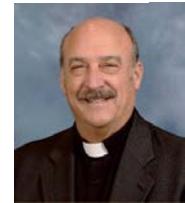




# The Shepherd's Voice

December 2022



## PASTOR'S PAGE

As you read this, we have entered into the church season of Advent. Most people, when they hear the word “Advent” tend to think about Christmas shopping – especially “Black Friday”, Christmas parties, and Christmas decorations. Maybe there is another way to understand this season? It is about “Expectation”. A different kind of expectation.

Advent carries two simultaneous visions of our expectations: we await yet again the birth of the babe in the manger and we also await Jesus’s promised coming again to fulfill all things. We often prepare for Advent by "getting ready": planning, organizing, and ordering supplies for various gatherings and worship services. Yet preparing for the coming of Jesus is not a matter of having everything under control. Jesus’s arrival disrupts-disrupts injustice, sin, and brokenness in a society in which we are deeply embedded. A prayer for Christ to come to us is a prayer for a holy disruption of our lives that we cannot control and that we might struggle to accept.

Maybe we should pay attention to four words that appear during Advent. The first is “breathing”. In Hebrew, the word “ruach” (Greek word is “pnuema”) means spirit, breath, and wind. The interconnectedness of these images is clear throughout the scriptures. In Genesis (as an example), the Spirit/wind of God blows over the waters at Creation and God breathes into the created human to give life/spirit. Who we are created to be is centered in our breathing, which connects us to the one who created us. Just a suggestion, but it may take time; pause and take a deep breath during this season. By doing so, you may be providing for a sense of deep connection with God as everything else is momentarily paused.

The second word is “Releasing”. Many people struggle with letting go, especially in cultures where accrual is seen as a sign of success and a guarantee of peace. The recent rise in blogs, books, and lifestyle coaches to help people reduce clutter caused by too many possessions is an indication of the stress created by our inability to let go. Maybe we should focus on whether we need to release material goods or a tendency to find comfort in acquiring possessions. Maybe we should consider as the old adage says, “let go and let God”?

The third word is “Receiving”. We often miss the presence of God because we look for the wrong things. Whether hoping for easy miracles or wearing ourselves out working for transformation in a broken world, we may miss the signs that God is coming and has, indeed, already come. It has been my experience as a pastor that far too many people think our encounter with God must come as a profound emotional experience and spend their energy seeking such an experience. Instead, lay down the agendas and expectations and be open to what God brings instead of focusing on what we want or expect. God’s coming into the world never fulfills human expectation; it fulfills God’s expectation.

And finally, the fourth word is, “Rejoicing”. I believe it was the writer, C.S. Lewis who wrote that Joy is “the serious business of heaven”. “Joy” may be expressed in laughter, exuberance, and resounding music. It can also be a deep and still experience so profound that only the dark silence of the cosmos can encompass it. In whatever ways it is expressed, joy is the character of our discipleship that draws others to the God we know in and through Jesus.

So, then, maybe the call to rejoice isn’t simply an invitation to enjoyment or to “party hearty”, but an invitation into a spiritual practice of sharing our perspective and our witness. By centering ourselves in thanksgiving for what God has done and reflecting on the promise of hope even during times of struggle, we make ourselves ready to welcome Jesus.

For a reminder and a breather during Advent, join us on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings. You might find something interesting and new.

Pastor Koch



## Deacon's Corner



Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! Advent is the season of waiting. It is the preparation of the heart to open our minds and souls to this child who will save us from ourselves. It is a time of prayer, reading Scripture, and proclaiming the Word in song. How we long for the Messiah's coming.

The word *advent* comes from the Latin term *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly the coming of something having great importance. Advent season, then, is both a time of joy-filled, anticipatory celebration of the arrival of Jesus Christ and a preparatory period of repentance, meditation, and prayer.

There will be Advent Services each week starting Wednesday November 30, and continuing on Wednesday December 7 and Wednesday December 14 at Good Shepherd in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a light supper during worship.

The attachment below is a daily Advent Prayer Calendar. Enjoy!

