



December 2021 Newsletter

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Prayer List

Sympathy: Rev. Alvey Yates family; Ken Maxwell family; Jane Schamens family
Family of Joanne Wysocki (age 83 – covid), Betty Holland family

Praises: Adelaide Grace Struckmeyer born Sept. 16th will be Baptized Dec. 24th

Shut-Ins: Fran Jacobs, Shirley Jackson;

Members, Family, and Friends

Military

Eric Tappy – Iraq

Casey Dougherty (MP) Annetta

Matthew Gustafson

Martin Hekking – Air Force
(Kansas) Karen Nobles grandson

Jason Joseph (Iraq) by Phillis Leone

Sam Kleinhauser (sniper) Now Home

Patrick Nobles (Air Force –Alaska)

Matt Young – Air Force Reserve

Josh Wervy USMC (Nobles
grandson)

Pray for our Military: Especially those
deployed in combat zones

Continue prayers for:

Covid victims

Missionaries

Pray for young people in college

Pray for families and victims fleeing
war (Afghanistan) and poverty

Pray for those dealing with disasters:
fire; floods, and hurricanes.

May our Lord comfort them and give
them courage.

Pray for our country- our president
and our elected officials

*May Our Lord continue to watch over and bless
Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, bless Pastor
Jack as we begin the call for a new pastor.*

*Names will be kept on the Prayer list for one month
unless renewed.*

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- Pastor Besalski (pancreatic cancer)
- Elaine Besalski (Parkinson's)
- Michelle Buth (return of ovarian cancer)
- Lynn Cera (Parkinson's home care)
- Judy Dabrey (diabetic retinopathy) by Susie Buth
- Steve Devapradad (hosp. critical) by Sara and Gilbert
- Randy Gill (biopsies show granular sarcoidosis)
- Andy Hamilton (at Windsor)
- Jan Hamilton (heart / biopsy of intestines)
- Katie Heysel (C-Sec. baby Ava) Katie (hysterectomy) by Judy Lerch
- Julia Kohlberg (stage 4 cancer) (Kathy Schmitt's sister-in-law)
- Rachel Krause (hospitalized) Brenda Arden's mom
- Sean Law (severe brain injury) by Mike Brannon
- JoAnn Petersen (vertigo tests 9/26)
- Todd Robel (aggressive prostate cancer age 61/ pain) by Karen Noble
- Ann Robel and 6 wk old Felicity Covid 19 but home - also Eli (6) and Avi (3)
- Gary Roberts (Guillain barre syndrome) by Stacey Hectus
- Echard Schadow (cancer)
- Olivia Seddon (hunger strike –blames dentist for mouth pain) Franziska's daughter
- Herbie Silvius (very ill) by Jimmy Flateau
- Bill Stone (diabetes) heart issues
- Jimbo Walsh (bladder cancer) by Flateaus
- Cricket Winters (age 6) swelling behind eye by Linda Struckmeyer
- Dan Young (diverticulitis)

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Ready or not, here I come!- Pastor Jack

When you played hide and seek, the cry “Ready or not, here I come!” was a warning. It did not come as a surprise. You already knew the countdown had begun, and now the warning came that someone would soon be out there looking for you.

It was the same with the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into the world. People should have been ready, for God had been telling them and preparing them for His coming over a long period of time. The Jewish law was a schoolmaster preparing them for Christ’s coming. God moved the prophet Isaiah to proclaim to the people 700 years before the actual birth of Jesus, “Prepare the way of the Lord.” John the Baptizer was sent into the wilderness to preach repentance so the hearts of the people might be ready for His coming. Peter said to Cornelius about Jesus, “To Him all the prophets bear witness!” If the people were not ready it was not God’s fault.

“When the fullness of time had come,” records Paul. As far as world history was concerned, materially and culturally, the world was ready. God sent His Son “to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Some were not ready. Herod, interested only in himself, was not ready. A ruler like that could never be ready for a heavenly king, one who might threaten his autonomy, deflate his ego, and challenge his methods.

The innkeeper made a lot of preparations, but his were primarily for business, to be ready to handle a large influx of people due to the season. When Mary and Joseph came knocking at his door, he had no room for them.

“He came unto his own, and his own received him not.” Why? For some it was business, for others it was personal greed or lust for power, and for some it was their sense of sin that kept them from welcoming Him.

Many say they want to receive Christ and become a Christian – but not right now. Often it is completely innocent pursuits that keep us from a vital relationship with Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

There will always be people who miss God’s greatest gifts, but there have always been people whose hearts are ready. Mary, Joseph and Elizabeth were ready. The shepherds and wise men were ready. So was an aged Simeon, for whom the one prayer was that he might live to see the Promised One before he died.

