



ANCHOR NEWS

Springfield Lutheran Church, ELCA, Newsletter

December 2016

Post Scripts

Regarding the quote of the month, I find it to be a wonderful suggestion by Martin Luther to take some prayerful time around the story of Jesus' birth. Not simply rush through it and check it off like an item on a shopping list (green beans, roast, Nativity Reading, ice cream, furniture polish...) Not that many people actually do that, but with all the flurry of things around this time of year, I get Luther's "drift" in this matter, and I gladly take on the challenge he gives. This is what we do at worship these days.

Listen again to Brother Martin: "The heart will not laugh or be merry. As spray does not touch the deep, so mere meditation will not quiet the heart."

During Advent we take four weeks to "go deep" into the run-up for the Christmas story; we then have two more weeks to celebrate His arrival. It seems to me that taking time to cherish the story of Jesus brings great benefits, to comfort our troubled hearts as only the Gospel can do. It *does take some attention*. Each year we provide Advent devotional materials for people to use in this deepening way. It only takes a few minutes each day.

Into this reality comes the promise of Immanuel, "God with us", baby Jesus, "born that man no more may die" as the Herald Angels report in our famous Christmas hymn that has them singing "Hark!" The word means "Listen!" So we ditch our current and future troubles to take time, as Luther compels us to do, and pay close attention to the story of Jesus' First Coming in Bethlehem, His Current Presence Among Us Now, and His Promised Second Return to gather all things together for the Next New Phase of Reality Forever. That's part of my meditation about all this; I encourage us all to dig deeply into a familiar and yet always new announcement of Glad Tidings upon us. Now. Here.

"How glad we'll be if it is so!
With all the shepherds let us go!"

Martin Luther, hymn: "From Heaven Above", 1535, LBW 51.

A Blessed, Happy, and Merry Christmas to all.

Peace, in Christ, Pastor Erik

Quote of the Month—

"We must both read and meditate on the Nativity. If the meditation does not reach the heart, we shall sense no sweetness, nor shall we know what solace for humankind lies in this contemplation."

Martin Luther

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Fana and Rei

Meet & Greet Fanarelia Guerrero

By Michelle Guillory—So, now that we've all seen Fana and Alessandro playing on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, I thought it was time we got to know them...so, thinking "Ladies First", I cornered Fana when she came to practice.

Fanarelia (aka Fana) is delightful. She's 28 and a Nicaraguan international student at the University of Oregon studying for a doctorate in piano performance. She would like to teach piano back in Nicaragua. She's currently dating Jorge, also an international student...an all around good guy, who just went to Mexico for an international piano competition.

She wasn't born Lutheran, but was raised Catholic, so she fits in here just fine. She doesn't have a favorite charity yet, but she's got time.

As for hobbies, she does cross-stitch and she paints with either watercolors or acrylic paints. She cooks, apparently pretty good judging by Jorge's enthusiastic nod. She likes to cook Nicaraguan and other "ethnic" cuisines. Her favorite food to eat is Asian.

When asked about outdoor activities, she giggled. She's not an outdoor enthusiast. She likes to look, but she said the one time she went hiking, she nearly killed herself and said she'd never do it again. Now, before all the grandmas start to worry, she was just very tired and sore...there was no injury or accident on the trip.

Her favorite book is [The Little Prince](#) by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and her favorite movie is *Life is Beautiful*. Her favorite sport is soccer, but she doesn't have a favorite team. Her preference for dogs and cats is both and she's a tea drinker.

The fun one...What's your favorite weird thing or favorite present ever? She blushed for this. Apparently as a child she found a giant 5' (five foot tall) stuffed duck toy at a store and wanted it...wanted it so badly that she nagged until she got it. And then was embarrassed carrying it around when people inquired if it was hers.

Her English skills are pretty good considering it's not her first language. She's friendly and both the dogs are fond of her. When you see her, be sure to say hello.

SLC Quilting Schedule:

We have two groups here at SLC. SLCW LWR Quilters and the Springfield Lutheran Sewing Sisters (SLSS).

The SLSS meets on all Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Michelle Marroquin and Miriam Jones are your contacts for the SLSS.

The SLCW LWR Quilters meet Tuesdays, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. We follow the LWR guidelines and make quilts for those in areas of crisis throughout the world. Miriam Jones & Carol McAllister are your contacts for the LWR Quilters.

