

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 8, 2012

NEW THIS WEEK

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Ken & Linda Post in celebration of their son, Jon's 13th birthday and by Ed Ihlenfeld in loving memory of his wife, Carol and sister, Alice.

CONCORDIA SUNDAY

The Rev. Dr. Roy Peterson will be our guest preacher today and serves as the Director of Church Relations at Concordia University Wisconsin, one of our ten Concordias in the LCMS. Prior to coming to Concordia he served at Grace Lutheran Church - Menomonee Falls for almost ten years. His message today is based on the academic theme for the year, "Hope. Love. Gather — In Christ"

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASSES RESUME TODAY

Hopefully you remembered that Sunday School and Bible classes started again today after the Christmas break. The New Year is a great time for you and your family to recommit themselves to regular Sunday School and Bible class attendance; perhaps God is nudging you to invite someone to join you in Bible class? For those who, for whatever reason, have not yet gotten involved, you don't know what you're missing! Please know that you are invited and welcome to join any class at any time! We'd love to have you!

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.

LADIES

2012 LWML YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women of all ages are welcome to join the retreat at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Madison on Friday evening, February 3 through Saturday afternoon, February 4. Check the website www.swd-lwml.org for registration forms and further information. **Deadline to register is January 14.**

MEN

MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A men's Bible study, hosted by Brent Weeks, titled "Dare to be Uncommon" meets this Monday, January 9, at 6:30 pm. If you are interested, please call Brent at 414-975-2849.

GENERAL

"CATCH UP" OFFERINGS

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

2011 OFFERINGS

2011 offerings will be received through this Sunday, January 8. If you have a final offering for 2011 - a catch up offering, Christmas offering envelope, or any other gift you want credited to your 2011 offerings – please turn it in by January 8. Thank you!

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.

ONE SERVICE ON JANUARY 29

On Sunday, January 29, there will be one worship service at 10:00 am. A breakfast will be served in the Upper Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and a great chance to visit with people who attend the "other" worship service.

"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).

☞ P A R E N T S ☞

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Next week we meet at 9:00 am. Because I will be out of town for a Pastoral Leadership Institute event, 8th graders will meet with Mrs. Wlnefeld in the youth room. You should have received the class schedule for January through March; if you need another copy, please ask! Mrs. Voigt

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION FOR 7th GRADERS

We will meet again on Wednesday, January 11, in the youth room from 3:30-4:45 pm. Please remember to bring your book. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Voigt.

☞ O P P O R T U N I T I E S T O S E R V E ☞

MISSION OF CHRIST BAKERS NEEDED

Covenant alternates with Shepherd of the Hills congregation in providing breakfast treats for the people who come to Mission of Christ for food and clothing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Suggested finger food items are bars, cookies, breads, muffins, cake, etc. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex which also includes more information.

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

∞ THANK YOU ∞

Thank you to all my brothers and sisters in Christ for your prayers and support during my diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Our faithful God listened to all the prayers (mine included) and gave me strength and peace of mind during the ups and downs of my diagnosis and treatment. Covenant members are truly a caring family of believers. Thank you and God bless you, Susan Louise Wendt

Thank you very much for your generous donations to Mission of Christ's Food Pantry & Winter Warmth for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Together, we're making a difference, one life at a time!
Karen Winefeld

Thank you to the members of Covenant for the many cards, greetings and gifts during the Christmas season. Your love, support, and encouragement are greatly appreciated. God's blessings in the New Year!
Pastor Steve and Sherry Voigt