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Remembering the Baby, the Young and Very Mature at Christmas

Easily lost in the Christmas Madison Avenue madness is a quiet scene in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago, where a newborn excited the Seers of the Far East and disquieted area politicians. Anxious times. So, while we anxiously await what's next in our reality, we already know that God's love comes to us in simple, human form. All we need to do is take a breath and look around to where the hurting world needs healing and where we can make an impact. A couple of ideas come to mind:

- Check out the display for the "Angel Tree" program of the Salvation Army in the exit area of the narthex facing Main Street. There are tags for children of all ages. The deadline for returning the gifts is December 9 or 12. All gifts need to be returned with the TAGS & NOT WRAPPED and placed under the tree.
- The entire congregation can participate in a new Christmas effort that's been started by our children this month. 'Sewers' in the 5th & 6th grade, along with 'painters' in the middle and high school, have been busy making lovely Christmas bags that will hold special gifts

for our members who are home bound, or dwell in assisted living facilities or nursing homes. Sometimes these living arrangements are lonely and challenging, and a special gift from their home congregation can make all the difference to a person who doesn't feel the direct touch of Spirit Lutheran's great love.

- Here are some suggested items from our Health & Healing Committee that you can bring to church by December 9 and leave in the appropriate basket at the Malawi display in the upstairs link:

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR SPIRIT LUTHERAN'S SPECIAL SENIORS:

Wrapped candy, small candy bars and/or chewing gum
Trial-sized toiletries & toothbrushes
Small items from Bath & Body Works (body mist, shower gel, lotions)
Breath mints
Stamps & notecards
Post It Notes
Scotch Tape
Socks or soft slippers

Your quick response (by Dec. 9) will mean the bags can be filled on Sunday, December 11! Thanks for your help!

Christmas Program Tryouts

November 30 at 7:15 p.m. will be tryouts and sign up for our Christmas program. Please come to the Fireside Room(education wing). We are looking for children and adults for speaking parts, singing parts, solos and special music opportunities for all ages. If you have questions, please contact Amy Salvaterra at amy.Savlaterra@gmail.com.

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