

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 22, 2012

NEW THIS WEEK

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Knade family in celebration of Bill Peter's 90th birthday.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Elsie Szalai celebrated her 94th birthday on Tuesday, January 17. Bill Peter will celebrate his 90th birthday this Friday, January 27. God's blessings!

GOAL PLANNING MEETING

The Mission and Ministry Council invites all members of the congregation to come together to develop goals for 2012. Your input and ideas are very important to the mission of our church. This Goal Planning Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, at 7:00 pm.

ARE YOU A PARTY PLANNER?

I am looking for a few people to help plan a Valentine's Day event for the 5th and 6th grade students from Northwest. The event will be held from 3:30-5:30 pm on Thursday, February 9 here at Covenant. The focus will be on God's love for us and ways we share His love with others. If you would like to contribute ideas, help on February 9th, or have any thoughts about this, please contact me by email, phone, or in person. Sherry Voigt

"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**.

PARENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Next week, Jan. 29, the Sunday school kids will be singing during the 10:00am worship service. Please take advantage of the fellowship opportunity during a breakfast being served in the Upper Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:30am. Sunday school children should meet downstairs as usual except at 9:30am. **Please note the time change.** They will be rehearsing their song before the service. Thank you to these children and their families who made it to Sunday school last week: Oscar, Olivia, Bodie, Emily, Grace, Autumn, Dylan, Lauren, Jadee, Camryan, Kyle, and Destiny!!

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION CHANGE FOR NEXT WEEK

Breakfast will be served at church from 8:30-9:45am and worship is at 10:00am on Jan. 29th. However, we will **still meet** for class in my office at 9:00-9:50a.m. Please have your book and catechism with you! Thanks!

7th GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

We will meet again on Wednesday, January 25, in the youth room from 3:30-4:45 pm. Please remember to bring your book. I look forward to seeing you then!

☞ OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ☞

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TRAINING

Brookfield Lutheran Church is offering a workshop for those who would like to begin ESL Training on Saturday, January 28 from 9 am – 2 pm at their Fellowship Center, 18500 W. Burleigh. Cynthia Khan is an experienced ESL trainer and will lead the English as Second Language workshop. To register, please call 262-923-7086. Registration deadline: Monday, January 23.

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

Life Sunday is a great time to highlight the ministry of A Place of Refuge. APOR 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 and Hampton. For more information on volunteer and giving opportunities, please 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!

☞ M E N ☞

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 ☞

ONE SERVICE ON JANUARY 29

On Sunday, January 29, there will be one worship service at 10:00 am. A French toast casserole and scrambled egg breakfast will be served in the Upper Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:30 am. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and a great chance to visit with people who attend the "other" worship service. Sunday school children should eat with their families and meet in the lower fellowship at 9:30 am to rehearse the song they are singing during the worship service.

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.

"ROOF FUND"

A "Roof Fund" has been started for the replacement of the roof over the church sanctuary. Initial cost estimates are between \$70,000 and \$100,000. Thank you to those who have already made

contributions. If you would like to make a contribution to the "Roof Fund," please use the blue envelopes available in the narthex.

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).

☞ THANK YOU ☜

Many thanks go to the following hard working volunteers who helped decorate the church this year. Tom and Jane Buck, Dave and Marge Valdes, Rick and Jodi Winn, Len and Mary Ernst, Angela Nummerdor, Sandy Wrangell, Eloise Humphrey (and grandchildren!), Diane Powers, Joanne Nordstrum, Gail Young, Rosie Wold, Dorothy Schultz, Colleen Gottsacker, Jana McDonell, and Jim and Nancy Keck. The church once again looked so beautiful for our Christmas season!

☞ 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.