



St. Luke Anglican Church

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"St. Luke's Tidings" - December 2005

1. Special Parish Meeting - December 4th at 9:15 AM

Your Vestry will hold a special Parish information meeting on Sunday, December 4th at 9:15 AM. They also decided to try a different format! Rather than combining the 8 AM and 10 AM services that day, they will hold the meeting shortly after the 8 AM service is over and before the 10 AM service would begin. This gives everyone an opportunity to sit down in the Under Croft, have a cup of coffee or tea and listen to presentations regarding the financial status of our church. At this point it looks like we will finish the year 2005 "in the black"! They'd also like to obtain a consensus of what you think they should do about a new Rector.

This meeting is important as the Vestry needs your guidance on what items you wish to see included in the year 2006 Budget. Also your thoughts regarding things such as, should we continue to have two services each Sunday? If we revert back to one service, what time should it be? We expect the meeting to last less than one hour and the 10 AM service will begin by 10:15 AM.

Please be sure to attend this meeting. It's your chance to help shape the future of your church!

2. Our Christmas Service Schedule -

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

8:30 PM - Carol Sing

9:00 PM - Holy Eucharist, Christmas Music and Christmas Message

Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day

10:00 AM - Low Mass

Please mark your calendars now! Why not invite your friends and neighbors to join you here at St. Luke Anglican Church to celebrate the birth of Christ with us.

3. Christmas Plants - The Altar Guild has made arrangements to purchase red poinsettia plants to help decorate the Church, for the Christmas Eve Service. They are \$10.00 each and may be taken home with you after the Christmas Eve service. The plants may be ordered by contacting Cynthia Kilian at 222-1070 or by “signing up” at the Church on Sunday. Please fill in the form located in the rear of the church advising us of what you’d like to have printed in the Church Bulletin, such as In Memory of or In Thanksgiving For.

4. Annual Meeting - The Annual Meeting of St. Luke Anglican Church will be held on Sunday, January 22nd immediately following our 10 AM worship service. If you’d like to take a more active part in our church, please express your interests to any member of the Vestry. We will have vacancies on the Vestry that will be filled by vote at the Annual Meeting. As we start our seventeenth year as a parish family, what are your thoughts? John Leslie, our Vestry Secretary has requested that all reports be submitted to him no later than Sunday January 8th, so that they be included in the Annual Meeting Report.

5. Clergy Anniversaries - Deacon Larry LaFleur celebrates the seventeenth anniversary of his ordination as a Deacon, on December 15th. Father Bill McGinnis will celebrate his anniversary of ordination in a matter of days. Please extend your congratulations to both of them.

6. Bits and Pieces -

- Bobbie and Don Skillins are off to Navarre Beach, FL for several months. They have Verizon Wireless cell phone and if you do too, your call to them is free, I’m told. Their number is 603-440-8675.

- Joy Omelanuk is settled into Chardon, Nebraska. Her address is 208 West Niobrara Avenue, Chardon, NE 69337. Her phone number is 308-432-8109 and I’m sure she would be glad to hear from you. Unfortunately, she is still job hunting! Keep her in your prayers.

- Christmas Packages for our Troops in Iraq - We received an E-mail from The Rev Jerry Sherbourne, an ACA Priest from San Antonio, TX. He is now Chaplain Jerry Sherbourne, US Army, assigned to the 101st Airborne stationed at Forward Operating Base Warrior, a former Iraqi Air Force Base, in Kirkuk, Iraq. He wants to make sure that none of his soldiers are forgotten at Christmas! The Vestry authorized \$250 and several other contributions have been received. The “Wrapping Party” is on Friday, December 2nd at 2 PM at the Church. **Please go to www.sherbourne.net and under “My Blog”, read Fr. Jerry’s Jottings!!**

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