

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

2 December 2018



Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!
— Luke 19:38

GOOD SHEPHERD




LUTHERAN CHURCH

Address: 700 N Air Depot Blvd, Midwest City, OK, 73110
Phone: (405) 732-2585
Fax: (405) 732-7872
E-mail: secretary@gslok.org
Website: www.gslok.org
Wi-Fi Access: [gslmwc14](#)
Office Hours: 8:00a – 12:00p, Monday – Friday

Pastor: Rev. Ron Simpson
Cell – (405) 230-0835
E-mail – pastor@gslok.org
simpsonrc2@gmail.com

A MOBILE LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY...ISSUES, ETC. is a radio talk show

and podcast produced by **LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO**
 **Issues, Etc.** in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor

Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: 4th Century Pastor Saint Nicholas of Myra, The Movie "Fantastic Beasts 2," 16th Century Ruler Philip of Hesse, The Book of Amos, 8th Century Hymnwriter John of Damascus, The Birth of Jesus Foretold and more. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the **LPR** mobile app.

Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.”

The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord: they are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.



Save the Date! The LWML's Annual Congregational Christmas Celebration

will be Tuesday, December 4th, 2018, at 6:30pm. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating Jesus' birthday with a short program, "The Good Shepherd". There will be food, fun and fellowship. It's a family affair! If child-care is required, please contact Marilyn Alsp, 229-2093, to make arrangements. Hope to see you there!



The Ruth Guild is selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" car magnets as a fundraiser to help raise funds to attend the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama. It is a great way to spread an important message as we enter the Christmas season. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. You can display them on your automobile, in your window, or many other areas. The cost is only \$5 each. Do you have yours already? Great! Glad you are witnessing about our Savior's birth. Now, share that message with others so they too can have a magnet on their car to witness as well. They also make nice Christmas gifts. Check in the Fellowship Hall or outside the Book Nook area to purchase yours. For more information, please contact Marguerite Christman at 737-8289.



P ... P ... P ... Pecan Sales—Yes, they are back. D-e-e-licious pecans for your favorite baking products or just for snacks. The LWML is selling these pecans in an effort to help raise funds to attend the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama. These pecans are supplied by our own Grundmann family of Valley View Farms.



Available in the Fellowship Hall, the school, or just outside the church office. Thanks for your support. Enjoy these fresh, yummy pecans from this year's harvest. Marvelous Pecans for Mobile. Yum, Yum! If you have questions or need info, contact Marguerite Christman at 737-8289.

DECEMBER CALENDARS are available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for those who do not have email and would like a copy, please help yourself!

SUNDAY—BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: A study on the Sunday lessons with Pastor Simpson.

WEEKLY—BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

3rd Tuesday of each month—7:00pm—Grow Up Christian—meets at various member homes (Fritzie Rice)

Thursday—10:30am—ThuMBS (Thursday Morning Bible Study) — Telling the Truth to Troubled People study. (Pastor Simpson).

Friday—6:00am—WEBS (Week-End(ing)-Bible Study) — Authentic Christianity (Pastor Simpson)

Saturday—10:00am—(4th Saturday of the month only)—Neighborhood Women's Bible Study (Helen Kromanaker)

SMALL GROUP—BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The following small groups meet monthly, typically on Saturday afternoons for a couple of hours, either from 4-6pm or 5-7pm. We enjoy fellowship, prayer and study. Join the fellowship!!!

- Don & Debbie Arnhart Small Group Bible Study—meet monthly.
- Vic & Denise Ewing Small Group Bible Study—meet monthly.
- Marguerite Christman Small Group Bible Study—meet monthly.

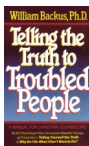
SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRE-SCHOOL & ELEM — (*Music Room*) Sue Ogle & Debbie Hudson
MIDDLE SCHOOL, 6th-8th — (*E side of Fellowship Hall*) Royce Junghanns
HIGH SCHOOL, 9th-12th — (*Youth Room*) John Ashford
COLLEGE & CAREER — (*Church Library*) Jo Chesher

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the 10:30am service, on non-communion Sundays kids Pre-K (3 years) thru 4th Grade will be invited to attend "Children's Church". This will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Songs, a short Bible story, and a craft will be offered. Church will be 20-30 minutes long and kids will return to the Sanctuary for final prayers, the blessing and last hymn.

Join us every Thursday morning for ThuMBS (Thursday Morning Bible Study) beginning at 10:30a. "Telling the Truth to Troubled People" will be the new topic discussed in the weeks ahead on how to overcome troubled people's psychological and emotional problems—Anxiety disorders (when fear moves in), Schizophrenia (departure from reality), Sexual deviation, to name just a few.



Join WEBS (Week-End(ing)-Bible-Study) every Friday morning beginning at 6:00a—Topic: "*Authentic Christianity: How Lutheran Theology Speaks to a Postmodern World.*" Our next study will be on the book of Galatians.

