



herald

wheat ridge evangelical lutheran church
Missouri Synod
8600 West 38th Avenue Wheat Ridge CO 80033
303-424-3161 www.wrlutheran.org



DECEMBER 2018

- Page 1 LWML
- Page 2 Advent, Gift cards,
Lutheran Chorale
- Page 3 Angel Tree
- Page 4 Christmas
- Page 5 Letter

“BOLD IN CHRIST”

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold...2 Corinthians 3:12

Advent/Christmas

Holiday seasons often find us exhausted and overextended. We need the perfect tree, the perfect gift, the perfect meal, etc. We run here and there picking up kids, organizing parties, practicing for choir and much more, all so we can “enjoy” Christmas! Jesus invites you to take a break and focus on Him. Make yourself a cup of hot tea, clear your head of all you need to get done, and read Luke 2:1-20. Notice that this is not a story about Mary and Joseph running about getting everything ready; instead it is an account of the simple yet magnificent entry of Christ into the human world. God has already met all your needs in His Son, Jesus Christ. His love is the most important thing you have to share with others. Carry that thought with you as you continue your preparations.

MISSION of the MONTH

Christian Hope through Mass Media in Egypt - \$100,000 – Lutheran Hour Ministries will use this mission grant to expand their proclamation of the Gospel to other parts of the Middle East, Especially refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey. LHM will reach families, refugees, and citizens of the region through a new television program broadcast in Cairo, Egypt. This broadcast has the potential to reach millions of people throughout the Middle East with the message of faith and the true love of Christ and to be a strong Christian voice and witness through Arabic satellite television programming.

MITE SUNDAY is December 16th – the Mite Box will be available during coffee fellowship following worship. Thank you for filling your Mite Box!

ANGEL TREE – Every Day is better when it starts with a Good Night’s sleep!



Look for additional information in this Newsletter about the collection of pajamas and storybooks for children 6- 12 years.

13th Annual Cookie Walk – December 16th

Here is your opportunity to get your baked cookies for the holidays! Buy a tin and fill it with holiday cookies after the worship service.

Donations of 3-4 dozen cookies would be appreciated. Bring your cookies to the church Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 pm.

**Welcome to all Women of the Congregation
Lutheran Women in Mission**



ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM



The journey through Advent to Bethlehem... and beyond is never easy. It is filled with lots of noise and distractions. Some of the people you meet along the way are not really going to Bethlehem! If you plan to be one of the weary yet joyful travelers who IS going to Bethlehem and also has eyes looking beyond, then you will find help and enrichment in the programs and activities of our church.

Sunday, December 2 – 11:30 am

Deck the Halls

(Stay to help decorate your church)

Wednesday, December 5 – 6:00 pm

Advent by Candlelight

....A Time for Preparing....

Dessert/Fellowship/Vesper Service

Wednesday, December 12 – 6:30 pm

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

....Christmas Program featuring all three
Wheat Ridge Lutheran Choirs

Sunday, December 16 – Following Worship

13th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk

Wednesday, December 19 – 6:30 pm

Evening Vesper Service – Readings and Carol Singing

=====

GIFT SUGGESTION:

Everyone needs groceries. A gift card from King Soopers or Safeway to gift to others (family members or friends) is a way of helping to supply their basic needs. It is also is a source of income to our church by way of your grocery shopping. So why not let a percentage of a grocery bill benefit us? Reloadable Gift cards of this type bring financial support to the church through everyday activities. If you have questions about gift card use or purchase, see Mel Furgeson. (There is a minimum cost of \$25.00 for a reloadable gift card.)

The work of the steward is the investment of all that we are and have in being faithful caretakers and sharers, not owners of what God has done for us in Christ. (from: StewardCAST - LCMS)

=====

The Lutheran Chorale would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and an invitation to join us for our **Christmas concert on Sunday, December 9, 2018.** We will be starting with “Caroling for our Lord” at 1:00 pm in the main lobby of Lutheran Hospital, 8300 W 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge. We will be gathering around the piano and singing many of our favorite carols and hymns. Please join us in singing.

At 3:00 pm we will be moving to the Chapel of the Good Samaritan, also on the Lutheran Hospital Campus, at the northeast corner of the hospital’s North Pavilion. "The Miracle of our Lord" includes many new and old pieces which celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Our next concert will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1701 W. Caley Avenue, Littleton at 7:30 pm.

We do not sell tickets for our concerts but we will accept a free will donation. Please contact David Peterson, 303-210-9428, email us at TheLutheranChorale@comcast.net, or visit our website at thelutheranchorale.org

ANGEL TREE

This year the LWML has selected the Pajama Program as the recipient of our Angel Tree - Gifts from the Heart for Christmas - 2018.

The Pajama Program was created in 2001 and their goal is to provide new pajamas and a new book for infants through teens.

Maria said ...“You mean I can keep these for the rest of my life?”

