

# News of Peace



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## Christian Symbols

**OPEN BOOK** — A book symbolizes the Bible, the written Word of God. When shown open, a book represents truth or revelation. Apostles and saints are often pictured holding an open book, understood as the New Testament writings of the early Christian church.



**TRUMPET**—In the Old Testament, trumpets, often made from ram's horns, called people to worship or war (and often promised victory). Joshua and the Israelites used trumpets to fell the walls of Jericho. Under Gideon, the small Israelite army blew trumpets and smashed jars to confuse the Midianites into surrender. The



New Testament says trumpets will sound at the Last Judgment and the resurrection of the dead. In Revelation 11, a seventh trumpet proclaims

God's final and complete triumph.

## The Perfect Gift

**F**or Christmas, I write checks to my kids and grandchildren. I figure that is the most simple way for me, and then they can buy exactly what they want. But I do shop for the perfect gift for a few other people. Generally, I decide what I want to buy, and then go get it—as easy as getting a gallon of milk. But other times, I have no idea what to find that will be pleasing to him or her. That was the case recently when I shopped at several stores in a small mall in Branson and then on the way home at the Shepherd of the Hills store in Lebanon. I really don't care to shop—I'd rather just get it and go! But I also want to get the perfect gift so that both the giver and the receiver are happy.

What about God? Did He go on a quest to discover the perfect gift for us. Well, no doubt the Gift had to be perfect, but He didn't have to go shopping. He knew what the Perfect Gift was going to be shortly after the beginning of the world. In the midst of His perfect creation came sin-saturated Satan in the guise of a serpent. Adam and Eve gave into his temptation to sin.

But instead of annihilating them, God's overwhelming mercy desired to save them. So He made a promise as He cursed the satanic serpent: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Genesis 3:15).

He promised them the Perfect Gift to restore all things to the perfection He had first designed. That Perfect Gift is indeed our Lord Jesus Christ. And when the time was just right: "God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5).

The coming of God's Perfect Gift is what our Advent and Christmas observances are all about. The word "advent" means "to come" and the focus of the season is all upon the coming of Jesus. We celebrate His "humble coming" for us at the manger in Bethlehem, His "gracious coming" to us through His Word and Sacraments, and we anticipate His "Glorious coming" on the Last Day—the day of resurrection—when we shall be in His presence everlastingly!



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This Perfect Gift of God became the atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of all people as He poured out His life-blood on the cross. His resurrection from the dead demonstrates how perfect this gift of God really is.

As we make our way to Christmas (I'm writing this the week before), it is important that we keep our focus on this Perfect Gift. It is relatively easy for us to become distracted by the trappings of Christmas which are intended to direct us to the Perfect Gift. In fact, that is what the devil desires us to do. Our sinful nature makes us prone to be like a child ignoring the gift and instead, playing with the box in which it came. In doing so, we may miss Christmas entirely, and feel emptiness in our celebration.

Avoid distractions! Stay focused on God's Word through which the Holy Spirit works, the very Word that reveals to us our Savior. Programs, parties, and presents are fun, but do not let them distract you from "fixing your eyes on Jesus." With eyes so fixed, God's Perfect Gift—Jesus—will have a powerful impact on your life. And when individual lives are impacted by Jesus, so is the witness of our congregation within our community.

May the Holy Spirit give us all shepherd hearts, eyes and mouths: "And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child" (this Perfect Gift!). Christmas Blessings to each of you!

Pastor Gary Brandt



- Jan. 4 David Bald  
Penny Hansen
- Jan. 13 Dale & Gayle Montague
- Jan. 17 Brett & Cindy Niebur
- Jan. 22 Jaccy Heinlein
- Jan. 26 Earl Hartenstein
- Jan. 30 Jeff Emery

**Reminder: We will be taking down Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 7 at 9 a.m.**

## The Magi's Story — and Ours

The story of the Magi is our story. God has used his supernatural means to draw us unto himself. ... On one glorious day, when we were exhausted and wearied in our sin, God led us to gaze upon Jesus just as the Magi did. We see the glory of God manifested through Jesus Christ in the internal work of the Holy Spirit. We see our utter sinfulness and God's abounding grace offered in the Messiah. We are filled with joy as this grace sinks into our hearts.

