



# The Shepherd's Voice

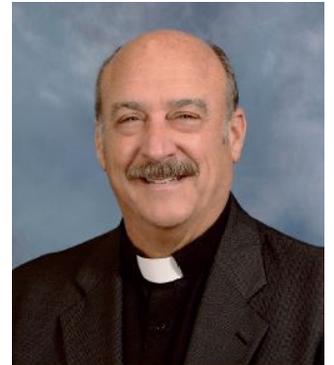
## December 2021



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Hernando, FL 34442

### Pastor's Page

**W**e are now in the season of Advent. This time of year, usually the Sunday after Thanksgiving, I have one or more people ask me the same question. There are different variations on this question, but the basic question goes like this: *“Pastor, may we put up the Christmas Tree, decorate the church for Christmas and sing Christmas Carols like everyone else?”*



The short answer to that question is “NO”. The longer answer goes something like this: This is the season of Advent. Christmas and Advent may be closely related seasons of the Church year, but they are not the same. Advent is not Christmas Lite. Advent is a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. In the Christmas season we celebrate God being born in human form and who has come to be one of us and be with us. In Advent we remember that the Day of the Lord is coming and at an unexpected time. It is like very early morning when we see the rays of light coming over the horizon, but the sun will not appear until later. We know it's coming, but it is not here yet.

As Christians, we believe that our God is coming again at an unexpected time. When the day of the Lord comes it will be a surprise, but we are called to live in hopeful expectation for that day. It is during the season of Advent that we focus on preparation and readiness. If Jesus came tonight and woke you up from sleep, would you be able to get up and follow him without thinking about something “more important”?

When that time comes, nothing will be the same again! We are told the world, already being redeemed by the Cross and Resurrection, is still in need of the time when Jesus will arrive to “make all things complete”. But, for us, right now, bad things still happen to good people. When that time comes,

creation will be returned to the way God originally intended for the universe. The kingdom of God will be complete, and lives will be very different.

As the Prophet Isaiah foretold, *“Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth ...”* (Is. 25:8) And there will be a new world order. The Word of the Lord told through Isaiah also tells us about this new world. We are told of the new kingdom: *“The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.*

*The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;*

*for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.”* (Is.11:6-9)

We are also given another view (Is. 5:5-9) of what the new world will look like:

*“Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;*

*then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,*

*the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;*

*they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.”*

Are you ready for this? It's time to: Get Ready! Get Set! ...Pastor Dennis



**Executive Council Meeting on Zoom:**  
December 2nd @ 9:30 AM

**Council Meeting on Zoom:**  
December 9th @ 3:00 PM

# Deacon's Digest



## A Different Message for Advent

The Advent Season reminds us of two things:

1. To celebrate the Incarnation, that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Through His birth, life, death, and resurrection, Christ establishes God's kingdom here on earth.
2. To join with believers through all times and places and pray for Christ's return. Rev. 22:20 "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

This world is the nest of sinful humans intent on destroying themselves and creation. Satan is constantly whispering in our ear as he did with Eve.

In praying for Christ's return, believers recognize that our ingenuity or effort cannot save the fallen state of this world.

Christ's second coming will begin God's Kingdom, finishing the work He started by making "All things new" and restoring Shalom to everything.

***Dn. Rick***

**Pastoral Committee Meeting  
January 20th @ 10:00 AM**





## Applying Biblical Principles

Life is full of choices. Regular gasoline or premium? Whole milk or 2%? Sweetened or unsweetened iced tea? Butter or margarine? Paper or plastic? Credit or debit?

The Christian life is also one that involves choices. Some of those choices may have been made for us by our parents when we were young. Some of those choices we reaffirmed as we grew up. The fact that we are part of the ministry here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is a result of a choice.

Romans 6:13 describes one of the most important choices we will ever make in the Christian life. Writing to first-century converts, the Apostle Paul instructed them, “No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.”

As God’s children, we have a choice. One way or another, we are going to allow the control of our lives to be determined by a choice. Either we will choose to allow the arch-enemy of our souls to be in control, or we will allow God to be in control. The interesting thing about this choice is that it is not a once-in-a-lifetime decision. It is a decision that we make daily. Some days, it is a decision that we make continuously throughout the day.

