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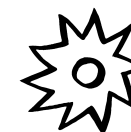
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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

December 13, 2020

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Faith and Care: Sue Erickson, Myrtice Behan

Altar Guild: Cherie Krueger, Ruth Jensen, Donna Belisle, Pam Hanson

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please contact Connie in the church office 223.1001, if you have a prayer request, or if you will be entering the hospital and would like a pastoral visit. *(We encourage you to take this list home and pray for these people.)*

For those struggling with health issues: Maxine and Bryce Hill, Reece Fischer, Tracy Martinson, Earl and Marlene Larson, Ann Hillesland, Roger Bakke, Erwin and Linda Marson, son in law and daughter of Hattie Martinson; Quinton and Arlene Wolff, parents of Wayne Wolff; Nick Irwin, cousin to Patty Hanson; Bonnie Spies, Robin Johnson's sister; Lois Dolan, Kevan Sorenson, Kristina Neuharth, Lori Dvorak, Mary Weinberg, mother of Terry Grenz; Al Samuelson, JoRae Sarsten; mother of Kraig, Pastor Jackie Bloom, JoDee Saylor, Bernice Walton, Nancy Dockter, Dennis Dohrmann; brother to Art, Ken Will, Dale Heaton; Gary Heaton's uncle, Deb Carpenter, Kim Schultz, Christian Helfridge; grandson of Wood's friend, Jean Schafer; daughter of Bernice Walton, LaVonne Hultin, Roger Pommerer, Megan & her baby; a granddaughter of Patty Hanson's friend, Tekla Bekkedal, Lakin; Art Dohrmann's niece, LorRaine Riveland, Linda Kramer, Gary Hultin, Robin Willoughby, Jeff & Barb Thomas, Stuart Hanson, Lois Hanson, John Behan, Kathryn Wilson; granddaughter of Wilson's, Kay Miller, Gerald "Stork" Nordquist, father of JoDee Saylor

For those dealing with the death of a loved one—the families and friends of: Bryce Hill, Ray Staiger; father to Stacey Krumwiede, Severin Splide; father to John Splide, Ray Humann; father to Mike Humann, Vivian Dahl, Faye Krumwiede, Jim Kramer

For ELCA Missionaries: Willie and Anne Langdji

Altar Focus for December: Carrie's Kids and ELCA's Good Gifts Carrie's . A Christmas tree will be set up in the narthex with jean ornaments listing sizes of K-6th grade boys jeans needed as usual. Other items such as socks, underwear, etc. would be greatly appreciated too. Because of the pandemic some of you may not feel comfortable going out shopping but want to participate. Send a check with Carries Kids written on the memo. LCC in turn will then write one check to them. Or if you prefer you may also write the check to them and we will pass it along. Another possibility is to purchase a gift certificate from a local store for said items. Please turn that into the office rather than placing it under the tree.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Cross's Worship Service! If you are visiting with us today via livestreaming or in person, we welcome you.

Stewardship Reflection for Sunday, December 13, 2020 (3rd Sunday of Advent) *John 1:6-8, 19-28 There came a man who was sent from God' his name was John He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.* What does it mean to testify to the light? As we anticipate and prepare during this season of Advent, might we imagine how our welcome might be a way to shine the light to others who are in the shadows of despair of human brokenness? **SOURCE**, *Ron Blezard*

Baptized today is Elah Tuuli Toso. Parents are Kacy and Luke Toso. We welcome Elah into God's family and pray for many blessings for her as she journeys through life.

Heat for the Church runs through the end of March. Call the church office if you would like to participate. The secretary will record the dates and if it is in recognition of a special event or person. Checks may be mailed in with Heat for the Church on the memo line. \$10 November and March, \$25 December through February. You may also stop in to fill in the calendar if so desired.

Christmas flowers for the Sanctuary The Altar Guild invites you to order a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one. Call the church office if you'd like to purchase a plant or two to beautify the altar area for Christmas. Checks may be mailed with "poinsettias" on the memo line. The slips are also out in the narthex. Drop them in the secretary's bin next to her door.

Dates to Remember

December 14/21 Stitchers Group 9:30 Multipurpose room
December 20 Fourth Sunday in Advent, Virtual Christmas program
December 24 5 pm Christmas service online only, 10pm Service live
JANUARY 24 ANNUAL MEETING

ALTAR FOCUS CONTINUEDThe tree of Good Gifts will be set up in the narthex as it has in the past. The ornaments purchased goes towards the purchase of goats, chickens, roosters, pigs, honeybees, water filter, latrines, etc. to those in need who otherwise don't have the ability to purchase the above mentioned items.