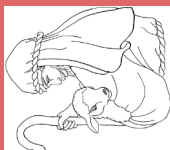




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From the Pastor ~ ~

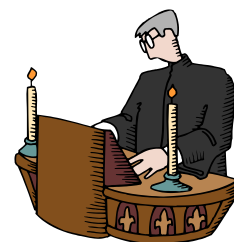
We are about to celebrate Christmas. People need the comfort of the Gospel message at this time of year. He was born in Bethlehem to begin the journey that would end at the cross. He was born like us, grew up and faced the same challenges as we do, and he sympathizes with our struggles. He taught and healed the sick. At Bethlehem, the story of redemption takes center stage. Everyone is called to answer the question, "Who is He?" Books have been written to answer that question. The Gospels tell us what we need to know for salvation. He had to become like us in order to take our place under the law. This means He had to be born and grow up to adulthood. Otherwise, He could

not claim to be fully human. He was born to simple people in a backwater town whose only claim to fame was that King David was from there. This was key because the Old Testament prophets said the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

So, we gather around the manger again this year and peer into it. We see the Christ child there and know that the salvation of the world lies there.

Have a Blessed Christmas and remember He is God with us.

Pastor Daene



*Family
Christmas Eve Service
Service w/Holy Communion
December 24, 2024
7:00 p.m.*

*Children's Christmas Program will be part of the worship service on
December 22, 2024*

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Special points of interest:

- Mid-Week Advent Service, December 4, 11, and 18th.
- Ladies Christmas Tea, December 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Franklin community Band, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- Children's Christmas Program, December 22 during worship service
- Family Christmas Eve Service, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.
- Christmas Dat Service, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Church Council Highlights ~~

GSLC Church Council met on November 10 after our worship service. Those present were: Brian Walker, Kent Krimmel, Gerda Martin, Troy Johnson, Pastor Daene, Johannah Pollert, Larry Hill and Rose Krimmel. Those absent were Michelle Walker, Randy Powers and Kevin Weber.

Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Johannah, Council Secretary, provided the minutes from our October meeting. After review a motion was made to accept. The minutes were approved.

Rose, Financial Secretary, presented the income for October was \$14,448.75.

Larry, Treasurer, stated the expenses for October were \$19,064.99.

Pastor reported the average attendance for October was 50. He had 4 Church services; 9 Bible studies; 2 Visits; 2 Hos-

pital visits; 6 Counseling sessions; 2 visits to Shut-ins; and 3 Confirmation classes. He has two students in the Confirmation Class. Pastor and Susan also passed out candy at the Franklin Trick or Treat at the Amphitheater downtown Franklin.

Kevin, Deacon Chairman, had no report as he was out of town on business.

Troy, Trustee Chairman, Carpets were cleaned in the Narthex, Hallway, and Fellowship Hall on November 1st. Clean-up List is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you to the mowing crew this year.

Heidi, Christian Education, stated the preschool class was studying the Old Testament and the middle school class was doing lessons for Confirmation. The children will start practicing for the

Christmas program in November.

Michelle, Missions Chair was absent but submitted her report which stated in November we will be collecting Laundry detergent and Dish soap.

Gerda, Fellowship reported that the Pitch-In lunches after church are doing well. The Ladies Christmas Tea will be on December 7 this year from 1 to 3 p.m. Also, we will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on December 1.

All Council members were reminded that their budgets are due at our December 8 Council Meeting.

The meeting was closed with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting, December 8 after our worship service.

LWGS

Hello Ladies~~

LWGS met on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. The main topic was finishing all our plans for the Christmas Tea which is on December 7 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is to bring a \$10-\$15 wrapped gift to exchange. There will be plenty of food and desserts to enjoy. There will be a short program and of course some Christmas games. We are looking forward to a good turn out, so come join us on December 7 and bring a friend or two.

Our next meeting will be on January 13.