In spite of Flip Wilson’s contention that “the devil made me do it,” in reality, we determine whom we will serve. And unlike the decisions regarding sweetened or unsweetened tea or paper or plastic bags, this decision has eternal ramifications. It also has ramifications for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Think about this question: If everyone who is a member of our church were totally yielded to God every day, how would it impact the life and outreach of our congregation? If each of us were totally yielded to the controlling power of Almighty God every moment of every day, the impact we could and would have for God’s sake would be staggering.

Choices are inevitable. We cannot escape them. But one choice is of paramount importance, that of deciding who will be in charge of our lives. Do you know how Joshua responded when faced with that choice? He said: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Continued...

Moses also served God. He was God's messenger to tell Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go. Did you ever stop to think how unlikely God's choice of Moses was, at least on the surface? After all, for someone to be God's spokesperson, he had to be able to speak with authority and to declare God's words clearly without hesitation. But Moses described himself as "slow of speech" and as having "a slow tongue." Eloquent? Hardly. Able to speak with authority? Not really. Tongue-tied? Probably. Some have even suggested that Moses suffered from stuttering.

In the process of demonstrating to Moses that what he needed for the task would be provided, God asked him this question: "What is that in your hand?" The answer Moses gave was that it was simply a "rod," that is, a piece of wood designed to keep animals in line. Just a piece of wood. That's all.

But when Moses threw it on the ground as God told him, it became a snake. And when he picked it up as God told him, the snake became a rod again. This was to demonstrate that God would enable Moses to accomplish what was needed.

Similarly, God asks us, "What's in your hand?" Some might answer, "It's a piano, Lord. Just a piano." Others might respond, "It's a calculator, Lord. Just a calculator." Or, "It's a mop, Lord. Just a mop." Or, "It's a hammer, Lord. Just a hammer."

On the surface, those answers might appear to be correct. After all, a piano is just a piano, right? A calculator is just a calculator, right? A mop is just a mop, right? And a hammer? Well, it's just a hammer. At first glance, that's all they are.

But in God's hands, when used by God's people who are empowered by the Holy Spirit, a piano can become an instrument of praise and worship. A calculator can become a holy tool of counting for God's glory. A mop can create a loving atmosphere of cleanliness and warmth. A hammer can build strong doors for a church or a baby's crib for the needy.

What's in your hand today here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church? Whatever it is, will you allow it to be used as a demonstration of God's holiness and power and as a means of sharing the good news of the Gospel? Think about it: If Moses could be enabled by God for the task at hand, God will surely do the same for you. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of the many opportunities to serve our Lord here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. And, as Pastor says, "Have fun doing it!"

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship

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Dear Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

As you read this message, it is now Advent. Once again, this year we are going to use a Reverse Advent Calendar to collect food for our friends at SOS. SOS, because of food shortages, is having difficulty collecting non-perishable food items. This is a very easy way to help them and the people they serve, and this is how it works.

We have included a copy of the “Reverse Advent Calendar” for you to keep. Each day in Advent in addition to lighting a candle or opening a window on an Advent Calendar – the traditional way to celebrate in Advent – we are asking you to collect a specific food item for that day. Each day in December is a different item. We are asking that you place all your collected food items in a box or a bag (or 2) to collect all the items. Keep all the items you have collected until after Christmas. Please bring the items you have collected to the church beginning on December 28.

When SOS returns from their Christmas break, we will have a huge Christmas Present for them which will assist them in their efforts to provide food for those who are in need of food assistance. Remember to keep the items collected until the end of December. After Christmas, we will have an area in the fellowship hall to place your items. We will not have a place to store the items until after Christmas.

If you have questions, please contact the church office or a member of the social ministry committee.

