



The Shepherd's Voice

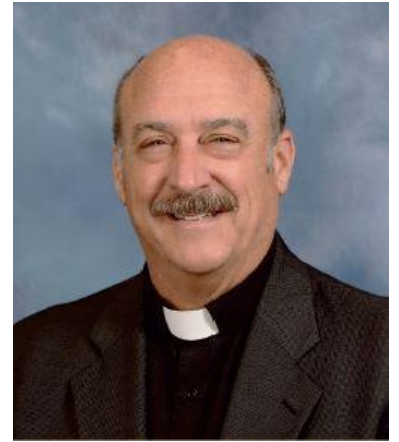
January, 2020

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

Pastor's Page

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matt. 2:7-11)

We begin this new calendar year in the Christmas season. And, yes, we are still celebrating Christmas in January. We are in the midst of the 12 days of Christmas –New Year's Day is the 8th day of Christmas. Christmas is celebrated until January 5th. Even as the calendar winds down, the Church Year still continues on!



So ... in a week the season of Christmas will end and we will enter into the season of Epiphany. On the day of Epiphany, we remember the arrival of the Magi and gifts that they brought for Jesus, the new king they had been searching for. As part of the season of Epiphany, we celebrate other church festivals within the season of Epiphany – *The Baptism of our Lord* (1/12), *The Presentation of our Lord* (2/2), and the *Transfiguration of our Lord* (2/23). For this month's newsletter, I wanted to give a brief introduction to the season of Epiphany, as well as to teach about what to expect during Epiphany.

What do you know about Epiphany? If you don't know much, don't feel too bad; you are not alone. This is one of the least known church seasons of the church year. Here are some facts:

Origin: The season of Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons that is observed in the Church Year. The only other season that is older than this festival/season of the church year is Easter. Epiphany begins on January 6th, and it seems that the date has its origins in a pagan festival that celebrated the birth of Aion. Back in the late first or earlier second century, the church replaced this festival with a celebration about the baptism and birth of Jesus. Modern Christians celebrate this date as the arrival of the Magi, or The Wisemen, as they are normally called.

Name and Themes: The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation" in Greek. This season focuses on Jesus' manifestation as true God and true man. You see this with the inclusion of texts like the baptism of Jesus and

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the Transfiguration. Texts about Jesus' miracles are also common in this season (like His first miracle at the wedding at Cana), and they bear witness to His identity as God. Another theme in this season is light, and it is often reflected in the hymns.

Color: The color for the season of Epiphany is green. Green often depicts growth and fulfillment. White will be used for the three festival Sundays, but the remainder of the Sundays of Epiphany the color Green is also used. It is the same color used during the season of Pentecost (which is the longest season of the Church Year). The idea of the color green being used can lead credence to the idea that Jesus is the fulfillment of Scripture, and that the prophecies about him, his work, and his coming are being fulfilled.

Length: The season of Epiphany can vary in length. Last year, it was almost as long as it could be, and this year it will be 9 days earlier (April 12) than last year. What effects the end date? Easter. Last year, Easter was on April 21, which is one of the later dates that it can be. This year, Easter is on April 12. (Three days before Tax Day!) The latest date that Easter can be is April 25. The next time that will occur is in 2038. The next time after that? The year will be 2190! Epiphany this year will be eight weeks long when you include the appearance of the Magi. Epiphany can have as many as nine Sundays!

Merry Christmas to all, and may the Blessings of our Lord be upon you in this New Year. And, may the Lord's blessings be manifested before your eyes this Epiphany season!

Pastor Dennis



The following are highlights from the December Council meeting:

ADD THESE DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR

- **Rally Day and Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting** to take place August 23, 2020 following a single 9:30a.m. worship service.
- **Pasta with Pastor** to take place Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Worship and Music



Several important things were covered at our December meeting:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Roger to check with Harv Johnson to see about getting some more electrical grounds for the church.
- 2) Pastor has checked with 2 companies & will check with more regarding the Columbarium for Memory Garden.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Renate, while working with the organ technician, suggested the purchase of a better surge protector for the organ. Dan

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will bring it up as an Action item for the council. Dan also suggested seeing about a surge protector for the also from the speakers back to the organ.

