



Church of the Savior Messenger



Tuesday, December 17, 2002

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Deadline for items: Friday, December 27, 2002

Pastor's Letter

Twas the week before Christmas and all through dear COTS
not one person was idle not even the tots.
On Sunday they sang and to Santa we listened
as he prayed to the Lord and our spirits did glisten.
We celebrated a birthday that is oft time forgot,
yet His is the birthday remember we aught.

Santa said it so plain and so clear,
"I honor the Lord through all of the year."
St Nick protected the poor and gave to the needy,
not to be praised or enable the greedy.
But to remind the world the Lord to praise;
our voices and honor to Him we should raise.

As this joyous season comes to a close,
let us remember the reason Advent arose:
To prepare our hearts as we journey under the star,
joining the Wise Men as they came from afar.
We too, must hear the heralding angels sing,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to the King!

So, let us shout from the mountains, the valleys and plains
The joy in our hearts we can not contain!
Let us sing, "Happy Birthday dear Jesus,"
You are the reason for our Christmas joyous!
(Pray then we remember this time is not about
the mythical figure who probably has gout.)

And to each of you whom we hold so dear,
We hope it is to the Lord whom you will draw near.
This season is about our Lord Jesus Christ:
Advent is to recall His birth and His sacrifice.
Therefore, to all, we wish the Light of the season;
Joy and Peace for He alone is the Reason.

Merry Christmas and may our hearts all be ready,
With much love, Pastor Thea, Aaron, Michael and Katie.

In Our Prayers

Will Kamp Fritz Kate Nancy Murphy
Laurence Wellons Charlene Ledbetter Donna Deming

We also wish to keep Henry Kamp's family in our prayers at this difficult time.

If you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by our Caring Commission or Pastor, please contact the church office.

Nominations Approved

The nominations for the Class of 2005 are Shirley Hammil, Laura Billerbeck, David Webster, Dot Rosson, George Whiting, and Kelly Farnham. Sharon Reeves will complete the term vacated by Bobby Lee in the Class of 2004.

Nominations for the Nominating Committee for 2003 are Jane Brown, Mary Jo Walker, and Danny Smith.

Living Christmas Tree

You may greet your church family by placing your card on the Christmas tree in the Narthex, also indicating that you have given a contribution to the children's homes of our congregation, The Evangelical Children's Home and Goodland Children's Home. Please make checks payable Church of the Savior and designate "Living Tree."

DEB'S PAGE

Youth Truth

Yippee...it's Christmas Time! You guys are a constant source of joy in my life and we've got lots of great things ahead.

Friday, December 20 Lock in
Sunday, December 22 Skating at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Service
Friday, January 3 Scottish party...youth invited!

Lastly – come see me during the holidays. I look forward to being with my terrific Youth Group! Let's grow in Christ...together.

Joyful Noises

You all continue to be a constant blessing to me with your voices, your smiles, and your positive attitudes. Thank you! I hope that if you're in town you'll be present in the choir for Christmas Eve's lessons in Carols and Candles.

You're loved and appreciated and 2003 is going to be awesome!

Kids Korner

Get ready to skate Sunday, December 22nd. Mom's and dad's too...More to come in 2003.

NEEDED

COOKS NEEDED

Mobile Meals request: 4th Thursday of each month. Will consider Monday cooks also. Help us keep this Mission service going.

Old Working Computers

The Child Care Center is in need of old working computers that are new enough to run children's software. Please contact Rachel Brand, Deb Roberts, or Paula Pons if you have one to donate. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help assist in answering the church office phones from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. when the church secretary is out of the office. Please call and leave your name with Karleta.

First Sunday Mission Collection

Please remember to bring food and personal hygiene items for the Reaching Our City Food Pantry in January. Soups, crackers, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, etc.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Potluck Supper

Bring your favorite dish and get ready for a "Ceilidh" Friday, January 3, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. Food, fun, Scottish country-dances. Got questions? Give Jerrel Murray a call! Come One, Come All!!

THANK YOU

Thanks

A big THANK YOU to everyone! The Advent Event and Potluck were a big success. Food, fun, and singing were had by all. Have a great holiday!
Mary Webster

FYI

Lost Keys

Willie Sydner lost his keys in our South parking lot on November 5, 2002. If anyone found them, please contact him at 821-5451.

B. C. Clark

Remember - When you buy gifts, etc., from B. C. Clark that our church gets a percentage of the amount of the purchase. You need to ask but they gladly will give it.

HELP!

Please call us with any corrections, additions, subtractions to the name tag list, so we can print more tags. Our apologies for errors, or missing names. Thanks to all of you and especially Danny Smith our computer "whiz".
Margo and George Whiting, 721-8959

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