Come, join one group or both! Help those in need and learn new quilting techniques along the way.



LWR Projects

There is a booklet in the office that lists, in detail, all the various projects we can participate in with LWR. You may also choose some to do by yourself. You can also go to www.lwr.org for more ideas and an opportunity for online giving.

Here is a brief list of the standard projects that are always needed:

- School Kits/ Backpacks
- Baby Care Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Fabric Kits
- Mission Quilts
- Fleece Tied Blankets

There are specific requirements for each item, so be sure to either check out the booklet or the website for that list. All items are needed all year round. All items are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Thank you for joining with us in contributing to the greater world in need.

www.lwr.org

Lutheran World Relief
700 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230



Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany

We are now into the festive time at the end of one calendar year that moves nicely into the new year! Stick with me as I move us through the "high" points:

As the Church counts time, Advent (which means "to come") started us out—for 2017—on November 27, 2016, a bit more than four weeks earlier than the start of the calendar year (January 1, 2017). Christmas is a very short season with two Sundays after its beginning (December 24 & 25), the "twelve days" that take us into the Epiphany (January 6, which means "manifestation"), the celebration of the Magi/Wise Men visiting baby Jesus. Okay so far?

What follows that is a season of Epiphany Sundays that can be as short as four (like last year), or as many as eight, depending on other calendar considerations, including the Judaic ways of counting the seasons, culminating at The Transfiguration of Our Lord (this year on February 26, 2017). (Some traditions have all this moved ahead by six months, but that's a different story...)

In addition to those days mentioned above, several feast/commemoration days also help mark this time of year in a holy way: for many Scandinavians, December 13 is St. Lucia ("Santa Lucia") Day; December 26, St. Steven, Deacon and Martyr; December 27, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist; December 28, The Holy Innocents (slain in Bethlehem by Herod trying to kill baby Jesus); and, The Baptism of Our Lord (first Sunday after January 6, Epiphany). We could add "lesser" festivals along the way (including The Confession of St. Peter, January 18, The Confession of St. Paul January 25, and Candlemas/Presentation of Our Lord on February 2).

But we need to ask the question: *why does any of this matter?* My answer, simply put, is that in our age of holidays driven by retail, politics, and sports interests, it *matters that people of faith mark the time with the events and people of faith throughout the ages.* This is part of our story that we witness to, *and that we are a part of now!* At least, that's how I look at it (besides, I get a kick out of this!). When Sunday and Wednesday services coincide with days like those mentioned above, all year around, our worship services will reflect these things, gladly, and you are encouraged to take part.

—Pastor Erik



Giving Opportunities

By Erik Post—An active, vital, and valuable church community is a good neighbor to those in need, both near and far. "Income streams" include the following: offering plate collections and mailed-in monetary gifts and tithes have always been the mainstay of providing for our ministry needs. We are exploring the implementation of online giving too. Individuals and groups that benefit from using our facilities provide donations regularly, and are very grateful for maintaining our ministry "footprint" in Springfield.

Other ways that expand our reach for the Gospel include our [SLC Trust Fund](#). It does a great job of helping in significant ways. Many benevolences, over the years, with the interest from investments are managed and distributed by our fine Trust Committee. People's lives are changed in good ways, and as part of our annual celebration of being a good neighbor, a list of those benevolences is available for us to give thanks about. We are so grateful for this wonderful part of our expression and sharing of God's grace!

Now, in addition to the benevolent activities of the Trust Fund, a "[Leave a Legacy Fund](#)" has been approved, through council action and an affirmative vote at last year's annual meeting. The purpose of the Leave a Legacy Fund is to help the congregation with ongoing expenses that cannot be gathered only by the generosity of weekly collections of the offering plate, and the other sources mentioned above. This also provides a "cleaner" way to meet our ministry needs of property and personnel rather than by borrowing from sources otherwise dedicated.

A few years ago, many of you may remember, our 30-year old roof needed replacing. Through a one-time "loan" by the Trust Fund, and by your contributions, we replaced the roof, and paid back the Trust Fund ahead of schedule. Thanks be to God! Yet it was awkward, to say the least, to use our benevolence resource monies in that way, as many of you indicated. So, why not provide a different fund, if possible, independent of the necessary restrictions already in place with the Trust Fund?