*Pastor Dennis*

# ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY, ADD AN ITEM FROM THE LIST BELOW. AFTER CHRISTMAS, WE WILL COLLECT ALL THE BOXES AND DONATE THE CONTENTS TO THE SOS FOOD PANTRY.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni & cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package of pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can peas



# Angel Tree



Angel Tree items **due by** December 4th (selection 1 and 2)  
December 11th at the latest (selection 3 and 4).  
Remember do not wrap, drop of at narthex with sheet attached.  
Volunteers are always needed to wrap at resource center at all times.  
For additional information, contact **Amy Gilbert 352-564-0397**.

# Senior Angel Tree



**T**his Christmas holiday season our Senior Angel Tree to benefit residents at Life Care Center in Lecanto will be handled a bit differently. Starting the week of Thanksgiving and running through December 19th we will have our Senior Angel Tree gift box out in the narthex for you to drop off new, unwrapped items.

If you have any questions please contact Kathleen Swartz at 352-422-6717 or email at [gslctreasurer@outlook.com](mailto:gslctreasurer@outlook.com); or call Bill Mehnert at 352-513-4624.

Please use the following list as a guide when selecting items that will add cheer to the hearts of Life Care residents this Christmas:

- warm fuzzy blankets
- socks
- regular and large print magazines or books
- sugar free candy
- Small birdfeeders with seed
- Craft items
- Stationary items
- Small radio with necessary batteries
- Mild skin care items or lotions
- M/L/XL/2X sized ZIPPER sweaters for men and women



**\*\* Happy shopping and Merry Christmas\*\***

# YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO



Monday, December 20th  
10:00 AM

Come help decorate the church  
for the celebration of Christ's  
birth!

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Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-23-2005

AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT  
UP IN A STABLE HOME

## **POINSETTIAS TIME**



It's that time of year again! 30 red & 20 white poinsettias have been ordered and will help to beautify our church during the Christmas season. The cost per plant is \$10.75.

Envelopes are available on the table in the narthex for anyone wanting to purchase these plants. ***Please complete one envelope for each plant purchased.*** Because the quantity of plants ordered is limited, we ask that you only take an envelope if you intend on purchasing a plant. The envelopes are color coded for your preference.

Any questions, please call Jane Isenstead at 352-513-4205

## **Adopt a Highway Road Clean Up**



Our next road clean-up will be Saturday, December 4! We will meet at the church at 8 am and clean three (3), one-mile sections of Norvell Bryant Highway as part of the Citrus County Adopt-a-Highway Program. We are typically done within 1.5-2 hours, depending on how many people participate.

AND, on the 4th, we're going to celebrate the completion of two years with this program and the beginning of another two years! A special "scavenger hunt" will occur while you're picking up trash and some other special plans are in the works. Thank you to the more than **34 people** who have helped with this program over the last two years! The difference we have made in the community around us has been appreciated and we've had fun doing it!

If you haven't joined us yet, please do so. We pick up trash on the sides of Norvell Bryant Highway four times a year. Just let me know if you're coming so I can send you some notes a few days prior to the clean-up. My email is [LCK1164@gmail.com](mailto:LCK1164@gmail.com) or text me at 386-589-4727. And, if you're not sure about coming until the last minute, that's okay! We welcome all who want to help. Thank you! *Linda Koch*

# S.O.S. FOOD BANK

The Father Christmas Ball has been cancelled for 2021 still because of Covid-19. If you would still like to donate toward the SOS Food Pantry, you can make a donation in the amount of the tickets (\$50) for the Ball or any amount. Please send checks to:

SOS, P.O. Box 640774, Beverly Hills, FL 34464-0774.

Also, please participate in the Reverse Advent food collection as addressed in this newsletter.

Thank you for your support.



**God wants us to use our resources  
as a means of Christian service.**

“...choose this day whom you will serve . . . but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

## Newsletter Editor

Thanks to all for their input and help with the newsletter.  
Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year.

*Stephanie*





## NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY



I'm Cheryl Cox and I assumed the responsibility of financial secretary for Good Shepherd this past summer after our good friend Ed Granger moved out of state. I work in the office on Wednesday mornings, but I can certainly make myself available at any time should the need arise. My home phone is 352-794-6424 and I can be reached at [financial-secretary@gslchernando.org](mailto:financial-secretary@gslchernando.org)

I look forward to working with you and please don't hesitate to contact me if you need assistance.

