

Memorial Lutheran Church---ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 24, 2017

TODAY....

In Our Prayers: Eric Weber's father passed away.

Offering envelopes and pledge cards for 2018 should now be picked up from the church office.

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

You are welcome to pick up a CD with pictures from the Children's service in the office.

UPCOMING...

There will be just *one* service on December 31 at 10 AM.

Regular Saturday services will be on the 30th. January 6th and 7th 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 December 25, 26, and January 1.

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...

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 if you are interested in serving as a teacher for the advanced English class on Mondays next semester.

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) for more information or to register!