



## Newsletter & Announcements January 10, 2019

### **Fabric still needed (about 20 more x 1.5 yard lengths) for the Intergenerational Event - Blanket Sunday January 20th**

The Education and Mission Committees are pleased to continue our intergenerational Sunday School sessions in the New Year. On January 20, we are planning a Blanket Sunday— an event where we will be making blankets to donate to Project Linus in Madison. This organization provides blankets to children who are ill, seriously traumatized, or in need of warmth. In preparation for this event, we would welcome donations of fleece in 1 1/2 yard lengths, as well as some volunteers to prepare the fabric for making the blankets.

This is a simple and fun way to serve a good cause! We hope that you will consider making a fabric donation and/or preparing fabric— and please come to make blankets on January 20! Questions? Please contact Liane K or Amy Poland. Thank you!

**January Adult Forum: Preparing for the end of life. A two-week class This Sunday (January 13) and January 27** with Rev. Scott Anderson, Minister of Music Joe Chrisman, and Attorney Bud Smith. The process of aging prompts each of us to ask new questions about the quality of our lives as diminishment and death approaches. Join Scott Anderson, Joe Chrisman and Bud Smith for a conversation over two Sundays to help each of us deal in healthy, life-giving ways with the inevitable. The decisions each of us makes (or doesn't make) before we die will dramatically impact our spiritual, emotional, physical and financial health as well as the process of grief for our loved ones. Pastor Scott will address the issue of how to prepare for the disposition of your remains and planning for your memorial service to assure that your loved ones aren't



SUNDAY 1/13  
9:45 AM - Worship  
11:00 AM - Youth & Kids  
Sunday School, Adult Forum:  
Preparing for the End of Life

MONDAY 1/14  
9:30 AM Knitwits

TUESDAY 1/15  
1:00 PM Esther Naomi Circle

WEDNESDAY 1/16

burdened with these decisions after your death. Minister of Music Joe Chrisman will speak about the music that is appropriate for a Christian funeral or memorial service. Attorney Bud Smith will talk about how to do estate planning so that you can make good decisions about the disposition of your assets. The January 13th class will be primarily presentation. On January 27th the three presenters will be available to meet with individuals to answer questions and to assist with customized planning.

This discussion is not only appropriate for those of us who are retired, but also for adults of any age. We hope you can join us!

### Annual Fish Fry - Last Call for Sign Ups!

Join us for our annual fish fry on Jan 25, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Hilltop located at 4173 Co Hwy P, Cross Plains. **Please note:** we have a specific window of time at the restaurant (because we are a group). It's important to be there by 5:30, ideally seated at tables by that time. Interested parties must sign up no later than Jan 17th. Sign up in the Narthex kiosk or contact Bob B.

### THANK YOU FROM THE JAIL MINISTRY

In December, Westminster joined other congregations in collecting Christmas cards for men and women incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. Chaplain Todd Marcotte donned a Santa hat delivering holiday cheer cell block to cell block, pod to pod. The cards were received with thankfulness. One woman asked how he knew to give her the card she received, because the song on the front of the card was her deceased father's favorite. Todd said that God knew. A man shared that the message in the card didn't take away his Christmas blues, but did bring joy to his heart. Thank you to all who provided cards for the Jail Ministry. Also, thank you to all who provided reading glasses! The Ministry receives requests throughout the year. With 800+ incarcerated, the need is always great.

### Envelopes are out!

Monthly or weekly tithing envelopes for 2019 are available outside the sanctuary on the desk. Please write down your name and the number on the form beside them. Remember—ACH (automatic bank transfer) is also available for tithing. For details, contact Katie in the

7:30 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY 1/17

9:30 AM Thurs. Morning  
Group

6:00 PM Mary Elizabeth  
Circle

SUNDAY 1/20

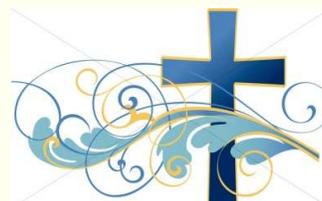
9:45 AM - Worship

11:00 AM – Intergenerational  
Event: Blanket Sunday for  
Project Linus!



Focus Text This

Sunday: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



**Staff:**

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**Scott Anderson**, Pastor  
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