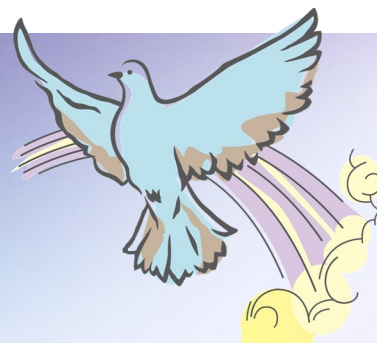


# News of Peace



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## Christian Symbols



### Cross Crosslet

This cross is formed of four smaller Latin crosses joined at their overlapping bases. The cross as a whole represents the spreading of the gospel to the four corners of the earth. This cross is often used in connection with missions.



### Olive Branch

The Olive Branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The Olive Branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).

## The Wisemen, the Star and the Gifts

**Encore Post:** At Christmas time, we see them everywhere. The crèches—Nativity scenes—appear on lawns, in malls, under Christmas trees and especially in our churches. They are not only great decorations, but they are ways to tell the Christmas story to those who cannot read. In virtually all of them are three figures bearing gifts. They stand next to camels. Often they look like kings from the Middle Ages of Europe.

Yet these figures were not yet there on the night Jesus was born. Nor were they kings. They were scholars from Persia or Babylon, skilled in the study of the stars. No wonder the star got their attention. No one knows what the star was, but it appeared two years before they got to Bethlehem. They are in the stable because the Christian Church in the West celebrates their arrival on the 12th night after Christmas. It makes it easier to explain what is happening on both holidays. You can read their story in Matthew 2.

The day that follows is called Epiphany — appearance. It is the first day of the season of Epiphany, when the Church celebrates the ways Jesus revealed himself through his ministry in ancient Galilee and Judea. The church cherishes the Wisemen because they were the first Gentiles to worship Jesus.

The child Jesus did not remain small, however. Like every one of us he grew up, learned his lessons, worked with his father and brothers as a craftsman. Both God and his community were very pleased. Yet this is



# EPIPHANY

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# JANUARY



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4	Penny Hansen
13	Dale & Gayle Montague
16	Ron Meyer
17	Brett & Cindy Niebur
24	Rory Rathje
26	Earl Hartenstein
30	Jeff Emery



**“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.”**

**—C.S. Lewis**

## 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

but the first way that Jesus earned our salvation. This season, watch for the other ways Jesus and his Heavenly Father reveal the rest of the story.

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



## Church Etiquette

- **Come. Never miss church** unless it is absolutely necessary. George Washington’s pastor said of him, “No company ever kept him from church.”
- **Come early.** Rushing into church the last minute is not conducive to true worship.
- **Come with your whole family.** “The church service is not a convention that a family should merely send a delegate.”
- **Take a place toward the front of church.** Leave the rear seats for those who may come late, and for backsliders, and mothers with children.
- **Be Devout.** The church is not a theater or place of amusement. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge or sleep. God’s house deserves our very utmost reverence.
- **Help strangers to find and follow the service.** If they have no book, share yours with them. Sing! Join in the worship! Don’t just sit!
- **Always – remember that strangers are the guests** of the church members. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit in your home.
- **Give a good offering to God.** God loveth a cheerful giver. Freely ye have received.
- **Never rush for the door** after benediction as though the church was on fire. Speak and be spoken to. Be congenial.
- **Never stay away from church because the church is not perfect.** How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.

Author Unknown





## Support Schedules 2025

**Elder**

**Altar Guild**

**Information was not available at the time of printing.**

**Minister** Rev. Gary Brandt

**Organists** Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab

### Ushers

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

### Counters

1st Sunday Jeff & Dawn Hedberg  
2nd Sunday Jeff & Paula Emery  
3rd Sunday Brett & Cindy Niebur/Pudge McCloud



## Thank You!

We thank Pudge, Don, Pastor Brandt and Diane (not pictured) for all they do for Peace throughout the year. Photos submitted by Peg Callahan



## Reminder

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

If you don't have a calendar schedule booklet for 2025, and would like one, please contact an LWML member.



## 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.





## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### January

The 2024 officers were installed. The library window was replaced by Andersen Windows for \$5,000. Larry Trick replaced Earl Hartenstein as elder. We thank Earl for his many years of faithful service. The January council meeting was cancelled twice due to the weather. Repairs and updates are needed for the fire and security system. Two trees were cut down for a cost of \$400.