Regards.

*Cheryl*

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Volunteers needed for bread delivery!



**R**ight now, Citrus County has more people needing food support than ever before. You can help by donating a little of your time. Here's how:

Volunteers pick up bread from Publix at Citrus Hills on Saturday nights about 8:50 PM and deliver it to the church kitchen. (OR, If you have an enclosed garage that is cool, you can leave it in your car until Sunday morning and then bring it in.) On Monday, you pick it up and transfer it to Family Resource Center in the odd numbered months or CUB (Citrus United Basket) in Inverness in the even-numbered months.

We are doing this because the food is greatly needed and Publix makes extra just so it can be donated. If you can't do both pick-up and delivery, please sign up for either Saturday evening pick up or Monday drop-off. Thank you for your help!!



**EXCELLENT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

***Mama's Kuntry Kafe, 104 US Hwy 41 S, Inverness, FL***

***Come join us for a delicious breakfast every Tuesday morning at 7:30am.***



***Angelotti's Pizza, 138 Heights Ave, Inverness, FL***

***Have lunch with us on the first Thursday of each month at noon!***



**NEWCOMER'S CLUB** - Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM



# & Cookie exchange



Join W/ECLA in Fellowship Hall  
December 4th from 2 to 4 PM  
**Bring your appetite and cookies  
to share.**  
Sign up sheets are in the narthex.



# When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us.

Titus 3:4-5, NIV



**Saturday Night Pick-Up  
&  
Food Share Monday Delivery**

**Dan Cashman**

On November 10, the Women of Good Shepherd held their monthly Circle Meeting and Bible Study. Eight women attended in person and two on Zoom. There was a business meeting held before the Bible study to elect the W/ELCA officers for 2022. The new officers elected to serve on the W/ELCA board are Shelly Fortin for President, Anne Storan for Secretary, and Aagot Green for Treasurer.

We have started collecting the annual Thankoffering that will be used to support the work of the Women of the ELCA. Thankoffering envelopes are available in the Narthex and can be returned to the church and placed in the regular Sunday offering basket. The 2021 collection will run through the end of the year. Thanks in advance to all of you for your generous contributions to our Churchwide organization. Our ongoing ministries include many online and printed communications channels, support of congregational and synodical women's organizations, justice and advocacy work, training for elected leaders throughout the women's organization, and the administration of grants and scholarship programs.

As we continue to support Lutheran World Relief, we encourage all of the women to consider preparing Fabric Kits or Baby Kits in addition to personal care kits. We will count and pack them for shipping at the beginning of January.

November 12-14 the Florida Bahamas Women's Synodical Organization held their Fall Gathering at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center. Anne Storan was there as an executive board member and Shelly Fortin came as the Good Shepherd voting member. Attendance was about one hundred women fewer than our last in person meeting in 2019, but those who came were delighted to spend time with old friends and meet new people from all over the state.

A highlight of the weekend was the announcement of the agency selected to receive the Synodical Women's Love Offering for the next two years. Sozo Kids. This agency serves the children and families living in abject poverty on the Ocala National Forest. Children receive food, clothing, tutoring, and recreational activities with the goal of helping to break the cycle of poverty and become productive citizens. If you'd like to learn more about Sozo Kids, see their website, [sozokids.org](http://sozokids.org).

Elections were held to elect new officers and executive board members. Anne Storan was elected to a one year term as President, Denise Beumer was elected Vice President, and Tracy Moffat was elected Treasurer.

It's time for some fun and fellowship. On Saturday, December 4, at 2:00 pm, EVERYONE is invited to an Advent Program and Cookie Exchange. Signup sheets are in the Narthex. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall where we have room to enjoy being together safely.

The January board meeting will be held on Monday, January 3,  
2022 at 1:00.

*Anne Storan*, WELCA President





# QUILTING GROUP

Our quilts were displayed at church in November and forwarded to the Lutheran World Relief for further distribution. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chairperson *Gerry Kauth*

*Photo courtesy of Cindy Gaertner*



## *Dan's World*



## ALTER GUILD

**Attention:** Any and all who would like to help with altar guild for the coming year. It is only a one month commitment at a time. Setting up on Saturday morning and between services. Any second service people will need to clean up and put away after second service and not needed between services. It only takes 15 to 20 minutes on Saturday with 2 people. Please consider this service and see or call Ann Neville or Alma Day.