THIS WEEK WITH THE SHEPHERD



| | | |
|-----------|--------|---|
| TODAY | 8:00a | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:15a | SS & Bible study |
| | 10:30a | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:45a | Altar Guild |
| Monday | 10:30a | Executive Meeting |
| | 6:15p | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| | 6:30p | Welcomers |
| Tuesday | 6:00p | Elders |
| | 6:30p | LWML Christmas Party |
| Wednesday | 3:45p | BB Practice |
| | 5:00p | Confirmation |
| | 5:30p | Fellowship Meal |
| | 6:00p | Bible study—Lost Books? - Step In for a Closer Look |
| | 7:00p | Midweek Advent worship |
| Thursday | 9:30a | Preschool Chapel |
| | 10:30a | ThUMBS—Telling the Truth to Troubled People |
| | 6:00p | Choir Practice |
| | 7:00p | Evangelism |
| Friday | 6:00a | WEBS Week-End(ing)-Bible-Study |
| Saturday | 11:00a | Christmas Caroling! |
| Sunday | 8:00a | Worship |
| | 9:15a | SS & Bible study |
| | 10:30a | Worship |
| | 11:30a | Ministry of Christian Education & Youth |

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16 Council

Ever wondered if some texts were intentionally excluded from the Bible and why? In **Lost Books?** we will look at why some ancient writings failed to make the cut for inclusion in the canon, why other texts most definitely met the standard, and why others, including those "gospels" found in the last century, came up short. Join us Wednesday evening as we make the journey!



| MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---|
| DATE | MEAL (5:30pm) | TOPIC (6pm) |
| December 5 | Gene Johnson, Elder | Lost Books? Step In for a Closer Look |
| 12 | Tom Moran, Elder | Peace in His Time |
| 19 | Kip Place, Elder | Christmas Story |
| 26 | NO Midweek | |

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about this schedule, or need some help with a menu and setup, please contact Marguerite Christman.

Speakers' Committee – Marguerite Christman (mchrist721@aol.com, 405-737-8289)
Brenda Williamson (johnsonbr55@gmail.com, 405-771-3546)



PRAYER REQUESTS (non-members in italic)

HEALTH—Steve Martin (waiting on cancer surgery); *Lisa Lemmon* (heart, Marilyn Alsip’s daughter); *Charlene Smith* (massive stroke, Gene Johnson’s co-worker’s wife); Enna Vaughan-Carter (continued health problems); *Mike Dusavitch* (health problems, brother-in-law of Connie Grant); *Daryl (Brandi) Covey* (hospice); *Mark Reyes* (pneumonia, brother of Grace Reyes); *Jerry Kilmer* (advanced Follicular Lymphoma, uncle to Sheila Striegel); *Mark Horad* (cancer returned, friend of Manny Vasquez); *Mildred Hamlin* (cancer, family of Steve Hamlin); *Maryann Basham* (fighting cancer, friend of Sandi Snelling); *David Stromski* (heart, friend of John Daly); *Chris Brown* (health issues, son of Ed and Gayle Brown); Kenny Stanfill (cancer, husband of Marian Stanfill); *Elizabeth Propst* (stage 4 cancer, cousin of Enna Vaughan-Carter); *Michelle Lynch* (liver cancer, sister of Jim Marlatt); Beverly Hughes (heart); *Aleanor Taylor* (cancer, sister-in-law of Ruth Taylor); *Edwina Smith* (cancer, cousin of Enna Vaughan-Carter); *John Arnhart* (colon surgery, son of Don & Debbie Arnhart); *Charles Edinburgh* (extended recovery, Debbie Arnhart’s brother); *James Bacon* (pancreatic cancer, son of Jerry Bacon)

HOME-BOUND — Lucile Arstingstall; Verna Bach; Dale Burand; Dean Cash; Phillip Curtis; Laurine Goode-Schulz; Reba Hairrell; Lorine Moore; Ana Rahn; Bill (Letha) Schulz; Jean Stelling; Jim & Norma Tanner; Leslie Tucker; and Mary Zeckser.

Service Members— **Air Force:** Zachary Arambula (grandson of Janet Quiram), Aaron Manuel; **Army:** Bill Gaythwaite (Australia); **Navy:** Cameron Anderson (Richard & Kathleen Anderson’s grandson), Jeff Vasseur; Jacob McMullen; Brody Vinson (Laura Crain’s great grandson); Dale Vinson (Laura Crain’s grandson)

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES—(12/2) Larry Hart, Jazmine Striegel; (12/5) Hazel Barghols, Marilyn Carroll; (12/8) Kimberly Heaton

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES — (12/6) Kevin Rippetoe; (12/8) Taneya Dossey, Shondreya Toomey

Attention to Congregation: Because of the new position of Campus Administrator, the Bylaws and the Appendix “A” are out of date. A committee was formed by direction of the Church Council, the following changes are suggested and approved by the Council, (see bulletin board). Please review, this will be on the agenda at the next Voters’ Assembly Meeting, 27th of January 2019.

| MONTHLY GENERAL OFFERING | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 10/28 | 11/04 | 11/11 | 11/18 | 11/25 |
| Budget | 6,386.15 | 6,386.15 | 6,386.15 | 6,386.15 | 6,386.15 |
| Actual | 5,623.00 | 9,892.00 | 3,538.88 | 3,638.00 | 3,413.00 |
| Attendance | 40/54 | 47/48 | 44/55 | 55/41 | 53/47 |