

The Crusader

Christ Lutheran Church

315 N Shipley Street

Seaford, DE 19973

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8:30 am Praise Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship



DECEMBER 2022

Pastor's Portion
December 2022

Sin brought darkness into the world; deep, thick, darkness. The Bible tells us that the people who lived in thick darkness were about to see a great Light. Every year we celebrate Jesus Christ the Great Light who came at Christmas. With the darkness came illness, disease and ultimately death. But the Light brought healing, and life eternal. I have and am still experiencing the darkness of cancer. But I and you are promised that Jesus Christ the light has come to dwell with us. There is hope and an Anchor to hold us fast. The Darkness will not overcome the Light. Jesus has defeated it. As we celebrate Christmas this year, Hold on tight to Jesus.

A blessed Christmas to you all,

Pastor Dave and Michelle



Thursday, Dec. 8th @ 5:30pm
Stargate Diner

Please join us for an evening of fellowship and fun.
We ask that each lady bring a \$10-\$15 grab bag gift.
Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex by Dec. 4th.



LWML Mission Highlight

NATIONAL GRANT

Reaching the Homebound with God's Word — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew), \$50,000
Lutheran Ministries Media reaches the homebound and aging with the life-saving message of the Gospel through the weekly broadcast ministry of Worship Anew. With an aging population, the need exists to have accessibility to faithful teaching and understanding of the Bible as taught in our creeds and Lutheran confessions. The broadcast currently reaches areas of New York, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa. Lutheran Ministries Media wants to expand their broadcast area by securing on-the-air broadcast time on a new nationwide station and enhance their online presence. The grant funds will be used to pay the broadcast fees and the internet expansion.

Paid/Partial Mission Grants:

- No grants paid this month

CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT GRANT

Orphan Grain Train, Maryland Branch - \$6,000
Funding will support the cost of shipping of 40' container filled with humanitarian aid, including medical equipment, school supplies, food, clothes, and sewing machines to Mission Gardens of Christ, South Sudan.

Paid/Partial Mission Grants:

- No grants paid this month

November Mite Box Collection: \$592.75

2022 Mites Collected to Date: \$5,854.00



Christ Lutheran LWML Upcoming Events

Dec. 8th – Ladies Christmas Dinner @ Stargate Diner
@ 5:30pm

- \$10-\$15 Grab bag gift
- Signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board

Jan. 21st – Make & Take @ 2pm

- please bring a snack to share
- Signup sheet will be posted in December

Feb. 12th – Souper Bowl Sunday @ 12pm

- please bring a soup or chili to share
- Signup sheet will be posted in January

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Next meeting: Thursday, January 19th @ 7pm



Saturday, Dec. 10th
8:00am
Stargate Diner
23415 Sussex Hwy
Seaford, DE 19973

We hope to see you there!

A Christmas Note from the "Flower Girl"

Christmas Poinsettias are now needed for the church altar! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside Luther Hall. **The poinsettias are \$5.75 each.** You can order red, white or pink. Checks can be made out to "JEFF'S GREENHOUSE." If you order one, you can put your payment in the church office in the mailbox marked, "Flowers." There are envelopes in the mailbox that you can use. Be sure to put your name with your payment. **Payment needs to be done upon signing up.** Final order to Jeff's will be made by **December 18th.** The poinsettias will be placed on the altar for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. When you pick up your poinsettia after the holiday, double check the sign-up sheet to **be sure you pick up your correct color(s).** All poinsettias need to be removed from the church by **Tuesday, December 27th.** Thank you for your orders! The poinsettias add such beauty to our Christmas Altar! Any questions call Melissa Cooper at 302-542-6424.

December 2022



December 4
December 11
December 18
December 25

Carol Harris
Dave & Cathy Asche
Shirley Smith
The Congregation

From the Council President

Greetings in Christ!

I want to remind everyone that our congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4, right after the second service. We hope to see you there if you are able to attend.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your prayers for everyone in need as there continues to be so much pain and suffering in this world. Pastor David & Michelle and Pastor Bill & Val continue to be at the top of the list for me, as I am so very thankful for them. You four have touched our hearts in ways that you may not realize, and the love, respect, and appreciation that we have in our hearts for you is immeasurable.

