

# News of Peace



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## Christian Symbols



### Evergreen Tree

These trees, which keep their green leaves year-round, are symbolic of Christmas, eternal life and God's everlasting love. In the Bible, evergreen trees are called the "cedars of Lebanon," suggesting growth (Psalm 92:12), height (Amos 2:9), fragrance (Hosea 14:6) and steadfast faith.



### Poinsettias

This shrub, native to Mexico, is at the heart of legend about a poor girl who wanted to bring Baby Jesus a gift one Christmas Eve. As she walked to church, she gathered a bouquet of weeds — which Jesus miraculously transformed into lovely red flowers. Thus the poinsettia (named for Joel Poinsett, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico who first brought the plant to America) is known in Mexico as la flor de la Nochebuena (flower of the Holy Night). The poinsettia is also an ideal Christmas symbol because its leaves turn red when deprived of sunlight and its flowers (the red inner buds) bloom in December.

## Where Did Christmas Come From?

**Encore Post:** People are planning parties, shopping for gifts, decking their homes in greenery, cooking for feasts. Soon they will make merry, drink plenty of wine, stuff themselves, play silly — and suggestive games. Rich and poor, everyone will go to orgies — and may even disappear with someone of the opposite sex. Everywhere revelers shout *Io, Saturnalia!* (Yo! Saturnalia!) No, it is not 21st Century America, it's ancient Rome!

Beginning with December 17 and eventually lasting seven days, Ancient Rome would celebrate the harvest and the planting of the winter crops. The patron god of the celebration was Saturn, said to have been the pre-Roman Italian king who invented agriculture. The celebration had the same feel and atmosphere as does *Mardi Gras* in New Orleans and Carnival in Buenos Aires. It got so wild that even Roman Emperors — not exactly prudes — tried to reign it all in — unsuccessfully.

There has been a myth going around that the Emperor Constantine or the Bishops invented Christmas and placed it on December 25 to rescue Christians from the party. These days it is mostly pagans, atheists, secular liberals — and interestingly enough — very conservative Christians who promote the theory. The problem is that no Christian writing from ancient times make that argument. So, how did the rumor get started?

To begin with, there is no mention of formal celebration of Christmas before 340 AD. The main focus of the early church was the celebration of Easter, which got quite a bit of discussion from the very start. Then again, there is no detailed description of Saturnalia before



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## December

- 11 Blake Johnston
- 12 Bob and Candy Tostenrud
- 17 Robert & Penny Hansen
- 19 Judy Janssen
- 25 Tom Greenwald



### Look at a candy cane

what do you see? **Stripes** that are red like the blood shed for me! **White** for my Savior, who's sinless and pure! **"J"** is for Jesus, my Lord that's for sure! Turn it around and a staff you will see Jesus, my shepherd, is coming for me!

## Church Office Schedule

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. Phone number is 573-836-8141. Pudge McCloud, Secretary

400 AD, so it is hard to tell which came first. If we give ancient Christian and pagan sources the benefit of a doubt, both celebrations are very old. The date of Christmas has some variety to it until late in the 300s. Many Christians observed January 6 as the day to thank God for the many ways that the Son of God revealed himself — focusing on the incarnation and the baptism of Jesus.

Yet traditions die hard. The church never successfully brought an end to December parties, gift-giving and other customs. Rarely did it really try all that hard — beyond preaching against immorality and complaining that people do not focus on God's gift of his Son. Instead, Christians baptized many of these customs, infusing them with Christian meaning. It is how we have a different reason for the season.

*"God rest ye merry, Gentlemen, let nothing you dismay. Remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we had gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy! O tidings of comfort and joy!"*

Rev. Robert E. Smith  
Concordia Theological Seminary  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

## Answering Objections to the Faith The Basics of Christian Apologetics



Consider the Jewish leaders who tried to find an explanation for Jesus' healing of the man born blind in John 9. How does that view compare with the view of today's sceptics who deny the resurrection of Christ?

**Suggested Answer:** We can't generalize, of course, but at the same time, those living now who deny the resurrection do so for the same reason that Jesus' enemies wouldn't accept Him as the Messiah. They simply refuse to believe. It's not a matter of some being worse sinners than others, or being more closed-minded than others, and the like. Jesus clarified the matter in His parable of the wedding feast.