### February

Due to the rising cost of trash removal it was suggested to cancel GFL. Tom's Heating and Cooling made a holder for the furnace filter to prevent the filter being sucked into the blower motor. Ash Wednesday Service and Lenten Services were held. Pastor Lehenbauer conducted services on Feb. 4 while Pastor Brandt was on vacation. Pat Callahan cleaned up the brush that was left by the bushes when they were taken out in front of the church.

### March

Lenten Services, Holy Week and Easter services were held. Gravel was purchased to cover the areas where the bushes were removed along the front of the church. A new fee was negotiated with GFL at a cost of \$15.29 instead of \$72.68. Three organizations were selected to receive monetary donations for 2023: Kids Harbor, Medical Missions for Christ, and the Missouri Synod District Office. All Shores Electric repaired our exit and emergency signs. Council approved Eagle Security's bid to update our security and smoke alarm systems. On March 24, new members Rory and Amy Rathje were received by transfer. Christ the King agreed to provide pastoral care when needed. A new microphone cable was purchased.

### April

LWML plans a fundraiser in the fall to help pay for the costs of the drainage system and emergency system. There will be an investigation into providing non-alcoholic wine for communion. Fertilizer was applied to certain areas of the cemetery. Southwest Electric will remove brush and spray on the church property this summer.

### May

Eagle Security updated the smoke detectors. Jeff Emery talked to the council about emergency procedures. A crew will be formed to work on the leak by the basement door. Jayne Marie and Cindy attended the West Chamber meet and greet. Eagle Security updated the smoke detectors. Our current emergency procedures were reviewed. Medical procedures were posted. Emergency evacuation plans will be presented to the congregation. Each member will receive a copy of the Active Shooter Guide.

### June

We obtained free soap and hand sanitizer dispensers. LWML hosted an ice cream social for all members. A funeral service was held for Shelia Hartenstein. The bushes will be removed near the back door of the church. Eagle Security will install new smoke alarms in the sanctuary. Bids will be obtained for cleaning the narthex and sanctuary carpets, pew cushions and kneelers. **Cemetery:** Weed killer was sprayed where needed. Fallen branches and leaves were hauled away.

### July

Life Line screening was held. Most of the bushes have been removed from around the church. We received new members Judith Owens and son Robert Owens. Potluck meals will be held for those months



that have a fifth Sunday. A tree was cut up that fell near the garage. Pat installed new gutter drains near the back door. Larry Trick built a display table for the LWML that was placed in the narthex. Donations to Heit's Point totaled \$200. An emergency operating plan was presented to the voters' at the July 21 voters' meeting. Ethan Hutton was not able to lead the July 7 service due to illness.

## August

An LWML outing to Cole Camp. The 1993 John Deere tractor and attachments were sold. Ashley Carpet Cleaning was awarded the bid for cleaning the carpet, pew cushions and kneelers. Pastor Morris will lead services for September 29, October 6 and November 17. New sprinklers were purchased for the cemetery.

## September

A security bar was installed on the sanctuary door. Pastor Brandt plans to retire in two years. There are candidates for most of the positions for the October election. Our CD was renewed. Best Pest Control applied insect repellent. The oldest furnace was checked by Tom's Heating and Air Service. Diane would like to get bids for an underground watering system in the cemetery. We received new member Candi Tostenrud.

## October

LWML Fall Rally was held at Faith, Warsaw. LWML Italian Dinner fundraiser was held. An air conditioner compressor was ordered for one of the air conditioning units. A timer for the watering system was purchased for the cemetery. Church officers were elected. Thank you, to all the members that held an office throughout the year(s) and those that came forward to hold an office. New officers are

- **President:** Brock Kliewer, two-year term;
- **Vice President:** Noah Estes, fill the vacancy for one year;
- **Secretary:** Susan Kral, two-year term
- **Treasurer:** Peggy Callahan, two-year term
- **Elder:** Jeff Emery was elected to a three-year term;
- **Board of Trustees:** Kyle Wright was elected to a three-year term;
- **Director of Evangelism:** Cindy Kaminski agreed to accept the position of Director of Evangelism finishing Russell's term.

