

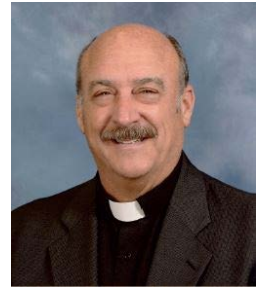


The Shepherd's Voice

December 2023

439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy, Hernando, FL 34442

PASTOR'S PAGE



Now that we have offered our prayers for Thanksgiving for all that God has done for us, it is time to focus on Advent and Christmas. It is a new year for the church. The church year begins with the season of Advent. So, it is about a new beginning.

We have given thanks for what God has done so, now, we will focus on what God is about to do for us and for all of creation. We look for the coming of Jesus. Not the Jesus of Christmas, but the Jesus who has promised to come again. This is the Advent of his return.

Despite all the advertisements and sales pitches, try to remember what this time of year is really about. It is not about seeing how busy we can be. It is not about how deeply in debt we can get. It never ceases to amaze me each year how busy and stressed members of my congregations get at this time of year. If you don't believe me, try to schedule a church meeting in December and see how much pushback you get. We need to stop, catch our breath, and remember and reflect on this: It is about the God that we know in and through Jesus and what our God is about to do. Black Friday sales have nothing to do with that.

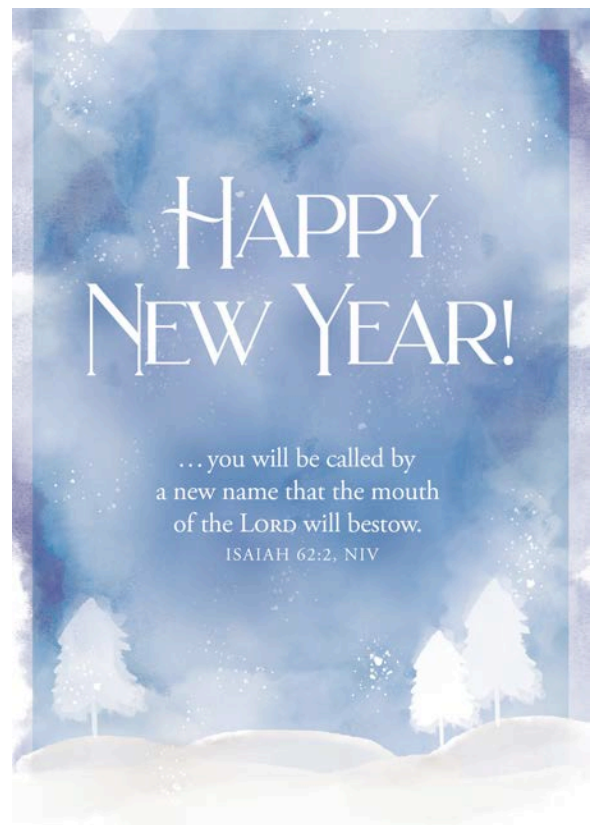
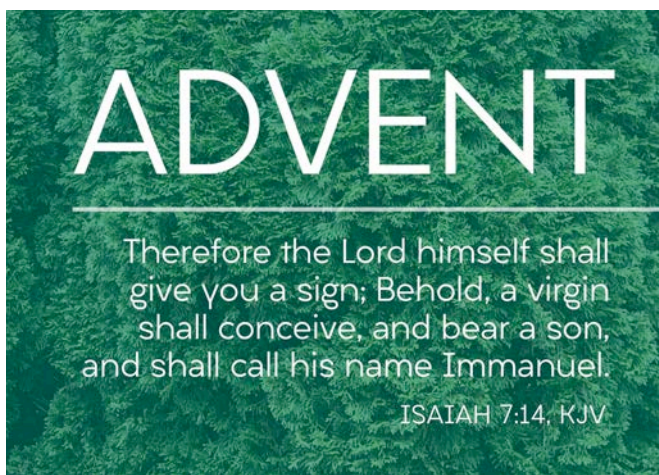
I am convinced that few people read this article each month. But, for those who are reading ...

Join us on Wednesday evenings December 6, 13, and 20 at 6:30 PM for Holden Evening prayer. On Sundays, we will be hearing about the promises that God has made to us using the examples of Elizabeth and Zechariah as we talk about the Light of Grace.

Since Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year, we will celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Advent at our usual worship time of 10:00 AM. That night we will celebrate with a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6:00 PM. On Monday, Christmas Day, we will meet for worship at 10:00 AM. We will continue to hear about the Light of Grace shown through the Angels and the Shepherds.

I hope you are not too busy to join us. See you here.

