



The Shepherd's Voice

January, 2021

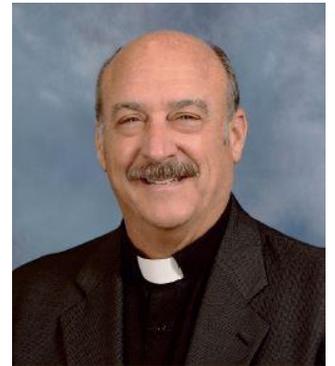
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Hernando, FL

Pastor's Page

On January 6 we will move into the church season of Epiphany. Most people in the church have heard the word “Epiphany” but, do we know what “Epiphany” means? For years growing up, I had no idea what Epiphany was. I just knew that it was the time after Christmas that we remembered the visit of the Magi. Just in case you don't know what the word “epiphany” means or what it represents, here you go.

Epiphany is an ancient word which refers to something that was hidden or escaped notice and that has now been revealed or made manifest. When an individual has an epiphany, it means that they have had a sudden (and many times surprising) new understanding of a life event or situation. In worship when we celebrate the Sacraments (Communion & Baptism) or we hear the Word proclaimed, we have a great epiphany of God's grace and mercy.

What this means for us is that as we put away our Christmas lights and our Christmas decorations, we do not put away the celebration. In the Epiphany season of the church year, Jesus is proclaimed to be the light – the light of God. The light no darkness can overcome. The Gospel readings for the season of Epiphany are meant to enable the reader and the hearer to have an epiphany as the Gospel readings show how Jesus is revealed as the Son of God, the long-awaited Messiah and the savior of the world.



As said above, the season of Epiphany begins on January 6. It is the day we remember the Magi who came from the east who had followed a star to the place where the child Jesus was. These travelers from the east arrive at night following the bright light of the star to find the new light of the world. When they arrive, they present gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh - gifts for the new king. In this event Jesus is being revealed to all nations beginning with the Magi.

Normally, Epiphany comes and goes without a whole lot of notoriety. For this year why not try an old Eastern European tradition to continue the celebration? It is known as the “twelfth night” and it is the occasion for gathering with friends and/or family member for the blessing of a home. This year we cannot gather in large groups, we can still do this as individuals and as families. It is very simple and easy. As you gather, take a piece of chalk (or a washable marker these days) and write this message above the door to your home: 20+CMB+21. When I do this, I cheat. I print this message on my printer and glue the paper on a piece of cardboard and then I post the cardboard sign – it much easier to clean up that way!

Getting back to the story ... this message is a simple code. The numbers (20 & 21) are for the year 2021. The letters “CMB” are the initials for a Latin phrase which means “*Christ bless this house*”. There are some who would tell you the CMB stand for the legendary names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Use this blessing upon your home for the New Year. After the events of the last year, we all could use a blessing or two.

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There are some variations on this tradition. There are also some traditions that in addition to the letters and numbers above their doors, some will burn incense and let the smell of the incense fill the home, and there are those who sprinkle water around their homes using a branch from their Christmas tree. They dip the branch in a bowl of water and spray the water using the tree branch. Regardless of which tradition you use, there is a scripture reading and a traditional prayer that may be used while you are "posting" your sign at your door. They are easily found on the internet. If you wish, I can provide you with a copy that I use.

In the Gospel of Matthew, where we find the story of the Magi, Matthew tells us that when the Magi saw that the shining star had stopped overhead, they were filled with JOY. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother". Remember in the home, Jesus Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, Jesus Christ is welcome.

Pastor Dennis



The following are highlights from the December council meeting:

- Officers for the coming year: President, Dan Cashman, Vice President, Mike Busler, Secretary, Gladys Kean and Treasurer, Kathleen Swartz
- A thank you celebration will be held for Pastor Barrett, who is retiring at the end of the year; however, we want to have an 'in person' recognition during a church service, which means we'll have to delay until it is deemed safe to do so.
- A motion passed to close the church to services beginning December 14th through February 16th with services still being

broadcast on line and YouTube. This will be reviewed in January.

