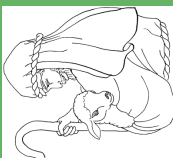




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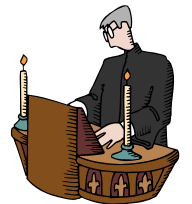


From the Pastor ~ ~

I found two good quotes to describe what the Christmas season is about. F.B. Meyer wrote, "Though justification costs us nothing but the sacrifice of our pride, it has cost Christ His blood." C.S. Lewis wrote, "It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things; but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion." Christmas is that wonderful time of the year when we celebrate the birth of our Savior. For nearly 4,000 years, people had waited for the Savior who was first predicted in Genesis. Many prophets foretold who He was, what He would do and how He would do it. Isaiah 53 gives us the clearest picture of what He would do and why. Christmas reminds us that God keeps His promises and made the first promise of a Savior to Adam and Eve after they had sinned. The manger reminds that the price for our sins had to be paid and it started there in Bethlehem more

than 2,000 years ago. The march to the cross began in that manger in a town that was too busy to notice His birth. Shepherds came from the fields to witness what the angels had told them, but it is doubtful if the shepherds knew He had to go to the cross. I know that at Christmas people do not want to talk about crucifixions and crosses and the like. In that manger God enacted His plan of salvation. For Christ to be the perfect sacrifice He had to be like us but live without sin. In the manger He began living that perfect life. At the cross, He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice to take the punishment we deserve. It all began in the manger and it ended at the cross and empty tomb.

Pastor Daene



Voters' Assembly Meeting December 13, 2020 after our worship service

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Special points of interest:

- *Mid-Week Advent Services December 2, 9, 16*
- *Children's Christmas Program, December 13 during our worship service*
- *Voter's Meeting, December 13, after our worship service*
- *Christmas Eve Service, with Holy Communion, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.*
- *New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion, December 31 at 7:00 p.m.*

Church Council Highlights ~~

Church Council met on November 8, 2020 after the worship service. Those present were Kevin Weber, Johannah Pollert, Mark Ploss, Pastor Daene, Randy Powers, Larry Hill, Gerda Martin, Michelle Pierce, Brad Pierce and Rose Krimmel. Those absent were Chris Johnson, Dan Bonham, Heidi Baca, Don Haddock, and Amy Houck.

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Weber, Deacon Chairman.

Pastor Daene gave a prayer.

The minutes from August 9th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Brad gave the Financial Secretary report for the offerings in October as \$15,939.48.

Larry gave the Expenses for the month of October as \$16,304.76.

Pastor stated the average attendance for October was 48. He had 4 church services; 1 Church meeting; 8 Bible Studies; 3

Member visits; 1 Hospital visit; 7 Counseling sessions; and many telephone calls to members during this virus. Confirmation Class is holding steady with 5 Members. Men's Bible Study group has been having an average of five.

Kevin, Deacon Chairman stated he has been working on the budget for 2021.

Christian Education—no report. Johannah said the Children's Christmas program would be part of the Worship Service on December 13.

Stewardship—open position.

Michelle, Mission Chairman reported that Good Shepherd collected 180 pounds of food and lots of toilet paper for the Harvest Food Drive. We have not received our names for the Christmas Angels program as of November 8th.

Gerda gave the Board of Fellowship report saying it is the same as the last report as

we have not had any Pitch-ins or Celebrations since the virus started. The Deacon Chairman & Altar Guild decided that this year the decorations for Christmas season would be the Advent wreath, one tree and wreaths on the doors. That will be set up on November 29th.

Motions were made and it was passed that the church would be using Vanco for egiving and Paycor would be doing Payroll and tax payments.

The Council went over what budgets were complete. Council will review and vote on the church budget to be presented at the Voter's meeting at their next meeting.

Voters' meeting will be December 13 after our worship service.

Next meeting will be January 10, 2021 after our worship service.

The meeting was closed by saying the Lords Prayer.

By the fire



LWGS

Hello Ladies,

We had a very good turn out for our fundraiser, Terri Lynn Nuts. The order came in on time and by this time everyone has their baking for Christmas well on its way of being ready.

This year Christmas will be a little different but we still need to thank God for all that we have and how blessed we are. The internet will be busy with everyone on facetime to speak with family and friends.

LWGS would like to wish you all—

A Very Blessed Christmas!



Care & Concern



Sympathy & Prayers:
To Jim & Donna
Jones on the passing
of Jim's mother, Nan.
To Alyssa & Nate
Hedrick on passing of
her grandmother.

