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Grace Notes – January 7, 2018

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Baptism of Our Lord

Epiphany Program on January 7

On January 7, Grace will hold a multigenerational Epiphany program between services. Start saving your change. Once again the children will be collecting change at the program.

Upcoming Area Youth Broomball Event

Broomball is Sunday, January 7, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the U of I Ice Arena with Ice Time from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. All middle & high school students are welcome to join us.



Grace Mitten Tree

Thank you for your generous donations to our Mitten Tree. So far we have taken 82 items to Francis Nelson Health Center. We will continue collecting through January 14. Please especially consider warm accessories for boys. So far the girls are winning by a 3 to 1 ratio.

Questions? Contact Grace Schoedel.



Food Pantry Update

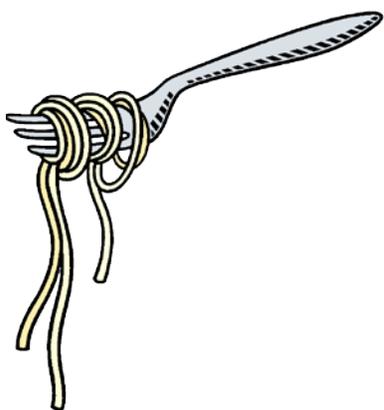
As we begin a new year, the GLC Pantry Board is reminded of (and extremely thankful for) the resources that YOU, the Grace Lutheran Church family, partners in this ministry, provide to make emergency food available to families in our community. Of course it takes money. It takes about \$2000 each month to stock the pantry for weekly distribution. But it also takes lots of volunteers to help with Thursday distribution, to help restock the cupboards every week, and a little extra "muscle" to help unload the EIF truck every third Wednesday morning of the month. 25-30 Grace members are involved in this volunteer ministry. We are very grateful indeed.

The Pantry Board schedules only ONE all-volunteer meeting annually, where we review the work of the past year, celebrate what this ministry means in our community, and consider new ideas as we move forward. If you are already involved in this ministry, if you are considering getting a bit more involved, or if you are just curious about this ministry and would like more information, we invite you to come join us on Monday morning, January 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hoffmeister Room. We begin with devotions, then review the past year, share experiences and observations, and look at the coming year. We will have coffee and light refreshments, which always promote good conversation!

Your pantry board: Kathy Bowersox, Karen Krusa, Carol Shupp, Royce Wilken ☩

Salvation Army Canteen Run Spaghetti Dinner

For an evening full of fun & food and help a worthwhile cause at the same time, why not attend the Spaghetti Dinner & Auction to benefit the Canteen Run for the homeless on Saturday, January 27, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Savoy United Methodist Church on South Duncan? We have some great auction items-Several watercolors of the U of I campus, baskets by GroveStone, pearl earrings, Illini Tickets, 2 simmering scented warmers by Pink Zebra and much more. Dinner is freewill offering and includes spaghetti, salad, bread, desserts and drinks. If you have something you would like to donate for auction, please contact Karen Krusa.



Christmas Chancel Plants

People who purchased poinsettias and Norfolk pines are encouraged to take their plants home at the conclusion of the last service on January 7. There are plastic bags available in which to wrap your plants. Gloria Rainer will be available to assist you. Thank you.

2018 Giving Envelopes

Don't forget to pick up your 2018 Giving Envelopes from the Narthex.

Prayer Joys

The Prayer List isn't just for Prayer Concerns. You can send Prayer Joys to Caitlyn Reinders for sharing.

Schnucks Bags Are Back

Grace Lutheran Food Pantry has once again been chosen as the recipient of Schnucks – Bags for My Cause program in the month of January. For every white “Hunger” bags with red lettering purchased at the Schnucks in Savoy or Urbana, \$1 will be donated to the Food Pantry.

January Congregational Meeting

The January 2018 congregation meeting will be held between services on Sunday, January 28, 2018, at 9:15 a.m. At the meeting we will elect three Synod voting members and two alternates. We will also vote on the budget for 2018 and ratify the amendments to the Constitution of Grace Lutheran Church that we approved at the May 2017 congregation meeting. These changes to our Constitution need to be ratified because they differ from the corresponding amendments on the 2016 ELCA Model Constitution.

2018 Calendars and Cards

Are the free calendars coming in your mail? Are you getting various cards from charities? Not sure what to do with them all? Bring your extra 2018 calendars and cards to share with our Food Pantry clients. Your donations can be placed in the large gray “Food Pantry” box by the main church doors. Your donations will be made available at our Thursday Food Pantry, now through January.