How will it be at your house this Christmas season? Will it be a time of bedlam, or will it be a time of joy in observance of the birthday of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Will your heart and home be open to Him in all you do? What about your relationship with Jesus as you prepare for the end of your earthly life and moving to life beyond?

Ready or not, He is coming!

Special Worship Opportunities in December- Pastor Jack

Again and again, long before we're ready for it to arrive, Christmas is here. And then it's over. But Christmas is more than a date on a calendar. It's a person, and He is here – right here with us and among us. It is called incarnation, God with us, in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. What if we open our eyes to see Christmas all around us? What if we look at people, not through them in this season? What if we believe in our hearts that the presence of Christ is all around us, and then live like it? That is grace. That is love. That is Christmas, and it is here.

Join us for our special worship opportunities this season. Our Wednesday Advent services will focus on the songs of the season in Luke – Mary's Magnificat, Zechariah's Benedictus, and Simeon's Nunc Dimittis. Each Sunday and on Christmas Eve we will emphasize Christmas is Here in many dimensions. Christmas is Here...See the Signs!...Hear the Voice...Expect a Savior...Feel the Joy...Hear the Angels...Sense the Wonder... See Jesus!

Congregational Meeting

Join us between services on December 5 for the congregational meeting in the Family Life Center. We will receive an update on the new pastoral call process, confirm new elders, and vote on the 2022 church operating budget.

Financial Report

	November Estimated	Year-to-Date
Offerings	\$ 21,246	\$ 237,521
Preschool Income	\$ 82,662	\$ 836,734
Other Income	\$ 750	\$ 4,378
Total Operating Income	<hr/> \$ 104,658	<hr/> \$ 1,078,633
 Total Operating Expenses	 <hr/> \$ 108,172	 <hr/> \$ 1,008,018
Net Operating Income	\$ - 3,514	\$ 70,615

**Estimates are provided because the newsletter is prepared before the month's end.*

LCEF Announcement- Jack Martin

I will be terminating my role as Advocate for First Lutheran (35 years) and Abiding Savior (4 years) effective the end of this year. As both churches have benefited from LCEF services for much, if not all, of their histories, it is appropriate that we keep the program alive. If you feel so moved, please contact me at “jackevelynmartin@aol.com” so I can share past history and what is involved. That way you may interject new blood on how to sustain and improve the program, both here in Gainesville and at the Florida-Georgia District.

Bible Breakfast

Bible Breakfast is back in full swing, and I know that everyone is enjoying the opportunity for fellowship and good food each Sunday morning. That being said, we are reaching out to everyone to help make the load a little lighter on our Breakfast Ladies by bringing in food items. Won't you please consider bringing your favorite recipe to share with your Abiding Savior friends?

Please call/text Kathy Schmitt (352-672-2163) or Phyllis Leone (352-316-3586) to let them know what you will bring. Also, a monthly rotating schedule is being prepared, look for a sign-up sheet on the kitchen hall bulletin board.

Church Casserole Recipes

We are preparing an Abiding Savior cookbook! Send your favorite casserole recipes to the office by emailing them to office@abidingsavior.info.

Monthly Book Club

Book Club does not meet in December.

Look for 2022 Book Club titles and meeting schedule soon.

Contact Georganne Eibe at savygg@yahoo.com to be added to the book email list.

Sewing for Missions

Sewing for Missions is not meeting in December. Join us in January on the 2nd and last Saturday of the month, meeting in the library of the Family Life Center at 10:00 am.

Contact Linda at struck60@gmail.com for more information.

We have several group Bible studies; you are welcome to join any of these classes.

Sundays

9:45 am – “Girl Friends” Bible Study meets in the Library of Building 3. This class is led by Linda Struckmeyer, Debbie Hill, and Karen Brautcheck and is also available via Zoom. Join us for a study of the book of **Hebrews** titled “Better”. Contact Linda at struck60@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

9:45 am – Study the Bible “*One Book at a Time*” with Chuck Moss in the Building 1 classroom. This group is studying the Old Testament book of **Daniel**. Contact [Chuck Moss@msn.com](mailto:ChuckMoss@msn.com) for a Zoom link for this class.

9:45 am – Pastor Jack will lead a study of the book of **Ephesians** held in the Octagon room of Building 3.

Monday 7:00 pm - A study of the book of **Colossians** is led by Joshua Mazur via Zoom. For the Zoom link, contact Jmazur@abidingsavior.info.

Second Tuesday of each Month “Young at Heart” ladies Bible study meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Building 1 classroom (behind the choir area). The next Young at Heart meeting will be on December 14.