(Matthew 22:1-14)

This parable explained that everyone is invited to the banquet. Some people accept and others do not. Why do some accept to be a part of God's kingdom and others refuse? Scripture does not answer this question. We simply do not know. (Freedom, even limited freedom, by its very nature cannot be explained.)

from The Reason I Believe by Allen Quist



# Harvest Table



Thank you to the many members of Peace who donated items to our harvest table. The items were donated to Community for Christ. Thank you Cindy for setting up the table.



The ninth annual King's Academy Cookie Walk/Sale at Christ the King will be held on Friday, December 13 from 10 to 4 p.m. For questions, contact Karen Blickenstaff at 636-346-2128.

## 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 contact Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Pastor Brandt is available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having.

**Our Elders:** Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Jeff Emery (816-745-0229) and Larry Trick (573-286-4423) will assist the pastor to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family.

## Support Schedules

	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>December</b>	Larry Trick	Diane Borgmann first two Sundays Dawn Hedberg last two Sundays
<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Gary Brandt	
<b>Organists</b>	Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab	
	<b>Ushers</b>	
1st Sunday	Robert & Penny Hansen, Paul Bartels	
2nd Sunday	Earl Hartenstein, Jeff & Paula Emery	
3rd Sunday	Diane Borgmann, Rodney Schulz	
4th Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg, Russell Schulz	
5th Sunday	Robert Hansen, Earl Hartenstein, Jeff Hedberg	
	<b>Counters</b>	
1st Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg	
2nd Sunday	Jeff & Paula Emery	
3rd Sunday	Brett & Cindy Niebur	
4th Sunday	Brett & Cindy Niebur	
5th Sunday	Brett & Cindy Niebur	



**Bryar Ann Methvin** became a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 4. She is the daughter of Hannah Carlson and Ghunnar Methvin and the great-granddaughter of former member Mic Carlson.



**Join us**  
**December 24**  
**6 p.m. for our**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Service** as we  
 celebrate the  
 birth of  
 Jesus!



## 2025 Calendars Now Available

The 2025 calendars are now available. Please pick a calendar up as you leave the sanctuary. Thanks to Pastor Brandt for providing them again this year.



## Ask Exploratory Questions

(Questions that target worldviews and beliefs)

**Exploratory questions** pick up where basic questions lead by examining the person's reason for saying what they have said.

Basic questions seek to find out what a person thinks, understands, and believes while exploratory questions seek to understand why he does so. While it can be challenging to phrase basic questions as open-ended questions, exploratory questions tend to be open-ended by nature.

The challenge is to not come across as condescending. They should be context driven based on the content of the conversation. For example: asking "Why do you think Darwinism is true?" is good for someone who believes in evolution, but not for someone who doesn't believe in life after death.

The purpose of exploratory questions is to understand a person's worldview and how deeply they believe in it. Sometimes they really may know much about that worldview if they just pick up and repeat what is a popular idea.

Questions like, "What led you to believe there is no life after death?" or "What evidence do you have that there is no Creator?" encourages people to think about how much of a particular worldview they really know and understand.

Remember, asking questions is not a way for us to set a trap to make one feel as though you're trying to paint them into a corner. Being sincere in the questions you ask will help keep the conversation going.

**Next month:** "challenging questions".

LASSIE Approach To Witnessing (Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage) by Mark Wood  
 director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry

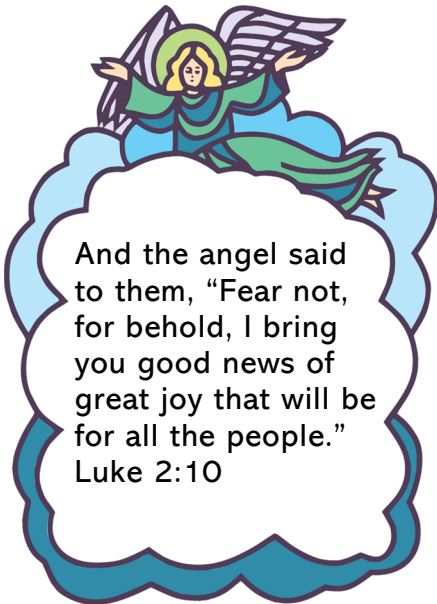




# Devotion for December



## Old News



And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

**N**ewsweek will no longer be going to the printer. Even though I didn't have a subscription to the magazine, I still am somewhat saddened by the announcement. I guess I thought the weekly periodical would always be there.

I was wrong. *Newsweek* was done in by old news. Let me explain.

