

**Memorial Lutheran Church---ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**December 17, 2017**

**TODAY....**

**Tea rings...may be picked up this morning in the church office.**

**Our Adult Bible class** will meet in the Student Center today.

**Our special Christmas Sunday School** will be held this morning at 9:40 AM. We encourage parents to join the children in acting out the Christmas story and doing crafts.

**The high school youth group** will meet at the Higgins' home today for a Christmas party.

**Offering envelopes and pledge cards** for 2018 should now be picked up from the church office. You are welcome to pick up a CD with pictures from the Children's service in the office.

**UPCOMING...**

**Christmas Eve candlelight services** will be held at 5 PM (family service) and 7 PM (traditional).

**There will be just *one* service on December 24 and 31 at 10 AM. Regular Saturday services will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.** January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> we will resume our normal service times of 5 PM on Saturdays and 8:30 AM and 11 AM on Sundays. Sunday School and the 10 AM service will resume on January 7.

**The church offices will be closed on Christmas Day and December 26.**

*With the winter weather upon us, we ask that you enter the church through the lower east door, not up the driveway to the south entrance. Not only does this avoid ice for you, but it helps to keep the church cleaner since it is difficult to clear ice off the driveway...it is easier to keep the east sidewalk clear.*

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, STUDY, AND CONNECT...**

**Poinsettias may be purchased** for \$15.60 and will be placed in the church for Christmas Eve services. You may make a check out to Memorial and put it in the offering plate labeled "poinsettia" or give the money to Jeanne or Judy in the office.

*Regarding end-of-year donations (from the financial magazine Church Finance Today) ... "Donors must deliver checks to the church on December 31 to claim a deduction for 2017. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2018 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2017, even if the check is predated to 2018 or was actually written in 2017."*

**International Student Ministry...**Contact Judy at [ISM.MLChurch@gmail.com](mailto:ISM.MLChurch@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving as a teacher for the advanced English class on Mondays next semester.

**LWML mission for this month** is teaching young girls to sew in Tanzania and offering the Gospel to them at the same time so they can have a chance to change their lives and learn the saving grace of Jesus. Go to [www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants) --under #44 to learn more about this.

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**Please note the special alternative gift projects** posted in the back of the church which offer ways to contribute to other mission projects and parts of Kebede's budget requests.

**A group for Ascension Lutheran Church** is planning to go the week of January 14 to Beaumont, Texas to help a local Lutheran church with hurricane relief. If you are interested in going, speak to Pastor Mark.

**Youth Lock-In at St. Paul!** --Let's get sticky with a Sticky Faith! St. Paul Lutheran Church is hosting a Youth overnight Lock-in during Christmas break, from Thursday, December 28 starting at 7:00 PM until Friday, December 29th at 8:00 AM. Youth in grade 9-12 are invited to attend, and bring a friend! The night will be filled with games, food, movies, and a Bible study. Contact Elaina Soulek at Memorial, or Thomas Wilson at St. Paul ([familylife@saintpaulames.org](mailto:familylife@saintpaulames.org)) for more information or to register!

**THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL...** (December 17- December 31) (HC=Holy Communion)

**SUNDAY** -  
December 17

**8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

9:45 AM Special Sunday School-F. Hall

**11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (HC)**

6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party---Higgins home

**WEDNESDAY -**

8:30 AM Senior Breakfast – Perkins

11:00 AM Women's Bible Study---Cardinal Room

**THURSDAY –**

1:00 PM Men's Bible Study---Cardinal Room

**SATURDAY-**

**5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE (HC)**

**SUNDAY** -  
December 24

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (HC)**

**5:00 PM Family Christmas Service**

**7:00 PM Candlelight Christmas Service**

**MONDAY-**

**CHURCH CLOSED**

**TUESDAY-**

**CHURCH CLOSED**

**SATURDAY-**

**5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE (HC)**

**SUNDAY** -  
December 31

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (HC)**

**Monday-**

**CHURCH CLOSED**