

Advent 2018

St. John's Lutheran Church Sweet Air invites you to Advent Conspiracy 2018!



ADVENT is a season of preparation. Our Advent mission is based on the book "Advent Conspiracy", helping us substitute consumption with creative thanksgiving & caring compassion. Instead of shopping for stuff, there are gifts that help people live in this world. This is a positive Advent conspiracy!

VISIT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

You will see an ADVENT Tree and a blue ADVENT Table.
Take an ornament from the tree. Take one or take many!

MAKE A DONATION AT THE TABLE FOR THE ORNAMENT.

On the back of each ornament is a Christmas present people really need.

- Ornaments for SEWING MACHINES and CHICKENS for Dominican Republic Team
- Ornaments for NOLA Home (for New Orleans Mission Team Feb. 16-23)
- Ornaments for MEALS or WARMTH at Amazing Grace Mission Partnership

You can give this ornament to a loved one...that a gift has been made in their honor.
As ADVENT ornaments disappear, mittens and coats will appear to benefit Amazing Grace.
You can move an ornament in memory of someone to the worship center Christmas tree.

OTHER MISSION GIFT IDEAS:

- ⇒ \$10 Cookie Dough Orders by end of November to benefit annual mission trip to NOLA
- ⇒ Store gift cards can be ordered by 2nd week of December offered by Dominican Republic Team
- ⇒ Order a \$8 poinsettia for Christmas Eve in honor or memory of a loved one by 12/16.
- ⇒ Smile.Amazon.com to benefit youth trip scholarships "St. John's Lutheran of Sweet Air."
- ⇒ \$12.⁵⁰ Guatemala Coffee available every Sunday in Fellowship Hall Sweet Air Café
Nicole Fuhr, a daughter of St. John's, and her husband, Kevin, answered the call to start a mission in Guatemala. They are working with a local coffee farmer and a woman who makes special bags. Sharing Christ is life giving. Contact: Nicole nchandler777@gmail.com.

ADVENT E-Devotions

Reflections from various Mission Team volunteers will be sent on weekdays Nov. 26-Dec. 21st by email and posted on Facebook.

WORSHIP CENTER

Check out our Christmas tree with Chrismon ornaments about Christ and an Advent wreath with four blue candles.

Weather or Not Snow Policy...



During the week, when Baltimore County Schools close, the office will be closed and ministries are cancelled at St. John's. If the county closes early, evening events are cancelled.

For Sundays, we want everyone to be safe. We will announce as soon as we can any changes via our Facebook page, web and email.

Country Fair Day 2018 Thanksgiving Report

It is the season of thanksgiving and mission! The 2018 Country Fair Day organizers gathered for prayer deciding the mission gifts. We give thanks to God for all the ways we are blessed rain or shine. The goal this year has been a percentage guide (non-budgeted items):

50% St. John's Lutheran Capital (TBD) \$11,250
 50% Mission (details below) \$11,250

St. John's Mission partners

Troop 818	\$250
Amazing Grace	\$3050
Youth Mission Teams	\$1000
Dominican Republic Team	\$1000
NOLA Team	\$1000
VBS St. John's	\$500



Outside Missions

Free State ChalleNGe Academy	\$2500
Carroll Manor Rec	\$200
Jacksonville Fire	\$250
Beans and Bread	\$500
Augsburg Lutheran	\$500
Rev. Randy Terry's Haiti	\$500

TOTAL \$22,500
 Seed money for 2019 Country Fair \$3500

Update from Children's Ministry Coordinator—Megan McBee

December is such a magical time of year! Children's Ministry is looking forward to ending 2018 with continued momentum of participation in Voyagers and PIER456. October saw an average attendance of 43 participants (both children and leaders).

This Christmas, Children's Ministry will be retelling the story of "The Star" through narration, hand chimes and costumes. We are so grateful for Louisa Rettew who is composing an original piece for this presentation. Gail Jothen is helping us include a Children's processional with song.

Christmas Eve Rehearsal will be offered twice:

- The first practice will be offered with a pizza and movie party on Saturday, December 22nd @ 5 pm.
- The second practice will be during 9:38 service on Sunday, December 23rd.

-Megan McBee

ELCA World Hunger envelopes in pew racks...



Working with and through our congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and through Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.



Anytime Fitness in Jacksonville will be collecting canned food this holiday season for our Food Pantry Baskets!