Blessings and Peace

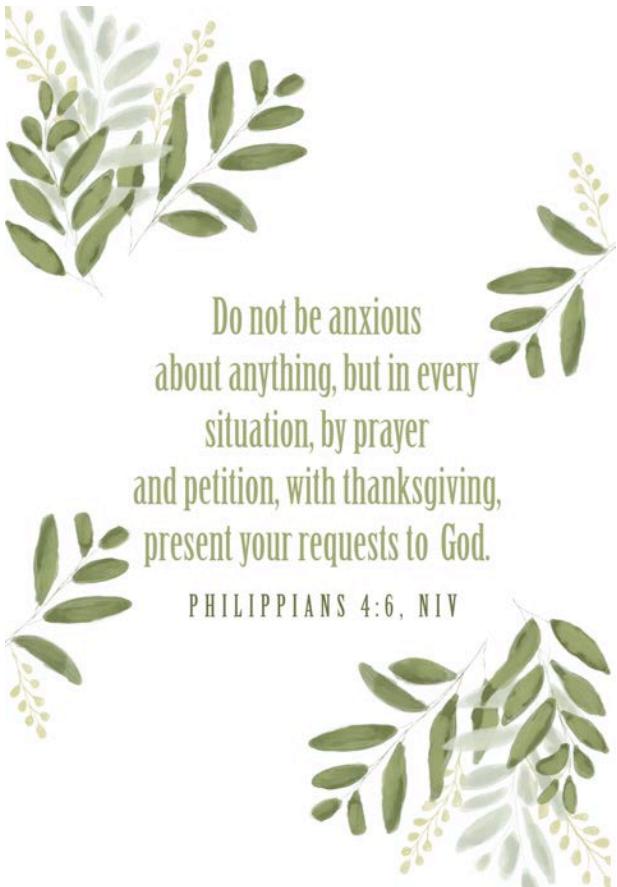
Deacon Robert

[Daily Advent Prayer Calendar](#)

# Church Council News



There is a need for a Head Usher to coordinate for services.  
THE ADVENT CALENDAR LIST will be available shortly.  
Hymnals will be placed in pews.



## Executive Council Meeting

December 1st@ 9:30 AM

## Council Meeting

December 8th@ 3:00 PM

*Via Zoom*

## Bible Quiz

Complete this Bible verse: "The (1)\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_ in the (3)\_\_\_\_, and the (3)\_\_\_\_ has not overcome it."

- A. (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- B. (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- C. (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns; (3) world
- D. (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines; (3) world
- E. None of the above





**Stewardship is living  
out our commitment  
to Christ.**

## Applying Bible Principles

The Apostle Paul's words to Timothy as recorded in 1 Timothy 4:14 are highly appropriate for us today: "Do not neglect the gift that is in you." There are three places in Scripture where spiritual gifts are listed: Romans 12, First Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4.

All Christians have been given at least one spiritual gift. What is a spiritual gift? It is a God-given ability for service. For some, their gift might be teaching. For others, it might be filling the role of a pastor. For others it might be service or administration. For still others, it might be encouragement or exhortation.

Although sincere Christians can and do differ on the subject of spiritual gifts, three things are important to remember. First, spiritual gifts come from God. Just as we are stewards of financial resources, we are also stewards of the gifts that God gives to us. We cannot earn a gift or buy a gift. Rather, we can only be grateful receivers of what God entrusts to us ... including spiritual gifts.

Second, a spiritual gift is an ability to do something for God's kingdom. For example, counting the offerings on Sunday in and of itself is not a spiritual gift, but the administrative ability needed to do that task is. Running a vacuum to clean the carpets in and of itself is not a spiritual gift, but the service aspect of that task is.

Third, a spiritual gift has one purpose: It is for service. Ephesians 4:12 describes that service this way: "...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." That service can be to God, or it can be to others in God's behalf.

God wants us to use whatever spiritual gift or gifts that have been given to us to help each other become spiritually mature, to carry on the work of the ministry, and to build each other up in the faith. As we give a "cup of cold water" in Jesus's name, we are serving both the Lord and the recipient of that drink. As we feed the hungry, clothe the poor, or teach a Sunday school class, we are serving both God and people.

