

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 29, 2012

NEW THIS WEEK

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Eiff family in thanksgiving for the safe return of Connor Eiff from China.

VALENTINES DAY CANDY NEEDED

On Thursday, February 9, Covenant is hosting a Valentine's Day outreach event for students in grades 5-6. The theme is "God's Amazing Love." We are in need of individually wrapped Valentines candy. If you would be willing to donate a bag or two, please drop it off at the church office this week or next Sunday. Thank you!

LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 5, we will celebrate "Lutheran Hour Sunday." The Lutheran Hour radio program has been proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world for more than 75 years. If you wish to support The Lutheran Hour financially, please use the envelope found in your box of offering envelopes. The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on WTMJ 620 AM at 5:30 a.m.; on WGN 720 AM at 6:00 a.m.; and on WTKM 1540 AM at 7:30 a.m.

2011 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The 2011 year-end financial report is available for you to review. Copies are on the wall desk in the narthex. Thank you for your generous contributions to the mission and ministry of Covenant. We praise God that we finished 2011 with a positive balance.

ROOF FUND

We have started a Roof Fund to collect money for the replacement of the roof over our church sanctuary. Please use the blue "Roof Fund" envelopes available in the narthex. More than \$6,500 has been collected to date. Thank you for your generous gifts.

PARENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Parents, please take time to thank our dedicated Sunday school teachers- Laura Vogt, Lynda Kopp, and Jennifer Weeks! Thank you, ladies, for commitment to our Sunday school children and especially today for getting them prepared to sing in our worship service! You are each such a blessing to our kids and your efforts are truly appreciated!

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION

Next week we will meet at 10:30am. Please have your book and catechism with you! Thanks!

7th GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

We will meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 1st in the youth room from 3:30-4:45 pm. Please remember to bring your book. We look forward to seeing you then!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

"ADOPT" AN OLDER ADULT FOR THE WINTER

Interfaith's Good Neighbor Project is looking for Volunteer Snow Shovelers **NOW** to help the older neighbors in your neighborhood with snow removal this winter. If you are interested in "adopting" an older adult for the winter season, please call the Good Neighbor Hotline at **414-220-8650** for a volunteer application or call Neighborhood Outreach direct at **414-220-8648**.

VALENTINE'S OUTREACH FEB. 9

If you are looking for some excitement in your life, why not consider helping supervise the 5th/6th grade Valentine's Outreach Event on Feb.9? I need a few adults to join in on the fun with Karen and me. No experience necessary- just a love for the Lord and His children! Contact me if you are willing to help or might be talked into it! ☺ Sherry Voigt

TENDERCARE MINISTRY

Covenant's TenderCare Ministry serves families with children age 2 and younger by providing childcare during Bible classes and worship services each Sunday morning. If you are willing to serve in TenderCare on a Sunday morning for part or all of the time, please call the church office.

A PLACE OF REFUGE

A Place of Refuge is a network of volunteers from LCMS congregations who are committed to life and to caring for pregnant women with needs. APOR operates the Refuge House where women who have no place to live can go and prepare for the birth of their babies. While living in the Refuge House mothers have the opportunity for Bible study, prayer, and worship. APOR also operates a resale store, Blessed Again Resale, at 76th & Hampton. For more info on volunteer & giving opportunities, see the APOR website at www.aporonline.com or call 414-438-2767

FOOD PANTRY

If you'd like to help with this ministry, please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the barrel in the narthex. In addition to food, there is also a need for hygienic items. Items collected are given to inner-city Lutheran churches. Donations of money are also appreciated. Please use the "Helping Hands Food Pantry" envelopes from the Ark in the narthex and place them in the offering basket. Thank You!

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MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A men's Bible study, hosted by Brent Weeks, titled "Dare to be Uncommon" continues this Monday, January 30, at 6:30 pm. If you are interested, please call Brent at 414-975-2849. New faces are always welcome!

☞ G E N E R A L ☞

GIVING STATEMENTS

The Giving Statements for 2011 are in your mailbox today. If you see any errors, please call the church office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support of our mission!

SIMPLY GIVING

This is a way for our members to have their church offerings taken directly from a savings or checking account. If you'd like to take advantage of this program, Simply Giving forms are available in the narthex. Current Simply Giving users are reminded to fill out a new form if your offering amount will change for 2012.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers enhance our worship services and are a great way to honor special occasions. If you would like to purchase altar flowers in 2012, please sign-up on the flower chart located by the church office. Cost is \$25 and should be paid prior to the selected date and placed on the office desk (please do not place in the offering basket).

LUTHERAN RADIO CHURCH SERVICE

The Lutheran Radio Church Service has been faithfully preaching and teaching God's word since 1928. Broadcast in Milwaukee since its inception, this liturgically-based Lutheran service is one of the longest running religious broadcasts in the world, serving tens of thousands of listeners over the past 83 years. The service was started by a Mr. A. J. Beyer, a layperson. It was his vision, in the early years of radio broadcasting, that this medium could provide an opportunity for his aging parents, and others who were no longer physically able to regularly attend Sunday church services, to be given a means to worship from their homes. As the number of those who are homebound continues to increase each year, their

mission remains the same. The Lutheran Radio Church Service can be heard each Sunday morning on WJYT 1340 AM at 7:00 a.m.

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

A Monday evening prayer team meets each week to pray for our neighborhood and community, our church and its members, and all who have need. Please join us if you are interested!

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer to include in the prayers today, please speak with the pastor before the service. A Prayer Jar is on the wall desk in the narthex for prayers that will be addressed every Monday night. You may also put a prayer on the Prayer Chain by calling Nancy at 414-461-3671.

Thank you to “Four Men & a Grill” for preparing and serving breakfast this morning and giving everyone in church this morning the opportunity for fellowship and a chance to visit with people who may attend the “other” worship service.