- 2) Dan will contact Harv about setting the A/C controls to "auto" since we are in the winter months and we may need the heat to come on in the church thus keeping the temperatures more even in the building.
- 3) Renate also expressed concern that the piano may need a heater-she is looking into a heat bar for the piano.
- 4) Pastor presented a change for the Kyrie in January - motion passed.
- 5) Office will be closed Wednesday thru Sunday for Christmas and New Year.

Meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer:

Next Meeting January 7th at 10:00A.M.

Roger Johnson, Chair



W/ELCA NEWS

W/ELCA stands for Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. All women members of an ELCA church are automatically members of W/ELCA. In 2019 the lives of many women were enriched by participation in the programs and activities of the women of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. In our final event of the year, approximately thirty women gathered for the Advent Luncheon on December 13. After we enjoyed lunch and fellowship, Anne Storan recognized and thanked all the women who served on the leadership board and the new leaders who were installed by Pastor Koch on December 1. This was followed by a program, "The Lights of December."

The congregation gave more than \$650.00 to the Thankoffering on December 1. The generosity of

this church will benefit the ministries and mission of W/ELCA throughout the world.

We begin a new year of service with Soap Sundays on January 19 and 26, 2020. We ask for donations of full sized bars of soap. These will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. On February 11, beginning at 9:00 we invite anyone to join the W/ELCA Board as we pack the LWR Kits and the beautiful quilts you saw on the pews in December.

Save the Date. On March 7, 2020, the women of the Pinelands Conference of the Florida-Bahamas Synod will hold their Spring Gathering at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Wildwood. Watch future newsletters for more information about this day of fellowship and worship.

Throughout the year, women of Good Shepherd meet monthly in Circles. Each meeting is centered on the Bible study found in the "Gather" magazine. Refreshments are shared and service activities are planned. Circle meetings strengthen the relationships of the women of our church and we have fun. In 2020, there will be two Circle meetings each month. The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on the second Monday of each month at 9:30. Ruth-Naomi will meet at 1:00 on the second Wednesday of each month. All women are invited to join in the fellowship at the time most convenient for them.

Our board meetings are scheduled on the first Monday of each month at 11:15 am. All women are invited to attend any of our board meetings. The first meeting of the new year will be January 6, 2020.

Anne Storan, W/ELCA President



W/ELCA Soap Sundays

We will be collecting bath size bar soap on January 19 and 26. Please bring in boxed soap for Lutheran World Relief and leave it in the designated box in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your support.

W/ELCA Circles

Mary-Martha Circle

Monday: January 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study Leader: Nancy Gomes

Hostesses: Lynn Bechdolt and Norma Engle

All ladies are welcome to attend!

Ruth-Naomi Circle

Wednesday: January 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Bible Study Leader: TBD

Hostess: TBD

All women are welcome to join us in Bible study.



Happy New Year!

A new year at Good Shepherd and some new things are coming. One of the new things is the opportunity for a spiritual weekend this fall called "The Walk to Emmaus".

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72 hour-short course in Christianity, comprised of 15 talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion.

In the near future, some informative talks and literature will be available.

Please feel free to talk to Pastor or me with questions.

Deacon Rick

Stephen Ministries

We have asked for those interested to consider joining us in our effort to form a Stephen Ministry here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Stephen Ministry has been around since 1975 and has worked with 13,000 churches from 180 denominations. They have trained over 600,000 people as Stephen Ministers. Ask anyone who has served as a Stephen Minister; hurting people have benefited from their care. Do you want to know more? Now is the time to contact Pastor Dennis if you are interested in exploring this type of ministry.

Stephen Ministry will be leading introductory workshops at two locations in central Florida. The first will be in the Tampa area (February 1) and second will take place in Orlando area (February 8). If you attend one of these workshops you will be able to ask questions and experience what it means to be a Stephen Minister. For information on the workshop, please see Pastor Dennis.

Registration is required for the workshop. If you think you have the gifts and the time, we need to know by Sunday, January 19. After the workshop, those who are interested in being part of the effort will take part in extensive training and preparation for serving God's people here in our congregation. Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people.



Social Ministry

Afghan Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the afghan raffle:

Susan Fowler – Quilt

Vera Swade – Red & White Christmas afghan

Sandy Jackson – Multicolor afghan

All proceeds to benefit the SOS Food Pantry.

