

Shepherd's *Voice*

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - LCMS

December 2021

Anticipation December 2021

They ask me every year. It doesn't happen so much in campus ministry, but in the local church, lots of people ask me. It's Advent, right? So we can sing Christmas songs, can't we?

Well, we can sing Christmas songs any time, just like we can sing Advent songs any time. But, like Lent, Advent is a special time. It's a time for calling on the Lord to come and bring his blessing to the world.

"Savior of the nations, come.
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth.
That the Lord chose such a birth.

"Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall:
God of God, yet fully man.
His heroic course began.

"From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides." (*LSB* 332, selected verses)

December Church Events

- 12.1 7:00 pm Advent Service/Meal at 6:00pm**
- 12.7 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
2:00 pm Heritage Hall Church Service
7.00 pm Elders Meet
- 12.8 7:00 pm Advent Service/Meal at 6:00pm**
- 12.12 10:00 am Childrens Christmas Program with Turkey dinner to follow.**
- 12.14 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 12.15 7:00 pm Advent Service/Meal at 6:00pm**
- 12.21 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 12.22 7:00 pm Advent Service/Meal at 6:00pm**
- 12.24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service**
- 12.28 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
6:45pm Hymn Sing before Wednesday Advent Services

Sunday Events

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

"The Spirituality of the Cross" (led by Pastor Spotts)

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

After service Bible Study:

"Our Way Home - A Journey through the Lord's Prayer"
(led by Gary Seider)

Children's Church is offered on non-Communion Sunday's, during the Sermon.

And there are five more verses, probably by Ambrose of Milan, in the fourth century.

There's something timeless going on here. We know that Christ comes to redeem the world from sin, death, and the devil. Let's tell the story. Year after year, we pause and consider. "The world looks pretty bad, very dark, full of sin and death. Lord, you came the first time into the world to redeem us to yourself. You are coming again. We really need you. Come, Lord Jesus."

People occasionally borrow my hymnal and write in it. It's a trip back through joyful memories when I go to sing a hymn and find a message written by a friend. In the Advent section, with #336 (Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending) I found, "This is the whole story!"

Let's sing that whole story. Let's revel in the extra opportunities to assemble as Christ's people in a time when there are normally additional church services, along with the regular cycle of Bible studies. Let's enjoy visiting with one another in homes and other places where everyone seems to have a Christmas party. And let's look forward to . . .

Christmas! Christ is born! He really has come to redeem the world. He really has come to carry my sins and to be my savior. Oh, yes. We'll sure be singing those Christmas songs then! And they celebrate who Christ is and what he was born to do. All glory be to him, now and forever.

A blessed season of Advent and Christmas to you and yours!

Pastor Spotts

Helping Others

Shepherd Supply Offering free household supplies to those in need.

Open Saturday 9-12 & Wednesdays by appointment only

PET Project

Pick up will be the first and third Mondays of the month. At this time, they will no longer will be accepting empty pill bottles. Please bring in your clean empty cans and clean dry plastic milk jugs or other plastic jugs that have handles.

Please make sure your jugs are clean and dry inside.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Advent Service 7:00 pm Meal at 6:00 pm Lasagna Stelzers	2	3	4
5 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion After Service Bible Study	6	7 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	8 Advent Service 7:00 pm Meal at 6:00 pm Chili Simmons	9	10	11
12 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Children's Christmas Program & Worship Service Turkey dinner to follow in the fellowship hall	13	14 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am Elders meet 7:00pm	15 Advent Service 7:00 pm Meal at 6:00 pm Tacos Seiders	16	17	18
19 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion After Service Bible Study	20	21 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	22 Advent Service 7:00 pm Meal at 6:00 pm Hamburger, Barley Soup Spotts	23	24 Christmas Eve Service, 7pm 	25 
26 9 a.m Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Service with Children's Church After Service Bible Study	27	28 Adult Bible Study at 10:00am	29	30	31 	

December Birthdays



Brittany Mechlin	Dec. 1
Martha Sydow	Dec. 3
Barbara Fischer	Dec. 5
Danny Hoek	Dec. 8
Jane St John	Dec. 9
Cheryl Steffan	Dec. 11
Henry Rainey	Dec. 12
Greg Stowers	Dec. 12
Starr Nadler	Dec. 20
Palmyra Dubbert	Dec. 28
Gayle Billings	Dec. 29





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December

December 5

"Because We Belong"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The world tells us we must be useful in order to belong, but that's now how God sees us.

(Luke 1:5-25)

December 12

"When You're Expecting"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The season of Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come.

(Luke 1:20-80)

December 19

"Charlie Brown Christmas Tree"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The drama surrounding the first airing of "The Charlie Brown Christmas Special" 56 years ago, against all odds, it gave viewers the true story of Christmas and doomed aluminum Christmas trees to near extinction.