Pastor Dennis



Holden Evening Prayer @ 6:30 PM
December 6th, 13th, & 20th

Christmas
Open House



17th from 2:00 to 5:00
See Page 4 for details



Deacon's Corner

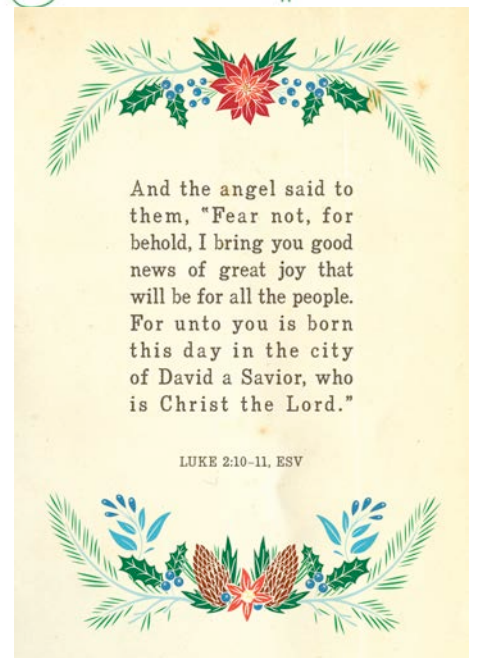
We are coming into the most wonderful time of the year. We just enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday and after All Saints Day, we start the Advent Season, anticipating the birth of our Savior.

I was just reflecting on the blessings this congregation has. We have so many talented musical people, singers, chimes and bells musicians, pianists, organists, and directors, all enriching our worship. We have our Sunday School program, various Bible studies, and prayer time. We have volunteers for so many things, and more are always needed, for SOS, Fellowship, bereavement committee, ushers and greeters, the property committee, the media center, and the Altar Guild. We have ladies dedicated to making quilts for so many needy people. We are blessed.

We have also been blessed by the Lord in providing the worship space for our guest Spanish Congregation. It is the Great Commission to preach, teach and baptize, not only for us but for everyone we can help to proclaim the Gospel.

This is most certainly true.

Rick



Church Council News



Executive Council Meeting

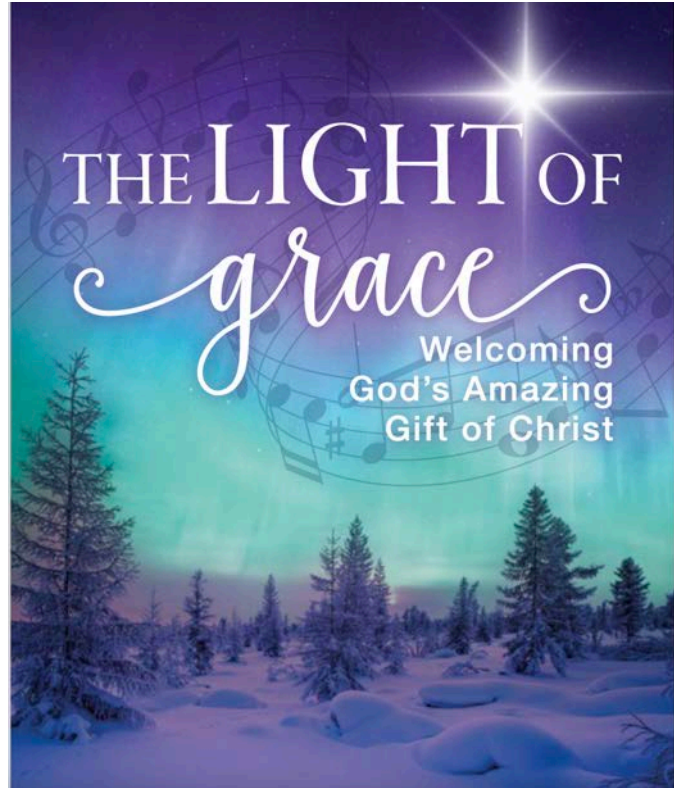
December 7th @ 9:30 AM

Council Meeting

MONDAY

December 18th @ 3:00 PM

All Sunday service during Advent is themed:



Click the picture



Pastor Dennis and Linda invite you to a **Christmas** Open House at their home on Sunday, December 17 from 2 pm - 5 pm. All are invited to drop in for some goodies and fellowship. The Kochs are providing all the food, so please do not bring anything. Your presence will be a present! The address is 224 W. Romany Loop in the Laurel Ridge plan off of Forest Ridge Boulevard in Beverly Hills.





