

## Announcements

**BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES** *"Children are a gift from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."* Psalm 127:3 For over 118 years, LFS has connected children to parents through adoption, and now serves families in a multitude of other ways. In thanksgiving to God for an important person He has put in your life, celebrate the blessing of family with us this Thanksgiving by making a gift in their honor or memory. Your gift will honor them, and help us serve a child, teen, or family in need this year. It's easy! Text GIVE to (515) 212-7585 to receive a link to complete your donation. We thank God for your partnership and generosity! Lutheran Family Service is Iowa's only Recognized Service Organization (RSO) by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) for Pregnancy Support, Adoption Services, Family Wellness, Mental Health & Marriage Counseling. **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa** - 6200 Aurora Ave., Ste 410W, Urbandale, IA 50322 (515-251-4900)

**LIFE QUOTES** "In Christ, we are united as One Body, and as humans we are all of one race. Ethnicity should mean nothing for the Christian, and our parishes should demonstrate the truth of the ethnic diversity of the Kingdom of God. If we hold to racist beliefs, we only demonstrate how far we have distanced ourselves from the teachings of our Lord. Can a Christian be a racist? The answer is an emphatic NO!" *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington* - A "Life Quote" from **Lutherans For Life** - [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

**OSL COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOV. 17th** Please check your church mailbox for a Stewardship envelope. *Prayerfully consider how each member of your family can use those gifts to serve God through many opportunities within Our Savior Lutheran church.* Return the forms on Sun., Nov. 17th to offer your family commitments during the worship service. If you wish to return your envelope early, you may drop it off in the church office.

**LWML MEETING** LWML will be meeting on Monday evening, **November 18th at 6:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for our regular meeting and Bible study. This is just an hour meeting, but always great fellowship and a wonderful way to be in God's Word. Hope to see you there.

**WANTED!** Your old greeting cards. Any occasion! If you're tossing them out, we can use them. We only need the front's with the picture. There is a box on the kitchen counter to place them. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE** We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, **December 6th starting at 9:00am.** Please join us!

## St. Nick's Christmas Club

Once again we have the opportunity to be involved in the St. Nick's Christmas Club. Each child will receive pants, shirt, socks, underwear/or diapers and a gift. If anyone ask for winter coat, boots, or mittens those are an automatic purchase in my book. We gotta keep our children warm. Please consider helping by sponsoring a child or a family. There is a great need in Jasper County. Envelopes will be handed out by the ushers. You may choose from 2 options, sponsoring a child or family and buy the necessary items they need or make a donation towards this project. Place your envelope in the offering.

**We will be accepting money November 10th and 17th.**

One common statement I have heard is I wouldn't know what to buy, so let's talk about this for a minute. There is a book with at least 225 families that are needing help. I read through each one available and make sure that items on their list is something that I think our Elves can find. I also at times get a tug on my heart which to me is a sign from God saying "Yes take this one". You are given sizes and colors that a child likes along with wish list items. Whatever you get will be fine. Hopefully an item on the wish list can be purchase in town or on line if you are a heavy duty shopper like our Elf Gail. These are only suggestions, any toy for a smaller child works and any gift card for an older child works if you can't find anything. Take a chance this year, ask to shop for a child. Our gifts may be the only gifts that child receives this year. I speak from experience you will feel the warmth in your heart knowing you have made someone smile Christmas morning.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Ervin 521-8600.