**CRAFT n SHARE** will not meet in December but save the date :  
4th Wednesday, January 26th  
Look for info in January newsletter.

*Maggie*



## **BUILDING/PROPERTY COMMITTEE**



Well, the restrooms renovations are finally progressing nicely. The Women's restroom on the sanctuary side of the Church should be completed by Thanksgiving. The Men's restroom on the same side of the Church will start immediately afterwards. We appreciate everyone's patience during this entire process.

Remember, when your group needs the help of the Property Committee or to make a repair on the Church grounds, please fill out a property request form located in the Narthex and return it to our mailbox in the office. While we try to keep up with the needed repairs and maintenance of the building and grounds often there are things that can get by us.

Since the lawn mowing is starting to slow down, we are still looking for volunteers to help us with some other projects we really would like to complete during this time. Some of those projects include repairing the old shed, tree trimming, removal of old shrubs, cleaning and painting of the parking lot concrete stops, and replace the fellowship hall lights with LED. Remember, you do not need to be an expert or knowledgeable in these tasks, we are looking for more "hands" to help with the work. Currently, there are only three of us so the more "hands" the better!

*Harv Johnson, Chair*

# Worship & Music



The choir's **Christmas Program** will be December 12<sup>th</sup>.

1. The Advent theme, “Rise and Shine” ...Wednesday night, Advent services will be televised only.
2. There will be a change of liturgy for Advent.
3. Deacons Rick & Bob will alternate Sundays
4. **Christmas Eve** Candlelight Worship at 5:30 PM.
5. **Christmas Day** Worship 10:00A.
6. Normal two services on Boxing Day—the day after Christmas....a Sunday
7. Pastor will continue to pick the hymns

**Next meeting:** December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

*Roger Johnson*  
Worship and Music Director



**DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**  
GSLC Choir at both  
services

I REMEMBER WHEN  
CHRISTMAS WAS NOT  
ABOUT AMAZON AND THE  
LATEST STAR WARS  
MOVIE



## Winter Music Series 2021-2022



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

### **Good Shepherd "Tidings of Joy and Peace!" Musical Christmas Offering**

December 12, Sunday 8:30 and 11AM Service. NO CHARGE!

Also available on Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Facebook and YouTube.com.

### **Larry Stephenson Bluegrass Band**

February 18, Friday, 7pm

### **Johny Carlsson & The MegaBones**

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

February 27, Sunday 3pm

### **Special Consensus, Bluegrass Band.**

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

April 29, Friday 7pm

Tickets for each concert are \$15 at the door.

We will be masking and distancing based on current CDC requirements.

Please call, text or email for confirmation!

For Information contact: Angela Busler, 860-906-8723 (cell), [AMBusler@gmail.com](mailto:AMBusler@gmail.com)

Sponsors: Tom and Barb Laing



(352)-527-0015  
Hernando, Florida



(352)-341-3515  
Lecanto, Florida



# Memorial and Special Gifts



## **General Fund**

Aagot Green in memory of Kathy Hildebrandt  
Jack and Maggie Bregger in memory of Barbara Johnson  
Mike and Angela Busler in memory of Barbara Johnson  
Amy Gilbert in memory of Barbara Johnson  
Nancy Gomes in memory of Barbara Johnson  
Dick and Jackie Imes in memory of Barbara Johnson

## **Memorial Fund**

Jerry and Mimi Waara in memory of Elinor Graham  
Richard and Virginia Pierce in memory of Barbara Johnson  
Terrence and Janis Mooney in memory of Barbara Johnson

## **SOS Food Pantry**

Lois Lenhart in memory of Barbara Johnson

# Thrivent Choice Dollars

The following Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members have directed this month's Choice Dollars be given to Good Shepherd:



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Joseph E. Baker

Linda C. Koch

*Thank you for your gift.*

# Thank you

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, cards and phone calls of condolences. Thank you Pastor Koch, Deacon Rick, and Deacon Bob Bonomo for Barb's special service. Thank you Renate your music and talents and thank you John, Fran, and Joe for making it possible for friends near and far to see the service on Facebook and (E Bay :) I mean You Tube, they said they would have missed. The Cashmans for ushering and Shirley for all she does.