Fellowship

Happy New Year! First let me thank all who helped this past year with over 18 special activities, 12 funerals receptions/luncheons and the weekly two coffee hours (110). We look forward to another year of activities that bring our church family together. I would like to make an appeal to ask for more volunteers to sign up to help for all activities. The second coffee hour could use one more person each week to help set up and one more to clean up (or could be same person). Look for sign-up sheets on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. Note, you can just sign up to help once a month.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TAG SALE: February 28, 8 AM - Noon, drop off your items. Please note: no clothing, TVs and out-dated electronics are accepted. Set up will follow until completed. Sign-up sheets for helpers will be in the Narthex. It takes MANY hands for this important fundraiser. **SALE DAY is February 29, 8 AM - 1 PM.** Monies raised will be donated to the Citrus County Education Foundation which provides grants to support educational programs and teacher initiated projects, which in turn helps students in Citrus County. In addition, all leftover items will be donated to Living Waters Church to support their Covenant House. If you have any questions, contact Gloria Peterson, 465-1018 or cell 763-785-6910.

January Fellowship meeting is January 13, 1:30 pm. It's scheduled for the second Monday of the month.



Adopt -A -Highway

Our next road clean-up will take place on Saturday, February 1 at 8:00 am. We will meet at CVS at the entrance to Terra Vista and break into groups to pick up trash along a 2.25 mile stretch of Norvell Bryant Highway. Safety vests, gloves, trash bags and pickers provided. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex in

January. For any questions, contact Linda Koch at 386-589-4727.



Applying Biblical Principles

Applying Bible Principles

Once upon a time, there was a craftsman who spent many hours each day laboring over his workbench. Hour after hour, he would mix clay with water and turn the spinning wheel to form beautiful vases and other objects of art. He was a master potter, second to none.

One day, though, as he was working and molding the clay exactly as he desired, the clay spoke. Indeed, it not only spoke, but it also began telling the potter what to do. "Press in a little more here. Put more pressure there. Give me a nicer curve down here. Don't make me so short and stout." And things like that.

Preposterous, you'd say. And you would be right — that would be preposterous. A lump of clay can't tell the potter what to do or how to mold it. Neither can we as Christians tell God how to shape and mold us. But that doesn't prevent us from trying.

Some Christians, in fact, go through their entire lives trying to tell God what to do with them and how to do it. It is as though they are the recipients of some master plan and that God's role is limited to carrying out their bidding.

The apostle Paul asked this rhetorical question in Romans 9:21,

Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one object for special use and another for ordinary use?

The answer is obvious. Of course, the potter has power over the clay to mold it as the potter desires. In a similar way, God is the potter; we are the clay. All that we have comes from God. And all that we have — including our time and our talents — belongs to God. Just as a master potter has the right

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to shape and mold the clay as he sees fit, God has the right to do the same with us. As we yield to God's sovereignty and wisdom, we will come forth exactly as God desires.

William Zambrano wrote,

. . . you were born in this era because this is the time when your unique mixture of talents will be of greatest good for God's eternal kingdom. And nobody can provide exactly what you provide.

It all boils down to this: Will you use the "unique mixture of talents" God has given you to make a difference for Christ, especially here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church? Will you take your rightful role on God's workbench and allow God to fulfill the role of "master potter" in your life? Or will you continue to try to tell God what to do as you view your time and talents as things that belong to you?

As you think about total stewardship over the next few months, and as you consider what kind of job you are doing in managing the time, talents and treasure which God has entrusted to you, to recall Steve Mizerany's slogan, "Don't be confused!" Remember, God owns it all!

Stewardship



Volunteers needed!

The 2020 calendar is here! Unlike the calendars we all purchase from the store this time of year to help remind you of upcoming events, our calendars at Good Shepherd are looking for names to fill the dates. We are looking for generous, giving people to volunteer their time to help others. You are needed!! People are needed to pickup bread from Publix on Saturday nights, or to deliver it on Monday mornings to CUB or the Resource Center. Both of these trips take but 1mhour per week of your time to help feed those in need in Citrus County. We also have a need for greeters before each service. Sign up on one of these calendars and give what has been given to

you..LOVE. Sign ups are on the wall outside the church office.