- The Semi-Annual Meeting normally held in January has been postponed until February. New members of Council will be sworn in at that time.
- Council discussed and approved proposed spending plan for 2021

Executive Board Meeting on Zoom: January 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Council Meeting on Zoom: January 14 at 3:00 p.m.



Deacon's Digest

The One Thing We Can Count On

Looking at a new year creates a lot of uncertainty for many of us. There is a comforting truth, that even though we cannot control everything, God is still in control. IF we can end the year with God, we can certainly start the new

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year with God.

This past year has challenged us to the max. Isn't it reassuring to know that God has our future in His hands! The Gospel of John 1:5 reads, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has NOT overcome it". In our darkest hour of life, God stands right next to us and sheds His eternal light for us to see that we are not alone. The stronger our faith is the brighter the light of God shines. God gave us his Son, born to a virgin and then died on a cross, so our sins will be forgiven. For all of us as sinners, this is a gift of gifts for our eternal life.



Let us pray:

Heavenly Father we thank you for your gift of eternal life. We ask You to keep that light shining on us, to give us strength to endure sadness, heartache, illness and loneliness. We ask this always in Your name. Amen

God Bless every one of you with His peace,

Deacon Robert



W/ELCA NEWS

W/ELCA stands for Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. All women members of an ELCA church are automatically members of W/ELCA. In 2020, the Women of Good Shepherd faced the challenge of continuing to fulfill our purpose, while constrained by the isolation of a pandemic.

The members of Good Shepherd responded to this year's Thankoffering by donating more than \$377.00. Half of this will be sent to our national organization

to fund scholarships for women entering the ministry, and half will be donated locally to CASA. We thank all of you who gave so generously.

Cindy Gaertner will go to the January meeting of the Citrus County Education Foundation to present a check for \$1070.00 and school supplies donated by the members of Good Shepherd.

Quilts have been packed to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief as soon as we know the designated date for transport to the collection site. Lutheran World Relief kits are currently being assembled by our members. The kits will be packed and prepared for delivery along with the quilts. Baby quilts will be distributed locally to our hospitals and to agencies which serve babies and young children.

On December 9, the monthly Bible Study/Circle meeting was held on Zoom. Nine women participated in the Bible study led by Anne Storan. The January meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 1:00 on Zoom. If anyone would like to join us, contact Anne Storan, astoran46@gmail.com to get the invitation with the Zoom link.

Anne Storan
WELCA President



Thankoffering

This year our Thankoffering quilts were displayed at the end of November.

The quilters made a total of 102 quilts. Some are staying locally for Casa and shelters and some are going for Lutheran World Relief.

Our quilters are working separately at home. Our bible study will be on Zoom the second Wednesday at 1p.m.

Please contact Anne Storan for an email invitation.

Cindy Gaertner

Social Ministry

Angel Tree Thank You

Phyllis and I would like to thank all the people who took angels this year for the Social Ministry Angel Tree campaign. With Covid 19 in our midst, it was hard to encourage people to pick an angel to buy gifts for. The angels came in slowly and some people did not want to go out shopping. Fortunately, 28 angels were taken and delivered out of the 50 that were ordered from the Resource Center. Thank you to all who participated by taking an angel(s), or giving a donation toward the purchase of gifts for a child. Even the angels that were turned back in had people waiting to pick them up. Ginger West always makes sure all the children have a Merry Christmas!

Amy and Phyllis



Altar Guild

Just a quick note to Altar Guild members. As the church is closed for a while this is a good opportunity to prayerfully consider joining the Altar Guild. It is for a month at a time and only takes about 1/2 hour on a Saturday morning then cleaning up after service on Sunday. The way it stands now we will be looking for sign-ups for March and the rest of the year

Please call Alma Day or Ann Neville.



We should ask God to give us wisdom to comprehend the brevity of life.

“Lord, let me know my end, and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is” (Psalm 39:4).

2021 Offering Envelopes

The envelopes for year 2021 will soon be here. Some of you will have to get new numbers. **PLEASE** destroy any of your 2020 envelopes that you have not used.

Ed Granger

Financial Secretary
352-425-2805



Virtual Coffee Hour

Join us on Zoom for a virtual "coffee hour" each Sunday from 9:30 am - 9:45 am just before worship on YouTube and Facebook Live at 10:00 am. To join, go to www.zoom.com, click



"Join a Meeting" and enter the meeting ID and passcode below. Hope to see you there!