F.B. Meyer wrote,

*I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other, and that the taller we grew in Christian character, the more easily we could reach them. I now find that God's*

*gifts are on shelves one beneath the other, and that it is not a question of growing taller, but of stooping lower.*

So, remember: a spiritual gift is a God-given ability for service. As 1 Peter 4:10 states so powerfully, “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

May you be encouraged today as you seek ways to use your God-given gift or gifts to serve the Lord and others.

*Shelly Fortin, Stewardship*

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***If you would like to know what your spiritual gifts are, please pick up a copy of the spiritual gift assessment in the Narthex. We have many opportunities for you to use your spiritual gifts in service to God and others here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.***

**A complete listing of all the volunteer positions available here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is on our website, and printed copies are available in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these positions.**

**A spiritual gift is a God-given ability for service that God wants us to use to minister to others.**

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” (1 Peter 4:10).



# Fellowship



On behalf of the Fellowship Committee we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023. We wish our church family many blessings at this special time of year.

We are happy to welcome our new member Dianne Johnson to our committee. She definitely has hit the ground running. Thank you for jumping right in. I want to thank all who have been so generous in your food donations for the coffee hours. Everyone enjoys the special treats. We still need donations of gluten free cookies and sugar free cookies. These can be store bought. Watch for buy one, get one free. Sign-up sheets for helpers are on the counter. I am so pleased that we are getting helpers for the second service, but would like to get more. Sign up on the sheets on the clipboard. I have placed some instructions for those new helpers in the kitchen. **THANK YOU** for jumping in. Reminder: label items (name/date) you put in the refrigerator and indicate if they are to be used for coffee hours.

A BIG thank you for all who volunteered for our Rally Day and Tag Sale. These are two of our biggest events and it was great to have new members volunteer to help. Thank you! Please feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions.

Peace be with you,

# Betty Sanger Fellowship Chair



# After Service in Fellowship Hall

## Just a couple of reminders:

1. Sign up on the Sign-up sheets if you plan to attend an Advent meal. It is important to know how many will be attending to know quantities for food.
  2. Remember to bring food items for the coffee hours.

THANK YOU to all who have been bringing some delicious goodies. We also welcome store-bought treats. Thank you to those who have volunteered for the coffee hours.

## Adopt a Highway Program

Our next Adopt-a-Highway road clean-up will be Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 at 8:00 AM. If you have any questions, contact Linda Koch at [LCK1164@gmail.com](mailto:LCK1164@gmail.com) or 386-589-4727.



## Health Ministry

Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she may be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Ann Neville, and Donna Pease. On the last Sunday of every month, we provide blood pressure screenings in between services and are there until 11:00 AM so that everyone from both services have an opportunity to have their blood pressure checked. We also will be offering different speakers and programs throughout the year. Please let me know of any areas of interest you have for our future planning.



See you December 18th



## Elder Angel Tree

This Advent season we will not be doing an ELDER Angel Tree. Hopefully we can plan on resuming this benevolent gesture in 2023. In the meantime, should you like to make a donation in the form of a gift that you think an elderly resident of one of our nearby Assisted Living, Rehab, or Long Term Care centers would enjoy here is a list for you to contact:

Lifecare	746-4434
The Grove	249-3100
Diamond Ridge.	746-9500

Thanks.  
Kathleen Swartz



## Worship & Music



- **Meeting:** 6th @10 AM
- The Christmas Musical program, “*Christmas Is Coming*” will be presented on **Sunday, December 11, 2022** at both services. Chancel choir, Bell choir, Brass Ensemble, Flute and violin duets, plus the children's bells.
- Renate's piano students will present a *Christmas Piano Recital* on Sunday, **December 11th at 3 PM** at the church. All are welcome to attend.



Merry  
Christmas  
and Happy New Year!



Join Pastor Dennis and Linda in their home on  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
**2 PM – 5 PM**  
224 W. Romany Loop (in Laurel Ridge off  
Forest Ridge Boulevard in Beverly Hills)

# WELCA NEWS



*As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.*

A combined Circle meeting was held on Wednesday, November 9th. Shelly Fortin led the discussion using the Gather Bible Study “Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith, Part Three”. Refreshments were provided by Ann Neville.