We fall down on our knees and confess our need of this Messiah. We worship him and offer up our lives as our greatest offering to him. Then we continue on in our lives, carrying the truth about the Messiah.

—Travis Cunningham

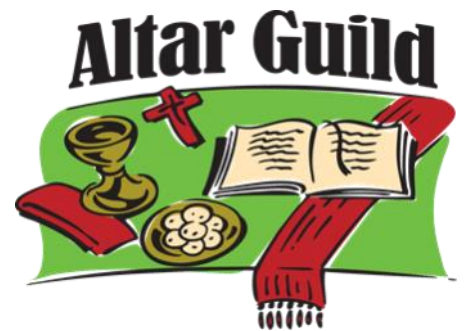
## Thrivent Choice Dollars Summary

The following is the amount of Thrivent Choice dollars that was directed to Peace, year-to-date, total dollars directed in 2021 and since inception.

- YTD: \$981 Choice Dollars
- 2021: \$2,367 Choice Dollars directed
- Since inception (7/8/10): \$35,343 Choice Dollars directed



to all who purchased poinsettias for the Christmas season. They provided a wonderful backdrop for our services.



## Externals Are Important A Second Principle

Another principle is that everything in worship exalt God and bring His grace to man. Everything in worship is to aid the communication of the Gospel so that man may be attracted to it and, the Grace of God, be sanctified and edified by it. Nothing in worship practice should have the purpose merely of giving man pleasure, entertainment, or emotional thrill. This is idolatry.





# Devotion of the Month

“When Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:16-17

So, do you remember where you were and what you did last Epiphany? You really don't have to answer that question. I'm impressed anytime someone from the western branch of the Christian Church remembers Epiphany is the day to celebrate the coming of the Wise Men to worship the baby Jesus. If anyone remembers the day and what he or she was doing, well, that's a bonus. On the other hand, if you are a member of the Russian Orthodox Church and live in Moscow or just about any city in that immense land, I would be surprised if you didn't remember what you did last Epiphany. Why the difference?

In the Russian Orthodox Church, Epiphany marks the baptism of the Savior. In many places it is celebrated by the local church by cutting a very large cross-shaped hole into the ice of a local river. When that is done, many of the believers from the church jump into the water as a remembrance of Jesus' work and their baptisms. This year that meant people jumped into the river when it was about 13 degrees below zero outside (Fahrenheit). One man, his hair frozen into mini-icicles, said, “After the Epiphany dive, all your illnesses, all your problems just fade away.” Now if you're thinking that custom is a bit strange, you won't get any argument from me. And if you're thinking that's the kind of custom that is probably dying off, well, you'd be absolutely wrong. More and more people -- young people -- are participating in the ceremony. There are probably all kinds of reasons why they would do such a thing, but more than one has said this: “Jesus suffered for me and His baptism was the beginning of that suffering. I suffer for a moment to remember how His suffering, His death, and His resurrection have taken away my sins.” If that's what they believe, that's wonderful! I'll join them! -- in the belief, that is, not the river.



**The Prayer:** Dear Lord Jesus, I give thanks for all You did for my salvation. Help me. Help me remember and share with others the love and sacrifice You made so my sins might be washed away. In Your Name, I ask it. Amen.

## Mark Your Calendar

for **Tuesday, January 17** as we will hold our quarterly Voters' Meeting. The potluck meal begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church dining hall.

## Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please call Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Both Pastor Anderegg (573-528-4597) and Pastor Brandt are available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having. Remember, our two pastors are here to serve you. **Our Elders:** Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Jeff Emery (816-745-0229), Earl Hartenstein (573-691-7117) will also assist in getting one of the pastors to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family. To find out which Elder you are assigned to, please see the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Don't worry about the future. Worry quenches the work of grace within you. The future belongs to God. He is in charge of all things. Never second-guess him.

- Francois Fenelon





# Members in ACTION

*“Christmas trees, like their color green, symbolize rebirth.”*



Thank you to everyone who came together on November 26 to decorate the church for Christmas. **Left:** Sara located a spot to hang an ornament. **Above:** Looking for another area on the tree to hang an ornament.



## Goal Met

More than 80 pairs of mittens and gloves were donated for the children of the Camdenton Elementary schools. Thanks to all who donated to this project.

**Pictured l to r:** Jan Loman, Sheryl Bald, Susan Kral, Sara Anderegg, Carol Murrell, Cindy Niebur (front)  
Photo by Deb Mayes

# The Year in Review



**January** – Officers and directors installed. The LWML elected a new President and Vice-President— Sara Anderegg and Sheryl Bald respectively. We collected hats and mittens for needy kids in the area. We supported two missionaries. Charlie Gifford resigned as Elder. Earl Hartenstein agreed to take his position for one year. Vicki and Joe provided new Christmas window decorations. (Last year the church received a Rumba Robot and a colored printer.)

**February** – The collection of aluminum cans ended. We received new members Don Springer and Brock Kliever.

**March** – We received new members Brett and Cindy Niebur. Lenten Services were conducted.

**April** – Services were held for Holy Week and Easter. LWML served an Easter breakfast for the first time since COVID. Several of our ladies attended the Zone rally at Trinity, Cole Camp. Our new church sign was installed by Central Sign of Eldon. Steve and Yetta McConnell and Kendra Kebinger attended the Council meeting to discuss possible use of our facilities to hold online classes for several students. The curriculum will be Ignitia. Pew cords were removed from the pews. The current church secretary will be moving out of the area and a new secretary will be needed. We recognized Bob Borgmann for 26 years as head usher.

**May** – We held a farewell party for Mic Carlson. Steve and Yetta McConnell spoke after worship to provide us with information about the online school. Afterwards we held a special voters' meeting to discuss the leasing of our church basement for an online high school which we approved. A new lawn mower was purchased from Motor Hut. A new church secretary was hired.

**June** – Susan Kral and Penny Hansen were delegates for the LWML District Convention. We held a Life Line screening with 74 people attending. The Good Shepherd stained-glass window was installed and dedicated in memory of Dale Murrell. A board of directors was formed for Greenview Lutheran High School with classes meeting Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. They held their first meeting on June 28.

**July** – July 9, we had an all-day Vacation Bible School. We had nine kids attend.

**August** – Greenview Online classes started on the 23. The circuit pastors conference was held with LWML providing the lunch. The fellowship hall and kitchen were stripped and waxed on August 19 & 20. The Rite of Confirmation for Pudge McCloud was held on August 14. The cross near the road was removed. The cross

in front of the church was stained and lights removed.

**September** – We received new members Mike and Jan Loman. The LWML held a lady's tea for several churches in the area with 47 ladies in attendance. The guest speaker was Ruth Oexman. More than \$700 was collected for Ukraine Relief. The church treasure books for 2021 were audited. A new curriculum called ABEKA was chosen for Greenview High School. The curriculum was proven to be a much better fit. It is an accredited program and students receive regular report cards and a diploma upon completion of course work.

**October** – Our Voters meeting was held with election of new officers. The garage doors and propane tank were painted. On October 31, Tom's Heating and Air Conditioning replaced the second furnace and air conditioner.

**November** – Our Thanksgiving Eve service was held. The church was decorated for Christmas. Fire extinguishers were checked.