Linda Koch

January login information:

Meeting ID: 768 0104 3666- Passcode: GSLC



“Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.”

—J.M. Barrie

All Matters Green

Greetings from Louise Osborn, Chairman of the GSLC Finance Committee, Ed Granger, Financial Secretary, and Kathleen Swartz, Treasurer. There has been a lot happening this past year with regard to all things green and financial...

A Cares Act (PPP) loan was secured with the help of Bob Bonomo and Drummond Community Bank to help maintain, to some extent, our employee salaries during the initial weeks of our church closure.

General giving was down this year which has made for some difficult financial decisions. We understand that everyone is concerned about loss of income and making ends meet; but we are also asking that you keep our Church and its needs in mind so that we might continue serving not only our parishioners but our community. We have, thus far, been able to keep our head above water, pay bills, maintain a level of benevolent giving, and continue support of church programs but we still need giving to our GENERAL fund.

Our renovation/repair project continues to progress, a little slower than originally planned but successfully none-the-less. It is important for everyone to remember that we will be rolling over our "interest only" loan into a REAL mortgage at some point this year and we are encouraging all to be mindful of this new budget commitment; and similarly, we are hoping that those who are willing and able might also contribute to the "additional mortgage principal" fund.

The 2021 Budget will be made available for everyone at some point in January both electronically and in hard copy in the Narthex. We are asking that you review it, submit any questions to **Kathleen Swartz (Treasurer) either by phone (422-6717) or by e-mail (gslctreasurer@outlook.com).**

Giving envelopes should now be available in the Narthex, filed by last name in alphabetical order. Please stop by during Office hours, **Mon-Fri 8 am -1 pm**, to pick up yours and/or shut-in friends/neighbors. ** Please be aware that a few parishioners will have had their box # changed. We're sorry if you'd grown attached to your previous # but

it was a cost saving measure to lower the growing amount of unused boxes in our regular yearly order.

Year-end statements will be provided by contacting Ed Granger, Financial Secretary, at gslcfinancialsecretary@outlook.com or leaving a message at the church office.

We all hope for "better" in 2021, in all areas of our lives. Blessings and best wishes for a safer, healthier, and peaceful coming year.

Respectfully,
Louise, Ed, and Kathleen



Applying Biblical Principles

Empowered by Grace, We Invest for Time and Eternity



The Psalmist wrote, "So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart" (Psalm 90:12).

Have you ever numbered your days? If an average lifetime is 70 years, multiply 70 times 365. The result is 25,550 days in 70 years. Add 17 extra days for the leap years in that period of time. The total number of days is 25,567.

To the teenager at age 14, on average, there are 20,454 days left. That seems like an inexhaustible supply. To the retiree at age 65, there are only 1,826 days left. That number doesn't seem so inexhaustible. In fact, it can seem downright small.

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“How to Live on Twenty-Four Hours a Day” is the title of an excellent article by Arnold Bennett. He wrote,

The supply of time is truly a daily miracle. No one can take it from you; no one receives either more or less time than you receive. Talk about an ideal democracy. In the realm of time, there is no aristocracy of wealth and no aristocracy of intellect. Genius is never rewarded by even an extra hour a day.

Bennett is absolutely correct. The President of the United States has as much time as an inmate in a correctional institution. A stay-at-home mom has as much time as a busy CEO of a Fortune 500 company. A college student has as much time as his professor. A soldier has as much time as someone not interested in the military. A pastor has as much time as the layperson in the pew. The bassoonist in a symphony orchestra has as much time as the conductor.

What is really interesting about time is that we find time for what we consider important. We find time for sleep. The average adult sleeps seven to eight hours out of every twenty-four. In other words, on average, people sleep one-third of their lives. We also find time to eat. The average person spends at least one hour per day eating. And we find time to work in order to earn a living. We find time for these things because they are important to us.