Yours in Christ,
Gerri Fallanca



Winter Music Series 2019-2020

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



Nothin' Fancy Bluegrass

January 19, Sunday 3pm

Johny Carlsson & the Florida Dixie Kings'

"A Swingin' Mardi Gras"

February 23, Sunday 3pm

The Churchmen, Gospel Bluegrass

March 15, Sunday 3pm

Special Consensus, Bluegrass

April 17, Friday 7pm

Tickets for each concert are \$10 at the door.

Sponsors: Tom and Barb Laing



(352)-527-0015 (352)-341-3515
Hernando, Florida Lecanto, Florida

For Information contact:

Angela Busler, 860-906-8723 (cell), AMBusler@gmail.com



Publix Saturday Night Pick-Up
TBD

Food Share Monday Delivery
Lynn Bechdolt

Angel Tree

A big hug and thank you goes to all my helpers with the Angel Tree for the children. Thank you to Mary Stiles, who gets the angels for us; Maggie Bregger, Sylvia Hartsfield, Nancy Haley, Phyllis Powell, Sue Buldiger, Ann Serafin, Shirley Patterson, Vera Swade and Barb Johnson for being present for first and/or second service to sign up sponsors for our 55 Angels. Also, thank you to Jack Bregger, Harvey Johnson, Clyde Powell and Mary Stiles who helped me get the angels to my car and/or helped deliver the angels to the Resource Center. All 55 angels were sponsored and delivered along with additional donations given. Another thank you goes to the many people at the Resource Center who helped carry in all the packages from my car. A thank-you note from Ginger West and all her elves is on the Social Ministry board in the Fellowship Hall.

Amy Gilbert



Thrivent Choice Dollars

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

Rev. Dennis W. Koch
Linda C. Koch

Dianne P. Kohm
Betty D. Sanger

Thank you for your gift.

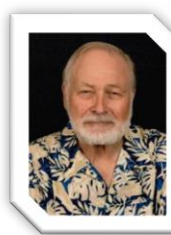


"What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet."
—Anne Frank

Annual Golf Tournament

ATTENTION GOLFERS

The 10th Annual SOS Golf Tournament will be held at the Black Diamond Famous Quarry Course on February 28, 2020. The golf tournament benefits the Serving Our Savior Food Pantry ministry hosted at GSLC and supported with help from nine other local churches. The golf tournament is a 4 person scramble event starting at 10 am and includes lunch. Prizes are given for men's, women's, and mixed teams. There will be a silent auction. More information can be seen at the SOTHEC.ORG web page, or call Jim Gilbert at 352-564-0397.



Hans P. Kott

May 22, 1945 – November 27, 2019



"Rest in peace good and faithful servant."



"We should work for a world not simply that hates hatred, but that loves love."
—Fr. James Martin, S.J.

Memorial and Special Gifts

The following memorial and special gifts were given during the month of December:

- To the Memorial Fund by the Citrus Hills Women's Club in memory of **Barbara Fosse**.
- To the Winter Music Series by **Caroline Wilkinson**.
- To the Memorial Fund by Paul & Joyce Curtis in memory of **Barbara Fosse**.
- To the General Fund by Jean Lobenthal in memory of **Barbara Fosse and Ronald Rufing**.
- To the Memorial Fund by Mary Ellen Sena in memory of **Barbara Fosse**.
- To the General Fund by Ed Granger in memory of **Hans Kott**.
- To the Memorial Fund by Gerri Fallanca in memory of **Joey Fallanca**.
- To the General Fund by Mike & Angela Busler in memory of **Hans Kott**.
- To the Enduring Gifts Fund by Mary Wagner in memory of **Hans Kott**.
- To the Winter Music Series by an anonymous donor.
- To the General Fund by Eric Hahn in memory of **Barbara Fosse**.

LETTERS OF THANKS



A belated thank you! Larry and I want to thank you all so much for all the love, prayers and support shown to us during my the illness and subsequent passing of my dad, John Bianchi.

As many of you know, dad was a very private person; however, GSLC was a very important part of his life. I remember him telling me that at one time not too long ago, he had volunteered to help with the bread pickup at Publix on Saturday evenings. Getting close to 90, he told me could only

do it for one year because he would not be able to get enough sleep as his bedtime was 8 p.m. Shortly after, he was diagnosed with colon cancer which he never shared with me or my brother.

Larry and I have been "snowbirds" for 11 years now and have since become members of GSLC. You all are our church family and we love each and every one of you.