Most of us like our news to be, well, we like it to be ... *new*. We want our information to be both recent and reliable. To make that happen, networks put cameras and reporters into the field. They use computers,

satellite links, and the Internet to make sure you know what is happening, even as it is happening. Sometimes, as in the case of national elections, news reporting goes one step further, as it announces victors before the ballots are counted and sometimes before the voting booths are closed.

Sadly, a magazine which must be printed and then distributed by the Post Office is condemned to sharing events that are days old, and news which is days old is no longer news, it is ancient history. That explains why, to get back into the "news game," beginning next year, *Newsweek* is going digital.

Old news. Some 2,000 years ago some angels appeared to some shepherds and gave them God's "good news of great joy." Since that message was delivered a long time ago, a person might easily think that what the angels said is old news and of little value.

If a person thought such a thing, he would be wrong.

The coming of the promised Messiah, His perfect life, His

innocent death, His glorious resurrection is news that every person, in every nation, in every century needs to hear. Every sinner who is condemned to hell -- which means every human being -- needs to know the Lord has provided a way for them to be forgiven, redeemed and saved. Every baby born needs to be told God's Good News: Jesus Christ is not just *a* Savior or *the* Savior ... He is *their* Savior.

Good news of great joy ... Good news that is always *new*. That is what we have in Jesus. That is the good news the Lord has asked us to share.

**THE PRAYER:** Dear Lord, we live in an age when the story of the Savior is being treated as if it is unimportant news of little consequence. Let us be of help in opening doubting hearts to a realization that the Redeemer's work is the most important news they will ever hear. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours, Pastor Ken Klaus Speaker emeritus of The Lutheran Hour®



## LWML MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2024

2024 Officers: Co-Presidents Cindy Niebur and Dawn Hedberg  
Treasurer Susan Kral, Secretary Jayne Marie Trick

**T**he meeting was called to order on November 11 and opened with a prayer by Co-President Dawn Hedberg. Eight members and one regular guest attendee answered the roll call with their favorite “joy-filled” versus from the Bible!

The Bible study was presented by Deb Mayes on Mary the mother of Jesus. Members recited the LWML Pledge.

**Minutes:** Copies of the October minutes, and treasurer’s reports were provided to members. Susan reported that membership dues for 2025 are due by November 30. We discussed adding a Memorial Fund to the account summary.

### Presidents Reports:

Dawn reported on the outstanding offering and ingathering support for Heit’s Point from the Fall Rally.

A list was made of which members would prefer to receive our by-laws electronically.

Dawn reminded us of the Sedalia Zone positions that are open, and we were asked to prayerfully think about volunteering. She also handed out a sheet of “Dates to Remember” from the Sedalia Zone Board.

### Correspondence:

1. We received a thank you from Joe Hanebrink for our contribution to Christ the King’s Christmas Box program.

2. We received a request to donate to the Smile Train.
3. We received a lovely thank you card and donation from Earl Hartenstein.

**Mites Reading:** Read by Dawn, titled “Prayer of the Congregation”. We had a short discussion on members of our congregation who need our prayers.

**Collections:** A collection was made for Mites, the General Fund, and the Rally.

### Committees:

- “Pop Tab” Committee, Susan Kral - Susan donated the pop tabs to McDonalds in Camdenton to add to their pop tab collection.
- “Best Choice Labels”, Paula Emery - Paula suggested we donate our Best Choice labels to Kat & K9 Animal Shelter to add to their program because it takes us about two years to gather 1,000 labels needed to receive \$30. Labels can still be placed in the designated box in the Narthex. The labels must be Best Choice brand and not Campbell’s Soup brands.
- “Kitchen Committee”, Diane Borgmann - Deb Mayes purchased the needed kitchen supplies so that we are all stocked up for future events.
- “Human Care”, Cathie Mueller - Cathie requested that we get together on Friday

November 15 to finish the lap robe project for Windsor Estates.

- “Stamps”, Dawn Hedberg - No report
- “Photography”, Jan Loman - No report
- “Nominating Committee”, Diane Borgman - Diane reported that nominations are as they stand.

### Old Business:

- The Harvest Table and donation tub was set up in the Narthex by Cindy Niebur. The donations will be dropped off at Community for Christ in Sunrise Beach before November 24.

### Pocket Change for Mites

On November 3, we gathered \$6.50 for Mites. Thank you for your continued support.





