

### **Coming Events**

MON	DEC 17	7:00	NO Choir Practice
TUES	DEC 18	10:00	Lord & Ladies Bible Study
THURS	DEC 20	12:00	Senior Social
		6:45	Bell Choir Practice
SUN	DEC 23	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</u>	
		10:30	ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
			Sunday School Christmas Program
MON	DEC 24	<u>Christmas Eve</u>	
		12:00	OFFICE WILL CLOSE
		2:00	Candlelight Service
		7:00	Candlelight Service
TUES	DEC 25	<u>Christmas Day</u>	
		OFFICE CLOSED	
SUN	DEC 30	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas</u>	
		10:30	ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
			Trust Baptism
			Farewell & Godspeed to Simons
MON	DEC 31	<u>New Year's Eve</u>	
		12:00	OFFICE WILL CLOSE
TUES	JAN 1	<u>New Year's Day</u>	
		OFFICE CLOSED	
SUN	JAN 6	<u>Epiphany</u>	
			Festival of the Nativity
		10:30	ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

### **BETHANY ANNOUNCEMENTS 12-16-18**

**Handel's Messiah Concert** – is today, Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Ring in the season with glorious music, followed by coffee and refreshments. The Bethany Choir will present selections from Handel's Messiah on Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. The choir is joined by members of Yelm United Methodist Church and Opera Pacifica and will be accompanied by the Olympia Chamber Orchestra Wind Ensemble. Claudia Simpson-Jones will be directing, Jim & Daleen Haifley will be two of the soloists, along with Warren Shaffer from United Methodist, and Mayra Peña from Opera Pacifica. No reservations are required this year. The doors will be open for seating at 2:30 PM. (*Suggested donation \$10*)

**Fir Lane 2019 Calendars** – are available on the table in the narthex.

**Volunteers Needed for Christmas Eve** – Services will be Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. There is a sign-up sheet for assistants on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Poinsettias** – There is still time to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Please pick up an envelope from the table in the narthex and return it in the offering plate or return it to the office.

**Thank You** – to all who donated to the Eatonville Family Agency. They were very excited to get so many donations!

**Festival of the Nativity** - We will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> with our annual Festival of the Nativity. Bring your Nativity sets to the fellowship hall for all to enjoy before they get packed up for another year. Bring one, bring two, bring ten! It doesn't have to be a traditional full set; it can be anything depicting the holy family. The goal is 50 this year! The church will be open on Saturday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM for set up. See Kathy Birdseye for more information.

**ELCA Good Gifts** – The ELCA Good Gifts ornament tree is in Litzer Hall. The church order will go in at the end of December. **Please follow the detailed instructions next to the tree to complete your order.**

**The Blessing Bag Project** – We continue to collect Women's Hygiene Products for Blessing Bags that will be delivered to the Spanaway Food Bank: hand soap, shampoo and feminine hygiene products. Items can be put in the pink box next to the Food Bank cart.

**Farewell Reception** – We will say thank you and farewell to our youth director, Sarah Simon, and her family on Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 worship service, followed by a reception in Litzer Hall. If you can help organize, set-up, or bring sandwiches or fruit, please let the office know.

**Pastor's Vacation** – Janeen will be taking some vacation days between Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in and out of the office. Please call the office if you have pastoral needs during this time.

**Living Lutheran** – The December edition of Living Lutheran is available on the stand in the narthex by the entry doors. Please take one!

**Christ In Our Home Devotionals** – for the next quarter are available in the basket on the table in the narthex. Please help yourself.