When we lost my mom almost four years ago, I questioned whether he would just stop going. To my relief, he continued attending worship until he just couldn't anymore.

Thank you to Pastor Dennis, Pastor Barrett, Deacon Rick Mainster and Deacon Bob Bonomo for all the hospital and hospice visits, along with Shirley calling me in Kansas as well as Pastor Dennis, to give any updates they were able to give. Thank you also to Sandy Jernberg for her visits with dad. She also would call me in Kansas to offer any support she could. Thank you all so much.

Love in Christ,
Larry and Karen Benefiel



Thank you Pastor Koch for being there when I had my hip replacement and for being there to give my family support.

Pastor Barrett thank you for your many visits while I was convalescing in rehab.

A great big thank you to our faithful communion bearers who didn't miss a Sunday.

Thank you to my Good Shepherd family for all the prayers, cards, kind thoughts and visits. I did need them and appreciated all of them very much.

The hip was a piece of cake; the choking not so much!

Love and Blessings.
June Dreger-Parsons

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To my Good Shepherd family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers received over the past nine months for my son and daughter-in-law. We were blessed with a beautiful baby girl on December 4, 2019. Parents and baby are all doing well. Again, thank you for all your support and encouraging words. They meant more than you will ever know.

Deacon Bob Bonomo



To my Good Shepherd family,

Thank you for all your positive words, thoughts and prayers leading up to Fran's surgery. We are very grateful for the outpouring of love shown to us these past few months.

We're very blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

Fran & Cathy Heaps



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Special thanks to Pastors Dennis and Barrett for bringing Holy Communion to us monthly and for their visit to the hospital after my knee surgery.

Thank you to Craft 'N Share for the beautiful prayer shawl. I am improving rapidly from my knee surgery and I know it is from all the prayers said for my healing.

The Thanksgiving dinners were such a lovely surprise. We have been members of several Lutheran churches for 66 years but this is the first church we have received Thanksgiving dinners as shut ins and remembered on Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for. God has blessed us with a wonderful church family and friends.

Thank you and God's blessings to all our Good Shepherd family.

In Christian love.

Walter and Helen Maidhof

I thank God...as I remember you. (2 Timothy 1:3 ESV)

A grateful thank you to those who so kindly volunteered to deliver the flowers after the 2nd service.

Sincerely,

Ann Possinger



Dear Flock of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

You all have my deepest gratitude for your faithful prayers for Hans and me during his illness. The grace of God was a source of peace. I knew that God was in control and that it was his intention that we rest in the promise of his abundant love.

I thank you for for meeting my needs, often before I even knew what I needed. I will be still pulling delicious meals from my freezer in the new year. I continue to be encouraged and comforted by your smiles, your hugs, and your thoughtful expressions of caring.

I am blessed to call the good people of Good Shepherd my church family.

Your sister in Christ,

Anne Storan



Father Christmas Ball

I would like to thank Mary Krol, Lois Lenhart, Vera Swade, and Angela Busler who offered their time to sell tickets for the Ball. I also want to thank the congregation for supporting this SOS fundraiser. I think everyone who went had a good time, enjoyed a great dinner along with the dancing afterward. Maria Cyr, who helps set up SOS on Wednesday and Thursday, was the Father Christmas honoree for 2019. The final figures have not come in yet, but

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will be announced as soon as we get word from the Father Christmas committee at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church.

Amy Gilbert



Hilltoppers

The Hilltoppers did not meet in December, but we certainly enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of good food, good fun and good fellowship at our last outing to Applebee's Grill + Bar in Inverness in November.

We will begin this New Year with lunch on **January 17, 2020** at Mr. King Chinese Restaurant in Crystal River.

If you would like to join us, we will carpool from the church at 12:30pm. Don't forget to call Louise Olson at 344-4479 with your reservation.



Craft 'N Share

2020 is here!! Come and join us Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - or as your time allows. Bring your lunch; dessert and beverages are provided.

We plan to start some new projects using men's ties: pouches for your cell phone etc. We will also continue with some old projects: adult clothing protectors, pillowcase dresses, lap robes and shawls, and baby and child caps.

When we met in October we continued cutting, sewing and stuffing felt cats and bears for the hospital patients. Also, we assembled little Christmas gifts for our shut-ins: a red pouch with a Christmas ornament attached. These were delivered by our eucharistic ministers and the pastors.