*Stewardship is living
out our commitment
to Christ.*

Applying Bible Principles

Mention the word “stewardship” to the average person, and the first thing that comes to mind is money. Somehow, most Christians equate “stewardship” with money or at least with giving to the Lord’s work.

Make no mistake about it: Money is part of what we might call “total stewardship.” In fact, money is a vital element of stewardship that is absolutely necessary for the work and ministry of any church to move forward. Total stewardship has rightly been likened to a three-legged stool. Money is one of the legs of that stool. Without that leg, the stool cannot stand.

But the other two legs are equally important. Without them, the stool cannot stand, either. And just what are those other legs? Simply stated, they are “time” and “talents.” Total stewardship consists of the “three Ts” — time, talents and treasure. Remove any one of the three and stewardship in an individual life, in a family and in a church like ours is severely weakened and undermined.

What’s really interesting is that there is a basic underlying principle that has to do with time, talents and treasure. It’s found many places in the Bible and has even been mentioned from time to time here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. It’s this: God owns it all! That’s right, God owns our time, our talents and our treasure. According to Psalm 24:1, “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it”. That includes us. Our time, our talents and our treasure.

So instead of being owners, we are managers. There’s a vast difference between being an owner and a manager. Owners, you see, have rights; managers have responsibilities. Owners determine how their resources will be used; managers carry out the directives and wishes of the owner.

In the final analysis, God owns it all. God is the ultimate Owner of everything who retains all of the rights of ownership. Our role is to manage what God has entrusted to us, namely, our time, our talents and our treasure.

Over the next few months, we will be examining the call that God makes to us concerning the wonderful resources of time and talents. We will look closely at how we are to use our time and how we are to maximize our talents to benefit God’s kingdom. We will be challenged concerning our priorities and the allocation of these invaluable tools.

As we move forward through this series, please remember the stool called “total stewardship” and its three legs of time, talents and treasure. Please remember the difference between an owner who has rights and a manager who has responsibilities. Above all, please keep in mind this simple but overpowering fact: God owns it all.

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship

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Is Jesus calling you to serve? Bear Fruit for Jesus!

“When God burdens your heart to use your time and talents and you confirm God’s leading according to the Scriptures, you can obey, being confident God will provide a blessing, even when circumstances appear contrary.” (Jerry Bridges, The Navigators)

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 note these two changes to the Opportunities sheet you received on October 1st: For Choir, please contact Renate. Also, a new contact for the breakfasts and lunches is TBD.)

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these positions.

All that we have belongs to God.

“The earth is the LORD’S and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it” (Psalm 24:1).

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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.

REMINDER: Wednesday, December 13th – 1:00 PM **“Birthday Party for Jesus”**

This event is open to our entire church family. Please bring a baby gift for the Pregnancy & Family Life Center. A list of suggested gifts and Sign-up sheets are in the clipboard rack in the Narthex.



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WELCA Leadership for 2024:
Leader: Sally Hennessey Secretary: Anne Storan
Treasurer: Aagot Green Projects: Cindy Gaertner
Circle Co-Chairs: Maggie Bregger and Nancy Gomes

Our next WELCA Board Meeting will be December 5th at 9:30 AM.

Shelly Fortin, President, GSLC WELCA



Thank You

Your prayers during my long and painful recovery from both knee replacement surgery a year ago and my hip surgery in March meant everything to me. Thanks to them, I healed perfectly from the hip surgery and am almost free of pain in my new knee. Your prayers helped me so much and I am truly grateful for the cards, candy (Yummy!), phone calls, and personal visits.

Nancy Gomes



Serving Our Savior



To the Wonderful People of Good Shepherd....

This congregation has always opened their hearts and wallets to SOS Food Pantry. Many of you participate in the Advent Calendar food drive each year – and we thank you. If you find that you cannot participate in that capacity, might you consider a monetary donation? As with every other food pantry in the county and beyond, we are short of funds. Each year we counted on various fund raisers, however they have all stopped. First, because of COVID, and now, because most places do not have the volunteers to do the work entailed in running a project.

SOS has been blessed to have one very generous donor for the past several years giving in excess of \$20,000.00 per year. Their contribution covered nearly 25% of our budget. We have lost that donor, which compounds our need for your donation.

We believe that the pantry can survive for about six more months given the funds on hand at this time. The minimum needed annually is over \$84,000.00. That figure is rising due to inflation and so is the number of new clients coming to the pantry needing assistance. In short – we need your help. If you can find it in your heart during this season of giving, checks may be made out to “SOS Food Pantry” and can either be mailed to the address below or you can make it part of your church giving by designating it on your envelope. Thanking you in advance for your kindness, we wish you all a very happy, healthy, and merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Maria Cyr, President

SOS Food Pantry
PO Box 640774
Beverly Hills, FL 34464
email sos4food@gmail.com

Whoever pursues
righteousness
and kindness
will find life,
righteousness,
and honor.