Bible Readings for December

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

22—Deuteronomy 3-4; Dec 23—Deuteronomy 5-7; Dec 24—Deuteronomy 8-10; Dec 25—Deuteronomy 11-13; Dec 26—Deuteronomy 14-16; Dec 27—Deuteronomy 17-20; Dec 28—Deuteronomy 21-23; Dec 29—Deuteronomy 24-27; Dec 30—Deuteronomy 28-29; Dec 31—Deuteronomy 30-31.



Care and Concern ~~



Sympathy and Prayers: To Rebekah Haugh on the passing of her friend, Alice Cline on November 14.

Remember in your Prayers: Tony Boxdorfer, healing & comfort; Barbara Lembke, healing, strength, and comfort; Jennifer Fugate, cancer surgery; Greg Rushton, dialysis; Mike Driver, rehab; Alan Greenhut, late stage cancer; Jon Clark, healing and comfort; Craig Fouts, stage 4 cancer; Isaac Cranfill & family, healing & comfort;

Steve Compton, strength & healing; Brandon Rice, brain tumor; Bill Powers, healing; Bob Bailey, cancer; Isch family, prayers in their time of need; Jeff Hawkins, strength & comfort; Raymond Kinnan, strength & comfort; Gerda Martin, healing, comfort & patience; Elizabeth Samples, healing & comfort; Julie Ploss, strength, healing & comfort; Eleanor Coner, strength, healing & comfort; Joyce Thompson, strength & comfort; Steve Clodfelter and family, Parkinson's; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease; prayers for peace.



Inside Story Headline



*Have a Blessed
Christmas and
New Year.*

*Pastor Daene, Rose
and the Church Council*



Franklin Community
Band

December 12

7:00 p.m.

Refreshments after
Come and relax to
some great band
music.

See you there.

Mid-Week Advent Services ~~

Advent Mid-Week—One Service
December 4, 2024—7:00 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Supper—
6:00 p.m.

Advent Mid-Week—Two Service
December 11, 2024—7:00 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Supper—
6:00 p.m.

Advent Mid-Week—Three Service
December 18, 2024—7:00 p.m.
Soup & Sandwich Supper—
6:00 p.m.

Family Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2024—7:00 p.m.
with Holy Communion

Christmas Day Service
December 25, 2024—10:00 a.m.

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year*

Important ~~

Mark your calendars for January 12, 2025

Voter's Assembly Meeting after our Worship service

Reports from Council members on what has happened in 2024

Election of officers for the 2025-2026 years.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Helen Rinehart, Caryle Eastvold
 12/4 Kevin Stahl
 12/5 Kent Krimmel, Nolan Hedrick
 12/6 Rachel Runge
 12/11 Mildred Melvin
 12/15 Lynette Cooper
 12/17 Debbie Bechman
 12/18 Cody Watson
 12/20 Bill Wells
 12/21 Oliver Beatrice
 12/23 Linda Unsworth
 12/24 Jason Martin
 12/30 Paul Cox



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/20 Tim & Dr. Debra Holmes
 12/27 Mark & Julie Ploss
 12/28 Tony & Linda Boxdorfer

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

Try using our Birthday & Anniversary calendar as a daily prayer calendar. By doing so, you will be praying for someone in our Good Shepherd church family almost every day. A church with members who regularly pray for one another will be truly blessed

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFICERS FOR 2024

Brian Walker , President
 , Vice President
 Johannah Pollert, Secretary
 Larry Hill, Treasurer
 Rose Krimmel, Financial Secretary
 Troy Johnson, Board of Trustees
 Kevin Weber, Board of Deacons
 , Board of Stewardship
 Heidi Baca, Board of Education
 Michelle Walker, Board of Missions
 Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship
 Kent Krimmel, Member at Large
 Randy Powers, Member at Large

DEACONS

Kevin Weber, Chairman 317-910-3288
 Brad Coy 317-508-5770
 Derek Runge 309-258-0603

PRAYER CHAIN

“The prayer of a righteous person
 is powerful and effective.”
 (James 5:13-16)

“Devote yourselves to prayer.”
 (Colossians 4:2)

Our church has a prayer chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Elaine.

