

## REMINDERS:

- **Sunday is the deadline for ordering poinsettias**
- **Sunday is the deadline for renewing your subscription to *Living Lutheran***

**Today, November 19, 2017**

**TODAY – DEADLINE FOR ORDERING POINSETTIAS** to decorate the chancel for Christmas is **TODAY!** Order forms can be found on the Welcome Center in the narthex.

**TODAY – NEW 2018 FLOWER AND BULLETIN CHARTS** have been posted across from the church office. If you would like to remember a loved one or a special occasion with the gift of flowers or sponsor the bulletins, please sign up. Cost of the flowers—\$40.00; bulletins—\$20.00. – **OR – SPONSOR CREATIVE WORSHIP IN 2018:** You can commemorate a special date by sponsoring our Creative Worship efforts during the seasons of Lent and Advent. We don't have flowers at that time, but the Creative Worship Team will create a great visual environment to enhance our themes. You can sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office. Cost \$40.00.

**TODAY – CHILDREN'S OFFERING:** During the Fall semester the children's offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. All Sunday School youth are welcome to place their offering in the jar at the front of the sanctuary.

**TODAY – CONGREGATION MEETING IS TODAY** at 10:45am in the Great Hall during the education hour. We will elect officers and council members for 2018 and hear reports from our leadership.

**TODAY – LIFETIME LEARNING DOES NOT MEET TODAY.** Class resumes Sunday, Dec. 3, with G.I.F.T.

**TODAY – SERRV SALE IN THE ATRIUM:** Did you get to the SERRV Sale last week? If not, hurry to the Atrium while what you want is still there—or can be ordered just for you to arrive within the week. Look for that Divine chocolate in several varieties and sizes, Christmas items, soup mixes, jams, jewelry, scarves, baskets and more. All sales help artisans of Third World countries become economically independent and you have wonderful gifts and items for yourselves.

**TODAY – ADVENT DEVOTIONS:** Advent starts next Sunday, Nov. 26. There is a selection of devotional booklets on the narthex table for all ages. Please take one home for your devotion time during this season of Advent.

**TODAY – “LIVING LUTHERAN” SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL—DEADLINE TODAY:** It is time for Gethsemane to renew the group rate subscription to what was formerly called “The Lutheran” for all members who wish to receive the magazine. Go to the Welcome Center in the narthex and

- If you would like to **remain** on the list put a check mark by your name.
- If you would like to be **added** to the list please write your name and address at the end of the subscription list;
- If you would like to be **removed** from the list please cross off your name.

- If you would like to help offset Gethsemane's cost (\$8.95 per family subscription) you may place your contribution in one of the provided envelopes. (Make checks payable to **Gethsemane Lutheran Church.**) Deposit the envelope in the marked jar.

**NOV. 22 – BROWN BAG BIBLE BUNCH WILL NOT MEET.** The Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 12:00pm in the library for lunch. All are welcome.

**NOV. 22 – THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP** will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 7:30pm when we join the members of North Community and Clinton Heights for a joint service at North Community. The service will be followed by a pie reception. **WE NEED SIX VOLUNTEERS TO BRING PIES** to the service. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

**NOV. 23 – THANKSGIVING INVITATION:** If you don't have visitors in town or a special place to go on **Thanksgiving Day**, or if you were going to spend Thanksgiving alone or just with your immediate family, **why don't you come to Pr. June and Bob's house!?** We'll have lots of food and it will be fun! Pr. June will make the turkey and you will bring a side. To RSVP, talk to Pr. June or Bob or e-mail [pastorjune@gethsemane.org](mailto:pastorjune@gethsemane.org)

**NOV. 29 – BOOK GROUP** will discuss *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30pm in the church library. Diane Langner will lead the discussion. All are welcome.

**DEC. 6, 8, 9 & 10 – THE MAGPIE CONSORT** performs "*. . . and on Earth: Peace! Songs for the Christmas Season*" at four different locations on four different days and times. See the flyer in Atrium Way for the details. Tickets are \$10.00.

**DEC. 8 – FAITH MISSION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** Please consider signing up to serve dinner at Faith Mission Community Kitchen on Friday, Dec. 8, from 5:15-7:45pm. You may also sign up to bring deserts (cookies, brownies, etc) for servers to take with them that evening. Please place them in the upstairs kitchen by noon on Fri., Dec. 8, and marked for Faith Mission. If you can't work on the 8<sup>th</sup> how about helping in Faith Mission's donation room on Monday, Dec. 4, 10-12:00 noon. Eight volunteers needed. Sign up in the narthex at the Welcome Center. We also appreciate those of you who select an item from the Tree of Needs for Faith Mission.