Mary W. loomed 5 red and white hats for children which were sent to The Family Resource Center. Thanks to the many donations of pillowcases we have been able to assemble several as kits ready to sew into pillowcase dresses. (Thanks also for supplies to assemble more kits with elastic and bias, ready to sew!) We have patterns for home sewers of pillowcase dresses. Pam donated a lovely Christmas afghan which was raffled off to support SOS, along with another crocheted afghan and a beautiful quilt from the quilters.

We also have patterns for prayer shawls, baby hats to knit or crochet.

Please note: if you need a lap robe to deliver to someone who is ill, in rehab, hospital or grieving, pick one up. The bins for SHAWLS and LAP ROBES are in the left side of the right hand closet in the rear of fellowship hall, making it easier for you to access them. Please sign the clip board with name of the individual to whom you are delivering an item.

JOIN US in 2020 on the fourth WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a chat while we work. Bring your lunch and we will provide dessert and beverages.

Questions?? Call Maggie at 860-2215.



The Quilting Group

On November 20th, six quilters and no sewers met and we finished three quilts.

We donated another 11 youth quilts and two blankets to the Citrus County Family Resource Center for a total of 35 quilts and 5 blankets.

The Quilting Group continued...

On November 29th with the help of seven people we put 65 full sized quilts on the pews. On Sunday, December 1st, we took quilts off of the pews and folded and boxed them. We thank all the helpers who assisted us. We also thank Bonnie Owens for 3 large containers of fabric.

On December 4th, we had 5 quilters and no sewer and we folded and counted and packed and taped 95 quilts in boxes for shipping. We thank Gloria P. for taking quilts home to sew edges.

We will be meeting the third and fifth Wednesday in January of 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or as long as you can stay. The dates are the 15th and the 29th.

Bring your lunch; dessert and coffee are provided.

Questions, call Gerry at 637-2412.



?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus' baptism? (Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus' mother, Mary
- D. His first disciples

Answer: (See Matthew 3:13-17.)



Special dates

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2020*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2020*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 12, 2020*

- Week of Prayer of Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2020*
- Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, *January 19, 2020. Single 9:30 a.m. worship service.*
- W/ELCA Soap Sunday, *January 19, 2020*
- Nothin' Fancy Concert, *January 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 20, 2020*
- Healing Service, *January 20, 2020*
- W/ELCA Soap Sunday, *January 26, 2020*
- Life Care Center, *January 26, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.*



Puzzle!













Use the word list to complete the crossword. Then fill in the numbered blanks to read God's promise to Noah — and to us.

as, and, the, day,
cold, long, heat,
will, earth, night,
never, cease, winter,
summer, harvest,
endures, seedtime

“ 13 8 13 10 7 14
2 6 5 9 6
3 12 6 1 down 4
6 11 across 1 across 11 down 15
GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22, NIV

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  OFFICE CLOSED	2 8:30A –SOS  12:00P – Pizza OFFICE CLOSED	3 8:00A– Workday on Grounds OFFICE CLOSED	4
5  January Birthdays	6 10:00A – Adult Ed 11:15A - W/ELCA Board 1:30P – Fellowship	7 8:00A – Breakfast 11:00A - Evangelism 11:30A – AA 6:00P – Bells 6:30P - Scouts	8 8:00A-SOS 9:00A – Executive Council 1:00P – Ruth Naomi 6:30P - Choir	9 8:30A – SOS  7:00P - Council	10 8:00A – Workday on Grounds  10:00A – “Un-Greening” of church 1:00P –Grief Recovery	11 9:00A Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study 
12 9:45A – Children & Adult Sunday School W/ELCA Coffee, Tea & Cocoa Sale	13 9:30A – Mary Martha 10:00A – Adult Ed 1:30P - Fellowship	14 8:00A-Breakfast 9:00A – Pastoral Care 11:00A - Evangelism 11:30A – AA 6:00P – Bells 6:30P - Scouts	15 8:00A-SOS 10:00A - Quilters 6:30P - Choir	16 8:30A- SOS 	17 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 1:00P – Hilltoppers 1:00P –Grief Recovery	18 9:00A-5:00P Scouts Pinewood Derby
19 Single Worship Service 9:30A Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting 3:00P -Nothin’ Fancy Concert 	20 10:00A – Adult Ed 1:30P – Social Ministry Healing Service TBD MLK Day observed	21 8:00A-Breakfast 10:00A - Stewardship 11:30A – AA 6:00P – Bells 6:30P - Scouts	22 8:00A-SOS 10:00A -Craft ‘N Share 6:30P - Choir	23 8:30A- SOS 	24 8:00A – Workday on Grounds  1:00P –Grief Recovery	25
26 9:45A – Christian Ed 2:30P – Life Care Center W/ELCA Soap Sunday	27 10:00A – Adult Ed	28 8:00A-Breakfast 11:30A – AA 6:30P - Scouts	29 8:00A-SOS 10:00A- Quilters 6:30P - Choir	30 8:30A – SOS 	31 8:00A – Workday on Grounds  1:00P –Grief Recovery	