## November

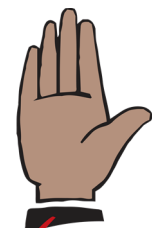
Thanksgiving Eve service was held. The church was decorated for Christmas. The baptism of Bryar Ann Methvin the daughter of Hannah Carlson and Ghunner Methvin was held. A security bar and an extra lock pin was placed on the sanctuary door. Tom's Heating and Air installed a new compressor on one of the downstairs furnaces. A new pipe was installed to replace a leak in the watering system of the cemetery. A No Trespassing sign will be installed at the cemetery. The church carpets, pew pads, and kneelers were cleaned by Ashley Carpet Cleaning.

## December

Advent Services were held. Soup supper, Holiday Gift Shoppe, cookie sale and a silent auction were held before each of the Advent services. Christmas Eve Service was held. LWML Christmas party was held. We thank Russell Schulz for serving six years as evangelism chair. A new compressor was installed on one of the furnaces. The mailbox will be replaced do to leaking rainwater.

## Upcoming Voters Meeting

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Voters Meeting scheduled for January 19. Watch the bulletin for more information.



**VOTERS MEETING**

## Bible Quiz

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)

# January Devotion



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.

**S**o, 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, it is not, the river.

**Let Us Pray:** 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.

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



# Members in Action

Thank you to all the members who came to decorate the inside and outside of the church for the Christmas season on Saturday, December 30. Photos submitted by Pudge McCloud.



A wide variety of food items was collected during the month of November for the harvest table. Thank you to all who donated the food items. All the items were donated to Community for Christ.



## Ask: Challenge Questions

(Ask Questions that Target World Views and Beliefs)

**C**hallenge questions take the conversation deeper by prompting a person to explain his worldview or religious beliefs. Questions of this nature are likely to shut down a person if they are asked too soon in a relationship or conversation and can quickly end it.

Asking in a way that belittles or attacking a point of view can also end the conversation. Still asking such questions in an honest and sincere way can be effective in getting a person to examine and reflect on her beliefs. Such questions are driven by context that may come from the conversation such as world events or something going on in the person's life. They may also come from the person's answers to basic or exploratory questions as discussed in a previous column, or may just come up in the conversation.



When asking challenging questions, make sure to use open-ended questions such as “What if...” “Why do you believe that?” “How would you respond to...” “How would you answer...” and so forth, to encourage the person to go beyond the standard answer.

Keep in mind that these questions are to keep the conversation going so don't be afraid to ask questions to which you do not know the answer. Not knowing the answer may actually help one to listen more effectively. Even so, don't assume you know the answer they're about to give. Listen to their answer.

Sometimes people don't understand the worldviews and religions they adhere to. Whether it lines up with “official teaching” or not will provide important insights.

**Next month** we move on to the third letter of the LASSIE approach to witnessing for Jesus: S (SEEK)

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

## Be of Good Cheer

Near the end of every January, stories circulate about “Blue Monday,” supposedly the year's most depressing day. Factors include broken New Year's resolutions, Christmas debts and cold weather. But this phenomenon actually originated as a PR gimmick. U.K. marketers invented Blue Monday as “the best day to book a summer holiday,” and a psychologist they enlisted to help later admitted the saddest-seeming day became a self-fulfilling prophecy. January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn't have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but Jesus isn't! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God's promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” (KJV)



**A** little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, “Don't pay for me, Daddy, I'm under five.”





## LWML Christmas Party

The LWML hosted their annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 14. A total of 26 ladies and guests (including Pastor) gathered to enjoy a salad luncheon, ornament gift exchange and fellowship. The theme this year was Christmas trees. A huge thank you to Paula Emery for hosting the party each year. The winner of the left right game was Mary Louis. More photos of the Christmas party will be printed in the February issue. Photos submitted by Diane Borgmann.





# December 4 Holiday Gift Shoppe Activity

The ladies of Peace LWML are pleased to announce that \$783 was raised for missions during the Advent season. A special thanks to Jayne Marie Trick and Debbie Mayes for their delicious soups and for organizing the Holiday Shoppe and cookie sale. We also want to thank them for donating their artwork to the silent auction. Thanks also to Penny Jost and Cindy Niebur for making the chili for our final soup supper. Of course we want to express our gratitude to the congregation for the very generous support shown to all of our mission projects. Photos submitted by Diane Borgmann and Cindy Niebur.