-Proverbs 21:21

Adopt a Highway Program



Our next Adopt-a-Highway road clean-up will be Saturday, December 2nd. We meet at the church at 8:00 AM. Safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and pickers are provided. For any questions, contact Linda Koch at LCK1164@gmail.com or 386-589-4727.

Poinsettia ORDERS

Red and white poinsettias are **\$11.00 each**. Please use one envelope for each plant or staple envelopes together. This is how we know how many are sold.
On sale now.

Social Ministry



Publix.

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

Cashmans





Fellowship

As I write my last Fellowship contribution to the Newsletter, I look forward to hearing from our new co-chairs Elaine and John Giammasi when they take the reins. They will bring great ideas for the church fellowship. I do plan to continue to be a member of this great committee made up of such hard workers.

The Fellowship Committee has overseen a variety of projects over the years from Rally Day cook outs, Pot-Lucks (in the past), funeral meals, and Tag Sales and other events when asked. I want to thank our committee for always being willing to pitch in.

The next Fellowship meeting will be chaired by our new Committee Co-Chairs, Elaine and John, on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 1:30 pm. Look forward to the new ideas that Elaine and John will bring to the committee.

There will be **NO** Fellowship committee meetings in December.

I would like to pay a very special **THANK YOU** to Kathy Nicholas who has been treating us with all the birthday and special cakes brought in this past year. What a generous contribution. Thank you Kathy!!

Peace be with you,

Betty Sanger, outgoing Fellowship Chair



Friday, December 22nd at 9:00 AM



Craft 'n Share



We will next meet **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27th** from 10AM to 2PM. Bring your lunch; beverage and dessert will be provided.

We can continue to make teddy bears for Citrus County baby shower. We have a wash cloth version to assemble - no sewing needed; and a fabric version to cut out to be sewn and stuffed.

We also have men's ties to start a new idea. Some can cut to be sewn into quilt squares. We can then make the squares into lap robes.

Will also be assembling pillowcase dress kits. We have precut bias and elastic for these. So, there is something for all to work on.

Big thanks home crocheters and knitters. Elish brought in a finished lap robe. We have yarn and needles on hand if someone wants to sit and knit or crochet as others work on above projects.

We have directions for knitting or crocheting these shawls and lap robes as well as patterns for newborn caps. If you know of someone who could use a shawl or lap robe, please call Maggie.

Questions? Call Maggie Bregger 352-860-2215



Quilters Group



September 20th, we had 3 quilters and 1 sewer and we finished 3 quilts. Judy T. Brought in 5 baby quilts.

October 4th, we had 5 ladies and we finished 5 quilts. Judy T finished 4 baby quilts and Cindy G finished 3 baby quilts.

October 18th, we had 3 quilters and 1 sewer and finished 4 quilts. Cindy G brought in 3 more baby quilts. Afterwards, Cindy and Judy took 26 quilts to Family Resources for Christmas gifts.

November 1st, we had 4 ladies. Maggie was on vacation so Cindy did the sewing.

On November 8th, Judy and Anita finished up 18 quilts to give to SOS for Christmas gifts, 15 average size and 3 baby quilts.

We meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 10 AM to 2PM. Bring a small lunch and join us to mainly tie and pin edges. We really need more ladies to join us. We have fun visiting while we work. We will be making g 60" x 80" quilts until February to send to Lutheran World Relief.



Quilting Group Judy T

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,
TO US A SON IS GIVEN,
AND THE GOVERNMENT
WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS.
AND HE WILL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL
Counselor,
MIGHTY
God,
EVERLASTING
Father,
PRINCE OF
Peace.

6:00 PM

Christmas Eve



Memorials and Special Gifts



Click Roger

All are in Memory of **Roger Johnson:**

- To the Music Fund by David Behling
- To the Music Fund by Patricia Frederick
- To the Enduring Gifts Fund by Elfrieda Romanelli
- To the Bell Choir Music Fund by Tom & Jo Ann Clutz
- To the Music Fund by David & Karen Behling
- To the Music Fund by Burt & Alice Brovold
- To the Music Fund by Dwayne & Kathryn Palme
- To the Music Fund by Frederick & Patricia Mehlberg



