

## From the Pastor

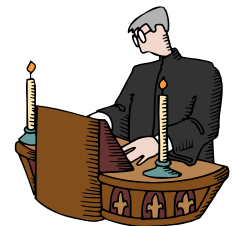
As I looked through the many and various lessons of the Advent season, the Bible attributes many names to Jesus. There are over 100 names in the Bible associated with Him. While today we do not think about what our names mean, in Biblical times it was common to give a second or even a third title to someone based on who they were or what their mission was. In several places, God renamed people. For instance, he named "Peter" when his name had been "Simon". Peter means "rock" and upon Peter's public statement who Jesus was, the church would be built. Jesus renamed "Saul" to become "Paul" which means humble or small. Certainly, Paul would be humbled by the Lord but was also used to be a great missionary.

Jesus has many names and titles. In one place, He is described as a submissive lamb, but also as a conquering lion. In the Advent season, we sing about "Immanuel" which means God with us. That is a powerful description of who He is and what His mission is. Jesus is not someone we have to seek and find. He is here with us. Unlike the ancients who thought that the gods were bound geographically and had to wake up to hear, Jesus is with His people. He said, "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there also."

That doesn't mean we should view him as just a friend or my best friend forever (BBF in today's lingo). Even at His birth, He was leading. He led the shepherds and wise men to see Him. In the temple at age 12, He amazed the religious leaders with His questions and understanding. He led the disciples and taught them and the people about what it means to live in God's kingdom. He explained to them that He must die for the sins of all people.

Advent is when we prepare our hearts for the coming of the King of the Universe, the Lord God Almighty. He came to redeem His people and to conquer sin, death and the Devil. When we sing about Immanuel, we are proclaiming the King has arrived, and He will disrupt the world order. As we begin the Advent season, look at the names attributed to Jesus and learn how His names tell us what He is all about.

Pastor Daene



## Advent starts December 3, 2017

**Voter's Meeting**  
December 10, 2017  
after the church service  
Plan to attend!!!

**Church Decorating**  
December 3, 2017  
after church service  
Light lunch served after decorating

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### Special points of interest:

- *Decorate the church , Dec. 3*
- *Advent by Candlelight, Dec 4, 6:30 p.m.*
- *Mid-week Advent Services, December 6, 13, 20*
- *Christmas Around the World, Dec. 9*
- *Voter's Meeting, Dec. 10*
- *Children's Christmas Program, Dec. 17*

## Church Council Highlights ~~

Good Shepherd Church Council met on November 5 after worship service. Those present were Jeff Hawkins, Anne Hartman, Johannah Pollert, Mike Peters, Susan Sego Gerda Martin, Amy Houck, Heidi Baca, Joyce Bauman, Kevin Weber, Pastor Dae-ne, Kathy Hawkins, and Kent Krimmel. Guest Rose Krimmel.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Peters and a prayer was given by Kent Krimmel.

The minutes were reviewed and accepted with corrections.

Joyce, Financial Secretary, gave the report for October as follows: Offerings \$15,524.28; Miscellaneous \$61.44; Sunday School \$108.50; and Thrivent \$88.00.

Anne, Treasurer, reported expenses for October were \$13,763.71 and the mortgage balance as \$194,583.04.

Pastor reported the average attendance for October was 70. He had 5 Worship Services; 3 Confirmation classes; 2 Church

meetings; 8 Adult Bible Studies; 4 Member visits; 2 Shut-in visits; 7 Counseling sessions; 3 Non-member visits; and 12 Hospital visits. Winterjam for the Youth Group is February 11. Advent starts December 3.

No Deacon report.

Paul, Trustee chairman, stated he had taken the Coliform & Nitrate water samples in on October 31. The Dixie Chopper was repaired as it had a hydraulic leak.

Heidi, Chairman of Christian Education reported the Sunday School classes are teaching the Old Testament. They continue to go to Hickory Creek Nursing Home on the second Sunday of the month.

Adult Bible studies will be on break from Thanksgiving until the beginning of the new year. We had around 70 children for the GSLC Fall Festival and great participation from the congregation. We continue to need volunteers to attend the nurse-

No Stewardship report.