**Our next Circle Meeting will be held on January 11th. Shelly Fortin will lead the Bible Study “The Ten Commandments, Session One – Dancing the Decalogue” using the January/February Gather magazine. The first and second Commandments will be discussed. Refreshments will be provided by Sally Hennessey.**

The Fall Gathering at Lake Yale took place on November 11-13. In addition to a monetary Love Offering, five of our recently assembled “Love in a Glovebox” care bags were given to the Sozo Kids organization. Our new WELCA flag was on display at the Gathering.

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, the quilts were blessed and displayed in the church and the annual Thankoffering was collected.

*The WELCA Saturday Event Calendar on the GSLC website will be updated soon with events for 2023. Be sure to mark your calendars for those that interest you.*

**Our next WELCA Board meeting is Tuesday, December 6th at 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd.**

Shelly Fortin,  
President GSLC WELCA



## Building and Property

As some of you might know, our church property was burglarized late September. Two perps cut the locks on both sheds and hauled away our three lawn tractors Husqavarna, John Deere, and Dixie Chopper as well as our bench tools, power saws, power washer, and leaf blower and other items.

The Citrus County Sheriffs Dept. was able to arrest the two men from information from our video security cameras. We were able to recover one tractor, the Dixie Chopper.

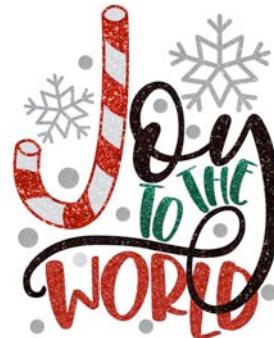
After some members heard of our theft, some members donated monies to replace what we could. One member donated a two year old John Deere Tractor with very low hours on it.

In the past couple of weeks, we were able to acquire new tools at Home Depot and Harbor Freight to replace the lost items. Randy Wagner, our thrifty shopper, acquired a socket set and bench grinder at a garage sale.

The Church also purchased two new Toro 50" Zero Turn lawn tractors, thinking we would not ever see any of our lost items.

A big "THANK YOU" to our generous members and the Citrus County Sheriff's Dept for a job well done.

G.S.L.C. Property Team



# Thank you



Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

SOS would like to thank Pastor Koch, the church Council and the congregation for your continued support of our food pantry. Your donations over the years have allowed us to continue helping the needy in Citrus County.

We thank you for allowing SOS to carry on this mission of caring and love for those in need in our community. The families that we serve thank us for our help.

Sincerely,  
Amy Gilbert, Secretary



SOS Food Pantry  
PO Box 640774  
Beverly Hills, FL 34464  
email [sos4food@gmail.com](mailto:sos4food@gmail.com)



## Social Ministry



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

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## QUILTING GROUP



On September 7th, we had 4 quilters and 1 sewer. We finished 4 large quilts. We thank Anita, Judy, and Maggie for cutting batting to size.

On September 21st, Maggie sewed on quilt on edges and Anita who had surgery came with her husband and we only had 1 quilter and 1 sewer so we visited and we went home. On October 5th, we had 3 quilters and 1 sewer and we finished 2 quilts.

On October 19th, we had 3 quilters and 1 sewer and we finished 4 quilts.

On October 16th, 23rd, and 30th, we had a Raffle for 3 hanging quilts. The winners were Anita DeClue, Dan Cashman, and Lois Lenhart. We received \$480.00 to pay for batting.

On November 2nd, we had 5 quilters and 1 sewer and we finished 4 quilts. We also bagged 5 large bags with 30 full and youth quilts for Christmas gifts to Family Resource Center. We had a new quilter, Melissa Gilbert.

On November 9th, we put 50 quilts on pews for Thank Offering Sunday.

Our group is growing and we would like to have more ladies come to help us. We will be meeting December 7th and 21st. Bring your lunch and have fellowship working together.

We will start the New Year by quilting January 4th and 18th.