Thank you Mary Krol and all the purple shirt staff for the great serving at the luncheon.

Thank all of my GSLC family and friends for being there for Barb and us, it means a lot.

Harv Johnson and Family

# Special Dates

**Second Sunday of Advent - December 5th**

**Third Sunday of Advent - December 12th**

**Forth Sunday of Advent - December 19th**

**First Day of Winter - December 21st**

**Christmas Eve - December 24th**

**Christmas Day - December 25th**

**New Year's Eve - December 31st**

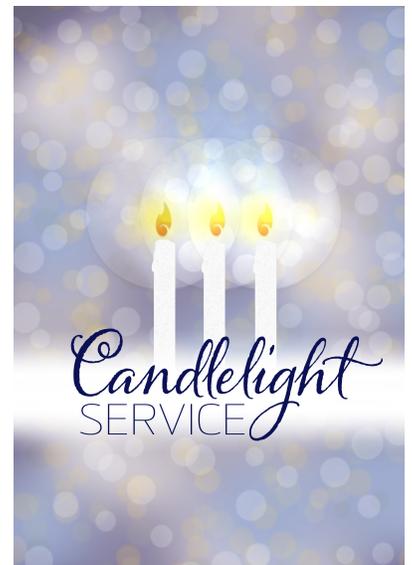
IT'S NEVER  
too early  
FOR  
Christmas  
& Music



First Day of Winter



The First and Last Male Sponsored  
Baby Shower



# DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>7:30A -</b> Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Cafe <i>Every Tuesday</i>	<b>1</b> <b>8:00A-SOS</b> <b>10:00A-</b> Quilters <b>6:30P-Choir</b> <b>1:00P -</b> Newcomer's Club	<b>2</b> <b>8:30A –</b> SOS <b>9:30 A</b> Executive Council Zoom <b>12 P Lunch</b> Angelotti's	<b>3</b> <b>8:00A –</b> <i>Workday on Grounds</i> 	<b>4</b> <b>2P- 4P</b> <b>W/ELCA</b> Advent Program & Cookie Exchange 
<b>5</b> <b>8:30&amp;11A</b> Worship <b>BIRTHDAYS</b>  <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>6</b> <b>10:00A –</b> Bible Study  <b>1:30P</b> Fellowship	<b>7</b> <b>10:00A</b> Worship & Music <b>6:30 P -</b> Scouts <b>6:30P -</b> Bells	<b>8</b> <b>8:00A-SOS</b> <b>1:00P</b> WELCA BibleStudy*  <b>6:30P -</b> Choir	<b>9</b> <b>8:30A -</b> SOS <b>3:00P</b> Church Council Zoom	<b>10</b> <b>8:00A –</b> <i>Workday on Grounds</i> 	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>8:3 &amp; 11A</b> Worship  <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> <b>Winter Music Series #</b>	<b>13</b> <b>10:00A –</b> Bible Study  <b>1:30P -</b> Social Ministry	<b>14</b> <b>6:30P -</b> Scouts  <b>6:30P-</b> Bells	<b>15</b> <b>8:00A-SOS</b> <b>10:00A -</b> Quilters  <b>6:30P -</b> Choir	<b>16</b> <b>8:30 A- SOS</b> 	<b>17</b> <b>8:00A –</b> <i>Workday on Grounds</i> 	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b> <b>8:30&amp;11A</b> Worship  <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>20</b> <b>10:00A –</b> Bible Study   <b>Greening of the Church</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:30P-</b> Scouts  <b>6:30P -</b> Bells   <i>First Day of Winter</i>	<b>22</b> <b>8:00A-SOS</b> <b>10:00A-</b> Craft n Share <b>6:30P -Choir</b>	<b>23</b> <b>8:30 A- SOS</b> 	<b>24</b> <b>5:30 P</b> <b>Worship</b>  <i>Candlelight SERVICE</i>	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 A</b> <b>Christmas Service</b>  <i>The TRUE meaning of Christmas</i>
<b>26</b> <b>8:30&amp; 11A</b> Worship	<b>27</b> <b>10:00A -</b> Bible Study	<b>28</b> <b>6:30P-</b> Scouts  <b>6:30P-Bells</b>	<b>29</b> <b>8:00A -</b> SOS  <b>6:30P -</b> Choir	<b>30</b> <b>8:30 A- SOS</b> 	<b>31</b> <b>8:00A –</b> <i>Workday on Grounds</i> 	