The Leave a Legacy Fund is one answer to that question. With the generous gift from the estate of one of our beloved members, people want to see our ongoing Springfield Lutheran Church ministry continue. We can be encouraged to contribute either now, or by bequest, to either the benevolent Trust Fund or the Legacy Fund so that we can meet future expenses as they arise.

The money deposited so far is being managed and gains interest through the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. When ministry needs of property or personnel arise, our church council now has the capacity and obligation to use properly those Legacy Funds as needed (e.g., say we need a new furnace), so that there can be adequate funds available without needing to rely only on individual generosity and can leave the Trust Fund to do its benevolent work uninterrupted.

Please consider prayerfully how you can keep existing offering "streams" flowing with the current options available, especially including the new option of the Leave a Legacy Fund that can help ensure our valuable presence for the Gospel both now and into the future God is leading us into!

Thank You!

By Michelle Guillory—I've said it before and I'll say it again: Thank you!

To the council for approving and the congregation for paying and to Innovative Air, Inc. and GMD Electric for doing the work.

Check out the new ductless HVAC system in the church office. Pastor Erik, the dogs and I are all quite thrilled with the fresh air and consistent temperature.

Thank You!



Poinsettias

By Michelle Guillory—In your Advent bulletins, you have received a half-sheet insert with a picture of a poinsettia on it. This is the form for a dedication should you be inclined to bring one to decorate the Sanctuary. Should you want your specific poinsettia back in January, be sure to mark it with your name.

Poinsettias are due to the church by Friday, **December 16** and they will be free for you to reclaim after church on **January 8**.

Your Council Members for 2016:

President:
Linda Loomis

Vice President/
Stewardship:
Open

Secretary:
Rita Grimes

Treasurer:
Gail Rogers

Budget:
Bill Maack

Financial Secretary
Liz Hurley

Property/Maintenance:
Ray Miller

Worship Committee:
Open

Hospitality:
Alicia Fisher

Social Concerns/
Outreach:
Susan Squire

President's Corner

The executive board of the council met with Pastor in November. Pastor reported that the Ductless HVAC system has been installed and works beautifully. Our hymns have been chosen for Advent. Our treasurer reported that everything has been paid, but we are short on our offerings. The date for the Annual Meeting of the congregation was set for **January 22**. All annual reports from council members are due to the church office by **December 18**.

Please note with the upcoming Annual Meeting, we will be electing new council members. If you wish to serve or know someone who would be great, contact Pastor Erik or myself.

We are now in Advent. A time for reflection. Take time each day and reflect on your blessings. I found the following below. Have a wonderful Christmas and know that you are loved by our Lord.

Linda Loomis
President
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In the bleak mid-winter

By Christina Rossetti

1) In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

3) Enough for Him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

5) What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.



2) Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

4) Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air,
But only His mother
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

Ordination Thanks

By Erik Post—I am very grateful for the fine Trinity icon that you gifted me with as part of recognizing 30 years since ordination! The cards and other gifts are also very much appreciated! And lasagna, carrot cake, cheese-cake, lots of well-wishes (and good jokes)—all done without a “roast”—I am truly thankful!

Every year since November, 23, 1986, I take some time to review and reflect about the vows I took on my ordination day at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Portland. It’s a helpful and humbling activity for me: helpful in that it keeps me grounded in what I am supposed to be about as a pastor, and humbling because being ordained is not *about me*, *it’s about God*.

At the time of ordination, and after the opening sentences and Bible passages comes this first question: “Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this congregation, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the Church’s call is God’s call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament?” The response that I gave (along with all my colleagues over the years) is this: “I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.” See, I’m there, in service *to God*...a good thing to keep in mind. It’s a call, I’m not simply a “hired hand”.

Of course, as I say, “yes, help and guide me, God”, in my head I am also saying the holy equivalent of “Gulp!” or something like that...but I got prayerfully past that stage for the rest of the service.

A series of other questions follow, equally important, that ask me if I will preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, Lutheran Confessions, and Creeds of the Church; be diligent in study, pray for God’s people, nourish and lead them with the Holy Sacraments; and lead “by your own example in faithful service and holy living”, and will I as a pastor “give faithful witness in the world, that God’s love may be known in all you do?”

You look at those requirements and you think, sometimes, why would anybody in their right mind agree to, let alone seek, such incredible things?

Of course I responded and continually review/acknowledge, “I will and I ask God to help me.” The presiding bishop then prays “almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.” Key point here: God gives strength and compassion, “graciously”.