The Quilting Group



## Poinsettias

It's time to deck the halls, and few plants are as popular during the holidays as the poinsettia.

Its brilliant color is synonymous with Christmas decor, and with Florida's tropical weather, you can add them to your landscape.

Learn more about this vivid plant and the best way to care for it.



**The botanical name is *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, meaning “very beautiful.”**

**HISTORY:** The poinsettia is native to Mexico, named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, who introduced the plant to the U.S. in 1825.

*Poinsettias are not poisonous, contrary to popular belief. They can irritate pets' stomachs but are not deadly.*

The poinsettia's showy portions are actually a cluster of colorful leaves, not flowers, called **bracts**.

*Bracts come in various colors apart from the traditional red, including pink, white, orange, and purple.*

Misting the poinsettia with a sprayer or placing it in gravel trays to maintain humid air helps prolong the plant's color and life span. Water your poinsettia when the soil surface is dry to the touch.

Keep poinsettias in well-lit areas, but avoid direct sun, hot lights, chilly air and drafts.

Source: University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences



## Poinsettia Sale

There will be red and white poinsettias for sale. On the first Sunday of Advent, envelopes will be available in the Narthex. The cost will be \$11.00 ea. Put your envelope with payment in the collection bin at the door to the sanctuary. Pick them up after service on **Christmas Day!**

Please take an envelope **ONLY** if you are going to **buy**. If you change your mind, return envelope to collection bin.

**ONE envelope per plant!**

# Advent Notices



## Reverse Advent Calendar

Advent for this year begins on Sunday, November 27, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. As we have done quite successfully for the past couple of years, we will have a Reverse Advent Calendar. If you will remember with me, the Reverse Advent Calendar collects food to assist SOS with food distribution. Each day in December a different food item is added to a collection of non-perishable food items. On Christmas Day, which happens to be a Sunday this year, bring the food items that you have collected as part of your Christmas Day offering and place them on a special table(s) in our fellowship hall. The next week, all the food will be given to SOS.

## Dinner and Worship on Wednesday evenings in Advent

After a couple year hiatus, we will once again have dinner and worship on Wednesday evenings in Advent. We will meet on November 30, December 7 and December 14. We will begin with dinner at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will not be potluck. We will have a specific menu (TBA) each week.

During dinner, we will be working on a project. We will be making ornaments for a “*Jesse Tree*” while we eat which will turn into a set of ornaments for you/your family at the end of the three weeks. Just in case you do not know what a “*Jesse Tree*” is, it is a remembrance of Jesus family line (family tree). Each day a different person in that family tree is remembered. Each ornament is a reminder of that individual and their part in the story leading to the birth of Jesus. The reason that it is called a Jesse Tree is that Isaiah had predicted that the Messiah would come from the “stump of Jesse”. Then, following dinner, we will have a worship service in the Fellowship Hall that will focus on Jesus being the promised messiah who comes from the line of Jesse. Want to know more? Come and see! Come and join us as we prepare for the coming of the Messiah.



