday 10:45).

Organist: Susan Brown (Sunday), Margaret Carlstead (Monday), Susan Brown (Mid Week).

Flowers: The Schuman Family ~ In Memory of Mabel

Each Sunday we will be challenged as a congregation to memorize a single verse of Scripture. The verse will come from one of the lessons for the following Sunday and we will recite it together the following Sunday.

This week's verse to recite is:

Luke 21:33 **Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**

Next week's verse to memorize is:

Isaiah 40:8 **The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.**

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