Many of the items to bid on at the Holiday Gift Shoppe.



Members enjoyed a great supper and a wonderful time of fellowship.



Cook and dishwasher



Dawn is topping off the tree!



## December 11 Cookie Sale

A total of twelve women donated each one dozen cookies for our cookie sale. There were 29 members attending the supper. Photos submitted by Diane Borgmann.



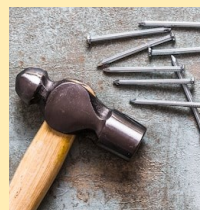
## December 18 Painting and Quilt Drawing

Congratulations to Candi Tostenrud who won the painting and to Cindy Niebur who won the handmade quilt. Thank you to everyone who supported these activities. Photos submitted by Diane Borgmann.





# Stewardship



## Repenting of “Feasts that Know No Fast”

Fresh off the Christmas season and the retail frenzy that accompanies it, January brings a shot of frigid air into the lives of the people we know and love. This is not a meteorological statement either. While it is true that January is one of the colder months for those in North America, the cold front blast that hits us is the full force of credit card spending that fueled the retail frenzy. The bills for the gifts, the parties, the food and the travel have now come due. The credit card makes things convenient, but it also requires more discipline than many can muster. When the bills come in January for December’s celebration, it really puts a damper on things.

Congregations often make the same mistake in stewardship. We often charge forward in doing what

we always do or starting new endeavors without counting the cost. But at the end of the month, or the end of year, when the bill comes due, the red ink on the congregational balance sheet smacks the people in the face like a stiff north wind in January. We hunkered down. We circle the wagons. We start to panic. The work of the Gospel suffers.

The fifth verse of “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) addresses this January situation. The words penned by William Watkins Reid are very needful for us to hear as we start a new year, while dealing with the bills of past efforts and expense.

**“Forgive us, Lord for feast that knows not fast ...”** This hits us hard, doesn’t it? We love when the money is flowing, the parties are going, and things are getting bigger and better. But there is a time in life, and most especially in our spiritual disciplines, that we need to fast. The purpose of a fast is to step back, lay something aside for a time, and replace it with meditation on Scripture and prayer. This is designed to keep us from turning something that may well be good into an idol that separates us from the God who loves us in Christ.

**“For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul ...”** In “The Parable of the Sower,”

we hear Jesus talk about how the worries and cares of life choke out the growth of the seed of the Word that was planted. We know how this happens in our lives. Professional and youth sports do this. Materialism does this. Travel and leisure and do this. There is a list of things that we enjoy that starve the soul.

But it also happens in our congregations. When corporate stewardship is not managed in a responsible way, it can and does destroy individual stewardship. Is it good individual stewardship to support a ministry that doesn’t take its corporate responsibility seriously?

**“For walls and wars that hide your mercies vast and blur our vision of the Kingdom goal.”** This is the ultimate end of the idolatry of failed stewardship. We build walls between believers within the church and hamper those who are outside from coming to the Light of Life that is Jesus. The wars we fight over money and its impact on ministry do the same. It eventually blurs our vision of what we are here to do: share the Good News of Jesus. When the wintry blast of January hits us in this fashion, we are called to repent.

When the Holy Spirit uses the cold front of the call to repentance, we meet the God who forgives and restores. That is what He does for

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# 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

### • Elders—First Sunday of Each Month

**Chairman:** Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Larry Trick

### • Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month 6:30 pm

- ♦ **President:** Brock Kliewer (two yr term)
- ♦ **Vice President:** Noah Estes (fill vacancy for one yr)
- ♦ **Secretary:** Susan Kral (two yr term)
- ♦ **Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur
- ♦ **Treasurer:** Peggy Callahan (two yr term)

### • Stewardship: Dawn Hedberg

### • Evangelism: Cindy Kaminski (finishing term)

### • Education: Open

### • Organists: Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab

### • Trustees: Kyle Wright, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan Chuck Kral

### LWML—2nd Monday from March—Nov. 9:00 am

**Co-Presidents:** Dawn Hedberg and Cindy Niebur

**Altar Guild:** Dawn Hedberg

### Bible Studies

As announced

### • Elected Offices

individual and corporate stewards. When the bills hit, they call us back to Jesus. He is the One who indeed forgives us our shallow thankfulness and leads us into the bounty of His mercy yet again.