**December** – Earl and Shelia Hartenstein retired from cleaning the church after 21 years. Advent and Christmas Eve services were held. LWML hosted a Christmas party for the ladies of the congregation. A new security system was installed. Pastor Anderegg set up a Phone Tree to send information via a phone call and a text message to members.







## December 12, LWML Meeting

Pastor Anderegg finished the Bible study of Ruth.

Seven members answered roll call using a Bible verse with the word peace.

The November minutes and treasurer report were approved.

**President's Report:** In thanksgiving for 80 years of the LWML, we reached our 80 of something goal by collected more than 80 mittens and hats for the local elementary schools. Thanks to all the members of Peace to make this goal happen.

Sheryl Bald gave the Mites reading "The Grocery List" and passed out the 2023 LWML calendar booklets. The offering bags were passed around.

### Correspondence:

- We received a thank you note from Trinity, Clinton
- We received a letter of thanks from the Synod for the Ukraine donation
- We received a flyer to order Bible books for Ukraine.

### Committees:

**Pop tabs:** no report

**Best Choice Labels:** no report

**Kitchen:** We discussed what types of labels are available to update the labels for the kitchen cabinets. Diane Borgmann and Jan Loman will work on organizing and relabeling the kitchen cabinets in 2023. A list was received on the needed items for the kitchen. The items will be bought from Sam's Club.

**Human Care:** Debbie reported we reached our goal for hats and mittens. Debbie also reminded us to bring our Christmas stock-

ings to the Christmas party. The Christmas stockings will be available at the Christmas party for those who would like one.

### Old Business:

Sara reminded us about the Christmas party coming up this Friday, December 16. The stockings money will be sent to Medical Missions for Christ in Camdenon.

We discussed a Valentine dinner for Sunday, February 12 after service. A freewill offering will be taken for our LWML general fund. We will be serving lasagna, bread, salad and dessert. We will have a sign-up sheet for food items. If we have inclement weather, we will have dinner the following Sunday. It was discussed to ask Matt Mayes to play the ukulele.

Sara reminded us of the upcoming National Convention in Milwaukee, June 22-25, 2023. The current Women's Quarterly is full of information about the convention.

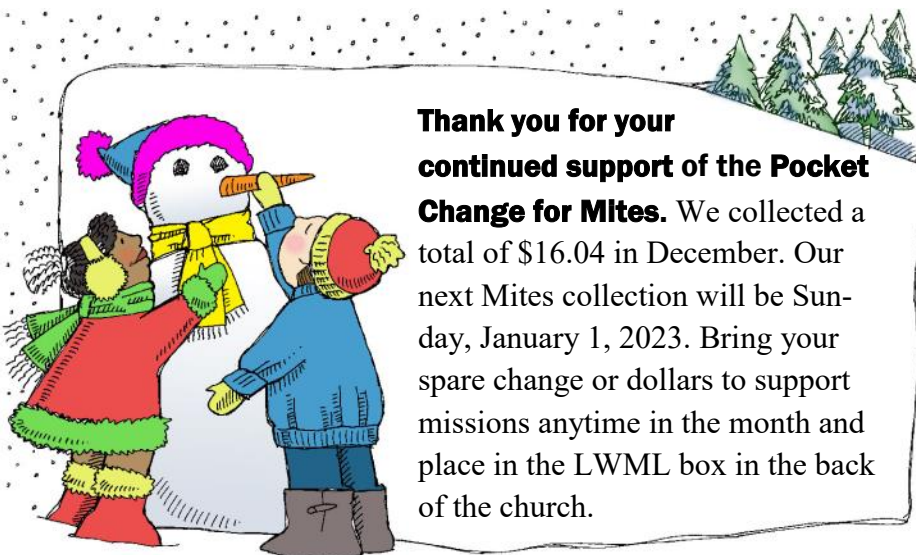
We discussed sponsoring an Easter breakfast in 2023.

### New Business:

Our next meeting will be held Monday, March 13, 2023.