There are more prayers and scriptures that follow, along with promises of the congregation (and family and friends gathered there) to pray for and support me, too, all equally part of the Rite of Ordination. I was presented with a Bible, a communion chalice, and a stole (actually a whole set of stoles graciously made by Irene Borchers) as symbols of the office of Word and Sacrament.

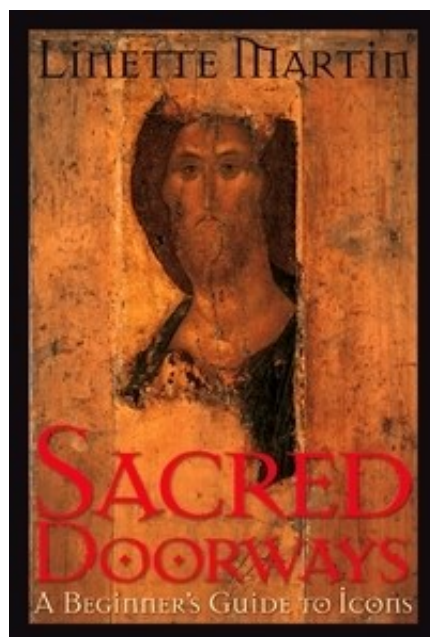
I have a photo album that chronicles all of that day, “bitter-sweet” now in the sense that many of those present all those years ago are now in the eternal care of God (including my parents and many church members from my home congregation). Most of us in the photo album have gone on with our various lives, of course. It kind of tugs at your heart, you know?

Well, there’s more to it than that. I just thought you might want a little glimpse about why it was important to mark that Sunday, and again thanking you for support and prayers in this calling, and asking for forgiveness where I mess up, and so away we go together, here: by God’s grace as God leads. Soli Deo Gloria! (“To God alone be the Glory!”)



The Holy Trinity

By Michelle Guillory—This icon was written by Andrei Rublev in the 15th century. It is also called “The Hospitality of Abraham”. It is his most famous work and the most famous of all Russian icons. There’s a ton of information at Wikipedia and in other books. The book I used to tell a bit about this icon at Pastor Erik’s luncheon was called [Sacred Doorways](#) by Linette Martin and is a beginner level introduction to icons



Suggested Food Pantry Items to Donate:

Fats, Oils, Sweets

- Jelly & Jam
- Honey & Sugar & Syrup
- Mayonnaise
- Vegetable Oil
- Salad Dressing

Milk Yogurt, Cheese

- Infant Formula
 - Powdered Milk
 - Instant Breakfast Drinks
 - Canned & Boxed Pudding
- ### Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans, Nuts

- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Canned Beef Stew & Bean
Soups & Chilis
- Canned or Dried Beans
- Baked Beans
- Canned Nuts

Vegetables

- Canned Vegetables & Toma-
to Products
- Vegetable Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Baby Food Vegetables
- V-8 Juice

Fruits

- Canned Fruit
- Raisins & Dried Fruits
- Applesauce
- Baby Food Fruit
- Fruit Leather (100% Fruit)

Bread, Cereal, Rice, Pasta

- Rice & Rice Mixes
- Canned Pastas
 - Noodle Mixes
 - Dry Noodles & Pastas
 - Macaroni & Cheese Mix
 - Cold Cereals
 - Bran Cereal & Shredded
Wheat
 - Infant Cereal
 - Hot Cereal Mixes & Oat-
meal
 - Bread & Muffin Mixes
 - Pancake Mix
 - Granola Bars & Graham
Crackers
 - Flour



LUTHERFEST 2017

*A Beer and Cheese
Pairing to Benefit
Lutheran Campus
Ministry at Oregon
State University*

2-4:30 pm

Feb. 26 Boulder Falls Center | 605 Mullins Dr. | Lebanon, Oregon

A Message from Luther House

Dear Friends,

We at Luther House are excited about plans for Lutherfest 2017. Each year it gets better and better. Adding to our excitement this year is the fact that we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We hope you'll personally join us for these festivities **February 26** at the Boulder Falls Event Center in Lebanon. Furthermore, we hope you'll encourage those you know to participate with you.

Ticket sales begin December 1 online only at www.lutherfest.luther-house.org.

Individual tickets are \$50 and tables of 8 sell for \$350 (a savings of \$50). Don't wait. We expect sales to be swift. Only 250 seats are available. Advance purchase is required.