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## Council Meeting for December 10, 2024

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, **Treasurer** Peg Callahan, **Financial Sec.** Brett Niebur, **Elder** Larry Trick, **Secretary** Susan Kral, **Stewardship** Dawn Hedberg, **Trustee** Chuck Kral, **Evangelism** Russell Schulz, **Cemetery** Diane Borgmann, and **Church Member** Rodney Schulz **Absent:** None

The minutes from the November 12, 2024 meeting were approved as printed.

**Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur submitted his report. He stated that giving is ahead of this time last year. He presented a budget for 2025. His report was accepted and approved.

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

- All bills are paid, and paperwork is current.
- Money voters agreed to send to various charities will be paid.
- Communion wine and candle oil were purchased.

The report was accepted and approved.

**Elders:** Larry reported the following:

- Eagle Security has Peace Lutheran on their list to replace the smoke alarm in the sanctuary.
- The congregation will be asked to donate to a free will offering to provide Christmas gifts for our staff.
- Pamphlets advertising businesses have been placed on the narthex counters. The elders have decided there will be no business advertising anywhere in our facility.

The report was accepted and approved.



**Trustees:** Chuck reported the following:

- Pat Callahan, Jeff Emery, and Kyle Wright have taken care of leaf removal.
- Chuck met with Tom's Heating and Air on December 10. A new compressor was installed on one of the furnaces.
- Don Springer plans to use a propane fueled floor polisher to clean the downstairs floors. The fire alarms will need to be turned off.
- Two of our security cameras are not working. COMO will be contacted.
- One of the parking lot lights is out. Chuck will call Southwest Electric.

Chuck's report was accepted and approved.

**Education:** Vacant

**Evangelism:** Russell reported the following:

- The cost of sending 136 outreach cards in November was \$134.64.
- He submitted evangelism articles for our newsletter.
- 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. He has worked with Cindy Kaminski to help prepare her to take over the evangelism position.
- Russell thanks everyone for their cooperation and assistance during his terms.

Russell's report was accepted and approved.

**Stewardship:** Dawn had no report.

**Member at Large:** Vacant

**Cemetery:** Diane reported the following:

- Rodney Schulz fertilized and removed leaves from the cemetery.
- A new Thrivent card to purchase fuel for mowers will be ordered in January.

Diane's report was accepted and approved.

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

- He was unable to attend the monthly circuit meeting due to medical appointments.
- He performed the funeral service for George De-Geal, Rhonda's father-in-law.

- He preached for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary service at First Lutheran Church in Ada, OK.
- He has prepared all the midweek Advent sermons and services and the Christmas Eve Service. Pudge has the bulletins typed.
- He will prepare the scripture readings and hymn selections for all of 2025.
- He and Linda attended the LWML Christmas party on Dec. 14. It is always a beautiful event.
- Only twelve people attended the Thanksgiving Eve service.
- The attendance for the first Advent soup supper was pleasing. He is grateful for the 24 attendees at the following Advent service. He hopes the enthusiasm for fellowship and worship continues.
- He wishes everyone a blessed Advent and Christmas.

His report was accepted and approved.

**President's Reports:**

**Old Business:**

- Jeff Hedberg will look for an appropriate "No Trespassing" sign for our cemetery.

**New Business:**

- Church member, Earl Hartenstein, has made a \$1000.00 donation in the memory of his beloved wife Shelia. He has agreed that the money be used to purchase a defibrillator for the church. The congregation will be asked to supplement the donation if necessary.
- Peg Callahan requested that the current mailbox be replaced. It leaks rainwater. Pat Callahan volunteered to install a new one.

Both business reports were accepted and approved. Brock adjourned the meeting at 7:25. Pastor Brandt led the closing with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kral Secretary





# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3	4
5 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Elders Mtg Mites Collection	6  EPIPHANY	7	8	9	10	11 Taking Christmas decorations down 9 a.m.
12 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	13 LWML <b>will not meet this month.</b>	14 Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Voters Mtg.	20 No US Mail today Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	27	28	29	30 	31	



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together as God’s children and rejoice in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, proclaim His word, and reach out with his love to: each other, our community, and the world.”