**Advent Service at 6:15 PM**

**After dinner**

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## Special Dates

4th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

11th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Musical Program

Greening of the Church

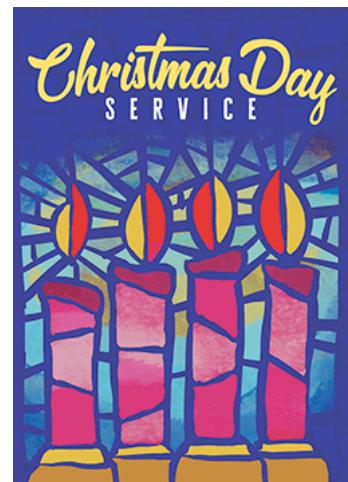
Piano Recital

18th - 4th Sunday of Advent

21st - First Day of Winter

24th - Christmas Eve

25th - Christmas



**Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM**

Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe



**Wednesdays @ 9 AM**  
*A Time for Prayer*

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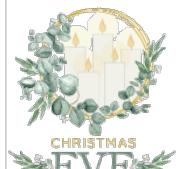
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# December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>7:30A - SOS</b> <b>9:30 A</b> Executive Council Zoom <b>12 P</b> Lunch Angelotti's	<b>2</b> <b>8:00A – Workday on Grounds</b> 	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 11A</b> Worship Birthdays  	<b>5</b> <b>10:00A – Bible Study</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:00A</b> Worship & Music  <b>6:30P -</b> Bells, Scouts	<b>7</b> <b>8:00A - SOS</b> <b>10:00A-</b> Quilters <b>1:00P -</b> Newcomer's Club <b>5:30P</b> Advent Dinner <b>6:30 P -</b> Choir	<b>8</b> <b>7:30A- SOS</b> <b>10A -</b> Pastoral Care Committee <b>3:00P</b> Church Council <i>Zoom</i>	<b>9</b> <b>8:00A – Workday on Grounds</b> 	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 11A</b> Worship <i>Coffee &amp; Tea Sales</i>  <b>Greening of the Church</b> <b>3:00 P</b> Piano Recital	<b>12</b> <b>10:00A – Bible Study</b>  <b>1:30P -</b> Social Ministry Fellowship	<b>13</b> <b>6:30P - Bells</b>  <b>6:30P -</b> Scouts	<b>14</b> <b>8:00A-SOS</b>  <b>1:00P -</b> <a href="#">WELCA Bible Study and zoom</a> <b>5:30P -</b> Advent Dinner <b>6:30P-</b> Choir	<b>15</b> <b>7:30 A- SOS</b> 	<b>16</b> <b>8:00A – Workday on Grounds</b> 	<b>17</b>  
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<b>25</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 11A</b> Worship  	<b>26</b> <b>10:00A - Bible Study</b>	<b>27</b> <b>6:30P - Bells</b>  <b>6:30P -</b> Scouts	<b>28</b> <b>8:00A-SOS</b>  <b>10:00A-</b> Craft n Share  <b>6:30P -</b> Choir	<b>29</b> <b>7:30 A- SOS</b> 	<b>30</b> <b>8:00A – Workday on Grounds</b> 	<b>31</b>  

## ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Jim & Amy Gilbert	12/19/70
Kevin & Cindy Towne	12/19/87
Nate & Sauny Williams	12/29/62



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



**Let us remember:**

Benefiel, Larry &	Hartsfield, Sylvia	Masters, Leith	Wolff, Jack
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Hassinger, Doug &	Meltesen Family	
Brockschmidt,	Jimenez, Jeanette	Miles, Ilse	
Burfeindt, Janet	Johnson, Carol Lee	Page-Wood,	
Clark, Dawn	Koch, Dennis,Linda,&	Pawelko, Diane	
Costa, Denise	Lauer, Barbara	Thomas, Maria	
Dionne, Pam	Lawrence, Ivalee	Whitcomb, Ray	
Drennen, Rose &	Lepore, Linda	Wildman, Joe	

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

Moll, Bob	Philipp, Dick	Whitcomb, Maxine
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**All who serve our country in the military:**

Burba, Jake	Jackson, Brad	Radosevitch, Eric
Ceballos, Jason	Johnston-Garcia, Christian	Seefeld, Jessica
Corsino, Mykael	Luchay, Alan	Springer, Dennis
Day, Kenneth	McCann, Jim	Stroble, Jeramy
Gaertner, Jerrod	Miller, Tyler	Swain, Jr., Terry
Harrington, Bryan	Much, Jason	Thomas, Peter Chris
Hickman, Richard	Piott, Trenton	Thompson, David
Hicks, Nathan	Posa, Codymichael	Timpe, Chris
Holman, Evan	Radloff, Steven	

**Relatives and Friends:**

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Burgess, Louise	Drake, Matthew	Grant, Ashdon
Balastieri, Casey	Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	Farmer, Tom	Graves, Janice & Declan
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Campano, Thomas	Fidwell, Eloise	Hertel, Karl
Beck, Bryan	Cato, Cecelia	Fowler family	Johnson, Jim
Beeftink, Paul	Cipollone, Elaine	Fratto, Joseph	Kraft, Carter
Bell, Ian	Clarke, Charlotte	Garling, John	Krol, Shirley
Bluver, Linda & son	Clarke, Father Peter	Gifford, Judy	Lavaja, Jim
Blyth, Ruby	Crawford, Cleola	Goetter, Thomas	Lewellen, Emily Anne
Brockschmidt, Donna	Crooks, Candi	Goforth, Jeffrey	Lobenthal, Jean
Brugger, Tristan	Dortin, Rachel	Goodloe, Ernestine	Loftin, Tracy