NATURE COAST COMMUNITY BAND
Kathy Thompson, Conductor

PRESENTS

A HOLIDAY SMORGASBORD
DEDICATED TO ROGER JOHNSON

Saturday
December 9, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Citrus Springs Community Center
1570 W Citrus Springs Blvd
Citrus Springs, FL

Sunday
December 10, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Citrus County Auditorium
3610 S Florida Ave
Inverness, FL

FREE Admission to All NCCB Concerts

Worship & Music

December 5th @ 1:00 PM -

Meeting

December 6th, 13th, & 20th @ 6:30 PM

Advent Services

December 10th @ 10 AM

Christmas Worship Program

December 10th @ 3 PM -Piano Recital

December 24th @ 6 PM - Christmas Eve Service

December 25th @ 10 AM - Christmas Day Service



Health Ministry

Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Ann Neville, Donna Pease, and John Colson. On the last Sunday of every month, we provide blood pressure screenings after service. Healing service will be on January 9th at 1:00 PM.



See you December 31st

Thrivent Choice Dollars

The following Thrivent for Lutheran Members have directed April's Choice Dollars to be given to Good Shepherd.

Dennis W. Koch
Dianne Kohm

Building and Property



If anyone sees something that needs repair, or you have a request for a setup for an event, please fill out a **Property Request Form** in the clipboard rack in the Narthex. Give the form to Shirley or put it in the Property mail box in the Library.

We know it is easier to tell one of us when you see us, but also easier for us to forget if it's not in writing, since we do interact with many people at the church.

We need "**Greeners**" to help decorate the church on December 22nd at 9:00 AM.



Harv Johnson and the Property Team

Special Dates

3 - First Sunday of Advent

Blessing of the Quilts

10 - Second Sunday of Advent

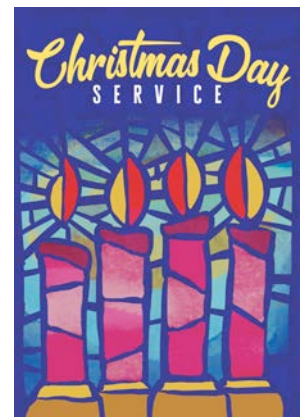
17 - Third Sunday of Advent

21 - Winter Begins

24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

25 - Christmas Day



Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM
Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe



Wednesdays @ 9 AM
A Time for Prayer

First Thursday @ Noon
Lunch @ Angelotti's

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	2 8:00A Adopt a Highway 
3 10 A Worship Sunday School <i>Blessing of the Quilts</i> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	4 1:30P Social Ministry Meeting	5 9:30A - WELCA Board Meeting	6 7:30A - SOS 10:00A - Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Advent	7 7:30 A- SOS  9:30 A Executive Council	8 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	9
10 10 A Worship Sunday School <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 3P- Piano Recital	11	12 6:00P - Scouts 6:30P - Bells	13 7:30A - SOS 11:00A - Bible Study 1P - Party for Jesus - WELCA 6:30P - Advent Service	14 7:30 A - SOS 	15 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	16 
17 10 A Worship Sunday School <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	18 3:00P Church Council	19 6:30P - Bells	20 7:30A-SOS 10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Advent Service	21 7:30A - SOS 	22 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	23
24 10 A Worship <i>Forth Sunday of Advent</i> 6 P 	25 10 A - Worship 	26 6:30P - Bells	27 7:30A-SOS 10:00A - Craft n Share 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Choir	28 7:30A - SOS  10A- Christian Ed Meeting	29 8:00A - Workday on Grounds 	30
31 10A - Worship 				<u>Link to Pastoral Prayer Calendar</u>		

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Jim & Amy Gilbert	12/19/70
Kevin & Cindy Towne	12/19/87
Robert & Tina Cespedes	12/27/14
Nate & Sauny Williams	12/29/62

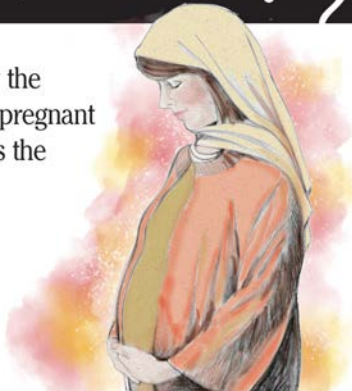


3 - Pat Howard	11 - Bob Lackner Dylan Nelson	20 - Thelma Ewell Frank Romanelli
4- Jaqueline Imes Kathy Nicholas	12 - Cindy Gaertner	21 - Joann Frost
6 - Carol Lee Johnson	13 - Karen Robidoux Tom Okimoto	23 - Judy Fischer
7 - Gail Sotrines	15 - Shirley Storsteen	25 - Chris Bahner Faye Lowe Ester Page-Wood
9 - Janet Burfeindt Anne Storan	17 - Jeffrey Amundsen	
10 - Pam Dionne	19 - Maggie Kirkeby	26 - Ron O'Keefe

