

JOY IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Building Bridges of Caring, Compassion, and Civility

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Heavenly Post

The most curious thing happened to me the other day. I opened the mail here at the church and found a letter from none other than St. Nicholas himself!

Dear Pastor Tim and all the people of Joy in Christ Lutheran Church and especially all the children,

I stopped by a little early on my rounds tonight to deliver this message to all of the good people of your church.

You will see a picture of a candy cane on this letter.

This candy cane tells us the story of what Christmas is all about.

Turn the cane upside down and what letter does it represent?

J is for Jesus who is born that night.

Turn it back again and what does this remind you of?

A shepherd's staff. They were the first to hear about Jesus' birth from the angels.

The cane is wrapped in red. What emotion does red remind us of?

Love. The cane is wrapped in red to remind us that we are always wrapped up in the love of Jesus who was born on that Holy Night.

My prayer is that every time you see or enjoy a candy cane you will remember the real meaning of this season... God became flesh in Jesus to show us the way to live on this earth and be reunited to him in Heaven.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to you all!

Love, St. Nicholas



BRIEF NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 13TH WORSHIP & PARISH LIFE MEETING

Meeting began at 2:30 with opening prayer by Padre Tim. Those present were Vicki Burke, Pat Gladbach, Audrey McNevin, and Padre Tim.

Candy Stone has resigned as Chairperson and Vicki volunteered to replace her.

November 30th: the committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. to decorate for Advent. Padre Tim will bring fresh greens for the Advent Wreath. Family suggestions for lighting the wreath were discussed. Vicki will contact the families. The tree will go up with white lights only.

December 8th: Deacon Liz will lead the service.

Candy bought new electric candles with sensors for the windows so there will be no need for timers.

The Poinsettia order form is ready- the cost will be \$10 each and the deadline for ordering is December 15th. These will be placed in the worship room for the December 22nd service. Padre Tim will bring a tree with lights for the Narthex.

Candy has been in touch with Aimee about singing. She will choose her own music.

The Glögg luncheon will be held at Lee-Ann's on December 11th at 12 noon.

We discussed having a wine tasting to choose another wine for communion.

Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00 p.m. this year.

Deacon Liz will lead worship on the Sunday after Christmas- December 29th.

We will invite St. John's to join us at 11:00 a.m. for the Epiphany celebration (January 20th). We will have a Yankee Swap with a pot luck luncheon after the service.

A Game Night has been scheduled for Saturday, January 18th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



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IT TAKES A VILLAGE DISCIPLES

Dec 1-7

Pat H calls Anita S; Ingrid sends Frank a card; Kathy contacts Harold & Helen; Audrey calls Martha

Dec 8-14

Vicki contacts Helen and Harold; Pat G calls Martha, Candy calls Anita S; Lee-Ann sends Frank a card

Dec 15-21

Kathy calls Anita S; Ingrid sends Franks a card; Pat H contacts Helen & Harold; Audrey calls Martha

Dec 22-28

Pat G calls Martha; Candy calls Anita S; Vicki sends Frank a card; Lee-Ann contacts Helen & Harold

Dec 29-Jan 4

Kathy calls Helen and Harold; Ingrid calls Martha; Pat H calls Anita S; Audrey sends Frank a card

SUNDAY DISCIPLES

DATE	ASSISTING	READER	TECH	GRUSHER	WORSHIP SET-UP	COFFEE HOUR
12/1	Pat Gladbach	Jeri Screnci	Jeff Stone	Vicki Burke	Pam Borgeson	Carol and George Porter
12/8	Emily Clairmont	George Sullivan	Lisa Clairmont	Kim Nichols	George Sullivan	Lee-Ann Trigler and Joy Franey
12/15	Lisa Clairmont	Pam Borgeson	Stephanie Burke	Lee-Ann Trigler	Kathy Remes	Gordon and Ingrid Williamson
12/22	Jeff Stone	Pat Gladbach	Lee-Ann Trigler	Joy Franey	Pam Borgeson	Josh Lehr and George Sullivan
12/24	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PLEASE SEE LEE-ANN					
12/29	Emily Clairmont	Kathy Remes	Jeff Stone	George Sullivan	George Porter	Pam Borgeson and Jeri Screnci



Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

2nd: Phyllis Fehl
4th: Chris Ortiz
6th: Cole Vaillette
11th: Larry Burke
12th: Ellen Henshaw-Dackers
15th: Nils Djusberg
15th: Jean Petersen
17th: Jayson Keenan
20th: Ingrid Williamson
26th: Analiese (Trigler) Fodera

JANUARY

1st: Emily Clairmont
7th: Charlotte Vaillette
7th: Missy Tupa
17th: Lisa Clairmont
20th: Marianne Djusberg
22nd: Jeff Stone
23rd: Aimee Remes
24th: Pat Gladbach
27th: Veronica Delong



Thank you to all who donated to the Whitman Area Toy Drive and helping to make a very Merry Christmas for those less fortunate.



Here's a wonderful way to adorn our sanctuary for Christmas! Place a poinsettia in the worship area to the glory of God in honor or memory of a loved one. After worship on Christmas, you may take it home, leave it to adorn the church or share with one of our homebound members. Just fill in the form below and return it by mail or in the offering plate on Sunday. The cost of each plant is \$10.00 and should accompany this form. Please have requests in by December 15th.