Longworth, Kathy	Powell, Bill	Thatcher, Jean	Woolf, Nick
Lublemon family	Queen, Max	Thompson, Lori	Wright, Matthew
Lundsford, Victoria	Rajotte, Keith	Traywick, Edward	Wizard, Joe & Dana
Magnotta family	Ralph, Bruce	Tuegel, Chuck	
Magrum, Corbin	Rambaldini, Jim	Van Wyck family	
Mainster, Arlene	Rivera, Roberta	Vera, Mireya	
Magri, Steve & Antoinette	Robertson, Glen	Vespa, Hazel	
Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Vulkelich, Alejandra	
McHugh, Mark	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Wells, Emmarie	
Mena, Steve	Sillen, Rita	Wilder, Gayle	
Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Small, Brenda & Steven	Williams, Dorothy	
O'Berry, Darlene	Steinour, Lee	Wierzel, Rosalee	
Pach, Barbara	Stewart, Sam	Wood, Rowen	
Page-Wood, Jake	Stuart, Neil & Family	Woods, Donna Jean	

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 be removed from the prayer list - otherwise**, they will remain on the list. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military.

Contact [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com) for any updates.

## Newsletter Editor

Please contact [gshernando@gmail.com](mailto:gshernando@gmail.com) for any newsletter related email.

Have a safe am joyous Christmas!

*Stephanie*



Newsletter deadline is December 17th

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Adult Class** - Deacon Rick Mainster  
**Children's Class** - Susan Fowler

### MONEY COUNTERS

Louise Osborn  
Doris Herp  
Aagot Green

### GREETERS

#### WANTED

### USHERS

#### 8:30

Stephanie Adams  
Dan Cashman  
Linda Cashman

#### 11:00

Cheryl Cox  
Alma Day  
Harv Johnson  
Leith Masters  
Vera Swade  
Carole & Randy Wagner

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Dan Cashman

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**December 4th**  
**8:30** - Dave Sotrines  
**11:00** - Vera Swade

**December 11th**

**8:30** - Shelly Fortin  
**11:00** - Lisbeth Goetter

**December 18th**

**8:30** - Margot Berger  
**11:00** - Ginny Gopadze

**December 25th**

**8:30** - Bob Fowler  
**11:00** - Leith Masters

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# Kids Corner



Click and learn



## *Seeking the story*

Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

*Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.*



### WORD BANK

Shepherds  
Child  
Nazareth  
Census  
Baby  
David  
Mary  
Travel  
Town  
Register  
Born  
Night

T	B	W	Y	A	Z	K	E	S	H	N	G	D	J	K
Q	O	Y	A	P	R	A	L	B	F	P	I	C	Q	L
N	R	W	X	B	E	Y	R	M	B	D	M	O	E	E
S	N	O	N	W	G	A	I	B	A	C	D	O	T	D
R	G	X	J	F	I	W	M	V	B	R	R	C	E	O
P	S	C	E	N	S	U	S	H	Y	U	Y	F	P	N
O	T	P	I	G	T	Q	C	N	T	G	M	U	S	T
O	A	N	D	B	E	C	H	I	L	D	N	Z	F	A
A	T	B	A	U	R	W	H	G	F	V	A	B	U	M
T	R	A	V	E	L	J	C	H	V	O	Z	G	N	H
F	B	Q	I	W	D	X	P	T	E	N	A	O	L	Q
Z	C	R	D	Q	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	V
R	U	V	Y	K	N	I	R	T	K	G	E	Y	I	R
K	V	A	Z	X	L	S	H	Y	T	P	T	J	S	K
L	L	E	S	M	J	Z	L	Q	R	U	H	V	W	X