With no further business we closed with the Lord's prayer.

Sheryl Bald, acting secretary



### Thank you for your continued support of the Pocket Change for Mites.

We collected a total of \$16.04 in December. Our next Mites collection will be Sunday, January 1, 2023. Bring your spare change or dollars to support missions anytime in the month and place in the LWML box in the back of the church.

# Stewardship

## Your Past Does Not Define Your Future

New Year's is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it's over), and we look to the future in hope and anticipation, and perhaps with some worry, for what it holds.

The point is that New Year's celebrations remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be, what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we've lost. Who we've lost.

New Year's is our own version of Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*. And we all play Scrooge. We are visited by the ghosts of our pasts, presents and futures.

St. Paul writes: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:6-15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord will both supply and increase what we need to give to the church for

its work in the world. He tells us that this work God does in us will enrich and bless us in every way, and through this, will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving in years past and change what needs to be adjusted, improved, or done away with altogether.



**First, attend the Divine Service to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.** If you've not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God's Word, to receive forgiveness and feast on the rich food of our Lord's body and blood for the eternal benefit of your body and soul, then repent and come to receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn't want your money. He wants you — all of you (Matt. 22:20-22).

**Second, pray for the Lord's help.** Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1-16).

**Third, consider what the church is and what the church does.** The church is a place of mercy. It inhales the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward neighbors. You are a member of the church, of God's family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God's mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the church in the world, as the Israelites did in the Old Testament (Lev. 27:1-34).

**Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament's teaching on supporting the work of the church.** Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, or ten percent. The New Testament gives freedom to be generous, to give more for the Church's work. Are you relying on God's promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these, repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.

So, don't let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God's gift to you for this body and life.

—reprinted from the LCMS Stewardship Ministry website



# EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

LUTHERAN EVANGELISM

## You are a Witness in Your Everyday Life - Right Where God Has Placed You

“He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world.” (Ephesians 1:4)

“We are His workmanship, created in Christ for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

Life is the place where you are called to be Christ’s witnesses. Your life. The life that God has shaped and given to you. You are meant to be witnesses in your family life, your work life, your life as a neighbor, and your church life. Every aspect of your life. You don’t have to go to a faraway place - you are His witnesses right where you are, and wherever you are. You don’t have to wait to be a witness - you are His witness now and at every stage and moment of your life. You don’t have to seek out relationships with people you don’t know and don’t have contact with in order to be a faithful witness. You are Christ’s witness for the people who are already in your life as friends, co-workers, and family members - and those whom God brings into your life in one way or another. Life is where you are as His witness - and life is what you share as His witnesses.

by Mark Wood director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry

## Answering Objections to the Faith

### The Problem of Darwinism from The Reason I Believe

by Allen Quist (From Ken Ham’s debate with atheist Bill Nye: Old Tjikko)

Nye’s second argument against the creation account in Genesis centered around an old Norway spruce tree called Old Tjikko which he said is 9,550 years old. Was the age determined in a reliable and verifiable manner such as counting growth rings? Not so. Nye didn’t mention how that age was arrived at or that according to an article in National Geographic the age is actually around 600 years at most. So how was the 9,550 years arrived at? It was supposedly calculated by means of carbon 14 dating methods used on the tree roots found underneath the tree. It was believed that the tree had died off many times each time the roots would send up new shoots to become new trees. That alone calls into question the methods used on this tree, but the real reason questions are raised is because carbon dating can only be used on plant and animal matter after it has died. That leads us to ask, could dead Norway spruce roots survive for 9,550 years in moist soil without rotting away. I have a number of those spruce trees on my property one of which died 50 years ago leaving the stump left in the ground. In order to determine the status of the roots, I pulled up the roots with a tractor and chain. As expected, the stump rolled out of the ground and the roots had rotted away. So how could the roots from Old Tjikko survive nearly 200 times that long? Such a claim is clearly unbelievable making the argument totally fabricated. We now commonly hear of “fake news.” So, when it comes to Darwinism, we are largely dealing with fake evidence.

by Russell Schulz, Evangelism Chair



## The Enchanted Village of Lights



This is our Christmas light display we sponsored at the Laurie fairgrounds. There are more than 250 displays on 27 acres.