**DEC. 8 – CONNECTIONS: FAITH AT WORK** will meet on Friday, Dec 8 instead of the usual first Friday. Conversation will be on "Jazz Religion" from 7 to 8 am at Bob Evan's on Olentangy River Road. Join us for breakfast or just coffee. Questions? Contact [jreuning@lifecrossings.com](mailto:jreuning@lifecrossings.com).

**DEC. 10 – CHRISTMAS CAROLING** to our homebound. All men and women, boys and girls of all generations will gather together after worship on Sunday, Dec. 10, to go Christmas caroling to our homebound. Bring along a plate of goodies to share with the people we visit as well as each other after our singing.

**DEC. 16 – NEXT QUILTING WORKDAY** is Saturday, Dec. 16, 9am-12noon. Take some time away from the busy season and enjoy conversation paired with service to others. If you can tie a knot, you can help. Rolls of squares can be found in the narthex at the Welcome Center by the name tags. Just leave your completed top there when done. It will then go to our quilt assemblers. For more information, see Terri Siebert, 614-890-6820, [tsiebert@columbus.rr.com](mailto:tsiebert@columbus.rr.com).

**AMAZON SMILE:** Just a reminder that Gethsemane is a recipient of funds from Amazon Smile. As you are doing your Christmas shopping, if you order things through Amazon, do it through Amazon Smile (same stuff, different gateway) <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0745246>. If you haven't signed up to have Gethsemane be the recipient of Amazon Smile dollars, it will ask you who you want to support (you can only choose one organization.) (If it doesn't say "AmazonSmile" at the top left of the web page, Gethsemane won't receive any donations from your Amazon order.)

## Aide for Puerto Rico

Pr. Jose Escalera, an ELCA pastor in Puerto Rico, has requested items to help people in their recovery from Hurricane Maria. Gethsemane is able to purchase from Amazon Prime over the counter medications (ibuprofen, Tylenol, aspirin, cold medicine, stomach pills, etc), bug repellent, flash lights, and batteries (AA & D) and send them to Puerto Rico using Amazon's free shipping. Please make a contribution of cash or check made payable to *Gethsemane Lutheran Church* and writing *Puerto Rico* on the memo line. Place your donation in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary.

**NEW IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY** – The beginning of a DVD collection, including Rick Steves' Luther, The Shack, and Amazing Grace – the story of Wilberforce's campaign against slavery in the British empire for you to borrow and view. Donations of DVDs are being accepted. See Carol Savolaine.

## **Activities November 19--25**

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### **TODAY**

9:30 am    Worship Service

10:45 am    Congregation Meeting

### **MONDAY**

8:00 am    Reflections Bible Study

6:00 pm    Day Care Committee

7:30 pm    Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:30 pm    AA & Al Anon

### **TUESDAY**

9:30 am    P&L Chapel

10:30 am    Staff Meeting

6:45 pm    Swahili Choir Rehearsal

### **WEDNESDAY**

**NO** Brown Bag Bible Bunch

6-8:00 pm    Food Pantry

7:30 pm    Thanksgiving Eve Worship

at North Community Lutheran Church

### **THURSDAY**

**CHURCH OFFICE & DAY CARE CLOSED**

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## **We Remember in Prayer**

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**New Concerns:** Father of Patsy Carringer ... Maury and Mary Drum (parents of Andrea Mayer) ... Jack Karako (father of Linda Mackov).

**Our love and compassion** to the families of former Gethsemane members, Ruth Fisher and Lillian Crawford, who passed away recently.

**Members with ongoing concerns:** Donna Baer ... Alice Gerken ... Bob Hagerdorn ... Tyler Hagerdorn ... Elaine Haines ... Arlene Hendrickson ... Sue Jones ... Mark Keller ... David Kibble ... David Lagerberg ... Gary Rader ... Howard Spring.

**Friends and family with concerns:** Dan Carroll (brother-in-law of Gary Rader) ... Chris Kasselman and her daughter Maura (friends of Joanne Leussing) ... Monica McLean (daughter of Brian McLean) ... Megan Ottesen (relative of Patti Nelson) ... Kevin Reilly (brother of Joe Reilly) ... Susan Wilkins (aunt of Pastor June and sister-in-law of Carole Wilkins).

**Homebound:** Marie Cooper ... Beryl Cumberland ... Carolyn Fergus (Wesley Glen) ... Alice Gerken (Mayfair Village) ... Phyllis Nelson ... Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen) ... Joanne Vollrath (Worthington Christian Village) ... Phyllis Wei ... Reva Woodruff (Columbus Colony).

**This year our ordering deadline is extra, extra, extra early –  
November 19 that's TODAY.**

You can order either a red or white poinsettia at \$8.00 for a 6½" plant and \$16.00 for an 8½" plant.

Order forms and envelopes are at the

Welcome Center in the narthex.

Complete the form and deposit it with your payment in the collection jar.