\*WELCA Bible Study is in person and Via Zoom. #Winter Music Series: GSLC Choir both services. Winter Music Series events. See flyer in this newsletter of more upcoming events.

# DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Ken & Vera Swade	12/05/98
Jim & Amy Gilbert	12/19/70
Kevin & Cindy Towne	12/19/87
Nate & Sauny Williams.	12/29/62
Bob & Barbara Lackner	12/30/85



4– Jacqueline Imes	12 – Cindy Gaertner	21 – Joann Frost
6 – Carol Lee Johnson	13 – Karen Robidoux	23 – Judy Fischer
7 – Gail Sotrines	15 – Shirley Storsteen	25 – Chris Bahner Faye Lowe Esther Page-Wood
9 – Janet Burfeindt Anne Storan	17– Jeffrey Amundsen	30 – Mary Stiles Frank Wheatley
10 – Pam Dionne	19 – Maggie Kirkeby	
11 –Bob Lackner Dylan Nelson	20 – Thelma Ewell. Frank Romanelli	



25th





*Let us remember:*

Benefiel, Larry&Karen  
Britt-Busler, Elizabeth  
Burfeindt, Janet  
Clark, Dawn  
Dionne, Pam  
Drennen, Rose &  
family  
Hartsfield, Sylvia

Hassinger, Douglas &  
Donna  
Jernberg, Sandy  
Jimenez, Jeanette  
Johnson, Carol Lee  
Koch, Dennis&Linda  
Lauer, Barbara  
Lawrence, Ivalee  
Lepore, Linda  
Masters, Leith

Page-Wood, Jeremy  
Pawelko, Diane  
Swade, Ken  
Thomas, Maria  
Whitcomb, Ray  
Wildman, Joe  
Wolff, Jack

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

Hehn, Margaret  
Moll, Bob

Philipp, Dick  
Whitcomb, Maxine

*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, Dennis  
Stroble, Jeremy  
Swain, Jr., Terry  
Thomas, Peter Chris  
Thompson, David  
Timpe, Chris



## *Relatives and Friends:*

Arbuckle, Amy &  
Matthew  
Balastieri, Casey  
Barber, Steve & Kitty  
Beck, Bryan  
Beeftink, Paul  
Bell, Ian  
Blunt, Robert  
Blyth, Ruby  
Brockschmidt,  
    Brian & Donna  
Brugger, Tristan  
Burgess, Louise  
Burkhardt, Faith  
Campano, Thomas  
Cashman, Lynda  
Cato, Cecelia  
Cherry, Elaine  
Cipollone, Elaine  
Clarke, Father Peter  
Clarke, Charlotte  
Costa, Denise  
Crawford, Cleola  
Crooks, Candi  
De Gina, Fran & family  
Dortin, Rachel  
Egan, Tom  
Farmer, Tom

Fidell, Eloise  
Fowler family  
Fratto, Joseph  
Gaertner, Kent  
Garling, John  
Gifford, Judy  
Goetter, Tom  
Goforth, Jeffrey  
Goodloe, Ernestine  
Graves, Janice, Declan  
Guberman family  
Hertel, Karl  
Johnson, Jim  
Kamm, Mike & Nancy  
Kraft, Carter  
Krol, Shirley  
Krutzikowski, Karl  
Lavaja, Jim  
Lewellen, Emily Anne  
Lobenthal, Jean  
Loftin, Tracy  
Longworth, Kathy  
Lubkemon family  
Lundsford, Victoria  
Magnotta Family  
Magrum, Corbin  
Mainster, Arlene  
Magri, Steve  
Maidhof, Dexter,  
Gary, Jeremiah  
McHugh, Mark  
McPhee, John  
Mena, Steve  
Nickerson, Mike &  
Beth  
O'Berry, Darlene