For several days in December, Ozark's Technology Solutions installed our new security system. Photo by Jeff Emery

## Good Food, Fellowship and Fun

On Friday, December 16, good food, good fellowship and good fun was had by 22 ladies who attended the LWML Christmas party. Thank you to Paula Emery for planning and hosting the party and to Vicki Stauch for her handiwork. Photos by Paula Emery and Susan Kral.



## Another Year for God

**Another year is dawning;** dear Father, let it be, in working or in waiting, another year with thee....

**Another year of progress,** another year of praise, another year of proving thy presence all the days.

**Another year of service,** of witness for thy love; another year of training for holier work above.

**Another year is dawning!** Dear Father, let it be, on earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.

—Frances Ridley Havergal



## Former Member Dies Nov. 27



Ronald Arthur Mueller, 77, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, went to be with the Lord on November 27, 2022 at 6:15 a.m. Ron, formerly of Galesburg, Illinois, died surrounded by family at McLeod Hospice House in Florence, South Carolina.

He was born Ronald Arthur Weimann on July 11, 1945 in Wildau, Germany, where his mother Erna Martha Weimann and her family had moved from Michigan before World War II. When Ron was 11 months old, the family re-

turned to the United States on the transport ship USS Marine Perch and settled in Chicago. Ron's last name was changed by adoption in 1952 after his mother married Heinz William Mueller. The family later moved to Lombard, Illinois. There Ron was a member of the Class of 1963, the first students to spend all four years at the new Glenbard East High School. His love of sports led him to the football field and track, as well as the baseball field and basketball courts. He was happy later in life to reconnect with his former coaches, the legendary Liz Astroth and Jerry Leggett.

Ron attended Whitewater College in Wisconsin and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Elmhurst College. He was drafted into the U.S. Army after graduation and served in Vietnam as a member of the 1st Engineer Battalion 1st Infantry Division. Much of his vast body of work as a photographer in Vietnam is now in the collections of the First Division Museum at Cantigny in Wheaton, Illinois. One of his articles appeared in Stars and Stripes in 1969. Ron also managed an Officers' Club in Vietnam. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, and Air Medal.

Ron married Ann Marie Tracy on June 28, 1972 in Macomb, Illinois and was a proud father of two daughters, Michelle Leanne Davidson and Lindsey Marie (Drew) Berson. He is survived by his wife, daughters, son-in-law and six grandchildren, Tyler, Trey, Corinne and Jared Smith and Anneliese and Juliette Berson.

After Vietnam, Ron attended Carl Sandburg College on the GI Bill while working full-time. He managed several area businesses, including the Western Stores (later SuperAmerica) in Monmouth and Galesburg, Yeager Hardware, Jewel Home Shopping Service, and Meadow Gold Dairy. Ron also co-founded M & M Mobil with his friend, Mike Mooney, and owned rental property with his wife, Ann. Ron and Ann later relocated to Lexington, Illinois, where he owned an Archway Cookie route. Ron's final career, while living in Heyworth, Illinois, was as a caseworker for the State of Illinois Department of Human

Services in Decatur.

After retirement, Ron and Ann lived on the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri, before moving back to Galesburg, then to their final home together in Myrtle Beach. His family will miss having Ron with them for vacations and holidays, Chicago Cubs and Myrtle Beach Pelican games, concerts, and afternoons on the Garden City Pier.

