



Saint John Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER

December 2012

Greetings, dear friends in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

We are fast approaching Christmas and the end of the year when the old is ushered out and the new comes in. But did you know: The first Sunday in Advent, which is December 2nd this year marks the beginning of a new church year? Advent means “coming” and so we eagerly anticipate the coming of our Lord each and every day but in Advent we celebrate the coming of our Lord in the Christ child born in Bethlehem. As you begin to make Christmas plans don’t forget the reason for the season in that God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Carlos Family: Jack and Cathy Carlos, missionaries in Guinea, Africa will be at St. John Lutheran on Tuesday evening, December 4th, at 7:00pm for a presentation and refreshments. They were with us last year and the gathering was small and yet by evenings end we had gained so much insight into how God was using the Carlos’ to spread the gospel to a region dominated by Islam through the compassionate use of medicine and prayer. The Holy Spirit is truly working in the hearts of the Guinea people in bringing them to faith. They are also active in building a church in the area where people can worship and funds are needed to complete the project. I hope many will come out to meet and listen to Jack and Cathy share their message. Refreshments will be served.

Endowment Funds: The Endowment Committee will meet Tuesday evening approximately 8:00pm after the Carlos presentation. If you have any projects, missions, or even equipment you would like to be considered please let Pastor, Rick Wolting, Alfred Aufdemberge, or Vernon Lohmann know before the meeting.

Dorcas Christmas Dinner/Meeting: The Dorcas Society will hold their annual Christmas Dinner and meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5th 12:00 noon with the meeting set for 1:30. There will be a gift drawing and singing of Christmas Carols. Guests and anyone interested in joining the Dorcas in invited to join us for the Dinner and Party.

White Gift: The “White Gift” distribution from the Lincoln Co. Food Pantry will take place on Sat. Dec. 8, 9:00am. The packing of boxes will take place on Friday, Dec. 7, 9:00am. Everyone is asked to be at the Methodist Church by 8:45.

Christmas Program Practice: Sonja and the WDS teachers and volunteers continue to practice for the Christmas Eve program during Weekday School on Wednesdays and on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-2:00pm for the nursery through 2nd Grade, and 1:00-3:00pm for 3rd-7th grade boys. The practices will continue each Wednesday and Sunday through December 23rd.

New Member Class: We continue to meet for the New-Member class on Monday evenings at 7:00pm. It's not too late to join us if you are interested in becoming a communicant member of our church.

Annual Christmas Potluck: We will hold our annual Christmas Potluck meal after worship on Sunday, Dec. 9th. We will then sing Christmas Carols after the meal. Everyone is encouraged to attend and usher in the Christmas season with a joy-filled afternoon of good food, fellowship, and praising God through song.

LWML Christmas Party/Meeting: The LWML will hold their annual Christmas Dinner party and meeting on Thursday, Dec. 13, 12:00 noon with the meeting set for 1:30. Everyone is welcome to join us for a wonderful meal prepared by Marj.Aufdemberge and for caroling afterward.

Advent Service: Our annual Advent Service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 7:30. Advent, like Lent, is a time of preparation for the coming of our Lord and I pray many will come to worship our Lord as we look forward to Christmas.

Christmas Caroling: We will once again board the bus to carol around the community. Everyone is invited to join us we had a lot of fun last year. We will meet at the church at 4:00pm on Sunday, Dec. 16.

Christmas Services: Once again Sonja has put together a wonderful choir and program for our Christmas Eve services. The Choir will sing for the service beginning at 6:30pm and the Christmas Eve Children's program will begin at 7:00. If you know of any children interested in joining in the program please let Sonja know. The theme for this year's program is "Do you know Jesus."

Finally we invite everyone to worship with us: Sunday School Classes, 9:30, Worship 10:30am.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Dec. 2, 1:00pm Christmas program practice
- Monday, Dec. 3, 10:00/7:00pm Women's Bible Study/New-Member Class
- Tues. Dec. 4, 7:00/8:00 Carlos family program/Endowment Meeting
- Wed. Dec. 5, 12:00pm Dorcas Christmas Dinner/Meeting
- Wed. Dec. 5, 3:40/6:00/7:00/8:00 WDS, Confirmation, Choir, Bible Class
- Sun. Dec. 9, 12:00pm Christmas Potluck and Caroling/ program practice
- Mon. Dec. 10, 10:00/7:00pm Women's Bible Study/New-Member Class
- Tuesday, Dec.11, 6:00am Early Risers
- Wednesday Dec 12, 3:40/6:00/7:00/7:30/8:00 WDS, Confirmation, Choir, YG Mt, Bible Study
- Thursday, Dec. 13, 12:00pm. LWML Christmas Dinner/Meeting
- Sunday, Dec. 16, 1:00/4:00pm. Christmas Program Practice/Congregational Caroling
- Monday, Dec 17, 10:00/7:00pm. Women's Bible Study/New Member Class
- Wed. Dec 19, 3:40/6:00/7:30, WDS/Confirmation/Advent Service
- Sunday, Dec. 23, 1:00pm Christmas Program Practice
- Monday, Dec 24, 6:30/7:00 Choir Concert/Christmas Eve. Program
- Tuesday, Dec. 25 10:30, Christmas Day Service