

MESSENGER

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From the Desk of Pastor Tanney

In the Potter's Hand Advent Series



In God's Word - God often uses imagery to describe His relationship with us. I Am the Good shepherd we are His sheep. We are the bride He is the bridegroom. For Advent this year we will be using the description found in Isaiah 64:8

We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand.

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Plan to Attend

Thanksgiving Worship

Thursday, November 22 9:00am

Advent

Wednesday, December 5

Family Worship

10:00am coffee, cookies, craft

5:30pm dinner, craft & songs

Wednesday, December 12

Family Worship

10:00am coffee, cookies, craft

5:30pm dinner, craft & songs

Wednesday, December 19

10:00am coffee, cookies, craft

Compass Children's Program

5:30pm dinner, craft,

fellowship & cookies

Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 24 5:00pm

Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 25 9:00am

The potter is not defined by the clay, but by what he chooses to do with it. Like clay we can be molded into what God has intended us to be. But so often we have become hard to God's pressure on our lives and even been broken by sin. We have resisted God's hand in our lives, though He has made us, we prefer He doesn't mold us or use us as his handiwork.

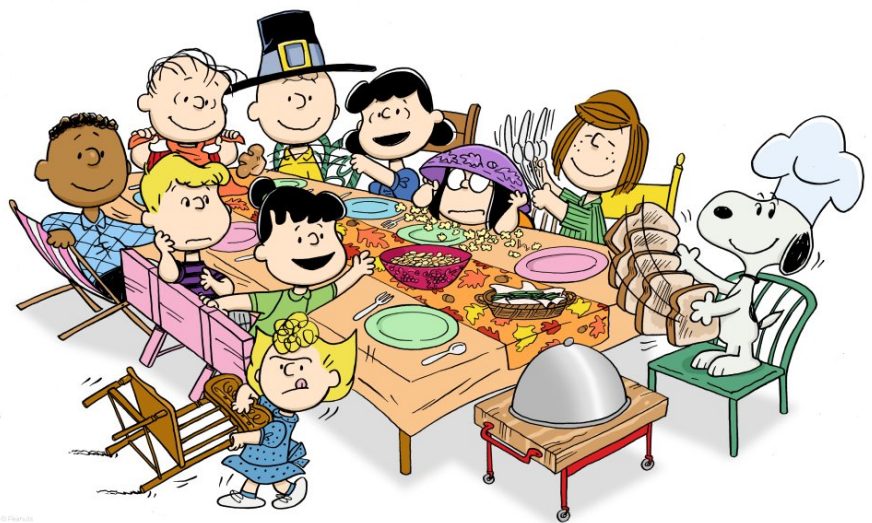
Our Advent will be a little different than in past years. We will experience clay in our hands. We will be inviting Compass families around 5:30 pm to participate in an Advent dinner, December 5th and 12th, sing songs and get dirty making Christmas ornaments out of clay, hopefully making something original and beautiful we can take home and hang on the Christmas tree.

We will take the experience and apply in a short devotion. Because of the potential mess both of our Advent services will be in the Fellowship Hall around tables. The third week of December, the 19th, a dinner will be served again at 5:30, afterwards the Compass kids will have a Christmas program up in church and make a clay gift downstairs, finishing with cookies and drinks in the cafeteria.

Our morning Advent services will follow the same format. Coffee and cookies at 10:00am play and mold clay into Christmas ornaments or gifts with our Compass Preschool friends, followed by a short devotion and sing some songs closing with prayer.

Advent has always been a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus coming to us both in the past in His incarnation as the baby Jesus, but also in the future with His promised second coming as Christ triumphant.

Martin Luther encouraged families to observe Advent as a time for them to teach their children about the coming of Christ. We have an opportunity to share with our compass families the hope that is in you in an informal and special way and at the same time letting our Lord mold us to be His instruments of love.





Members are encouraged to bring a grocery bag of food on Thanksgiving, Thursday, the 22nd, or on Sunday, November 25th to benefit the food pantry. There will be a table in front of church to place your purchased groceries.

Let us show our thankfulness by sharing our gifts of food with those less fortunate!



The giving tree will be in the narthex of the church on November 17. Please take an ornament off the tree with a suggested gift to buy. After buying the gift, place the tag on the gift and return by Sunday, December 9.

