

NOTEWORTHY

Help fill the Pantry!! Our shelves are empty and pantry distribution day is next Sunday. **Two ways you can help:**

1. Purchase any amount of food from the list below and bring it to the church before 4:00pm, Dec. 16.
2. Monetary donations given today that can be used to purchase food this week. Items needed:

- 150 Cereal/breakfast food
- 150 Meat/meal items
- 100 canned fruit
- 50 pasta sauce
- 50 canned pasta/chili/stew meals
- 75 soup
- 75 mac & cheese
- 75 hamburger/chicken helper
- 200 misc. items (chips, fruit snacks, baking mixes, baking items, instant potatoes, rice sides, cookies, juice, pudding cups...)

RECHARGE Winter Retreat 2017. A \$25 deposit and your paperwork are due TODAY. Total cost: \$175.

Prime Time Ministries—December Craft Fair

Tuesday, December 13, 11:30am, Family Life Center.

The ham entree, potatoes and delicious pies from Baker's Square will be provided. Members are asked to fill out the meal with either a vegetable or salad. Following the meal, Pastor Ali Deckard will delight us with Christmas music. Please bring the following:

A-L – Salad M-Z – Vegetable

Also, please bring your paper bag with items for the Lighthouse Food Pantry.

Special Abilities Ministries. Christmas Cookies Bake Off.

Wednesday, and Thursday, December 14-15, from 9:00am to 4:00pm in the Kitchen. Bring a container for your cookies. Lunch: \$3 each day.

Getting ready for Christmas? We have scarves: \$5 , or 3 for \$10. Free ornament when you spend \$10.

Lighthouse Café. Wednesday, December 14 will be our last Wednesday night café for the year. We will back again on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

Men's Ministry Breakfast. Saturday, December 17, 8:30am at Family House Restaurant. After that, we will do our annual distribution of hot chocolate to the Salvation Army bell ringers. Contact Alan Smallwood, 815-791-2102 if you plan on attending in order to make reservations for our breakfast. Hope to see you there.

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Children's Bible Quizzing Reward Party!

Saturday, December 17, 5:00 to 8:00pm, at our church. RSVP: Joel Greer, 815-278-5818.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries—NCN

Sponsor a child through NCN or make a donation to the ministry. Come by and visit the table in The cafe during coffee hour or after the service through December 18.

Free Christmas Day Dinner

Sunday, December 25, serving from 11:00am to 1:00pm at 9 locations. Reservations required by December 22. Flyers available at the Welcome center.

End of the Year

The end of 2016 is fast approaching. All end of the year contributions must be received in the church office by Friday, December 30 by Noon or postmarked by December 31, to be counted as a contribution in 2016.

Ladies Book Club

Monday, January 9th, 2017 at the home of Debbie Heid, 102 Dartmouth, Bourbons at 7pm. The book will be: "Christmas Bells" by Jennifer Chiaverini

Thrive-A Retreat for Young Couples

January 20-21, 2017 at Manteno Church of the Nazarene.

Cost: \$25 includes dinner and hotel accommodations on Friday night as well as both breakfast and lunch on Saturday. More information, kamiller@olivet.edu or call 815-939-5385.

Year End Giving

We have had a solid year of giving in 2016. Here is a summary:

2016 Income Goal	\$1,300,000
Giving thru November	\$1,141,000
Balance Needed	\$ 159,000

Please consider taking these steps to help reach our income goal:

- Review your giving statement compared to your 2016 income to evaluate your 10% tithing.
- Consider a special Christmas Gift to help our church Finish Strong!

Our congregation gave \$173,000 in December 2015. We know our goal is attainable! In addition to bringing your tithe and offerings to the church, you also have the option to give through a checking/savings account or debit/credit card at the church web site www.k3naz.org.

All end of the year contributions must be received in the church office by Noon on December 30th, or mail your gift, postmarked by 12/31/16.

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Election Results. The existing **Lay Leadership Council** will remain in leadership for one additional year. Please join us in prayer for God's continue presence and power to be experienced In the life of our community of faith.

Prayers

Rev. Lowell and Barb Malliett will be moving to Tennessee before Christmas. They have been long-time members of our church. Let's be encouraging them and praying for them as they prepare to make this transition.

Thank You Notes

To our First Church Family, We would like to thank you for the prayers, flowers, cards, visits, and calls whole Don was hospitalized. Thanks for your encouragement. Sincerely, *Don & Marlene Johnson*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 21

A special evening to celebrate Jesus' life on earth as we encounter the characters of Bethlehem and as households participate in communion and prayer. Come and go event. *No Nursery Ministry—No Lighthouse Café*

Saturday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Service, 6:30pm. No Nursery Ministry

Sunday, December 25

- No Sunday School
- Worship Service at 10:30am
- No Children's Worship or Nursery

Monday, December 26. Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

- No Prayer Gathering
- No Youth Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, December 28. No Evening Ministries

Friday, December 30

- Church Office closes at Noon
- Last day for end of the year contributions—Noon

Sunday, January 1st, 2017

- Generational Worship—Communion
- No Sunday School

Monday, January 2. Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 4. No Evening Ministries

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

Wednesday, December 21
6:30—7:30pm, Sanctuary
Come and go

Households communion
and prayer

Bethlehem Nativity
Display

*Welcome to Kankakee First Church
of the Nazarene!*

*It is our most sincere desire that you feel at home
while worshipping with us.*

*If you do not have a church that you call home,
we invite you to consider making
our church your home.*

We are committed to:

Seeking the Heart of God

Sharing the Love of God

Strengthening the Family of God

Serving as the Hands of God

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Life at Our Church

Sunday, December 11

7:30 am LLC Prayer Time
8:30 am Lighthouse Café
9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Children's Christmas Musical (Family Life Center)
-No Preschool Worship-
6:00 pm Youth Life Groups

Tuesday, December 13

11:30 am Prime Time Lunch (FLC)
6:30 pm Prayer Gathering (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Youth Worship Team Practice (Youth area)

Wednesday, December 14

4:45 pm Teen Quizzing Practice (Room 305)
5:30 pm Lighthouse Café
6:30 pm Children's Ministries
Midweek Youth Ministries (Youth Room)
Ministerio de Oración-Hispanic Prayer Ministry
(Rooms 301 & 206)
"Deeper" Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Men Under Construction (Room 304)
Women's Book Study (Room 104)
Worship Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 15

10:30 am Dare To Care Ministries (Room 104)

Friday, December 16

7:30 pm Hispanic Ministry Worship Practice (Room 160)

Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm Children's Bible Quizzing Reward Party
6:00 pm Hispanic Ministry Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 18

7:30 am LLC Prayer Time
8:30 am Lighthouse Café
9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service
Spanish Worship Service (Room 160)
3:00 pm Food Pantry
6:00 pm Youth Life Groups

