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Grace Notes – January 6, 2019

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Epiphany Service and Potluck

This Sunday (Epiphany, January 6) Grace will be having one Sunday service with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. We will have an All-Church Potluck following the service. Please bring a brunch item to share.

Congregation Meeting

The January Congregation meeting will be held between services at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 27, 2019. At this meeting we will elect Synod Voting Members and Alternates as well as vote on the budget for 2019.

Budget Forum

The budget for 2019 will be voted on during the January Congregation meeting. There will be a Budget Forum at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 20, to help prepare for this vote. Please come and learn more about the budget.

Refugee in Need of Help

The Three Spinners Team in Champaign-Urbana is providing help to a refugee who needs some basic items. They have a mother who has just delivered a baby girl and was released from the hospital. She also has a toddler (boy). Items needed are:

- newborn clothes
- newborn diapers
- wipes
- washcloths and towels
- 4T clothes (boy)
- winter coats/hats/mittens/blankets for newborn girl and toddler boy

If you are able to donate any of these items, please email alex@threespinners.org to arrange a pick up or drop off.



Food Pantry Update

Mark your calendars; the annual All-Volunteer Food Pantry Meeting is coming up on Monday, January 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hoffmeister room. The Pantry Board holds one yearly meeting to review the past year, consider new ideas, and celebrate what this ministry means. All volunteers plus anyone who wants to learn more about the Food Pantry are invited to attend.

For those who wish to purchase items to donate, cans of fruit are always popular with our clients and are hard to come by at the Food Bank. Monetary gifts are always appreciated as we spend about \$2000 monthly on purchasing food.

Happy New Year!

Your Pantry Board, Kathy Bowersox, Jim Fleming, Karen Krusa, Carol Shupp, & Royce Wilken ☩

Canteen Run Spaghetti Supper

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 29, from 5:00 to 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, Gift Certificate to Hamilton Walker, pearl earrings, Larry Kanfer calendar and cards, two simmering scented warmers by Pink Zebra, baskets from several vendors 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. Ideas for donations-U of I tickets, gift certificates, baskets from your favorite shop, homemade items, etc.

Thank You for Serving!

Many thanks to Elizabeth Mazurak, and James Repp! Elizabeth Mazurak is covering for Dana Robinson through January 13. James Repp is the soloist for the offertory today. We appreciate your willingness to serve.

Cards for Lay Ministry

Come join Meg Loven for a brown bag lunch/card stamping session for Lay Ministry on Wednesday, January 16, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Hoffmeister Room. Meg brings all the supplies and participants enjoy an opportunity to be creative! No previous experience necessary! The results are those lovely hand-made birthday and anniversary cards mailed to GLC members throughout the year.

In a related matter, Lay Ministry is looking for volunteers to mail the cards. If you would be able to volunteer one to two hours of time, please consider covering just one month of the mailings of these cards to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Please contact Kathy Bowersox for the details.

Faith Circle Bible Study: January

Faith Circle will meet on Tuesday evening, January 15, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex. Carol Shupp will serve as hostess and Sue Kozlowski as lesson leader. The Bible study is taken from the January 2019 "Gather" magazine. January's session is the first of four sessions entitled "The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus," written by Rev. Julie L. Kanarr of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington. Start the new year with this evening of study and fellowship. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Kathy Bowersox.

Magazine Collection on Pause

Thank you to the many GLC members who have donated magazines for use at the Champaign County Jails. The magazines have been much appreciated. Currently we are acquiring more than we can use at the jail so collection of magazines at GLC are temporarily suspended. Again, thank you for your generosity! - Liz Abraham

Upcoming Adult Sunday School Classes

With the All-Church Potluck, Budget Forum, and Congregational Meeting occurring in January, Adult Sunday School will take the month off.

Starting in February, Grace member Bill Schoedel will lead a class on Islam. There will be some outside reading for this class to help facilitate discussions on Sunday morning. Please let Pastor Repp know if you will attend this class so that the correct number of books may be ordered.

After Easter, Grace member and retired pastor Janet Lepp will lead a class on the Book of Revelations, with an emphasis on the readings from Revelations used during the Easter Season.

Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 13. There will be a special activity the day of the congregational meeting.

Youth Events Planning Meeting

Youth families are invited to come to a Youth Events Planning Meeting on Sunday, January 13, at 9:15 a.m. Topics to be covered include a summer youth trip, VBS, camp experiences, and other possible summer activities. Please contact Caitlyn if you have any questions about the meeting.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund provides small grants to clients who need assistance with utility bills and/or rent payments. These clients are referred and screened by local social workers. We receive request for help weekly, so donations to the fund are always appreciated as the fund is completely supported by donations to it. No general fund money is used. When making a donation, indicate it's for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Mitten Tree

Our Mitten Tree for children in need of warm winter gear has been wonderfully decked. We have already taken a couple of loads of items over to Frances Nelson. It's not too late to add to the tree. We plan a final delivery in early January. Questions? Call Marcia Licquia.