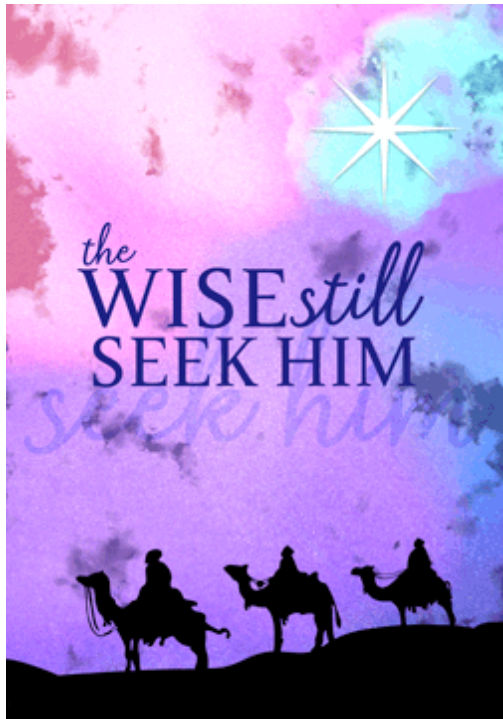
Bible Quiz

Elizabeth, an older relative of Mary the mother of Jesus, was miraculously pregnant at the same time as Mary. What was the name of Elizabeth's husband?

- A. Aaron
- B. Zechariah
- C. Joseph
- D. Simeon



Answer: B (See Luke 1:5, 39-41)





Let us remember:

Bendtsen, Elin	Fowler, Bob	Lauer, Barbara	Page-Wood, Jeremy
Benefiel, Larry & Karen	Giamassi, Elaine	Lawrence, Ivalee	Pawelko, Diane
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Hartsfield, Sylvia	Lepore, Linda	Peterson, Gloria
Cashman, Dan	Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Masters, Leith	Wagner, Carole
Clark, Dawn	Hennessy, Sally	Meltesen Family	Whitcomb, Ray
Costa, Denise	Jimenez, Jeanette	Miles, Ilse	Wildman, Joe
Dreger-Parsons, June	Johnson, Carol Lee	Mongardi, Eloise	
Drennen, Rose & Family	Koch, Dennis,Linda,& Michael	Neville, Ann	

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

Charon, Carol	Frost, Joann	Moll, Bob	Lowe, Faye	Philipp, Dick
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All who serve our country in the military:

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



Relatives and Friends:

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Cato, Cecelia	Garling, John	Krenauer, Linda
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Barber, Steve & Kitty	Crooks, Candi	Goetter, Thomas	Lavaja, Jim
Beeftink, Paul	DeVenuto, Lisa	Goforth, Jeffrey	Lewellen, Emily Anne
Bluver, Linda & son	Dortin, Rachel	Goodloe, Ernestine	Lobenthal, Jean
Blyth, Ruby	Drake, Matthew	Graves, Janice &Declan	Loftin, Tracy
Brace, Quin	Farmer, Tom	Hertel, Karl	Longworth, Kathy
Brugger, Tristan	Fidwell, Eloise	Iudiciani, Georgia	Lublemon family
Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	Fowler family	Johnson, Jim	Lundsford, Victoria
Campano, Thomas	Fratto, Joseph	Kraft, Carter	Magnotta family

Magrum, Corbin	Pufahl, Jean	Smith, Grant	Wierzel, Rosalee
Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Queen, Max	Smrdel, Louis	Wilder, Gayle
McHugh, Mark	Rajotte, Keith	Smrdel, Terri	Williams, Dorothy
Meidl, Nancy	Ralph, Bruce	Stewart, Sam	Wilson, Karen
Mena, Steve	Rambaldini, Jim	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wizard, Joe & Dana
Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Reiner, Linda	Thatcher, Jean	Wolff, Jack
O'Berry, Darlene	Robertson, Jeanine	Thompson, Lori	Wood, Harper
O'Keefe, Chris	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Traywick, Edward	Woods, Donna Jean
Pach, Barbara	Sbani, Carol	Tuegel, Chuck	Woolf, Nick
Page-Wood, Jake	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Vespa, Hazel	Wright, Matthew
Parruche, Linda Ama	Sillen, Rita	Vulkelich, Alejandra	
Pope, Jeff	Small, Brenda & Steven	Wells, Emmarie	

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. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact gslchernando@gmail.com for any updates.