So, what does it mean to “count our days”? Did the Psalmist have in mind merely counting the days that we may hope to have left in life? Not really. Notice the second phrase in Psalm 90:12 — “. . . that we may gain a wise heart.” The purpose of numbering our days and of considering our days is that we might be wise in our use of whatever days God allows us to have. Counting the days becomes just a simple exercise in mathematics if it does not also cause us to consider how we are **using** our days.

- The wise person will realize that time (which comprises the days of our lives) is limited.
- The wise person will seek to accomplish as much as possible in terms of things that really matter for this life and the life to come.
- The wise person will seek to use the resource of time in a manner befitting both Christian faith and experience.

- The wise person will seek to make the most of time with the full realization that it could end at any moment.
- The wise person will be diligent in the use of time in order to maximize his or her impact for the sake of the Gospel.

Consider Jesus. Jesus had only a limited time on earth. In fact, the time He devoted to actual hands-on ministry occupied about three years. What was His perspective on time? He summarized it clearly in Matthew 6:33 when He said, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.” Jesus practiced what He preached. He clearly put the Kingdom of God first in His life and work.

Would it surprise you to discover that the majority of His time was spent ministering to people? Would it surprise you to learn that as followers of Christ, we are to do the same thing? Would it surprise you to learn that as His disciples, we are to do what Jesus did?

Yes, Jesus had to sleep, eat, and work, just as we do. But His emphasis was on the Kingdom of God. That was His priority. That was His mission. That was His passion.

As we consider the twenty-four hours God gives to us each day, let’s make service in God’s Kingdom, especially here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, a priority in our lives.

Ask yourself, “How am I using the time God has given to me? How wise am I?”

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship
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***“Resolution One:
I will live for God.***

***Resolution Two:
If no one else does, I still will.”
—Jonathan Edwards***



Thank You!

Linda and I have been extremely blessed this year by your compassionate generosity. And, now, that Michael is living with us, he too, has been blessed by your generosity as well. Thank you for all that you have done for us. I can only hope that we have inspired you as much as you have inspired us with your commitment to each other and our God. This is a congregation like no other and we pray that 2021 will bring each of us closer to God while living in good health, peace and happiness.

Pastor Dennis



Dear Church Friends,

I send Christmas greetings and hopes for a happy and healthy New Year.

I think of and pray for you often, particularly in this very harsh year.

May God grant His blessing and grace to each of you.

Always,
Judy Heikkinen



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Thank you so much for all the Christmas cards, gifts, cookies, cakes., sweet treats, candies, gift cards,

money, etc. Your kindness overwhelms me. I wish I could give each of you a great big hug, but until we can touch one another again, please know that your thoughtfulness has touched me deeply. From the bottom of my heart, I am truly grateful beyond words.

God bless each of you.

Shirley McField



Bible Quiz

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: (See Matthew 2:1- 12)



Memorial and Special Gifts

The following memorial and special gifts were given during the month of December:

- To the General Fund by Lois Lenhart in memory of **Ralph Mongardi.**



Winter Music Series 2020-2021

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
439 E Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, Florida 34442



Larry Stephenson Bluegrass Band

February 19, Friday, 7pm

Johny Carlsson & MegaBones

Five professional trombone players
performing original compositions that
characterize jazz from the 50s and 60s.

March 14, Sunday 3pm

Special Consensus, Bluegrass Band.

Grammy nominee and IBMA "Best Song of
the Year" award winner.

April 16, Friday 7pm

Tickets for concerts are \$10 at the door.

All performances are subject to cancellation, based on
current restrictions.

Please call, text or email for confirmation!

For Information contact: Angela Busler,
860-906-8723 (c

Sponsors: Tom and Barb Laing



(352)-527-0015
Hernando, Florida



(352)-341-3515
Lecanto, Florida



Thanksgiving Take- Out Meals

Our first time Thanksgiving drive-thru dinner was a success and a big thanks goes to those who donated food items: Vera Swade, JoAnne Clutz, Sandy Spencer, Terry Lucente, Gloria Peterson, Sandy Purser, Gladys Kean, Betty Sanger, Walt and Carol Seefeld, Rand Tuttle, Bob Bonomo, and Kathy Swartz; and for our group of volunteers, Eloise Mongardi, Gladys Kean, Rand Tuttle, Sandy Purser, Betty Sanger, Bob Bonomo, and Kathy Swartz. A special thank you also goes out to Wendy Wolber for securing a Thrivent stipend that was used for purchasing turkeys and additional food items and supplies. We served 44 dinners and provided extra food items for a needy family, and did so in the safest way possible, while still having a fun morning in the kitchen. We hope all involved, whether on the giving end or receiving end felt closer to God knowing that despite everything going on in the world around us we are all thought about, cared about, and willing to help those we love.