- Details were finalized on our three Advent Soup Suppers, silent auction items, the cookie box sales and the Holiday Gift Shop! Our goal for this project is to get more people to attend Advent services and raise money for missions. Cindy will create an insert for the Sunday bulletin to remind people of our events for Advent!
- Dawn mentioned the 2025 National LWML Convention will be held next year in Omaha, Nebraska.
- Our local mission project of hats, mittens and scarves was donated to Hurricane Deck School. Deb Mayes reported on the ways the items will be utilized by the school, and their sincere thanks for the donations.

#### New Business

- We discussed a possible need in the church building for an automated external defibrillator (AED). There were many good comments as to why we should consider investing in one of these life-saving devices.
- A short discussion was made about our Christmas Party on December the 14. Paula Emery suggested we bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for a gift exchange. A reminder was made to bring the LWML Christmas Stocking donations to the party, and they will be collected at that time. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex for those who wish to attend the Christmas party!
- The group considered new mission projects for the coming year, including a bar-beque during one of the summer months, and helping Deb

Mayes feed military chaplains a breakfast and box lunch for the upcoming Centurion Project in March. Members were asked to come up with new ideas for mission projects.

We ended our LWML meeting with a prayer read by Dawn, with the theme of thanking our Heavenly Father!

**After the Business Meeting:** A small group held hands and prayed for LC Stalcup.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jayne Marie Trick, Secretary



**All ladies of Peace** are invited to attend the annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 14 in the dining hall. We suggest those ladies who plan to attend please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament (\$5 to \$10 range) and your favorite salad for the luncheon. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. Thank you Paula for organizing this event each year.

## Mission Project Complete

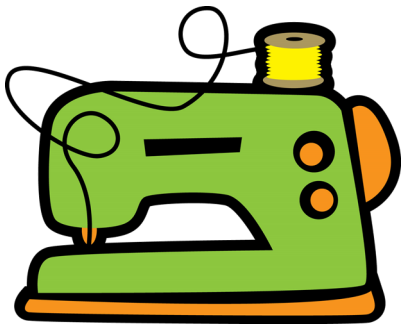
A beautiful array of lap quilts were completed by the LWML on Friday, November 15. The quilts were delivered the same day to Windsor Estates in Camdenton. Thank you to all of the ladies that came on Friday to complete this project. Photo submitted by Cindy Niebur





# Lap Quilts and Walker Bags for Windsor Estates

The ladies were busy after the last meeting working on the lap quilts for Windsor Estates in Camdenton. Thank you to all of the ladies who are serving the Lord with their talents. A total of eight quilts and seven walker bags were made. Photos submitted by Diane Borgmann.







## Soup Suppers

Each week the LWML will host a soup supper before our Advent services. Here are the activities for each week.

- **December 4:** Holiday Gift Shoppe
- **December 11:** homemade cookie sale
- **December 18:** a silent auction of a quilt made by Deb Mayes and a painting by Jayne Marie Trick. Opportunities to bid on the quilt and painting is taking place in the dining hall.

A huge thank you to Deb and Jayne Marie for providing these silent auction items.

The suppers will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the Advent Services to follow at 6 p.m. Mark your calendar!!!



## Reminder

The LWML will not conduct business meetings in the months of January and February.

We will meet again on March 10 at 9 a.m. The roll call word will be **beauty**.

The calendar booklets will be available soon to anyone that would like one.



## Fall Rally Held at Faith, Warsaw

Seven ladies from Peace and two guests attended the fall rally at Faith in Warsaw. A total of 55 ladies, three individuals, four pastors, four guests and four men for a total of 70 in attendance. The theme was “Fruit of the Spirit.” The host churches go through a lot of preparation to make the rally a success.



Zone President Roberta Schnackenberg



A wonderful group of ladies attended the rally from the various churches in the Sedalia Zone.



Carolyn Borman and Rozella Holmes welcomed the ladies to the rally.



Pastor Stephen Rutherford gave the morning devotion.





**Above:** Martha Kleindienst gave the greeting from the Missouri District.

**Middle:** Jayne Marie Trick provided the introduction for Pastor Morris. Unfortunately he was not able to be present.

**Far right and below:** Janine Mallardi gave a presentation about Heit's Point. The ingathering collected 506 items for Heit's Point.







Leadership Development skit was provided by Doris Viets and Karen Oelrichs.



This beautiful banner represented our theme for the day.