Your Name: _____ Number of Plants: _____

Dedication:

To the Glory of God: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



The Legend of Poinsettia

*Legend has it that a poor child
in Mexico having nothing to give the
Christ-Child on His birthday gathered
some weeds into lovely bouquet:
the only gift he had to offer.
When he brought his gift to the manger,
this simple weed was transformed
into a brilliant red bloom -- a poinsettia.
Now known as the beautiful
"Flower of the Holy Night"*




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Padre Tim is usually in the office on Wednesday and by appointment. It is always best to call the church phone first as visits and meetings sometime alter the schedule.

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Tim can be reached for pastoral emergencies at: 617-755-5236

DECEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP	2 7:00 p.m. YOGA	3 6:00 p.m. TOPS 6:00 pm. COUNCIL MEETING	4 12:30 p.m. BIBLE STUDY	5	6 CLEANERS	7
8 2 ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP	9 7:00 p.m. YOGA	10 6:00 p.m. TOPS 6:00 -7:30 p.m. BROWNIES	11 GLOGG LUNCHEON noon @ LEE-ANN'S	12	13	14
15 3 RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP	16 7:00 p.m. YOGA	17 6:00 p.m. TOPS	18 12:30 p.m. BIBLE STUDY 5:00-6:15 p.m. GIRL SCOUTS #62324	19	20 CLEANERS	21
22 4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP	23	24 5:00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 	25 CHISTMAS DAY	26	27 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. WHITMAN WELLNESS CENTER	28
29 1 ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				

If you have not completed and returned your 2020 Discipleship form and Pledge card, please do so as soon as possible as the 2020 budget is being prepared along with the discipleship listing.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

By participating in this ministry we grow in our relationship with God, self, others and all creation. We are transformed into the people God want us to be. Please circle how you will help in Mission:

- CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS
- FOOD PACKAGING
- FOOD PANTRY- DONATE/DELIVER
- INVITE OTHERS
- OTHER MISSION PROJECTS as they arise
- WELCOME NEWCOMERS

PLANNING TEAMS

When you volunteer to be part of a team, you are living out your life for the work of Jesus Christ. Please circle how you will help us plan our church life in Christ:

- CONGREGATION COUNCIL
- LEARNING
- MUSIC/HYMNS
- PROPERTY
- STEWARDSHIP
- PARISH LIFE/WORSHIP

I would like to offer these other gifts, talents, or ideas:



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2020 DISIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITES

We must use our gifts of common sense and intelligence to act



MY NAME: _____

MY ADDRESS: _____

MY PHONE NUMBER: _____

MY EMAIL: _____

WORSHIP and WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

We worship together because it is transforming, compelling, and encouraging. Please circle how you would like to assist with worship:

- ATTEND SUNDAY MORNING
- ATTEND ADVENT EVENING PRAYER
- ATTEND ECUMENICAL SERVICES
- ATTEND LENTEN EVENING PRAYER
- HELP WITH ALTAR GUILD
- BE A TECH/PROJECTIONIST
- BE A GRUSHER
- READ LESSONS AT WORSHIP
- HELP BY SETTING-UP FOR WORSHIP

PROPERTY

We work together to help provide a safe and inviting environment. Please circle those activities in which you are willing to help:

- CLEAN-UP DAYS
- GARDENING
- KITCHEN PATROL
- LAWN MOWING
- SNOW REMOVAL

PARISH LIFE

By participating in parish life we let God know we are thankful for providing social events and allowing us to bear witness to His love and care. Please circle any activities that you would like to be involved with:

- CHURCH PICNIC
- COFFEE HOUR HOST/HOUSTESS
- SOUP SUPPERS
- YARD SALE
- BULLETIN PREPARATION (PRINT)
- NEWSLETTER (PRINT/COPY/MAIL)
- SPECIAL MAILINGS
- TRACKING/ORDERING SUPPLIES

CARE AND CONCERN

We are dedicated to caring for the parishioners of Joy in Christ during their time of need. We try to serve our church family from cradle to grave. Please circle those areas in which you would like to help:

- FUNERAL COLLATION ASSISTANT
- PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED
- PREPARE AND/ OR DELIVER MEALS
- SEND CARDS AND NOTES
- TELEPHONE THOSE IN NEED
- VISIT HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

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Shining Our Light 2020 Pledge

To help shine God's Light brightly, I/we pledge \$_____. I/we plan to fulfill this pledge:

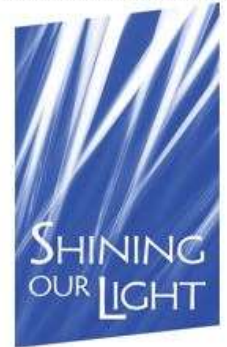
_____ weekly, _____ monthly, _____ semiannually, _____ annually.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

EMAIL



As we move on into the New Year, we want to make sure we have your correct information for the weekly bulletin, mailings, emails, and the monthly newsletter.

If we need to correct (or add) your address, your birthday or your children's birthdays, or update your phone number please notify the office at (781) 878-3394 or by email jicchurch@outlook.com.

Thank you and wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.