Susan, Co-chair Missions reported they are looking for another Missionary. The new church pamphlet is being reviewed. The Christmas church services ad for the Daily Journal was decided. Randy & Elaine will be in charge of The Christmas Angel Program again this year. We are to have two families. The Franklin Community Band was here in October and will be back in March. The last Thursday of the month a group will volunteer at Orphan Grain Train. Contact Anne if you need to carpool.

Amy, Co-Chair for Fellowship/Special Events reported everything was donated for October pitch-in.

Budget tweaks were decided during discussion and Council approved. It is ready for the voter's meeting.

A change to the By-Laws was discussed and approved.

Voter's Meeting will be December 10.

## Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd ~ LWGS

Hello Ladies,

The busy time of year has begun. The nut and candy sales were good. They were sorted and ready for pick up on the 19th as promised.

Decorating the church for the Christmas season will be after Worship service on December 3. A light lunch will be served to those that stay after fellowship and help decorate.

Before Thanksgiving we were busy on Advent by Candlelight. It is December 4th this year at 6:30 pm. Make sure you sign up on the bulletin board. It is a dessert and tea, coffee, and punch affair with the ladies having fellowship. This

year on the program we have a harpist, Olivia Norris. She will play an assortment of Christmas music. Some hymns we can join in and sing with her. It is always an enjoyable evening.

Christian Christmas cards are available to purchase in the hallway again this year. They are very reasonably priced.

The three Advent Services mid-week will be on December 6, 13, 20. at 7:30 p.m. As always we will have a Soup & Sandwich Supper at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to bring a soup or sandwiches on any of

those dates, please let Ginny Hill know.



Advent by Candlelight

December 4, 2017

6:30 p.m.

## Care & Concern



**Remember in your prayers: Jim Beasley, heart surgery;** Rev. Cynova, healing & strength; Joseph Wurster, lung cancer; Sandra Weddle, breast cancer; Mildred Melvin, healing & strength; Don

Haddock, strength & healing; Zachary Long, strength, healing & comfort; Christopher Springer, lift the veil of unbelief; Jim Alexander, cancer; Dianne Peterson, lung

cancer; Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hendricks, cancer; Charlie Jones, strength & comfort; Thana Carlisle, healing & comfort; Bill Cummings, fractured hip; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength & healing; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Evelyn Manning, strength & comfort; Lodema Decker Lines, cancer; Friend of the Powers family, strength & healing; Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Byrne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

Prayer Request: Another way to get your prayer request to the Pastor or the Prayer Chain. On the church's website click on the Prayer Request Button. There is power in prayer. Go to [www.gslcfranklin.org](http://www.gslcfranklin.org).

\*\*\*If you placed any of these people on our prayer list, please check as to their status and let the office know their update. We like to keep the information as current as possible. Thank you.

## Extra Services Schedule Bd of Education

Advent Mid-Week—One Service  
December 6, 2017—7:30 p.m.  
Soup & Sandwich Supper—6:30 p.m.

Advent Mid-Week—Two Service  
December 13, 2017—7:30 p.m.  
Soup & Sandwich Supper—6:30 p.m.

Advent Mid-Week—Three Service  
December 20, 2017—7:30 p.m.  
Soup & Sandwich Supper—6:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2017—7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2017—11:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service  
December 31, 2017—7:30 p.m.

The Fall Sunday School began on August 27. They were learning about the Old Testament. Since the second week in November the classes have been practicing for the Christmas Program on December 17.

After the Pastor's message on non-communion Sunday's Linda Haddock and Michelle Connor lead the children in Children's Church. When the service is over the children have a snack and go visit the residents at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Our Adult Bible studies continue to meet at their scheduled meeting times. The Sunday night group and Wednesday night group will start up again after the first of the new year.

On December 9th we are having our "Christmas Around the World" for all the children from 1 to 4 pm. Bring your children to learn how others celebrate Christmas in their countries.