Sunday worship is at 8:30am & 11:00am unless otherwise noted.

Each service is followed by coffee hour in the fellowship hall.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Ken & Vera Swade	12/05/98
Jim & Amy Gilbert	12/19/70
Kevin & Cindy Towne	12/19/87
Steve & Angela Schenk	12/29/01
Nate & Sauny Williams	12/29/62
Bob & Barbara Lackner	12/30/85

Birthdays

1 – Lenore Deck

6– Marion McGauran

7 – Connie Adams

11 – Harv Johnson
Dell Peterson

12 – Carol Herbst
Judy McMahon
Nate Williams

13 – Walter Maidhof

14 – George Bendtsen

15 – Jean Lobenthal

Ann Neville
Cindy Towne

16 – Richard Imes

17 – Carol Colson
Ken Drennen
James Klingerman

18 – Barbara Driest
Fran Stetson
Randy Wagner

19 – Analise Heinz
Wesley Heinz

23– Bob Fowler
Coleen Garvin
Dorothy Klingerman

27 – Gene Yoho
Susan Fowler

29 – Nancy Jo Schroeder

30 – Jim Kauth
Sandra Jernberg

31 – Mary Wagner

MONTHLY COMMITTEE DUTIES

JANUARY 5, 12, 19, 26

ALTAR & COMMUNION

Eloise Mongardi
Gladys Kean
Leith Masters

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

TBD

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sue Fowler
Melissa Gifford
Aides – Stacey Wilson
Rebecca Donahue [Late]

MONEY COUNTERS

TBD, Lead
TBD
TBD

GREETERS

8:30AM	11:00AM
January 5 – TBD	TBD
January 12 - TBD	Norma Engle
January 19 - TBD	- Single 9:30am Worship
January 26 - TBD	TBD

ASSISTING MINISTER

8:30AM	11:00AM
	January 5
Margot Berger	Lisbeth Goetter
	January 12
Bob Bonomo	Kathy Hildebrandt
	January 19
9:30AM Single Worship Service	
	Ann Neville
	January 26
Rick Mainster	Vera Swade

CRUCIFER

8:30AM	11:00AM
TBD	Randy Wagner

USHERS

8:30AM	11:00AM
Gary Knecht, Lead	Harv Johnson, Lead
Bill Mehnert	Gerry Kauth
Lois Lenhart	Nancy Gomes
Joann Frost	

NURSERY

8:30AM	11:00AM
Susan Fowler	



KEEP THEM
IN YOUR PRAYERS



*(Please let the church office know if a name has been removed
that should remain on this list, or if a name should be added.)*

Let us remember:

Bendtsen, Elin
Benefiel, Larry
Bregger, Jack
Britt-Busler, Elizabeth
Brockschmidt, Fred
Burfeindt, Janet
Clark, Dawn
Colson, Jack D.
Creager, Ray
Dreger-Parsons, June

Drennen, Ken
Hahn, Eric
Hartsfield, Sylvia
Hester, Marty
Hildebrandt, Dick
Hoell, Lucille
Johnson, Barb
Johnson, Carol Lee
Lackner, Barbara

Mahr, Suzanne
Motts, Louann
Page-Wood, Jeremy & Esther
Storan, Anne
Swade, Ken
Whitcomb, Maxine
Wolff, Jack

