

Announcements for Week of December 4, 2021

Holiday office hours –

- Monday thru Thursday 9am – 1pm & Friday 9am-Noon
- Wednesday *evening* hours will seasonally end from December 8th and resume January 12th.
- The office will be closed:
 - Friday, December 24th
 - Monday, December 27th
 - Friday, December 31st
 - Monday, January 3rd

Guatemala Mission Trippers Christmas Cookie Sale Dec 17/18. Starting this weekend, you can pick up your plates and ziplock bags at church services or during office hours. **BAKE** your Best Christmas Cookies and bring them to church by 5 pm on December 18. Place on the Christmas Table in the Gathering Area with a label and note if they are Gluten or Nut Free. **BUY** a plate or two and make a donation in the **Christmas Box** (\$5 suggested).

Christmas Eve Worship - Reservations are needed as we are still practicing physical distancing in the sanctuary. Sign up for a pew or two. Masks are still required for worship until further guidance from the Rise Again Team.

Christmas Eve service times are: 4:00PM (full), **2:00PM (just added)**, 3:00PM (full), 5:00PM (full), & 10:00PM. 1PM will be our Children's Christmas Program. Call Andrea in the church office (920)725-3956, or stop-in during normal business hours to pick out your pew!

Brigade Christmas Giving - grab and ornament off our Christmas giving garland located in the greeting area. *Last day to donate is this Sunday, December 5th.* We will not be giving out Christmas Hams this year.

Children's Christmas Program Update - The Children's Christmas Program will be Christmas Eve, December 24th at 1:00 p.m. All youth are invited to participate and guests are included. We need kids in 3rd grade through 8th grade to be readers. Kids can wear costumes that will be available at church the day of the program. If you are

interested in being a reader, please contact Ardy Kreuter at akreuter@new.rr.com, she will get copies to you so you can practice ahead of time. We will be practicing following Sunday worship in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, December 5th and the following Sundays leading up to Christmas. We are also looking for adults willing to help with directing, costumes, and printing the words to the songs on chart paper.

New “Christ in Our Home” devotionals - for January, February and March have arrived. Stop by the rack outside the nursery in the Gathering Area to pick up your copy. We also have large print versions.

Help decorate church on December 3rd – Come any time between 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM. *The date has been rescheduled to Friday evening to accommodate funeral arrangements.*

Come and check out a Bible Study on the Gospel of John in the library after church. This **Bible Study** is open to all and will continue every Sundays around 10 AM (or sooner). Come when you can!

Uniting Faiths to Feed his Flock - The annual ecumenical event sponsored by ten churches and the Fox Valley Community Table will be held on Saturday, December 11 at Saint Paul Lutheran Church. Again this year, the meal will be in a take-out form. Our guests will be treated to a delicious dinner and will be given a gift bag containing many hygiene and clothing items. **Our church is being asked to collect 140 cans of shaving cream to distribute in these gift bags.** We also need eight dozen Christmas cookies. There will be a collection box for the shaving cream at church. In regards to the cookies, please contact Carol Swannell (920-540-9598 or carolswannell1@gmail.com) to let her know how many you will bring. All donations need to be at church by Monday, December 6.

Want to attend worship but prefer to be in your car? Tune into **88.5 FM** from any OSLC parking lot to listen to Saturday **or** Sunday worship from the comfort of your vehicle! ****This is a great reminder for Christmas Eve worship. Pull up with a hot cup of cocoa and enjoy worship from the warmth of your vehicle. No reservation needed...****

Mid-week worship will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM during advent. Join us for Holden Evening Prayer (December 8th, 15th & 22nd). Izzy Ricketts will be our cantor for next two weeks and Kristin Curtis for the 22nd. The service is about 30 minutes. It is a beautiful, meditative service with music.