He was preceded in death by his mother, biological and adoptive fathers, grandparents, an aunt and two uncles, and one nephew. He is also survived by his aunt, Irma Weichenhain, brother, Robert Mueller, sister, Deborah Spaletto, mother-in-law, Kathryn Tracy, and several cousins, nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

Ron was a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Myrtle Beach, American Legion and Society of the 1st Infantry Division and a Life Member of the VFW. He often served as an usher or in leadership roles at the churches he attended.

Ron's visitation will be Friday, December 16 from 5-7 p.m. at Hinchliff-Pearson West Funeral Directors and Cremation Services Galesburg Chapel with funeral services on Saturday, December 17 at 10 a.m. at Galesburg Covenant Church. Burial with military rites will follow in Warren County Hope Cemetery, a few miles from the Westport Subdivision where Ron and Ann raised their daughters. Online condolences may be made at [www.h-p-w.com](http://www.h-p-w.com).

Memorials may be made to Honor Flight of the Quad Cities, McLeod Health Foundation, Camp CILCA or a charity of the donor's choice.

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# Council Meeting December 13, 2022

President Jeff Emery called the meeting to order. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: **Pastors:** Pastor Anderegg and Pastor Brandt, **Pres.** Jeff Emery, **Sec.** Susan Kral, **Treas.** Peg Callahan, **Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg, **Trustee:** Chuck Kral, **Member at Large:** Paula Emery, **Board of Elders:** Jeff Hedberg, **Board of Education:** Sara Anderegg, and **Church Members:** Pat Callahan, Brock Kliever, and Brett Niebur.

**Absent:** Vice Pres. Bob Hansen, **Financial Sec.** Vicki Stauch, **Cemetery:** Diane Borgmann, and **Evangelism:** Russell Schulz

The minutes from the October 2022 meeting were approved as printed. There was no November meeting because our facility was being used for elections.

**Financial Secretary:** Jeff Emery presented Vicki's report. It was accepted and approved.

**Treasurer:** Peggy will present her report at a later date.

**Elders:** Jeff reported the following:

- Joe Stauch has resigned as elder. He will fill in when needed. We thank him for his service. Jeff Emery will take Joe's place.
- Security cameras have been installed.
- Because the interior finish on the Common Cup used for communion has deteriorated, a new one will be purchased. A member has offered to donate the new one.
- There was discussion at the elder's meeting regarding having an automated calling system set up.

Jeff's report was accepted and approved.

**Trustees:** Chuck reported the following:

- He took a church water sample in for testing. It came back as being bacterially safe.
- Hibdon Dirt and Gravel delivered a load of dirt to the cemetery at no charge. Susan Kral will send them a thank you.
- On Oct. 25 the propane tank was filled. The cost was \$922.92.
- Tom's Heating checked all our air/heating units on Oct. 26 per our contract.
- A new furnace/AC unit was installed on Oct. 31.
- Pat Callahan burned leaves in the front yard. He loaded the manger scene figures on his trailer so that they could be driven to the front yard.
- Rodney Schulz sprayed weeds and blew leaves at the cemetery.

- Thank you to all who put up Christmas decorations and vacuumed pews.

His report was accepted and approved.

**Education:** Sara reported that the Bible study on Ruth, led by Pastor Anderegg, was completed at the Dec. LWML meeting. Her report was accepted and approved.

**Evangelism:** Jeff presented Russell's report.

- The 199 outreach cards that were sent in Oct. cost \$177.11. 153 cards were sent in Nov. at a cost of \$136.17. There is \$990.31 left in the 2022 outreach budget.
- Thanksgiving Eve flyers were sent to the chambers and posted on Facebook. The ad for the service was sent to Lake Media. The same information applies to Christmas Eve. Thank you to Sheryl Bald for her help.
- Our display at the Enchanted Village of lights is really attractive.
- Facebook has changed to an updated version.
- He is negotiating with Lake Media to charge us \$364 for eight months rather than for six months for placing our ad.
- He thanks everyone for their prayers for his grandson Evan.

His report was accepted and approved.

