

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## for the week of Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>



### Concerns:

- \*Betty VanFossen – lymphoma treatment
- \*Karmen Shedenhelm – recovering from emergency surgery
- \*ReGina Culbertson – home after being hospitalized
- \*Lu Serbousek's sister, Susan – had a double mastectomy for breast cancer on 12/15
- \*Sue Boyle's dtr., Shannon - undergoing medical tests
- \*Rita McCord's family - mourning the death of an uncle
- \*2 elementary schl. boys in Rita McCord's class - in foster care after their father was found unconscious from a drug overdose

### Joys:

- \*Folks expressing their interest in joining Lovely Lane committees, small groups, etc. for 2018
- \*Our children's Christmas Program is TODAY at 9:15; a *BIG Thank You* to Mrs. G, her helpers, and all of the kids!!



**CHRISTMAS CARD SHOWER:** Let's pass on some Christmas cheer **AND** our thanks to our Children's Weekday Ministry (CWM) Staff with a card shower! Our preschool teachers @ Lovely Lane and Trinity Lane, and our Before & After School program staff do a wonderful job of loving and caring for our children. Now it's our turn to show them some love! Please send your cards to CWM, 2424 42<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, CR 52402 or drop them off @ the church office.

**FAITH ISSUES CLASS:** Today's (12/17's) topic is Finding Peace, led by Margaret Nelson. There will be no class on 12/24 or on 12/31. On the 4 Sundays in January (1/7 - 1/28), Gary Bowes will lead a 4-wk. course using the book *Chosen? Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* by Walter Brueggemann. The book explores the claim and problem of being God's chosen, the holy land, and Zionism. "This seemingly insolvable conflict...requires our best thinking, steadfast courage, and deep honesty."

**FAIR TRADE GIFTS FROM SERRV** may be bought year-round @ the Ecumenical Center (601 Second Ave. SE, CR). The SERRV Shop is open on Wednesdays, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Otherwise, you may make an appointment by calling Karen @ 396-4798 or by leaving a message with *Helping Hands*, 366-2651.

**WED. WOMEN & THE WORD (WWW):** "If you want to be challenged, comforted, informed, and transformed by a fresh encounter with Jesus and his miracles, then this is an excellent place to start!" The Miracles of Jesus – Finding God in Desperate Moments (by Jessica LaGrone) is the next Bible study that the Wed. noon women will be tackling. This study engages the biblical text through both head and heart and helps "21<sup>st</sup> century Jesus followers make sense of 1<sup>st</sup> century miracles." Start date is Wed. noon, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, in the library. Books are \$11.50. Sign up on the STUB to reserve a place at the table. New friends are welcome!

**FRIEND IN NEED:** New friend and visitor at LLUMC, Carolyn O'Connor, is seeking the help of 2 men to move furniture and household goods around 10 AM on Dec. 20 for 2-3 hours. If you'd be interested, give her a call for details (402-750-1114).

**DATES THE CHURCH & OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:** Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, & Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, there will be **NO** regular small groups or other activities held the last week in December (*except* for yoga).

### 2017 Advent Offering Recipients

**Mobility Worldwide:** Their mission is to provide mobility for all of God's children in need. A PET is a 3-wheeled durable mobility chair powered by a hand crank or pulled by another person. The project was born in 1995 when a missionary noticed the lack of sturdy mobility devices for amputees and persons with disabilities in developing countries.

**Water @ Work:** In the Dominican Republic, 1 million+ people struggle to obtain affordable, clean water. Due to frequent flooding and earthquakes, clean water is rarely found there naturally. Water @ Work's long term goal is to help transform the D.R. so all residents have clean water for drinking and hygiene.

**HACAP:** An important HACAP program we continue to support is Operation Backpack. In E. Central IA, 1 in 7 children are at risk for hunger or food insecurity. OBP addresses this concern by providing needy students with nutritious easy-to-prepare food when other food resources may not be available, specifically on weekends and during school vacations.

**Willis Dady Homeless Shelter:** For >30 yrs., DHS has been serving single men and families with the mission of providing shelter and prevention services to homeless and near homeless. Their goal is to empower clients to break the cycle of homelessness and become self-sufficient. Their current capital campaign is raising money to enlarge the facility.



**BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** for the altar any time during Advent to honor or remember a loved one. Be sure to write your name and the name of the person to be commemorated on the poinsettia sign-up sheet in the narthex.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP -

**Sun. Morning Worship @ 9:30 AM:**

One All-Together Service

**Christmas Eve Worship:**

**5 PM** Family-friendly Worship

**7 PM** Traditional Worship with Choir

**9 PM** Blended Worship with Communion

**Candlelight at all services!**

**New Year's Eve Sunday (12/31) Morning Worship:**

**9:30 AM One All-Together Service**

**END-OF-YEAR GIVING:** Please prayerfully consider making an additional, tax-deductible gift(s) to our *Blessed to be a Blessing* campaign, now on Phase 2: Mortgage Elimination. Per Finance, the church budget is in good shape going into 2018, allowing additional year-end gifts to go to the campaign. In addition to cash gifts, consider donating appreciated stocks, which benefits both the church and the giver.

# THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

## Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone \* = childcare

### SUNDAY — Dec. 17 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

- 8:00 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM **Fellowship\*** – Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 AM **Children's Christmas Program\*** – Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School**
- 9:15 AM Children's Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
- 10:30 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- 6:00 PM Senior High Youth Group – @ Jim & Anne Mason's (3919 Majestic Ct. NE, CR)

### MONDAY — Dec. 18

- 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry – Study or Fireside
- - (*Tai Chi is taking a break in Dec. & on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>*)
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY — Dec. 19

- 6:30 PM Mental Health Support Grp. (*rescheduled*) – Study
- 6:45 PM Women Of Faith (WOF) – Library

### WEDNESDAY — Dec. 20

- 9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)
- 11:00 AM CWM Preschl. Christmas Program – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
- 4:50 PM Zamar – Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Family Meal – Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- 6:00 PM Kids' Club – Fellowship Hall et al.
- 6:00 PM Middle School Youth – Youth Room
- 6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside

### THURSDAY — Dec. 21

- 11:00 AM CWM Preschl. Christmas Program – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room

### FRIDAY — Dec. 22

### SATURDAY — Dec. 23

### SUNDAY — Dec. 24 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

- 8:45 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
- 9:30 AM **One All-Together Service\*** – Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM **Fellowship\*** – Fellowship Hall

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE – 12/24**

- 5 PM** Family-friendly Worship
- 7 PM** Traditional Worship with Choir
- 9 PM** Blended Worship with Communion
- Candlelight at all services!**

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## Serving at Worship...

### Greeters

- 8:00.....Ron & Margaret Nelson
- 9:15.....Curt, Lisa & Reid Pakkebieer
- 10:30.....Darcy & Scott Hauser

### Ushers

- 8:00...Barb Waterhouse-Miller & Myrna Loehrlein
- 9:15.....Curt, Lisa & Reid Pakkebieer
- 10:30.....Evan & Julie Hupp, Christopher Hauser, and Susan Camp

### Acolytes

- 8:00.....Ushers
- 9:15.....n/a
- 10:30.....Kiya Hinkel

### Lectors

- 8:00.....Ron Nelson
- 9:15.....n/a
- 10:30.....Wanda Whitford

### Liturgist

- All.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

### Preacher

- All.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

### Staff

- Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox
- Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox
- Office Manager.....Sue Moss
- Director-Children's Weekday Min..Carolyn Barnes
- Youth Director.....Paul Wilcox
- Kid's Club Director.....Julie Meyer
- Christian Educator.....Barb Geissinger
- Choir Director.....K. Weiler
- Choir Assistant / Accompanist.....Reagan Linder
- Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
- Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse
- Director of Handbells.....Gayle Wilcox
- Nursery Team.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu, Paige Gerjets, & Claire Van Erde-Wyk
- Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
- Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda, & Jessica Heasty
- Audio / Visual Coordinator.....Eric Wylie
- Webmaster.....Shelly Turner
- Treasurer.....Marcie Stumpf

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Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance:

52 @ 8:00; 56 @ 9:15; 162 @ 10:30 = 270 Total