That was back in 2001, when Genevieve Piturro, Pajama Program’s founder, discovered that the children she read to at a local shelter did not have a caring adult to tuck them into bed each night, let alone a pair of warm, comforting pajamas to change into or a storybook to enjoy before the night descended. Instead, the children she saw there were often relegated to sleeping on a cot or futon, two or three together, still wearing their clothes of the day.

As bedtime approaches each night, millions of children in this country have no bed to call their own — let alone pajamas to change into or books to escape into — and so they have no concept of a loving bedtime. The treasured ritual of changing into clean pajamas and tucking in with an enchanting bedtime story are unknown — some of these children, in fact, have never heard of pajamas.

We are inviting our members and friends of our church to share with the children in our local community the gift of one set of new pajamas (top and bottom) and one new book for a child between the ages of 6 to 12 years old). Our Angel Tree will be set up in the Narthex and ready for you to select an Angel Tree Tag with the age requirements and you may select either gender (male or female) for your gift.

We ask that the pajamas and book be wrapped together with a ribbon only without any wrapping paper. Please place the pajamas and book under our Angel Tree and **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, please attach the Angel Tree Gift Tag on the ribbon that is wrapped around your gift!

THANK YOU in advance for your caring and sharing hearts! We are always thrilled with the generous, loving spirit of our members.

DETAILS FOR OUR ANGEL TREE

- Sunday - Nov. 25 - Pick up Angel Tree Gift Tag from our Angel Tree
- Purchase a new set of Pajamas (top and bottom) and a New book
- Dec. 2nd - 16th drop off your gift with the Angel Tree tag attached



The greatest Christmas gift of all
was never placed beneath a tree,
but lay in a manger bed,
beneath a star, for all to see.



The Poinsettia

“The Flower of the Holy Night” with its lovely red color and green leaves always adds to the beauty of Christmas celebrations. They will again decorate the church this Christmas and are available to you by placing \$10.00 in an envelope with your name. Place it in the offering plate or church office by December 18. Plants may be taken home following the worship service on Christmas Day.



So this is now the mark by which we all certainly know whether the birth of the Lord Jesus is effective in us; if we take upon ourselves the needs of our neighbor.

Martin Luther



Let us worship
The Light of the World
Christmas Eve 10:00 pm
Christmas Day 10:00 am

Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

LCMS

8600 West 38th Avenue Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033

Phone: 303-424-3161

Call Committee 2018

The Committee

Greeting and blessings to the members of Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church. The Board of Lay Ministry would like to introduce the members of Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church who have agreed to serve on the Call committee. We wish to thank them for their willingness to serve and put forth their time, effort and commitment required of this group during the Call process. The members of the committee include: The Board of Lay Ministry, Joe Broscheit, Charles DuValle and Dan Maag, the presiding Executive Director Brian Echtenkamp and the following church members: Joyce Wonnacott, Eady Broscheit, Brooke Lundin, Sheila Fornall, Brian DeLaet and Ray Bickner.

The process

We ask that the congregation embrace a commitment to new leadership and a new future. Mindful that through the Call process, God is at work finding this Congregation a new Shepherd to lead us into its God intended future. First, the Committee will review, discuss, and supplement if necessary the most recent Congregational Self Study document (previously completed in 2012) which identifies our expectations and goals as a Congregation and our criteria and needs for our Pastor. This document will be shared with the Rocky Mountain District President/Office and our Northwest Denver Circuit Counselor and is intended to aid them in preparing a list of prospective pastoral candidates to add to our Call list. This Committee will supplement that Call list with names submitted by Congregational members. For those members that have already submitted a candidate's name, we thank you for your input to this process. For others who may have potential candidates in mind, we ask that you formally submit those names and their contact information to any member of the Board of Lay Ministry directly or by email. The names of pastoral candidates have to be submitted to the District Office who will obtain information about the candidate and confirm their eligibility to be placed on the Call list. So that our Committee can work as efficiently as possible, we would ask that names of candidates be turned in no later than July 29, 2018. The District Office will then confirm and present a list of approved Pastoral candidates to the Call committee. Once received, the Call Committee will diligently and expeditiously study the information for each candidate. The Call Committee may choose to contact the candidates to clarify or add to information received from the District President/Office. After evaluations, discussions, and prayer, the Call Committee will prioritize the candidates that best meet the needs of Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church and prepare a briefing on the suggested candidate to bring before a Voters Assembly. The Voters will then unanimously determine and confirm this Pastoral candidate for a Call. The committee will work with the District President/Office to fill out the required paper work and Call documents to be sent to the Pastoral candidate. The Pastoral candidate acknowledges receipt of the Call documents and is given a finite period of time to make his decision. The Pastoral candidate accepts or declines the Call. If the Call is declined, the process begins anew whereby the Call Committee would bring the name of another Candidate from our list to the Voters. If the Call is accepted the congregation can begin making arrangements for the arrival and installation of our new Pastor.

Blessings,

Joe Broscheit, Dan Maag, Charles Duvalle

Board of Lay Ministry