Blessings,
Kathleen Swartz and Deacon Bonomo



Publix Saturday Night Pick-Up

Tom Fowler
&

Food Share Monday Delivery

Lynn Bechdolt



Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

1. When the going gets tough, the tough _____ going.
2. People who live in glass houses should _____ throw stones.
3. If the shoe fits, _____ it.
4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is _____ to enter the kingdom of God."
5. Good things come _____ those who wait.
6. When in Rome, _____ as the Romans do.
7. Don't wear _____ your welcome.
8. If you want something done right, do it _____.

Write the unscrambled proverb here:

_____ PROVERBS 23:4

Answer: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Proverbs 23:4



Life Care Senior Angel Tree

Good Shepherd is filled with generous caring souls and that is borne out each time we request assistance for any project or endeavor. This was our 2nd annual Senior Angel Tree project to benefit Life Care Center in Lecanto. We requested 30 names this year and received more than 70 Christmas gifts for residents that might otherwise be alone during the Holidays. A heartfelt thank you to all those that were able to participate.

Appreciatively,
Bill Mehnert and Kathy Swartz



Special dates

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2021*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2021*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 10, 2021*
- Religious Freedom Day, *January 16, 2021*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 18, 2021*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2021*
- Inauguration Day, *January 20, 2021*



A New Year's blessing

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it as it comes; not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path; not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart; not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

—Author unknown

All programs and meetings are postponed until we get the all clear from the CDC.

JANUARY 2021

Facebook Live & You Tube
Worship Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	2
3 10:00A – Worship 	4 10:00A – Zoom 	5 10:00A – Zoom Worship & Music 6:00P – Bells	6 8:00A-SOS 6:30P - Choir	7 8:30A – SOS  8:30A - Executive Council Zoom	8 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	9
10 10:00A – Worship 	11 10:00A – Zoom 	12 11:00A - Finance 6:00P – Bells	13 8:00A-SOS 1:00P – W/ELCA Board via Zoom 6:30P - Choir	14 8:30A- SOS  3:00P – Council Zoom	15 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	16
17 10:00A – Worship	18 10:00A – Zoom 	19 6:00P – Bells	20 6:30P - Choir	21 8:30A- SOS  10:00 A- Pastoral Care	22 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	23
24 10:00A – Worship	25 10:00A – Zoom 	26 6:00P – Bells	27 8:00A-SOS 6:30P - Choir	28 8:30A- SOS 	29 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	30
31 	<p><i>He who fritters away the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking him the rest of the day. If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, he will be in the last place the remainder of the day. —E.M. Bounds</i></p>					

Sunday worship is at 10:00a.m. on Facebook Live and You Tube unless otherwise noted.

Zoom Coffee 15 with GSLC online from 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Meeting ID: 768 0104 3666 - Passcode: GSLC

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Jack & Nancy Gomes
Mike & Maggie Kirkeby

01/01/83
01/17/14



1– Lenore Deck

6 – Marion McGauran

7 – Connie Adams

11 –Harv Johnson
Dell Peterson

12 – Carol Herbst
Judy McMahon
Nate Williams

13 –Walter Maidhof

14 –George Bendtsen

15– Ann Neville
Cindy Towne

16 – Richard Imes

17– Carol Colson

18 – Fran Stetson
Randy Wagner

19 – Analise Heinz
Wesley Heinz

23 – Bob Fowler
Colleen Garvin

27 – Gene Yoho
Susan Fowler

29 – Nancy Jo Schroeder

30 – Jim Kauth
Sandra Jernberg

31 – Mary Wagner

MONTHLY COMMITTEE DUTIES
JANUARY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

