

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Branches Band - Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches...” (John 15:5) Branches Band, a Milwaukee-based music group, uses their love for music to identify the Savior of the world: Jesus! From ancient hymns to modern songs, from guitars and piano to percussion and vocal harmonies, the truth of God’s love and grace is at the root of the Branches Band ministry. Branches Band travels all over the United States and Canada with their repertoire including hundreds of hymns and songs. Branches Band has served over 500 WELS and ELS congregations by offering Christian concerts, assisting with worship, and developing music resources for today’s church leaders and worship teams. For more information, visit the Branches Band website (www.branchesband.com), or visit them on Facebook at (www.facebook.com/branchesband).

Family Bible Hour: Today we are taking a pause on Job and doing a walkthrough of our new church website and the ministry it offers us. We will do this in the sanctuary.

Last weekend the Windows to Ministry initiative reached the goal the Long Range Committee established. God's people here generously gifted over \$90,000 to accomplish: 4K and Kindergarten furniture, redo a website, renovate the carpeting and tile throughout the school, a hot lunch warmer, portable basketball hoops for the gym, and a gym floor scrubber for extending the life of our gym floor! Thank you for your generosity St. Paul's, your labor to physically accomplish some of these things (carpet removal), and your dedication to seeing the Lord's work furthered among us in these ways. How blessed we are! After this weekend we consider this fund closed and ask for no further donations to the Windows to Ministry Campaign.

Living Nativity Flyer Distribution: On Sunday November 25th the Evangelism committee invites you to hand out flyers with us in our community from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. There will be a sub sandwich lunch provided in the commons. Please sign up directly with Pastor Mueller in person/phone/text/email.

Ladies Aid Christmas Party - All ladies are invited to the Ladies Aid Christmas Party on Thursday, December 13 at 1:30pm. Please sign the sheet in the member room if you plan to attend. Pastor Mueller will lead a devotional program and the school children will provide entertainment, followed by refreshments.

Mindful Moms - Mom's Night Out Christmas Gathering - Join us for our first annual Christmas Gathering! Come enjoy a relaxing evening out with mom friends, complete with cookies, a devotion, and a "favorite things" gift exchange! Please bring a wrapped item (\$5 or less) that's one of your favorite items. Tea, chocolate, lip balm, your favorite kind of pen or pencil, anything as long as you enjoy it. There's sure to be laughter and fun. Please join us Thursday, December 6, 7:30-10 at Alycia Cameron's house 2539 N 13th St. Sheboygan.

2019 Calendars – There are 2019 calendars available in the member room on the bench. Please take as many as you would like. You can hand them out to friends and family.

Living Nativity - We are still in need of two cast members. The open spots are 2 star carriers on Sunday. Please help us if you can. Sign up on CCB or see Marilyn Eirich or Sue Vant Hul.

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies - We could sure use cookies. The cookie baking volunteer sheet is now in the member room. We are asking our volunteers to bring 3 dozen of their favorite Christmas cookie or candy for living nativity. They may be left in the kitchen on Thursday or Friday, 11/29 or 11/30. Disposable containers are the best.

Living Nativity Posters – Living Nativity Posters and Postcards are available in the member room. Take postcards to mail to your family and friends. If your place of employment allows you to hang a poster, please do so.

Living Nativity Child Care – Please signup if you need childcare for the Living Nativity before Sunday, November 25th. A signup sheet is located in the member room. If you have any concerns, please call Melissa Lis at 920-207-7407.

Nativity Sets – We again are asking for members who would like to share their special and unique nativity sets to be displayed in our commons during living nativity. Please sign up in the member room, so we can prepare tables. They may be set up by you on that Thursday afternoon and evening or Friday morning. Pick up is Sunday night or Monday morning. Please provide a brief description of your set and turn it into the office. Please turn it in before Nov. 30. We will display that info also.

Nativity Display Monitor - We are looking for people to help monitor the nativity displays in the commons. We just need one more person for Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. There will be two people each night monitoring the displays. You are not required to stand all night there are chairs available.

Please contact Linda Hamann (565-2749) or the office if you would like to help any of those nights.

Mindful Moms - Even as the holidays are approaching there's still lots of time to enjoy playtime and Bible Study together. Moms and tots, please join us Wednesdays at 10!

November 21 - THANKSGIVING BREAK - No Meetup

November 28 - Bible Study

December 5 - Winter Fun playdate

December 12 - Bible Study

December 19 - Happy Birthday Jesus