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Grace Notes – January 13, 2019

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Chapel Brainstorming Session

There will be a brainstorming session on creating a new chapel space at church. Anyone interested in participating is asked to meet in library between services.

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. Copies of the budget are available on the table in the Narthex.

Budget Forum

Since 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, ask questions, and learn more about the budget.

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.

Christmas Poinsettias Need a New Home

It is time for the Christmas Poinsettias to be taken home. Please feel to take one. And for those who purchased the Norfolk pines, please take yours this Sunday. The pines need some sunshine!



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 – **including dinner with Chris Tamas, University of Illinois Volleyball Coach, and his wife Jennifer, a Silver Medalist at the 2008 Summer Olympics, hosted by our own Doug and Karen Krusa.** 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.

Canteen Run Sandwiches

Did you know? On the second Sunday of each month for the past year, Grace Lutheran has provided 30 sandwiches for the Canteen Run (a project of the Salvation Army) to distribute to the homeless in our area. Small groups of family and friends have gotten together for 20 - 30 minutes to make the 30 sandwiches.

The Social Ministry Committee is currently looking for families and small groups to help with this project on the second Sunday of the month for February through May. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you for your help!

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.

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.

Treasurer's Report

During 2018 we received a total of \$375,575.97 for the General Fund. Expenses totaled \$395,751.24 for a loss of \$20,175.27 in the fund's balance.

Youth Sunday School

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

Upcoming Adult Sunday School Class

Adult Sunday School is taking the month of January off. Starting February 3, 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 sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you will attend this class so that the correct number of books may be ordered.

Pub Theology

Pub Theology is back on tap for Thursday, January 24. Location to be announced soon.

St. Andrew's Meal Sign Up

From St. Andrew's, "Thank you for serving as Wednesday night supper bringers this past fall semester. We are sure you were one of the many factors involved in the swelling of our Wednesday ranks! Students return to UIUC this weekend and classes start Monday 14. We are most grateful to Kathy Wallig for already signing up to host our "Chat & Chow" meal this Wednesday!

We invite you to consider signing up again this spring OR for the first time. ... The link with all the info is here: St. Andrew's Meal Train Sign-up (<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/4wmkg5>)

Meanwhile, please know that come Lent, we will not be holding Wednesday night suppers. Instead our whole program changes up with Sunday evening (not morning) worship at 5:00 p.m., followed by a simpler congregational supper of soup and bread. We sit down to eat around 6-ish and hold a bible study (this year on the book of Ruth) as we slurp our soup and butter our bread.

Please feel free to sign up for soups and bread on Sunday nights (meal train has the schedule) but even more, you are warmly invited to join us for our Lenten worship, to stay for soup and the bible study, led by Pastor Amy."

Good Shepherd El Salvador Mission Trip Meeting

On Wednesday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m., Good Shepherd will hold an informational meeting for those interested in going to El Salvador with us this year. The date for the trip is Saturday, July 27 – Sunday, August 4, 2019. Information can be found on the blog: <http://gslc-cu.blogspot.com/>.