PRAYER REQUEST: We now have a Prayer Request button on the church website. Your Prayer request goes to the pastor and the prayer chain. There is power in prayer. Let the pastor and the prayer chain join you in your time of need or thanksgiving. Simply go to

Council positions up for election ~

VICE PRESIDENT—The Vice President shall: (1) Represent the President when the latter is unable to perform his duties and, furthermore, should the office of the President be vacated for any reason, the Vice President will assume the office of the President, until the next Voter's Assembly meeting; (2) Serve as parliamentarian at all meetings of the Church Council and Voter's Assembly; (3) Make an annual report to the Voter's Assembly of his activities.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY—The Financial Secretary shall: (1) Record the contributions of the giving units of the congregation; (2) Supervise the counting of the contributions and cause them to be deposited in a designated bank; (3) Issue an annual statement of contributions to the giving units of the congregations; (4) Order, prepare, and distribute the offering envelopes; (5) Serve as a member of the Board of Stewardship.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHAIRMAN—The Board shall consist of the Chairman and four (or more) members. They shall: (a) Foster spiritual growth in and through the congregation; (b) Set up adequate objectives for every age level, agency and organization, embracing training in Christian knowledge, attitudes, and skills, such as use of the Bible, witnessing, prayer, giving, and Christian family living; (c) Provide an adequate amount of learning opportunities for such objectives to be utilized at all age levels; (d) Select curricula so that the objectives for each agency and age level can be carried out in a Christian and God-pleasing manner; (e) Establish and maintain a church library; (f) Organize and conduct a summer education program; (g) Encourage individuals of all ages to utilize the church's education programs; (h) Select responsible personnel and provide them with the proper training necessary in order to equip them for their assigned duties; (i) Give attention to enrollment and attendance of pupils as well as to their personal development and growth; (j) Constantly be seeking new ways to involve more people in these programs and keep those already involved interested; (k) Subdivide and assign responsibilities to individuals or committees in order to facilitate proper consideration; (l) Delegate the administration of all educational agencies and work to board members or qualified persons (subject to the approval of the Church Council); (m) Deposit all contributions and funds through the Financial Secretary and; (n) Submit an annual budget to the Board of Stewardship as requested by that Board.

MISSIONS CHAIRMAN—The Board shall consist of the Chairman and four (or more) members. They shall: (a) Assist the Pastor in the entire program of proclaiming the Gospel to all people; (b) Plan, promote, and carry out an evangelism program in the congregation and in the community, i.e., planning and supervising surveys, maintaining evangelism files, and enlisting assistance in visiting prospective members of the church; (c) Assist the Pastor in training the laity to bring the unchurched to the Pastor's instruction class; (d) Be concerned with the reception, orientation, and integration of new members into the congregational programs and review their progress (e) Recommend ways to incorporate evangelism into all aspects of the church's programs; (f) Endeavor to publicize the Gospel and the activities of the congregation by the various modern methods available; (g) Call to the attention of the congregation the welfare agencies and efforts being conducted by the church and hereby solicit support for them; (h) Report on the social needs of the community and solicit the congregation's cooperation with other agencies in the community endeavoring to help meet their needs; and (i) Submit an annual budget to the Board of Stewardship as requested by that Board.

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP—SPECIAL EVENTS: Shall consist of a chairman and the members of the Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd. The events consist of, but are not limited to: (a) Farewell Dinners;; (b) Installation Receptions; (c) Welcome Dinners; (d) Anniversary Reception/Dinner; (e) Valentine Sweetheart Dinner (f) Easter Breakfast; (g) Confirmation Reception; (h) Graduation Reception (i) Stewardship Dinner; (j) Community Band Performance Reception; (k) Soup & Sandwich Suppers before Lent, Advent and Christmas Decorating.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Shall assist the Church Council as directed.

Carefully consider filling one of these positions. Term is for two years. See Kent Krimmel with any questions or if you want to be put on the ballot.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING

January 12, 2025

11:00 a.m.

(after the worship service)

Please plan on attending.