We are deeply grateful to our primary sponsors—the Saint Mark Lutheran Endowment Fund (Salem), the Grace Lutheran Foundation (Corvallis), Atonement Lutheran Church (Newport), Faith Lutheran Church Endowment (Albany) and Ron and Virginia Mohr of Thrivent Financial. Their generous support coupled with donations of beer and cheese from participating vendors means every dollar in ticket sales goes directly to Luther House programming and outreach in 2017!

Thank you for your assistance in sharing this information. If you have questions, please refer to www.lutherfest.luther-house.org, or call us at 541.753.5213.

We look forward to seeing you February 26. Appreciatively,

The Lutherfest Planning Team

Annual Meeting

By Michelle Guillory—Heads Up Seven Up! The date is **January 22, 2017**, after the second service, regardless of the Sons of Norway dinner (if it's on the same day, go after! Our meeting is usually pretty quick!) If you are on Council, we need your annual report in the office by December 18.

Don't forget there is a finger food potluck prior to the meeting, so get to thinking creative small bites...I'm fairly certain there's a ton on the internet just waiting to be discovered.

Every Week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship with Communion	Office Closed 9:00 SLSS Quilting 12 noon AA 6:30 Bible Study	9:00 LWR Quilting 12 noon AA 5:30 NA	9:30 HS Cooking 12 noon AA 12:30 Nar Anon 2:00 Sr. Mat Yoga 3:30 Sr. Chair Yoga 5:30 AA 6:45 Midwk Worship	9:30 HS Cooking 12 noon AA	12 noon AA 12:30 Nar-Anon	12:30 AA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 11-2 Xmas Parade 5:30 pm Circle Xmas Party @ Church
4 2nd Sunday in Advent	5	6	7 9:30 Kate Morgan's Mindfulness group in Gym	8	9 7:00 Festival Carolers Concert	10
11 3rd Sunday in Advent Giving Tree Gifts Due	12	13	14 9:30 Kate Morgan's Mindfulness group in Gym	15	16 Book Group Party @ Indulge Poinsettias Due	17
18 4th Sunday in Advent 11:05 am COUNCIL	19	20	21 NO HS Cooking	22 NO HS Cooking	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Worship at 10:00 pm
25 CHRISTMAS DAY Worship at 10:00 am (only one service)	26 Office Closed NO Bible Study	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed NO HS Cooking NO Midweek Worship	29 Office Closed NO HS Cooking	30 Office Closed	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Please note there is only once service on January 1 (10am)

Bulletin Board

In the main hall by the church office, is a bulletin board that is for everyone. It's been titled Our Church—Our Community—Our World.

It is for news and events happening around our church, around Springfield, around Lane County, and around Oregon, and around the US, and around the World.

Not everything is applicable, but most things are. The grandson doing well in sports (our church), another church bazaar (our community), various volunteer opportunities (our community/our world), the latest newsletters from a variety of organizations (our community/our world).

Our goal is to share happenings, not to indoctrinate or recruit for something that is unrelated to the church. The big 'no' is secular politics and activism. There can be news of a meeting, but no views or opinions. We understand that politics and activism impact our church, our community, and our world; but this board is too small a forum for such a task.

Should you like something to go up, contact the church office and we will put it up if applicable.