Page-Wood, Jaaken  
Powell, Bill  
Priselac, Lorrie  
Queen, Max  
Rajotte, Keith  
Ralph, Bruce  
Rambaldini, Jim  
Rivera, Roberta  
Rothmeyer, Heidi  
Scheetz, Cathy & fam  
Schoenleber, Sara  
Sillen, Rita  
Small,  
    Brenda & Steven  
Stewart, Sam  
Stuart, Neil & family  
Thatcher, Jean  
Thompson, Lori  
Traywick, Edward  
Tuegel, Chuck  
Van Wyk family  
Vera, Mireya  
Vespa, Hazel  
Vulkelich, Alejandra  
Wells, Emmarie  
Wilder, Gayle  
Williams, Dorothy  
Wierzel, Rosalee  
Wittmann family  
Wood, Rowen  
Woods, Donna Jean  
Woolf, Nick  
Woolley, Carol & fam  
Wright, Matthew  
Wyzard, Joe & Dana  
Yonker, Veronica

***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.***

**ALTAR & COMMUNION**

**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Adult Class** - Deacon Rick Mainster

**Children's Class** - Susan Fowler

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Louise Osborn, Lead

Gloria Peterson

June Dreger Parsons

**GREETERS**

**USHERS**

**8:30**

TBD

**11:00**

Harv Johnson

**MEDIA CENTER**

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

**LECTORS**

**December 5th**

**8:30** - Ann Neville

**11:00** - Sharon Maxwell

**December 12th**

**8:30** - Dave Sottrines

**11:00** - Vera Swade

**December 19th**

**8:30** - Margot Berger

**11:00** - Shelly Fortin

**December 24th**

**5:30**

Lisbeth Goetter

**December 25th**

**10:00**

Shelly Fortin

**December 26th**

**8:30** - Joann Frost

**11:00** - Shelly Fortin

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Serving All Weeks

Deacon Rick Mainster

Deacon Bob Bonomo

**NURSERY**

Susan Fowler



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# advent CALENDAR

Perform a random act of kindness



two  
Donate food to a local food bank



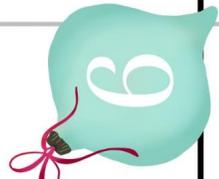
Have a coloring contest



Buy socks for a homeless shelter

5  
Watch a favorite holiday movie

Make or buy a new Christmas ornament



Let someone go in front of you in line

seven



Decorate a gingerbread house

eleven



Help wrap a Christmas present

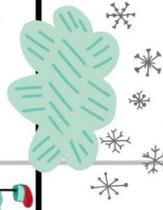
thirteen  
Leave a happy note for someone to find



Have a game night in your PJs

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Make paper snowflakes



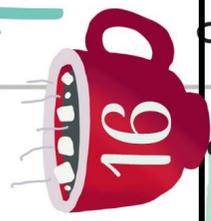
Build a snowman out of cotton balls

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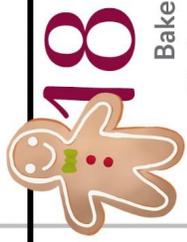
Take cupcakes to your local fire department

Drink hot cocoa



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Make Christmas cards



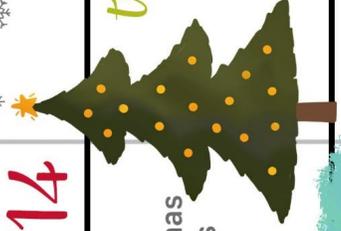
Bake Christmas cookies



Sing Christmas carols

twenty

Take a family photo in front of the Christmas tree



Read your favorite Christmas story



Take a car tour of your local light displays

22



Deliver Christmas cards to your neighbors



23

Watch or attend a Christmas Eve service

twenty-four

Read the Nativity story



25