Newsletter Editor

If you have any contributions to the newsletter, please submit them to this email address. If you are on a committee, they should be submitted to this email and not go through the church council members. If you are on a committee and council, please submit newsletter articles to me as the meeting minutes for council meetings are not provided to me. It is your responsibility to get the info to the editor. Otherwise, the congregation will not get the info through the newsletter.

ALL submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to gslchernando@gmail.com.

Stephanie



January deadline is **December 16th**.

I thank the committee that did submit their meeting minutes as they provided much information to the December newsletter and calendar!



SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY

Susan Fowler

USHERS

10:00

3rd

Dennis Moore

Ann Serafin

Sue Buldiger

10th

Dennis Moore

Lois Lenhart

Gary Knecht

19th, 24th, & 31st

Harv Johnson

Cheryl Cox

John Kivat

Christmas Eve

Tom & Cara Stickler

Lois Lenhart

Christmas Day

Harv Johnson

MEDIA CENTER

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

Dan Cashman

LECTORS

December 3rd

Ginny Godpadze

December 10th

Brenda Landfried

December 17th

Sue Okimoto

December 24th

Sharon Maxwell

Christmas Eve

Lisbeth Goetter

December 25th

Vera Swade

December 31st

Ann Neville

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God's work. Our hands.

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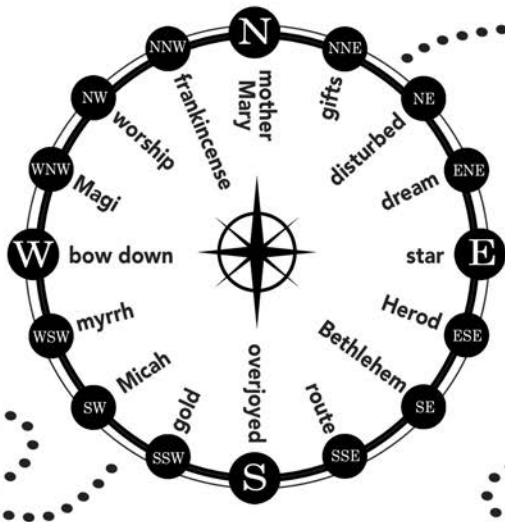
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Puzzle!



Use the compass guide (and read Matthew 2) to answer questions about special visitors to young Jesus.

- Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
- Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (WNW)
- How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
- Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
- In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
- King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
- What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
- When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
- Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
- Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? _____ (W)
- Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus.
_____ (SSW) _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
- These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as _____ (NNE)
- What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
- The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Micah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gold; frankincense; myrrh; 12. gifts; 13. dream; 14. route



Geodes look plain on the outside but contain beautiful crystals. Create these "rocks" to show how God makes us new on the inside.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors (and adult help)
- Epsom salt
- Plastic zippered bags (one per color of dye)
- Food coloring
- Glue
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Cut out the tops and bottoms of all the egg compartments so you can make 6 ball shapes.
2. In each bag, put 3 tablespoons of Epsom salt and a drop or two of food coloring. Seal and shake to mix.
3. With the paintbrush, spread glue inside two egg-carton halves. Sprinkle a spoonful of Epsom salt into those halves. Then close and shake.
4. Open your homemade geode and shake out excess salt.
5. Optional: Preserve the crystals with a coat of clear-drying glue.

