

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 11/17/19

**Family Bible Hour This Morning** – We are continuing in our study of *Rainbow Savior*. Today we'll wrap up lesson five on our identity in Christ. We've had great questions and discussion. Come and join the study in the gymnasium!

**Thursday Bible Study** This Thursday with Martin Luther's 1525 masterful writing called "The Bondage of the Will." No materials necessary. Notes are provided. This is our final class of the semester. We meet at 6:30pm.

**Deer Hunter Worship Service** - St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland will be holding its annual Deer Hunter's Service on **Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30 pm**. We invite hunters from the area to join us as we pray for God's blessing on this year's hunt. This unique service will connect hunting experiences with passages of God's Word that remind us of his providence, his grace, and his protection, as well as reinforce safe hunting practices. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you plan to be in the deer stand Saturday & Sunday morning, this is the service for you!

**Advent Family Devotions** - Have you been wanting to refresh devotional routines with your family? Advent is a great time to start! For families with younger or early grade school children, "Counting to Christmas" by Gail Pawlitz is a great option. For families with middle school age children or above, "Be Near Me, Lord Jesus" by Richard Lauersdorf and "Behold! I Am Coming Soon: Advent Devotions from Revelation" by Bruce McKenney are both great options. Beginning in December, you can light an additional candle on an Advent wreath each week during your family devotions as you prepare to celebrate the birth of this world's Light. Any of these items can be purchased through [nph.net](http://nph.net), our WELS publishing house.

**Forward in Christ** – Magazine renewals are coming due in December. If you would like to receive Forward in Christ mailed directly to your home, please fill out a form in the member room. Please sign up by *November 18th*, the cost is \$14.00 for each subscription. Please put the subscription form and the payment in the box labeled Forward in Christ. If you plan on discontinuing your subscription, please fill out the form letting us know to cancel your subscription. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Basketball Open Gym** - Back by popular demand, the Tuesday night basketball open gym will continue. You are welcome to join us from 7:00 - 8:30pm. If you have any questions please contact Brandon Lis at [brandon\\_lis@yahoo.com](mailto:brandon_lis@yahoo.com).

**Calling all Sheepshead & Cribbage players** - Today(11/17) the Stewardship Committee is hosting an afternoon of conversation and cards from 2:00 - 4:00pm in the church commons (the Packers have a bye week). Please consider coming even if you don't know how to play. We'll teach you. Childcare and a PG movie will be available for the kids. No sign up required. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Living Nativity Cast Search** - We have had many of you stepping up to help fill our cast spots. We still need 2 prophets (1 each Sat. & Sun.); lots of shepherds all nights; a few more Roman Guards and Women greeters each night. We could use a few more folks helping with the cast dressing each night and also refreshment area on Sunday night.

**Living Nativity Cookie Sign up sheets** - The sheet is in the member room if you would be interested in bringing 3 dozen Christmas cookies. Any kind you like to make is the kind we want. The cookies are not needed until Thursday or Friday (Dec. 5/6) of Living Nativity. Your cookies are a big hit each year for our visitors.

**Nativity Sets** - Is there a nativity set(s) with a special meaning for you, one that is unique, or perhaps an antique? Would you be willing to display it in the commons area to share with our visitors during Living Nativity? Even if you have displayed one before, please bring it again. There are always new people who have not seen it before and others that love to see favorites from years past. If so, please sign up on sheets provided in the member room and indicate if you will be bringing more than one and what message(s) you want displayed with your set(s). Messages can be emailed to hamannlinda@gmail.com or put in my mailbox (C20) in the Members' Room. Setup is scheduled in the commons area on Thursday afternoon or evening (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>) or Friday morning or evening (Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>). You may set it up yourself or help will be available for you. During the weekend, there will be monitors watching the area. Sets can be taken home Sunday evening after the last Living Nativity enactment on Sunday (Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>) or Monday morning Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Living Nativity Child Care Sign up** - Child care is offered for families that are partaking in the living nativity. If you are in need of childcare, you can either sign up in the member room at church, or you can contact Melissa Lis at 920-207-7407 or email lis.melissa@yahoo.com. If you could please sign up by Monday, November 25th, that would greatly help for planning. Thank you!

**Robert Simonsmeier** - For those of you who may know Robert Simonsmeier, (our former member) is turning 90 on November 23. The family would like you to consider sending him a card, perhaps include a memory you have of him, or a funny story, or just "I'm thinking of you, and send it to his home at Cedar Community the week of his birthday. If this is something you would like to do, there are copies of the letter with Robert's address on it in the member room. Thank you for considering.