Would you help? Mary and Martha has adopted a family this year through the Crisis Intervention and Advocacy Center, which includes a mom and her 15 year old daughter. We were looking for help especially collecting gas and grocery cards that the Mom had on her very small list. If you would like to donate a HyVee, Fareway, or Casey's gift card - in any amount - please let Diane Koch know. If you would like to donate cash, I can purchase the gift cards for you if that is more convenient. The items that the daughter had on her list were arts and crafts, make-up, perfume, XL T-shirts and sweatpants, socks, and underwear. All items will need to be collected before December 8th. Thanks so much for helping to make a struggling, local family's Christmas a little brighter this year.

The Giving Tree has not been set up yet but the ornaments are ready to hang. This year we will be collecting items for the **Perry Lutheran Home and The Acorn to Oaks multigenerational day care.** They have provided Amazon blessing lists for both groups. If you have a smartphone, you can simply scan the QR code for each of the lists. There is a separate one for each. I would suggest if you order something on Amazon to still have it shipped to your home and bring the item to Church to place under the tree when it goes up. If you don't use Amazon, you could still look at the list online and buy the same or similar item from somewhere else. Also, multiple people can purchase the same items. There is a gift tag/ornament for every item on both lists that we will decorate the tree with. Feel free to take one with you. The price listed on the tag may or may not be the same. Let Diane Koch or Linda Kamm know if you have any questions. We will collect items through the end of the year. Thank you for your generosity!