## Christmas Angels

Once again this year Good Shepherd will be assisting families in need of support for their Christmas celebration. Suggestions and sizes for gifts of two families with six children between them will be placed on the Christmas tree in the narthex by December 1st. As we have done previously, take an ornament from the tree with the gift idea. Place the gift with the tag in the box under the tree. The gifts will be wrapped at a later date.

Thank you for your assistance. Looking forward to a Merry Christmas for all.



## Deacon Notes ~ Mike Hartman

Happy New Year!!

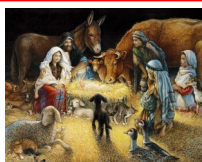
What...happy new year in December? What happened to Merry Christmas? At a time when much of the world is busy gift shopping, putting up Christmas lawn decorations and anticipating the arrival of Santa Claus, Christians around the world are observing the liturgical season of Advent. Martin Luther encouraged families to observe Advent as a time to teach our children about the coming of Christ. Not only the first coming but the next one as well. How do you celebrate Advent? By attending our special services? Do you have an Advent

wreath at home? Do you use this time to remind your family, young and old alike, that it is a time to remember, a time to prepare, a time to plan and rejoice that Emmanuel, God with us, will be arriving soon? Or is it simply another month of the calendar? He is coming...prepare. Happy New Year!!

A very blessed Christmas to all from your Board of Deacons. Peace on earth, good will towards men. Amen... and again we say Amen.



## Thank You



*Have a Blessed Christmas and  
New Year.*

*Pastor Daene, Rose and the  
Church Council*

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, cards, phone calls, and food. God is Great. His mercy has brought me through this difficult time and continues to be present in this recovery process. Thank you.

Mildred Melvin

*Thank  
You*

## Treasurer's Report

Year to Date Oct 31 —

Budgeted Expenses vs. Actual Expenses

\$163,350

\$137,399

Income

\$138,524

Anne Hartman, Treasurer



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Helen Rinehart  
12/4 Kevin Stahl  
12/5 Kent Krimmel  
12/6 Rachel Runge  
12/8 Deanna Lawyer, Norah Poe  
12/11 Mildred Melvin, Tom Pahl,  
Kyra Riddle  
12/13 Patrick Hacker  
12/15 Lynette Cooper  
12/17 Debbie Bechman  
12/18 Wendell Maze, Cody Watson  
12/20 Bill Wells  
12/22 Debbie Nichols, Danielle Dale  
12/23 Linda Unsworth  
12/24 Jason Martin  
12/25 Elizabeth Little  
12/27 Gage Vaughn  
12/28 Deanna Poe  
12/30 Paul Cox



### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/20 Tim & Dr. Debra Holmes

*[Please contact the church office (736-7849) for any additions or corrections to the Birthdays & Anniversaries.]*

**T**ry using our Birthday & Anniversary calendar as a daily prayer calendar. By doing so, you will be praying for someone in our Good Shepherd church family almost every day. A church with members who regularly pray for one another will be truly blessed.

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

### OFFICERS FOR 2017

Mike Peters, President  
Kent Krimmel, Vice President  
Johannah Pollert, Secretary  
Anne Hartman, Treasurer  
Joyce Bauman, Financial Secretary  
Paul Cox, Board of Trustees  
Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons  
, Board of Stewardship  
Heidi Baca, Board of Education  
Sharon Peters & Susan Sego, Board of Missions  
Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship  
Jeff Hawkins, Member at Large  
Kathy Hawkins, Member at Large

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Derek Runge 309-258-060

### PRAYER CHAIN

“The prayer of a righteous person  
is powerful and effective.”

(James 5:13-16)

“Devote yourselves to prayer.”

(Colossians 4:2)

Our church has a prayer chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Barb Miller at 317-412-5912 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Barb.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** We now have a Prayer Request button on the church website. You may choose if your prayer request goes to the pastor only, or to the pastor and the prayer chain. There is power in prayer and let the pastor and the prayer chain join you in your *time of need or thanksgiving*. Simply go to [www.gslcfranklin.org](http://www.gslcfranklin.org) and hit the **Prayer Request** button.