Our Church—Our Community —Our World—

- **Springfield Annual Christmas Parade**—Saturday, **December 3**. We will be hosting our stand on the front lawn with cookies and candy and cocoa. Prep starts at 11:00 am. The parade passes by starting around 1:00 pm. We are still collecting cookies and candy for this event. Susan Squire is the contact person.
- **Women's Circle**—The Christmas party will be held Saturday, **December 3**, at 5:30 pm. It is a potluck and will be hosted by Sarah Heacock. Bring either a hot dish, a salad, or a dessert. There is a sign up sheet on the Narthex Table. There is also a gift exchange with a \$10 limit...choose a gender neutral item as spouses are invited.
- **Monday Bible Study**—meets **December 5, 12, and 19** at 6:30 pm in the Gym.
- **Holiday Concert**—The Festival Singers group from last year is coming back. It is scheduled for Friday, **December 9**. The concert is at 7:00 pm. There will be a canned food drive and a free will offering to help cover expenses. All are invited.
- **Giving Tree**—Our annual giving tree benefitting 30 local school kids has begun. The kids are from Maple and Two Rivers. Please take an ornament from the tree in the Fellowship Hall and log it out. Then purchase something for that child and bring it back wrapped and tagged. The due date is **December 11**. Contact Susan Squire with questions.
- **Book Group**—Please note that the next get together is not a book discussion, but a Christmas party! Friday, **December 16**, over at Indulge. Please bring a pair of goofy Christmas socks filled with goodies to exchange. The time is still to be determined, so check the Sunday bulletins for more information. Darlene Wood is your contact. On another note, the book you should be reading is [The Winding Way Quilt](#) by Jennifer Chiavierni. The next book discussion meeting is **January 2** at 11:30 am over at MaryAnn Lovdokken's home. It will be a potluck, so bring a salad or dessert.
- **Council**—will meet **December 18**. Please plan to attend.
- **Schedule for Christmas Week**—The church office will NOT be open the week between Christmas and New Year's. There will be no Monday Bible Study or Midweek Worship.
- **Fringe Benefits, The Wise Guys and MCCB**—Will not meet in December. Our normal schedule will resume in January.
- **Newsletters**—Don't forget to check our bulletin board for a wide variety of newsletters with more information than our little newsletter can handle and still stay little.

End of Year Items

By Michelle Guillory—**Annual Reports**—If you run a committee, please complete your end of year report and turn it in to Michelle G. in the office. They are **due by December 18** as time is needed to prepare the collated copies of all annual reports for congregational perusal prior to the Annual Meeting on **January 22, 2017**. Please note that there will be a finger foods potluck prior to the Annual Meeting after the second service on that date.

Giving Statements—It is my intention to have them ready and out to the Narthex Table on Sunday, **January 15**. Please double check my work so that you get proper credit on your taxes. Thank you.

The Narthex Table

By Michelle Guillory—For December, here's the current list of what's on the Narthex Table:

- **Event Sign Up Sheets**—There's a breakfast on November 13, so the sign up sheets will be located on this table closer to the event.
- **Grocery List**—What? Well, it's a list of **items that are good for Food Pantries**. Non-perishable items that are healthy and keep well and are good movers at Food for Lane County and the various pantries that it serves. Please remember pull tabs on canned foods if possible. Take one if you feel you need ideas...or check the green (grey if printed) column on page seven for a handy reference.
- **Tithe Envelope Boxes**—They're here. They cost the church \$4.54 per box, including shipping. If you don't see your name and want one, let Michelle know in the office. Thanks.
- **Advent Devotionals**—This year there is a selection. We have the booklet from the Lutheran Indian Ministries and an Henry Nouwen booklet, plus the booklet from Luther Seminary. So, pick one and enjoy.
- **Christ In Our Homes**—These are quarterly devotionals that cost \$5 for an annual subscription. The money goes to the SLCW who pays the bill.
- This **newsletter** (including the monthly calendar) can be found there, as well. We provide it for folks who do not have internet access or those want a quick read while waiting. If you do have access to the internet, please leave the paper copies for those who don't. Thank you.
- On the easel near the entry to the Narthex, you'll find **signup sheets** for bringing flowers on Sundays and for reading the Scriptures during the services...you can pick which service to read during. This bulletin board also has the selected readings so those who choose to read may have time to practice.

Periodically check there to see if there's something new with your name on it in the basket on the table with the alphabetical tabs...it won't necessarily be another giving statement, but perhaps something that needed to be passed on to you. Thank you.

Contact Us

If you need the church, the Pastor, the Secretary, prayer, comfort, or guidance; please contact us at:

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ELCA**

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Springfield, OR 97477
(541) 746-2403

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Open Tuesday-Friday, from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

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Visit us on the web at
www.springfieldlutheran.org

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S:

Saturday, 12/24, Christmas  
Eve—10:00 pm Worship

Sunday, 12/25, Christmas  
Day—10:00 am Worship

The office will be **CLOSED** the week between Christmas and New Year's. There will be NO Monday Bible Study or Mid-week Worship this week, as well. Contact the pastor in an emergency.

Sunday, 01/01, First Sunday  
After Christmas/New Year's  
Day—10:00 am Worship

Sunday, 01/08, Second Sunday  
After Christmas—8:30 &  
10:00 am Worship with coffee  
and fellowship between ser-  
vices.