Confidence In Christ,
Daryl Calhoun



Southern Delaware Chorale
Classic Holiday Favorites
Sunday, December 4th@3 pm
Epworth United Methodist Church
19285 Holland Glade Rd.
Rehoboth Beach
Tickets \$25

See Dennis Stordahl for tickets or go to
southerndelawarechorale.org
We will be doing all familiar Christmas music.

BSSP December News Article

"A Candy Cane at Christmas"



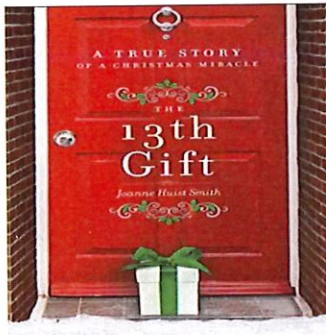
On Saturday, December 3rd, at 11:00 a.m., the BSSP class would like to share with you this year's Christmas program "A Candy Cane at Christmas". Please join us as we tell the story of the candy cane and sing our favorite Christmas songs. This is a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season.

This is the last time that BSSP meets in 2022. We will resume our regular Saturday classes January 7, 2023.

Merry Christmas from the BSSP Staff and Students!



will meet **Monday, Dec. 12th @ 7pm**
in the Conference Room to discuss:



Hope to see you there as we share our thoughts on the monthly book selection and build relationships.

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

December Birthdays

06 Leona Tull
06 Russell Taylor Jr.
07 Drew Pianka
10 Bryan Snyder
16 Joyce Mackler
17 Rick Morris
21 Pat Tiff
26 Richard Idler
30 Xander Young
31 Sue Morris

December Anniversaries

BSSP Christmas Program

Please mark your calendars to attend the BSSP Christmas Program on Saturday, December 3rd, at 11:00 am. Cathy Young is in charge of a reception afterwards and would like some people to donate cookies or brownies for the event. If you would be willing to bake some cookies or brownies, please call her at 302-258-7235.

During the holidays, be a friend like Piglet. Consider joining the adult Bible Study in December, to learn more about Christian Caregiving. If you have any questions, call Kathryn Lamberton at 302-841-9622.

"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either.

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right.



Upcoming Events



Friends Supporting Friends - Mondays at 11 am

December 3rd@11 am—BSSP Christmas Program

December 4th, 18th, 24th & 25th - Holy Communion at all services

December 4th after services—Congregational Meeting

December 7th, 14th, 21st@7 pm—Advent Services

December 8th@5:30 pm—Ladies Christmas Dinner@ Stargate Diner

December 10th@8am—Breakfast Stargate Diner

December 11th—Food Shelf Sunday

December 12th@7 pm Book Club

December 18th—Mite Box Sunday

December 24th@7 pm—Christmas Eve Service w/Communion

December 25th@9 am—Christmas Day Service w/Communion

FOOD SHELF MONTHLY REPORT

7/16/22 thru 10/26/22

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$5923.50
<u>Income</u>	\$1020.00
<u>Disbursements</u>	\$1348.46
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$5595.04

Income Detail

Contribution 9/20	\$320.00
Contribution 1/26	\$710.00

\$1020.00

Disbursement Detail

Assist w/ rent	\$362.80
Assist w/ elect	\$132.00
Assist w/rent	\$150.00
Assist w/hotel	\$75.00
Assist w/gasoline	\$65.66
Assist w/heating fuel	\$150.00
Assist w/heating fuel	\$413.00

<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$1348.46</u>
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HYMN NOTES – SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!

When this hymn was written in 1818 by two church leaders for their own mountain parishioners, they had no way of knowing how popular this hymn would become.

Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in a small town high in the Alps, was moved to write the words for a new Christmas hymn after he learned that their organ was broken. He then took the words he had written to Franz Gruber, the church organist, who wrote a simple tune to fit the words. At the Christmas Eve service that night, they sang their new hymn to the accompaniment of Gruber's guitar.

Soon after Christmas, the repairman who came to fix the organ acquired a copy of the new hymn and helped to spread it throughout the Alpine region. In addition, the four children of a local businessman began singing it at local fairs and festivals in an effort to attract customers to the booth where the family sold their handiwork.

'Silent Night' was published for congregational singing in 1838 as part of a German hymnbook. First used in America by German-speaking congregations, it was soon translated into English and is still sung in almost all Christmas celebrations.

Carol Harris