Social Ministry

Food pantry will be closed on Saturday, November 24th

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 107:1



St. Johns Food Pantry

We are in need of all winter clothes, especially:

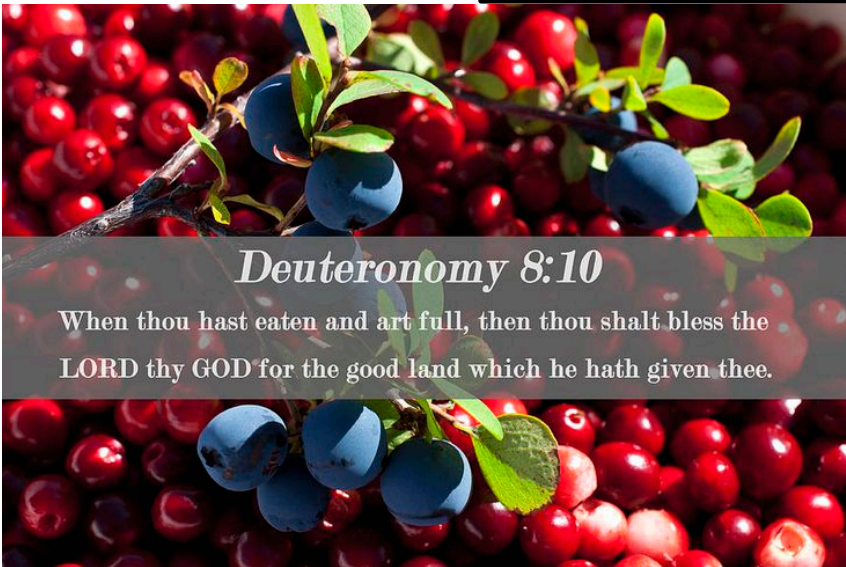
coats
jackets
sweaters

In all sizes.

Please ask your friends and neighbors to participate in this Warm Clothing Drive.

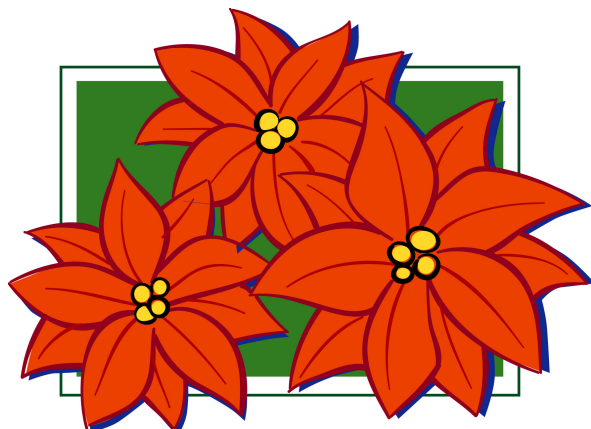
Benefits South St. Louis Communities and Homeless

Stewardship



And what a rich, peaceful,
prosperous land the Lord has
given us!

As God blessed His people of
old, so He continues to bless us.
Let our lives demonstrate our
thankfulness for His unceasing
generosity!



POINSETTIAS

Please help us decorate
the church!

Call Ruth Evers

314-306-5887 to order
Poinsettias.

\$10 each!

**If you would like to
volunteer for
In the Potter's Hand
Advent Series
with your time,
cookies or a financial
donation, please
speak with Cheryl
314-773-0126
stjohnslcstl@gmail.com**



Compass
Preschool and
After School
Program can use
your help! They
are in need of
school and office
supplies. If you would like to give a donation
please speak with Cheryl in the church office
314-773-0126 stjohnslcstl@gmail.com for a list
of items needed!



11/3 Ray Gluesenkamp

11/5 Krystal Govero

11/7 Steve Bain

11/18 Debra Ainsworth

11/26 Charleigh Williams

*If you would like to send
Christmas blessings to our
shut-in members, addresses
are below.*

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12/13 Al Bohannon

12/14 Tamara Bohannon

12/20 Jennifer Brevard

12/22 Eileen Wehrheim

12/24 Stephen Schmaltz

12/27 Kathlyne Holdenried

12/31 Donald Meyer





Fieldtrip to
the STL Zoo



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