

NEWSLETTER

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Feed My Sheep Gifts

This month our gifts of food will be shared with Loaves and Fishes / C-CAP located on south Queen Street in the old St. Joseph's school building. This facility exists to aid people with the basic necessities of life such as food, energy and housing. Due to our difficult economic conditions, this facility is in desperate need for help for food items.

Becky Roberts, a member of St. John's, currently is a member of the Board of Directors.

Annual Reports Are Due Sunday, January 17th

Each year a booklet of reports is prepared for our **Annual Meeting** held on the first Sunday in February (**February 7**). Reports are expected from all treasurers, presidents of organizations and chairpersons of committees as well as the Pastor and president of the congregation.

Annual Meeting February 7 - 12:30PM

A luncheon will be provided by the church preceding the meeting. Any matter of business may come before the congregation present at the annual meeting.

Congregational Officers Will Be Elected

Monday, January 6th and announced the following Sunday. This election will take place at the regular Church Council meeting held in the Lounge.

What To Do in Bad Weather!

Any cancellations of worship services or events will be announced over radio station WRNR (AM 740) and on the church's telephone system.

Lenten Devotional Writers Wanted

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17, which will be here before we know it. Since Lent is traditional forty day long, we need forty contributors to the devotional booklet. A sign-up sheet will soon be placed in the Narthexes of the church. If you want to get an early start please contact Doris or Bill Agee at 267-7772 for a Bible verse.

Devotional booklets are wonderful ways to bring our Lord in every day life, and when those messages come from our fellow members of faith, there is an additional blessing.

Poinsettia Report

This year 66 plants were placed in the Chancel area of the church. Kristi Davis along with Sherri Feltner and Traci Harden arranged the plants beautifully. Additionally \$781.50 was contributed by those in the congregation who preferred not to give a memorial plant but wished to contribute to a local charity. This year's local charity was the Board of Child Care. Thank you to all who participated in this program of the church.

Harvest Home Offering Report

The monies we receive through this special offering are sent to the National Lutheran Home in Rockville, Maryland to provide "something extra" for the residents. That may take the form of a dietary treat or an extra outing as the Home sees fit.

This year through your generosity, we were able to send \$1,244. This is a wonderful response and one that will bring a blessing to many residents.

2010 Church Envelopes Are Available

They are on the tables in Luther Hall and are arranged in alphabetical order. Please take a few minutes to pick yours up. Thank you for saving the church the cost of postage.

Thank You Newman and Moss Families

These two families have been responsible for cleaning the sidewalks of the church and we need to recognize their contribution to the church. Without their help we wouldn't be able to hold worship services safely. THANK YOU!



Hancock Baptisms

On Sunday, November 29 the sacrament was administered to Collin Joseph Hancock (left) and his brother Wesley Lewis Hancock at St. John's. The children are the sons of Mary Katherine Lewis Hancock and Dr. Joshua Ross Hancock and grandsons of our members Dr. and Mrs. Dan Hancock. Both youngsters are part of the Mustard Seed.

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Important Dates to Remember in January

January 3 - Feed My Sheep Sunday
Our gifts will go to **Loaves and Fishes/C-CAP**. Food is urgently needed by this agency to help meet the swiftly rising demands brought on in these difficult times.

January 17 - Annual Reports Are Due!
Reports are needed from all presidents of organizations, treasurers and chairpersons of committees. These reports will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting February 7.

A study of Islam will begin soon in the **Adult Bible Study Class**. More information will be shared through the bulletins and newsletter. **All are welcome!!!!**

Epiphany Day - January 6

The church has traditionally set aside January 6 as Epiphany Day. On this day we remember the coming of the three Wisemen (Magi) from the east who had followed a brilliant star to Bethlehem to worship the newborn king as it had been told them. The graphic at the top of the title page is intended to depict this event.

It should also be noted that for our Orthodox brothers and sisters, January 6 is celebrated as their Christmas Day.

Confirmation
Classes
Sunday, January 17th
4PM in Luther Hall