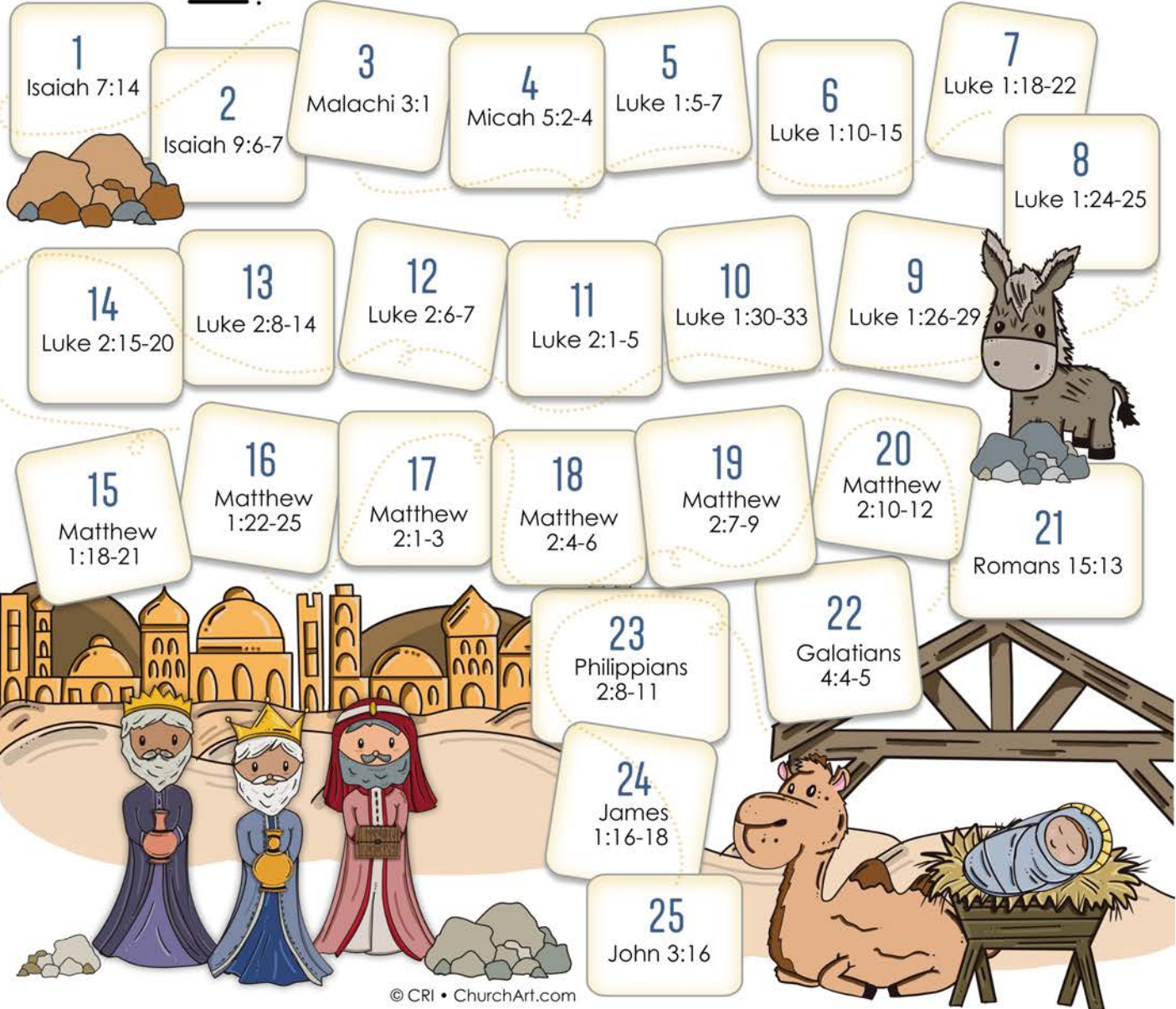


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A CHRIST-CENTERED CHRISTMAS ADVENT READING PLAN

Explore the true meaning of Christmas as you travel through God's Word. Discover God's promises he fulfilled through the birth of His only Son, the **KING OF KINGS.**



1 Isaiah 7:14

2 Isaiah 9:6-7

3 Malachi 3:1

4 Micah 5:2-4

5 Luke 1:5-7

6 Luke 1:10-15

7 Luke 1:18-22

8 Luke 1:24-25

9 Luke 1:26-29

10 Luke 1:30-33

11 Luke 2:1-5

12 Luke 2:6-7

13 Luke 2:8-14

14 Luke 2:15-20

15 Matthew 1:18-21

16 Matthew 1:22-25

17 Matthew 2:1-3

18 Matthew 2:4-6

19 Matthew 2:7-9

20 Matthew 2:10-12

21 Romans 15:13

22 Galatians 4:4-5

23 Philippians 2:8-11

24 James 1:16-18

25 John 3:16

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 – Pancake Mix
- December 2 – Peanut Butter
- December 3 – Stuffing Mix
- December 4 – Boxed Potatoes
- December 5 – Hamburger Helper
- December 6 – Canned Fruit
- December 7 – Syrup
- December 8 – Canned Tuna
- December 9 – Dessert Mix
- December 10 – Jar of Applesauce
- December 11 – Canned Peas
- December 12 – Cranberry Sauce
- December 13 – Canned Beans
- December 14 – Can of Spam
- December 15 – Bag of Rice
- December 16 – Canned Chicken
- December 17 – Package of Pasta
- December 18 – Spaghetti Sauce
- December 19 – Chicken Noodle Soup
- December 20 – Tomato Soup
- December 21 - Canned Corn
- December 22 – Canned Spinach
- December 23 – Canned Carrots
- December 24 – Ramon Noodles