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

Gramolini, Katherine
Halstead, Deborah
Hehn, Margaret

Madelyn Hickey
Maidhof, Walter & Helen
Mandell, Sheila

McGauran, Marion
Moll, Bob
Philipp, Dick

All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake
Ceballos, Jason
Cwicklinski, C.J.
Day, Kenneth
Fosse, Jr., Paul
Gaertner, Jerrod
Harrington, Bryan
Heinz, Karinne
Hickman, Richard
Holman, Evan

Jackson, Brad
Johnston-Garcia, Christian
Luchay, Alan
Martin, Aaron
McCann, Jim
Moore, John
Muchow, Jason
Osborn-Herdman, Christopher
Piott, Trenton
Posa, Codymichael

Radloff, Steven
Radosevitch, Eric
Seefeldt, Jessica
Springer, Jr., Dennis
Stroble, Jeramy
Swain, Jr., Terry
Thomas, Peter Chris
Thompson, David
Timpe, Chris
Walton, Leslie

Relatives and Friends:

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Gradeless, Marge	Page-Wood, Jaaken
Balastieri, Casey	Graves, Janice & Declan	Powell, Bill
Beck, Bryan	Hohl, Wayne	Priselac, Lorrie
Bell, Ian	Johnson, Jim	Rajotte, Keith
Blyth, Ruby	Kamm, Mike & Nancy	Rambaldini, Jim
Bonomo, Brendan & Alyssa	Kraft, Carter	Redston, Peter
Bordeaux, John	Krol, Shirley	Riccio, Taino
Brockschmidt, Donna	Lavaja, Jim	Schapers, Brant
Brown, Kelly Ann	Lewellen, Emily Anne	Scheetz, Cathy & family
Brugger, Tristan	Lewis, Keith	Scheltens, Lynn
Burkhardt, Faith	Lobenthal, Jean	Small, Brenda & Steven
Campano, Thomas	Lock, Kathy	Smolen, Tyler
Cato, Cecelia	Loftin, Tracy	Stuart, Neil & family
Cipollone, Elaine	Loger, Dennis	Thompson, Lori
Clarke, Father Peter	Longworth, Kathy	Traywick, Edward
Clarke, Charlotte	Magrum, Corbin	Tuegel, Chuck
Costa, Denise	Magri, Steve & Thomas	Urban, B.J.
Crawford, Cleola	Maidhof, Dexter, Gary	Van Wyk family
De Gina, Frances & family	Maidhof, Jeremiah	Waara, Jerry
Dille, Jim	Mainster, Arlene	Walker, Betty
Dortin, Rachel	Malave, Kim Michelle	Wells, Emmarie [6]
Ehrhardt, Ava	Martin, Joe	Wilder, Gayle
Fidell, Eloise	McHugh, Mark	Williams, Dorothy
Fratto, Joseph	McPhee, John	Wittmann family
Fowler family	Mehnert, Edward	Wood, Rowen
Gaertner, Kent	Mena, Steve	Woods, Donna Jean
Garling, John	Meucci, Michele	Woolf, Nick
Glymph, Diane	Mock, Nelson	Woolley, Carol & family
Goetter, Tom, Whitney	O'Berry, Darlene	Wright, Matthew
Goforth, Jeffrey	Oehl, Lita	Wyzard, Joe & Dana
Goodloe, Ernestine	Orr, Gail	Youngblood, Sandra

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.

January, 2020



“STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.

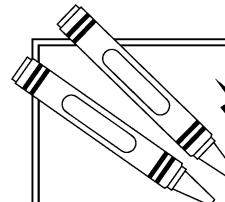


What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.

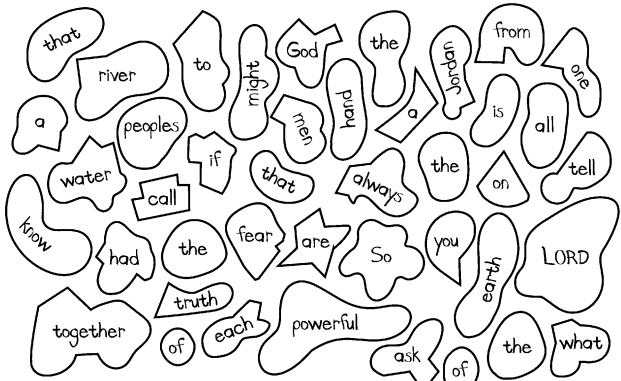


Puzzle

Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.



So _____ the _____ the
_____ the _____
_____ the _____.

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV





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