(Luke 2:1-15)

December 26

"Rite of Passage"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Luke 2:21-40)

Broadcasting

Columbia, MO

KMCV 100.9 FM Sunday Mornings at 8:00am

Moberly, MO

KWIX 92.5 FM Sunday Afternoons at 1:30pm

December Calendar

December 5: Second Sunday in Advent
Text: Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)

December 12: Third Sunday in Advent
Text: Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)

December 19: Fourth Sunday in Advent
Text: Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

December 25: The Nativity of Our Lord
Text: John 1:1-14 (15-18)

December 26: First Sunday after Christmas
Text: Luke 2:22-40

Serving The Lord

Officiant: Pastor David Spotts (vacancy)

Board of Elders

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Church ballfield maintenance & scheduling
Kara Stowers (816) 547-5272

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE

October 31
Attendance **49**
 Current \$ 2,660.00
 Building \$ 416.00

Total \$ 3076.40

November 7
Attendance **38**
 Current \$ 1,435.00
 Building \$ 90.00

Total \$ 1,525.00

November 14
Attendance **51**
 Current \$ 1,872.00
 Building \$ 230.00

Total \$ 2,102.00

November 21
Attendance **55**
 Current \$ 1,231.50
 Building \$ 180.00

Total \$ 1,411.50

November 28
(Available Next Month)

Current
 10% of our current offerings are sent to Missouri District for missions. The remaining 90% is used for GSLC budget expenses.

Building
 100% of money designated for building stays in our congregation for budget expenses.

Other October/November Deposits

10/31/21	Operation Christmas Child	\$82.50
11/6/21	Trivia Night	\$1240.00
11/7/21	Operation Christmas Child	\$27.00
11/7/21	Sr. Youth Cookbooks	\$30.00
11/7/21	Facility Use - Volleyball	\$40.00
11/14/21	Operation Christmas Child	\$45.00
11/14/21	Sr. Youth Cookbook	\$5.00
11/21/21	Operation Christmas Child	\$60.00
11/21/21	Sr. Youth Pie Sales	\$120.00
11/21.21	LWML CPH Order reimb.	\$57.00

Trivia Night proceeds to the Ministerial Alliance was \$840.00. (Which included a \$300.00 donation to cover prize money from GSLC)

2021 Advent Services

Meal at 6:00pm

Hymn Sing at 6:45pm

Worship Service at 7:00pm

December 1st Lasagna (Host Russell & Jackie Stelzer)
December 8th Chili (Host Randy & Catherine Simmons)
December 15th Tacos (Host Gary & Ann Seider)
December 22nd Hamburger Barley Soup (Host Pastor Spotts & Martha)

Please bring sides and/or desserts to complement the main dish being served each week to share. (We are planning on approximately 20 – 25 attending each week)

SPECIAL OFFERING DESIGNATION

The offerings for Thanksgiving Eve, all Advent services, and Christmas Eve will go to: “**Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty**” Executive Director Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz.



Be sure to check “Church Updates” for the latest church news and prayer requests, as well as serving and giving opportunities at Good Shepherd. Sign up and register at www.churchupdates.org

Trunk or Treat 2021



Trash Pick Up Day



On a sunny, still, cool Saturday, Oct. 30, GSLC members picked up 8 bags of trash along our Adopt-a-Highway route on Hwy 22. Pictured here are Russell Stelzer, Kathy Dickey, Aaron Seider, Alane Gronefeld with Darrell Gronefeld walking along the route in the background. Photographer Ann Seider's shadow is in the foreground. Best trash was a perfectly handy bucket that Alane continued to fill with trash before leaving it with the bright yellow bags the Dept. of Transportation will come along and pick up within a few days. Next projected clean-up day will be early spring.

SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS

Betty Warden – at Heritage Hall; **Dana Goings** – Co-worker of Kathy Dickey battling cancer; **Iris Chrystal** – sister of Kim Decker and sister in-law of Verda Adkisson; **Verda Adkisson**; **Linda Benoit** – wife of Wayne Benoit battling cancer; **Bryan Cornett** battling Bladder cancer; **Michelle Kalbach** - sister of Jon Hoek; **Dennis & Jackie Nadler**; **Erica Cornett**; **Palmyra Dubbert**; **Terry Decker**; **Jane St. John**; **Darleen Wiederhold** – sister of Roy Richterkessing; **Chloe Decker**; **Joanne Bettenhausen**; **Mary Brechler**; **Pastor Kriete**; **Don Crump** – uncle of Jacki Stelzer; **Martha Blevins**; **Susan Harris**; **Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Michelle Smith** –daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey**.

Community: **Father Mike Coleman**.

ARMED FORCES

Donevin Leonard, U.S. Marine Corps – grandson of Russell & Jacki Stelzer; **Rafe Mechlin, U.S. Marine Corps** – husband of Abby Hoek Mechlin, brother to Brittany Mechlin and Shelby Banks; **Chris Chism, U.S. Navy** – son of Vickie & Eric Chism; grandson of Barbara Fischer; **Mason Crabtree** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah. Community: **Ray Finlay**; **Jeremy Mitchell**.

Invitation

Pastor Spotts and Martha invite all the congregation of Good Shepherd to our annual Christmas party open house, Friday, December 10, starting at 7 p.m. join us for fun, games, laughter, and food. Bring finger foods to share.

Our address is 6610 South Old Village Road, Columbia MO 65203. RSVP not required but appreciated.



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