

People and Places

December 2017 Newsletter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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You may remember the song,
Christmas is coming,
The goose is getting fat,
Please to put a penny
 in an old man's hat.
If you haven't got a penny,
A ha' penny will do;
If you haven't got a ha' penny
Then God bless you.

Christmas is a time feasting ("...the goose is getting fat...") and a time of giving (...please to put a penny in an old man's hat...). For us as a church community that giving goes both ways. On the one hand we are a non-profit and charitable society that seeks donations, and on the other we as a Christian community also want to give where it is needed. And so...

The Christmas Gift Café

Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. is our last fundraiser for our congregation for the year. It has several elements:

1. The café portion consists of small tables set up in the centre of the fellowship hall where people can sit and linger over coffee/tea/hot chocolate and baked goods that they have purchased at the kitchen pass-through.
2. The craft and bake sale tables that ring the hall: here both ORLC people and people from the larger community who are renting tables will have their wares for sale. The church tables raise money directly; the rented tables give through their rental.

3. Draws/raffles of gift baskets and other donated items are another form of fundraiser.

4. Live music: not everything has to be about money (and frankly it shouldn't be). The music is a gift given by musicians to us to create atmosphere and to celebrate the reason for the season: Jesus Christ, born at Bethlehem.

5. The Children's Craft Table: where children can have fun while their parents/guardians enjoy the rest of the Christmas Gift Café.

To make all this happen we need volunteers to set up, staff, and clean-up the hall and kitchen; to provide music; to supply and run the Children's Craft Table. If you are able and willing, please sign-up on the sheet in the sign-up binder by the church office.

The Yuletide Feast

Sunday, Dec. 10, doors open at 5:30 p.m., the feasting begins at 6:00. The festivities end with a sing-a-long of Christmas songs.

The Yuletide feast is not a fundraiser. It is a time of fellowship and of celebrating the birth of Jesus. And yet, we, as a Christian community, would be remiss if we did not consider those less fortunate than ourselves. For this reason a basket will be put out for your donations. Half will go to Canadian Lutheran World Relief to help those abroad, and half will go to the Soupeteria to help those here in our own town.