Remember in your prayers: Jon Clark, bladder cancer; Betty Ann Hill, healing and comfort; Ray Thompson, healing and comfort; Jonathan Krimmel, bladder cancer; Barbara

Wood, prayers for healing; Mark Ploss, heart issues; Juli Ploss, cancer treatments; Cecelia Campbell, health issues; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing & comfort; Carhyl Yoder, peace and healing; Barb Miller, strength and comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength and comfort; Kim Fouts, strength, healing and comfort; Susan Fouts, health issues; Rob Schafstall, major health issues; Betty Morgan, healing, strength and comfort; Steve Clodfelter and family, Parkinson's; Gary Haddock, healing & strength; Jerry Miller,

health issues; Charlie Jones, strength and comfort; Bill Cummings, strength and healing; and Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

*****Please check on the status of the person you requested to be on the Prayer List and let the office (Rose) know if there are any changes. We want to keep the list as correct as possible. Thank you.



Services Schedule

Second Advent Sunday
December 6 @ 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Mid-Week Advent Service Two
December 9 @ 7:00 p.m.
Third Advent Sunday
December 13 @ 10:00 a.m.
Children's Christmas Program
Voters' Assembly Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Mid-Week Advent Service Three
December 16 @ 7:00 p.m.
Fourth Advent Sunday
December 20 @ 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service with
Holy Communion—7:00 p.m.
First Sunday after Christmas
December 27 @ 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

December Bible Readings

Dec 1—Leviticus 1-4; Dec 2—
Leviticus 5-7; Dec 3—Leviticus 8-
10; Dec 4—Leviticus 11-13; Dec
5—Leviticus 14-15; Dec 6—
Leviticus 16-18; Dec 7—Leviticus
19-21; Dec 8—Leviticus 22-23;
Dec 9—Leviticus 24-25; Dec 10—
Leviticus 26-27; Dec 11—Numbers
1-2; Dec 12—Numbers 3-4; Dec
13—Numbers 5-6; Dec 14—
Numbers 7; Dec 15—Numbers 8-
10; Dec 16—Numbers 11-13; Dec
17—Numbers 14-15, Psalm 90;
Dec 18—Numbers 16-17; Dec 19—
Numbers 18-20; Dec 20—Numbers
21-22; Dec 21—Numbers 23-25;
Dec 22—Numbers 26-27; Dec 23—
Numbers 28-30; Dec 24—Numbers
31-32; Dec 25—Numbers 33-34;
Dec 26—Numbers 35-36; Dec

27—Deuteronomy 1-2; Dec 28—
Deuteronomy 3-4; Dec 29—
Deuteronomy 5-7; Dec 30—
Deuteronomy 8-10; Dec 31—Deu-
teronomy 11-13.



Voters' Assembly ~ ~

For those that do not know what takes place at the Voters' Assembly Meeting, here is an explanation.

The President of the congregation calls the meeting to order; the minutes from the last meeting is reviewed; the President gives his report for the year; the Pastor gives his report and each member of the Council gives their report of what they did for the year. Also, the LWGS & Altar Guild and any other Committees for the year give their reports. Then we get into the business part of the meeting. The Deacon Chairman

gives the Affirmation vote for the Deacons. Any changes to our By-Laws is presented. Our budget for the coming year is presented. And the election of officers to replace those that have had their positions for two years is done. This meeting is important for all members to attend so you know the workings of our congregation. You should think hard about filling one of the open positions on our Church Council. We have one meeting a month after the worship service.

Attend the
Voter's Meeting
December 13
after worship

Inside Story Headline



Christmas Wishes

*We wish you a
Blessed
Christmas
The Office—Pastor Daene and
Office Mgr. Rose Krimmel*





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 Caryle Eastvold
- 12/2 Helen Rinehart
- 12/4 Kevin Stahl
- 12/5 Kent Krimmel, Nolan Hedrick
- 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
- 12/27 Mark & Juli Ploss

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

Try 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 2020

- Chris Johnson, President
- Dan Bonham, Vice President
- Johannah Pollert, Secretary
- Larry Hill, Treasurer
- Brad Pierce, Financial Secretary
- Don Haddock, Board of Trustees
- Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
, Board of Stewardship
- Heidi Baca, Board of Education
- Michelle Pierce, Board of Missions
- Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
- Mark Ploss, Member at Large
- Randy Powers, Member at Large

DEACONS

- Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288
- Brad Coy 317-346-0930
- 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 Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Elaine.

PRAYER REQUEST: We also have a Prayer Request button on the church website. Your prayer request goes 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 and hit the **Prayer Request** button.