

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 18, 2011

NEW THIS WEEK

MLHS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All are invited to the MLHS Choir Concert TODAY at 4 pm. The concert is free and held at Milwaukee Lutheran High School, 9700 W. Grantosa Dr.

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME!

The invitations have gone out, the registration forms are coming in, and the children are getting excited for the Outreach Birthday Party for Jesus. This involves children from Northwest, Covenant Child Care, and our community. Last year over 100 children celebrated Jesus' birthday at this event; it was very exciting. I am still in need of volunteers; please check the bulletin board in the narthex for more information on how you can be involved! Thank you in advance for your help! Sherry Voigt

"THE CHRISTMAS STORY" at Northwest Lutheran School

The Northwest Lutheran Christmas Program is this Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00pm. All are invited. What a great way for Covenant members to stay connected to our Lutheran school!

LADIES

2012 LWML YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women of all ages are welcome to join the retreat at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Madison. The retreat starts Friday evening, February 3, and runs through Saturday afternoon, February 4. Check the website www.swd-lwml.org for registration forms and further information. Register before December 31 and save \$10. Deadline to register is January 14.

MEN

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL & BIBLE STUDY

A men's Bible study, hosted by Brent Weeks, titled "Dare to be Uncommon" meets tomorrow, Monday, December 19, at 6:30pm. If you are interested in some Monday Night Football and Bible study, please call Brent at 414-975-2849.

PARENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Oscar, Olivia, Tyler E., Bodie, Trevion, Damion, Grace, Emily, Hanna, Isysn, Tyler, MaryJo Garrett, Autumn, Dylan, Taylor, Lauren, Ella, Kyle, Camryan, and Jadee, were in Sunday school last week. Thank you, parents, for your commitment to bringing your child each Sunday!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thank you, parents, for making extra trips to bring your child to program practice the past two Saturdays. I realize it is usually not easy nor convenient, but it is very much appreciated. The children are very excited to share the program with you today! May you be blessed by the message they share! We are blessed to spend time with them each Sunday morning; thank you for sharing them with us!

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Class will not meet again until Sunday, January 8, due to Christmas and New Years Day falling on Sundays. Please be sure to complete your 10 Commandment project and bring it to church anytime before or on January 8. We will meet that morning at 10:30am.

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION FOR 7th GRADERS

We will meet Wednesday, Dec, 21, in the youth room from 3:30-4:45pm. Please remember to bring your book. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Voigt.

❧ OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ❧

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.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

We received a request for financial assistance from the Rev. Dr. Carl Rockrohr and his wife Deborah. Pastor Rockrohr is the former pastor of Oklahoma Avenue Lutheran Church. Two of his children graduated from Northwest Lutheran School. The Rockrohrs have been called to serve at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Pretoria, South Africa. Pastor Carl will serve as an instructor at the Seminary and Deb as the residential deaconess. In order to serve in the mission field they must raise 75% of their first year budget (\$147,000). For more information on their mission or to donate, please see their website: www.rockrohr.net or www.lcms.org/rockrohr

DECEMBER 22, 12:30-3:30PM

This is the date and time of the **Outreach Birthday Party for Jesus** held for Northwest families, Covenant Child Care families, and our community. There are many ways you can support this outreach: **1) Pray** for those planning, helping, & attending **2) Sign up** to assist with activities/help supervise during the party **3) Invite** a neighbor, a co-worker's child, etc. (Sign-up online at covenantlutheran.net) **4) Donate** financially using the red Christmas Outreach envelopes in the narthex. If you need more information, please contact Sherry Voigt or Karen Winefeld.

GIVE THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME

Northwest Interfaith Older Adult Program is in great need of volunteers!! Many older adults are in need of rides to doctor appointments or would like a person to visit them once a week. If you have a little time to volunteer, you could have a huge impact on someone's life. Please, call Sharon at **414-466-8858** to receive more information about this rewarding volunteer opportunity.

❧ GENERAL ❧

OFFICE CLOSED

Both the church office and Child Care Center will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

"CATCH UP" OFFERINGS

Please consider giving a special "above and beyond" offering this year. "Catch Up" offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Our financial statements show that we still owe the South Wisconsin District \$21,000 for previous years when we could not pay our full commitment. We hope to be able to pay back a portion of this debt this year. Thank you to all for your generous, first-fruits, gifts to the Lord!

LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER

If you could use a large print Portals of Prayer for your daily devotions, call the church office or speak to Pastor Voigt.

❧ PRAYER ❧

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** ∞

Thank you to everyone who gave sheets and blankets that were handed out at Mission of Christ. Winter can be a very cold depressing time of year for many people, especially for those who are in need of help and assistance, and a blanket can add the warmth that someone needs. We have collected all the blankets needed for this year but next year there is sure to be more need.