ALTAR & COMMUNION

TBD

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

TBD

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONEY COUNTERS

Louise Osborn, Lead
TBD

GREETERS

ASSISTING MINISTER

10:00AM

January 3

Deacon Bob Bonomo Ann Neville
Deacon Rick Mainster

January 10

Deacon Bob Bonomo Ann Neville
Deacon Rick Mainster

January 17

Deacon Bob Bonomo Ann Neville
Deacon Rick Mainster

January 24

Deacon Bob Bonomo Ann Neville
Deacon Rick Mainster

January 31

Deacon Bob Bonomo Ann Neville
Deacon Rick Mainster

CRUCIFER

USHERS

NURSERY



(Please let the church office know if a name has been removed that should remain on this list, or if a name should be added.)

Let us remember:

Adams, Connie
Benefiel, Larry & Karen
Boerger, Dave
Bregger, Jack
Britt-Busler, Elizabeth
Brockschmidt, Fred
Burfeindt, Janet
Clark, Dawn
Creager, Ray & Carolyn
Drennen, Rose & family
Fortin, Shelly
Frost, Joann
Hartsfield, Sylvia

Hassinger, Douglas & Donna
Hester, Marty
Jernberg, Sandy
Jimenez, Jeanette
Johnson, Barb
Johnson, Carol Lee
Koch, Pr. Dennis, Linda & Michael
Lauer, Barbara
Lawrence, Ivalee Maidhof,
Masters, Leith

Miles, Ilse
Mongardi, Eloise
Olson, Louise
Page-Wood, Jeremy
Swade, Ken
Thomas, Maria
Whitcomb, Maxine & Ray
Wildman, Joe
Wolff, Jack

Those who are shut-in or residing in assisted living homes:

Hehn, Margaret
Maidhof, Walt & Helen

Mandell, Sheila
McGauran, Marion

Moll, Bob
Philipp, Dick

All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake
Ceballos, Jason
Corsino, Mykael
Day, Kenneth
Gaertner, Jerrod
Harrington, Bryan
Heinz, Karinne
Hickman, Richard
Hicks, Nathan
Holman, Evan

Jackson, Brad
Johnston-Garcia, Christian
Luchay, Alan
Martin, Aaron
McCann, Jim
Miller, Tyler
Muchow, Jason
Piott, Trenton
Posa, Codymichael
Radloff, Steven

Radosevitch, Eric
Seefeld, Jessica
Springer, Jr., Dennis
Stroble, Jeramy
Swain, Jr., Terry
Thomas, Peter Chris
Thompson, David
Timpe, Chris

Relatives and Friends:

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Gifford, Judy	Ralph, Bruce
Balastieri, Casey	Goetter, Tom	Rambaldini, Jim
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Goforth, Jeffrey	Scheetz, Cathy & family
Beck, Bryan	Goodloe, Ernestine	Schoenleber, Sara
Beeftink, Paul	Graves, Janice & Declan	Small, Brenda & Steven
Bell, Ian	Guberman family	Stewart, Sam
Blunt, Robert	Johnson, Pr. Felice	Stroble, David
Blyth, Ruby	Johnson, Jim	Stuart, Neil & family
Brockschmidt, Donna	Kamm, Mike & Nancy	Thatcher, Jean
Brugger, Tristan	Kraft, Carter	Thompson, Lori
Burgess, Louise	Krol, Shirley	Traywick, Edward
Burkhardt, Faith	Lavaja, Jim	Tuegel, Chuck
Campano, Thomas	Lewellen, Emily Anne	Urban, B.J.
Cashman, Lynda	Lobenthal, Jean	Van Wyk family
Cato, Cecelia	Loftin, Tracy	Waara, Jerry
Cherry, Elaine	Loger, Dennis	Walker, Betty
Cipollone, Elaine	Longworth, Kathy	Wells, Emmarie [6]
Clarke, Father Peter	Lundsford, Victoria	Wilder, Gayle
Clarke, Charlotte	Magrum, Corbin	Williams, Dorothy
Costa, Denise	Magri, Steve	Wierzel, Rosalee
Crawford, Cleola	Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Wittmann family
De Gina, Frances & family	McHugh, Mark	Wood, Rowen
Dille, Jim	McPhee, John	Woods, Donna Jean
Dortin, Rachel	Mehnert, Edward	Woolf, Nick
Egan, Anne	Mena, Steve	Woolley, Carol & family
Farmer, Tom	Nickerson, Mike	Wright, Matthew
Fidell, Eloise	O'Berry, Darlene	Wyzard, Joe & Dana
Fratto, Joseph	Page-Wood, Jaaken	Yonker, Veronica
Fowler family	Powell, Bill	Young, Bill
Gaertner, Kent	Priselac, Lorrie	Young, Ron
Garling, John	Rajotte, Keith	