Pam Carleton (Bee) and Dawn Hedberg (Crab) presented the theme skit. It was beeeautiful!!



Pastor Tessone provided the luncheon prayer, closing devotion and closing prayer.





# Stewardship

## Repenting of “Yours” and “Mine”



**R**etailers have had their Christmas displays up since before Reformation Sunday. The kids have made their list and checked it twice, or three times or more. It won't be long before the tree will start shedding its needles, the stockings emptied, the gifts unwrapped, toys broken, and the too small or out of style clothes returned. Before we know it, the annual celebration of Christmas will be over.

But for the children of God, we know that the gift of Christmas doesn't ever end. Week in and week out, the Lord continues to shower His gifts on us. Every time the Lord gathers us to His house, and we are led to kneel at His table, the gift of forgiveness is repeatedly granted to us. It is nothing we deserve. It comes to us freely!

The fourth stanza of the stewardship hymn, “Forgive Us Lord

788) highlights both this gift and our response.

*Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine, that gives as Christ gave, never counting cost*

To learn thankfulness is necessary. The parents of young children are well-versed in the fact that they must teach their chil-

dren thankfulness. It does not come naturally. The spiritual genetics inherited from our parents allow us to think that the world revolves around us. When we receive something, there is an inward desire to think that we in some way deserve it.

But there is no way that we deserve anything we get from our Lord. We need that ongoing lesson from God Himself. Thankfulness toward God is worked in us by the Holy Spirit. God's Word works this thanksgiving in us. We need this weekly reminder that Jesus didn't consider “equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself” for us, to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:6). He didn't bat an eye. He paid the price! Our life of stewardship is one of daily and weekly thanksgiving inspired by the Lord Himself.

*That knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,”*

*assured that only what's with held is lost.*

Because Jesus gave us everything and more, there can be no ownership. The child at Christmas is quick to claim that the newly gifted toy is “mine!” But as Psalm 24:1 asserts, “The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” There isn't anything in creation that is ours. When we cling to and claim ownership of anything in creation, we are losing out on the continual gifts with which the Lord desires to shower upon us. Closed hands cannot receive anything new. We cling to the old and dead and miss the new thing that the Lord desires to do in and for us.

We are led to repent of the “yours” and “mine” and remove the lie that we have any ownership. In this we have the promise that God will continue to give to us. Not just at Christmas, but every Sunday at the altar in the Lord's house.



Week in and week out, the Lord continues to shower His gifts on us.

# 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, Larry Trick

- **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:** Dawn Hedberg
- **Evangelism:** Russell Schulz
- **Education:** Open
- **Organists:** Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab
- **Trustees:** Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan

- **LWML—2nd Monday from March—Nov. 9:30 am**  
Co-President: Dawn Hedberg and Cindy Niebur

Altar Guild: Dawn Hedberg

Bible Studies As announced

- *Elected Offices*

## Nov. 12 Council Minutes

Vice President Brock Kliewer called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer.

The following board members were present:

**Pastor** Gary Brandt, **President** Bob Hansen, **Vice President** Brock Kliewer, **Financial Sec.** Brett Niebur, **Elder** Jeff Hedberg, **Secretary** Susan Kral, **Stewardship** Dawn Hedberg, **Trustee** Chuck Kral, **Evangelism** Russell Schulz, **Cemetery** Diane Borgmann, and **Church Members** Cindy Kaminski and Rodney Schulz

**Absent:** Treasurer Peg Callahan

The minutes from the October 8, 2024 meeting were approved as printed.

**Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur submitted his report. He stated that giving is ahead of this time last year. His report was accepted and approved.

**Treasurer:** Peg's report included the following:

- All bills are paid and paperwork is current.
- She submitted financial statements.

The report was accepted and approved.

**Elders:** Jeff reported the following:

- The elders met on November 3, 2024. The following church members attended: Pastor Brandt, Jeff Emery, Bob Hansen, Larry Trick, Jeff Hedberg, and Brock Kliewer.
- Larry stated that Bob and Carol Tostenrud are willing to arrange for the service dog Boaz to visit Peace for a presentation.
- Jeff Emery installed a security bar and an extra lock pin on the sanctuary door. Emergency evacuation maps have been placed in the narthex and the downstairs meeting room.
- The LWML was given approval to present items for auction. The bidding sheets will be downstairs.
- Jeff Hedberg was present for the national and state election held at Peace on November 5, 2024.
- Eagle Security has Peace Lutheran on their list to replace the smoke alarm in the sanctuary.