**Stewardship:** Dawn reported that mission donations will be discussed at the Jan. Voters Meeting. Her report was accepted and approved.

**Member at Large:** Paula reported that poinsettias will be set up on Dec. 16. Her report was accepted and approved.

**Cemetery:** There was no report.

**Pastors' Reports:**

Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- He has played the organ at our midweek Advent services and will play Christmas Eve. He is preaching three Sunday services in December and will substitute at Hope Chapel in Osage Beach on New Year's Day.
- He and Carol Murrell have visited Bob Mueller in Monett, MO. He served communion to Bob. He encouraged everyone to send Bob a Christmas card. Bob's address is  
Oak Pointe Care Center  
1011 Old Airport Rd.  
Monett, MO 65708
- He has visited Irma Trego three times and taken communion to her.
- He attended the Circuit Pastors' Meeting on Nov, 8 at St. Paul's in Stover. He did not attend the December meeting in Appleton.
- He wishes everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Pastor Anderegg reported the following:

- He has preached the Midweek Advent Services.
- He thanked Pat Callahan and Jeff Emery for setting up our five new security cameras. Pastor Anderegg assisted with the programming of the cameras. The television that is in the office for the use of the cameras was donated. A friend of Pat Callahan donated wiring for the installation.
- He explained how the automated phone system will work and the charges for its use. The council approved the use of the phone tree for an initial cost of \$16.00.

Both reports were accepted and approved.

**President's Reports:** Jeff thanked everyone who has served on the council in 2022. He asks that anyone who will not be serving in 2023 discuss your position with the new members to insure a smooth transition.

#### Continuing Business:

- He thanked all who assisted with the installation of the security cameras.
- Don Springer has accepted the position to perform church cleaning. His daughter will be assisting him. The council approved the hiring. We all appreciate the many years of dedication Earl and Shelia Hartenstein devoted to provide that service.
- Peg announced that she purchased gift cards for Tristan and Lilian with the funds collected for Christmas gifts for them.

#### New Business:

Cindy Niebur and Sheryl Bald have reviewed old church documents in the downstairs storage room and disposed of those no longer needed.

Several of the old, large, heavy tables were removed from that room and taken to the garage. There will be discussion regarding whether they should be sold or kept.

The pastors were excused prior to discussion of Christmas gifts for church employees.

Jeff led the council in closing with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kral Secretary

## Worship Schedules

Sunday Worship\* 9:00 am  
Bible Class/Sun. School 10:30 am

#### Wednesday Evening Services:

- Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm
- During Lent 6:00 pm
- During Advent 6:00 pm

#### Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday\* 6:00 pm
- Good Friday Service 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday\* 9:00 am

#### Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

#### Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm

*\*Holy Communion*

## The Lord's Servants at Peace

- **Elders—Monday before Council Meeting** 9:30 am  
**Chairman:** Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery,  
Earl Hartenstein
- **Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month** 6:30 pm  
**President:** Bob Hansen, **Vice President:**  
Brock Kliewer, **Secretary:** Susan Kral, **Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur, **Treasurer:** Peggy Callahan
- **Stewardship** As announced  
Dawn Hedberg
- **Evangelism** As announced  
Russell Schulz
- **Education**  
Sara Anderegg
- **Trustees** As announced  
Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan
- **LWML—2nd Monday from March—November** 9:30 am  
**President:** Sara Anderegg
- **Altar Guild** As announced  
Diane Borgmann
- **Bible Studies** As announced  
• *Elected Offices*





# January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. <b>Mites Collection</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Epiphany	<b>7</b> Take down Christmas decorations 9 a.m.
<b>8</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Baptism of Our Lord	<b>9</b> Elders Meeting 9:30 a.m. NO LWML Mtg.	<b>10</b> Council Mtg. 6:30 pm Circuit Pastor's Conference	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> Potluck @ 5:30 pm Voter's Mtg @ 6:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	<b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				



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