Please take this prayer list, and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. We will continue to pray for those folks for as long as they need our prayers. However, please call the church office by the third Sunday of the month to ask that your loved one or friend remain on the prayer list – otherwise we will joyfully assume that they are well once more, and with thanks to God, remove their names from this list.

January, 2021



A COLORFUL body

Melt crayons to show how the body of Christ works together.



What you need:

- Crayons
- Metal baking sheet
- Adult help
- Metal gingerbread man cookie cutter

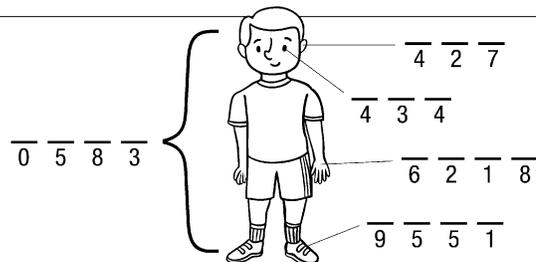
What you do:

1. Remove labels and break crayons into 1-inch pieces.
2. Scatter pieces on the baking sheet, about two layers thick.
3. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees until melted. Allow to cool 15 minutes.
4. When melted crayons are the consistency of playdough, press the cookie cutter through them (while still on pan).
5. Cool the pan in freezer for 15 minutes until crayons are hardened.
6. Remove from pan and break apart the shapes.

PUZZLE WORKING IN UNISON

Just as body parts work in unison, the church – the body of Christ – is to work together for God's purposes.

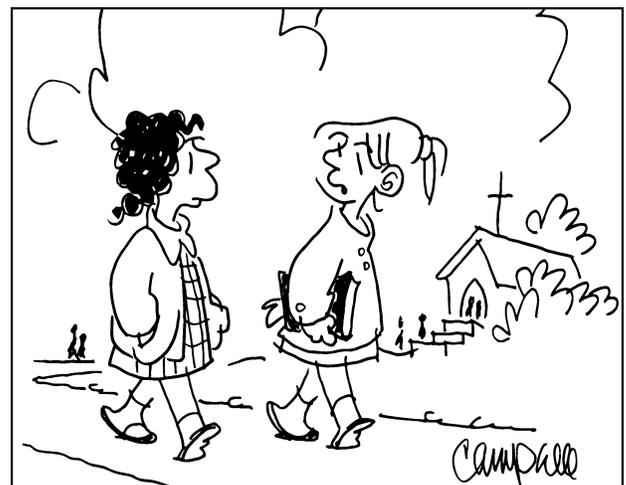
Directions: Fill in the letters for each body part. Add up each part's number total, and use those totals to complete the Bible passage.



Now if the $\frac{\quad}{20}$ should say, "Because I am not a $\frac{\quad}{17}$, I do not belong to the $\frac{\quad}{16}$," ... And if the $\frac{\quad}{13}$ should say, "Because I am not an $\frac{\quad}{11}$, I do not belong to the $\frac{\quad}{16}$," it would not for that reason stop being part of the $\frac{\quad}{16}$. If the whole $\frac{\quad}{16}$ were an $\frac{\quad}{11}$, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole $\frac{\quad}{16}$ were an $\frac{\quad}{13}$, where would the sense of smell be? ... As it is, there are many parts, but one $\frac{\quad}{16}$.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-17, 20, NIV

Answer: body = 16, eye = 11, ear = 11, foot = 20



"Because he works from home. That's why we never see God in person."



God's work. Our hands.

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