The report was accepted and approved.

**Trustees:** Chuck reported the following:

- Pat Callahan and Jeff Emery have completed mowing.
- Chuck added salt to the water softener.

- Tom Greenwald and Kyle Wright have offered to assist with weed eating.
- Chuck will meet with Tom's Heating and Air Conditioning on December 10 to install a new compressor on a downstairs furnace. Chuck will make certain the recycled freon runs through a filter.

Chuck's report was accepted and approved.

**Education:** Vacant

**Evangelism:** Russell reported the following:

- The cost of sending 133 outreach cards in October was \$131.67.
- He submitted evangelism articles for our newsletter.
- The newspaper ad for our Thanksgiving service cost \$32.00
- He has posted articles on Facebook and placed an ad in the "Lake Sun." He will place ads for Advent and Christmas services.
- He sent payment to the Laurie Park for our annual Christmas light display.
- Russell is stepping down from his position at the end of this year. However, he will continue to be responsible for our Facebook page and newsletter articles.

Russell's report was accepted and approved.

**Stewardship:** Dawn had no report.

**Member at Large:** Vacant

**Cemetery:** Diane reported the following:

- Rodney Schulz found a hole in the watering system at the cemetery. He installed a new pipe.
- Rodney sprayed the cemetery grounds with Roundup.

Diane's report was accepted and approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- He attended the Missouri District Pastors' Conference from October 20-22. It was held at Margaritaville. He thoroughly enjoyed the two main speakers.
- On Sunday November 3, the Carlson and Methvin families joined us for the baptism of Hannah's and Ghunnar's baby girl Bryar Anne.
- He attended the monthly Circuit Pastors' Conference at Trinity in Cole Camp on November 12.
- He performed a funeral service for George DeGeal, the father-in-law of Rhonda DeGeal on

November 14. It was held at the Hedges-Scott-Millard Funeral Home in Camdenton.

- He and Linda headed to Ada, Oklahoma on November 15. He preached the sermon for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary for First Lutheran Church. Pastor Kris Morris covered for him on Sunday November 17.
- Our Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- December 1 is the first Sunday in Advent. Wednesday, December 4 the first of our three midweek services will be held. He hopes that members will be able to attend those special services.
- He thanks the congregation for recognizing him for Pastors' Appreciation Month. He appreciates all that members do at Peace.

His report was accepted and approved.

**President's Report**

**Old Business:** The church carpets, pew pads, and kneelers were cleaned by Ashley Carpet Cleaning on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

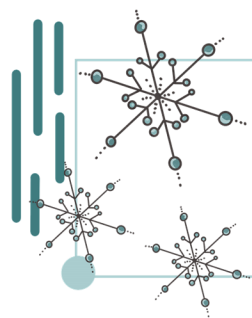
**New Business:**

- The council agreed to purchase a 1/8-page ad in the "Lake Media Tabloid Annual Report."
- The LWML group will prepare soup suppers for the three midweek Advent Services. The meals will be served from 4:30-5:45. On December 4<sup>th</sup> a gift table will be available for the purchase of Christmas gifts. On December 11 attendees will have the opportunity to purchase Christmas cookies. The winners of the quilt and painting will be announced on December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- A form for the church non-profit status was renewed.
- New officers will be installed on the second Sunday of January.
- There was discussion regarding the need for a No Trespassing sign near the cemetery entrance. Jeff Hedberg offered to install a sign.
- Bob stated that a thermostat key is available if more heat is needed in the sanctuary.

Both business reports were accepted and approved. Brock adjourned the meeting at 7:20. Pastor Brandt led the closing with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kral Secretary





# HELLO december



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. <b>Mites Collection</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Soup Supper w/ Holiday Gift Shope 4:30 p.m. Advent Service 6 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	<b>9</b> Elders Mtg 9:30 a.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Soup Supper w/ Cookie Sale 4:30 pm Advent Service 6 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> LWML Christmas Party for all ladies of Peace 11:30 a.m.
<b>15</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	<b>18</b> Soup Supper w/ Quilt & Painting Silent Auction 4:30 p.m. Advent Service 6 p.m.	<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>Christmas Eve  Service 6 p.m.</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas  Day  Happy Birthday  Jesus!</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> <b>New Year's Eve</b>				



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