

Christmas Happenings at Ascension 2011

2011 CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY UPDATE ON ASCENSION'S ADOPTED FAMILY

Thank you so much to everyone who took tags and/or are bringing in the cleaning supplies our family needs. **There are still a few tags on the tree**, most of which are for gift certificates. If you haven't already taken a tag, please consider doing so. Or you may want to pair up with someone else to make your money stretch. Participation is simple.

1. **Go to the notebook** on the music stand
2. **Sign up** for what you would like to donate
3. **Take the matching tag** from the tree.
4. If you purchase something that may need to be returned (for example for size), **get a gift receipt** and **place it in the wrapped present**.
5. **Bring the present back to church, with the entire tag on it** and put it under the tree in the narthex by next Sunday, **December 11**.
6. **Put a check mark in the notebook** to signify that the gift is here.



POINSETTIAS Plan to beautify the altar by ordering your poinsettias for Christmas. The deadline for orders and checks is December 11th. Please place your name on the sign up sheet posted on the kiosk. Please make your check out to **WOMEN OF ASCENSION** for \$8.50. You may purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone special and we will include that information in a bulletin just before Christmas.



Ascension's Annual All Church Christmas Decorating Party will be on December 9th starting at 4pm.

There will be a light dinner served to keep you motivated. **Everyone is invited!!** Our fabulous *Properties Committee* and *Parish Activities* are heading up the event. If you have *any questions* you may speak with **Paul Halbig** or **Beth Haubenstricker**.

Sunday, December 11, the Ingham, Eaton and Clinton-Shiawassee Chapters of Thrivent are sponsoring a "**Birthday Party for Jesus**" open house to be held at University Lutheran Church from 2:00 until 4:00. There will be activities for children, refreshments, and an opportunity for photos with Santa. This is a wonderful opportunity for children in the congregations to invite friends who otherwise might never hear the real message of Christmas. See the kiosk for a flyer with information.



The Sunday School department will be putting up a Mitten Tree as part of our Christmas decorating. Plan now to bring in a pair of warm mittens, a scarf, a hat or one of each! All sizes are needed. These items will be donated locally to help keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Check the kiosk for announcements of happenings in the local community.

This year's Children's Christmas Program will be held on December 11th. Children's Practice for the program will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 10:30am until noon. Please see Mary or Wanda with questions.

*Advent begins next Sunday, November 27—
The Beginning of the Church Year.*

Join us as you are able for:

Advent Services each Wednesday in the Chapel at 7pm.

The Theme is: *The Visitors of Christmas*

Christmas Caroling on December 17th at 4pm.

Christmas Eve service, Dec 24th at 7pm, Christmas Day Services on December 25th at 10am.



Annual Voter's Meeting Dec 11th.