"Today in the town of David a \_\_\_\_\_ has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

LUKE 2:11, NIV

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Merry Christmas



## Story stones



Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



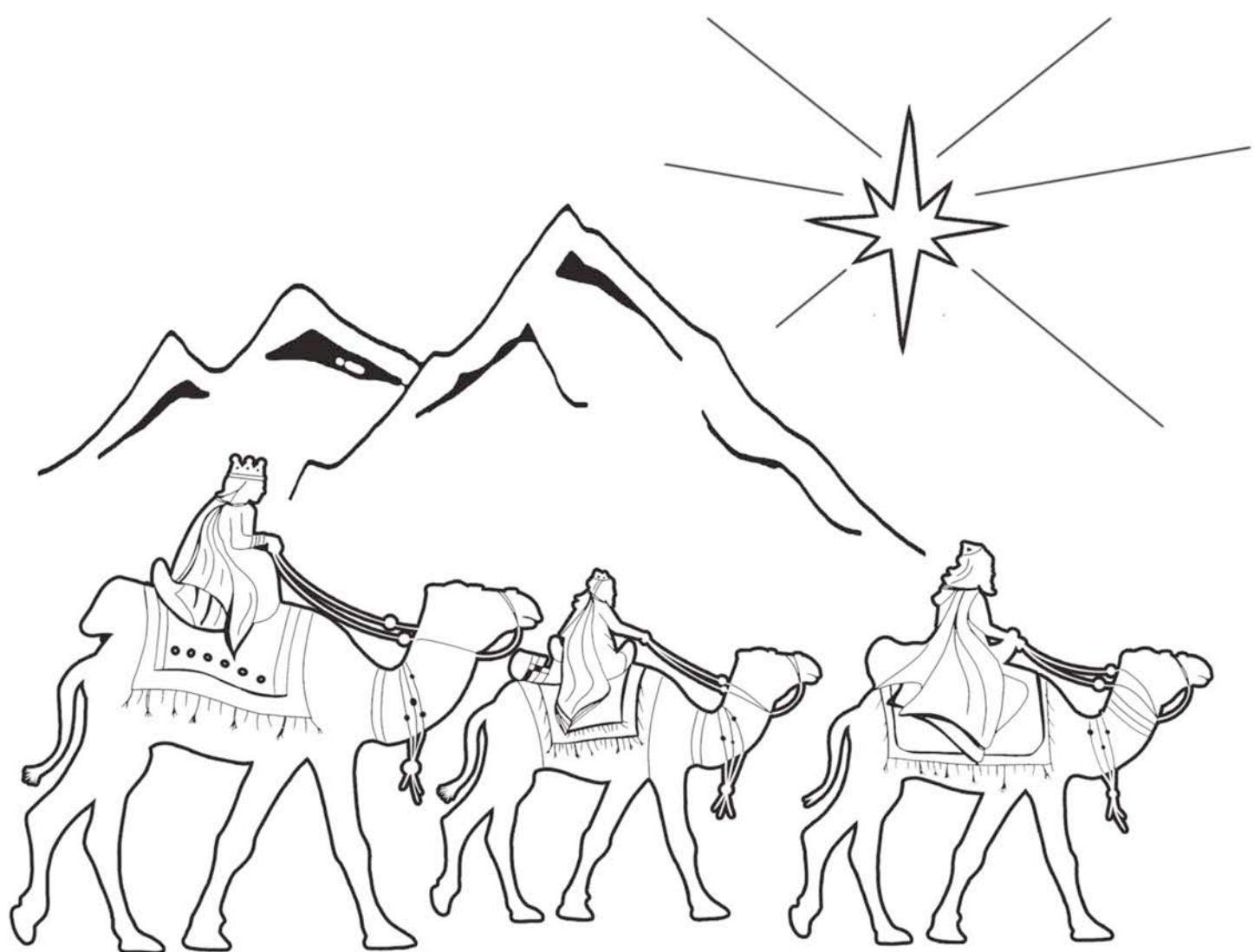
### What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
2. Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
3. In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
4. Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
5. Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.



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Christmas