Children’s Sunday School

Sunday School for children through 5th grade continues!

Join us in the Family Life Center fellowship hall at 9:45 am or contact Sarah Sain at Sarah.d.sain@gmail.com for an online link for your child.

Parents and Tots Sunday School

Music, movement, age-appropriate Bibles Stories and Jesus for preschoolers! Led by Susan Moss in the nursery at 10:00 am.

Altar Care

Altar for Dec: Phyllis Leone (chair), Annetta Coleman, Candi Steinway, Kay Hurst

Altar for Jan. 2022: Bette Pring (chair); Carla Flateau, Gabi Hein, Jan Hamilton

Upcoming Fellowship

Winter Wonderland and Open House

Join us on December 11 from 3 pm- 7 pm for the open house in the family life center. There will be fun and fellowship with a side of hot chocolate and cookies. The youth will also be watching a movie in the youth room and invite all to join.

RSVP with the office or on Sunday after service. Contribute to the fun by bringing your own homemade cookies.

Christmas Celebration (Formerly known as the Madrigal Dinner)

Join us for a night of music, dinner, and the story of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 19 at 6:00 pm.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Danny Schmitt or from the church office,

Youth Events

Progressive Dinner

The youth will be having a progressive dinner on December 18 starting at 4:00 pm. Contact Danny Schmitt for more information.

Star Tree

Take a look at the star tree in the narthex this holiday season. Pick a child and write down your name next to the number so we know who has each child. Purchase gifts for the child, wrap them up and put them back under the star tree in the narthex by Sunday, December 12.

New Year, New Offering Envelopes

Find 2022 Offering Envelopes on the Narthex Table. If you used envelopes during 2021, your box will be labeled with your name. If you did not have envelopes for 2021 and would like them for 2022, you may choose the unlabeled boxes and sign your name by the corresponding number found on the clipboard.

Poinsettia Orders

Place an order for poinsettias for Christmas eve. You can purchase them in memory or in honor of someone in your life. They cost \$8 each, and orders end Dec. 19. Envelopes for the orders are located on the table in the narthex. After the 8:00 pm Christmas Eve service you may take your poinsettia home.

The preschool will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair the week of December 6-10. The Book Fair will be open Monday-Wednesday from 8:00-9:30, 11:30-1:30, and 2:30-3:30 and Thursday-Friday from 8:00-9:30, 10:00-11:30, and 11:30-1:30 in the Choir Room. The Book Fair will also be open Sundays, December 5 and 12, from 9:15-10:30. Masks and hand sanitizer will be required. You can also shop online at the following link: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/abidingsaviorpreschool1> The preschool receives a portion of the proceeds to buy new books for the classrooms and the library.

Website Update

As some of you may have noticed, our website has had some major changes lately. We have moved hosting services and have reworked our website to hopefully be more user friendly and personalized for us.

Because of this change you may have run into a few issues, such as being unable to load the website or old links now being broken. We suggest you try reloading the page if at first the website does not come up. If you have any questions or concerns you can bring them up with the office staff or contact Anna directly at anna@abidingsavior.info and we will try our best to fix the issue.

FLC Floor Cleaning

The Family Life Center (Building 3) will be closed from Monday 12/20 to Saturday 1/1 for floor maintenance. The vinyl floors will be stripped and waxed in the classrooms, halls, kitchen, and bathrooms. Please refrain from entering the building.

Bible Breakfast and Bible Studies/ Sunday School will not meet on 12/26.

St. Francis House- Phyllis Leone



Abiding Savior’s St. Francis House Ministry has wrapped up for 2021. I want to thank everyone who participated in this important effort to provide a monthly dinner meal to those in our community who are without a home. For those of you who, prior to COVID, were able to personally serve the meals, you know how much the St. Francis House residents appreciate the meals we provide.

I am now in the process of planning for 2022 and want to try a different approach to scheduling. I am first seeking volunteers to prepare the main course for the each month (January through October). Once each monthly volunteer is in place, people can sign up for side dishes to compliment each month’s main course. The following are the 2022 dates and the main course volunteers who have signed up so far:

If you would be interested in preparing/providing a main course, please contact me either by phone/text (352-316-3586) or email (ChunkyMonkeysNana@gmail.com).

Phyllis Leone
President and St. Francis Ministry Team Leader

Date (4 th Thursday of Month)	Volunteer
January 27	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
February 24	Linda Tobias
March 24	Jan Hamilton
April 28	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
May 26	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
June 23	Judy Bates
July 28	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
August 25	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
September 22	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
October 27	Judy Bates

“Then the King will say to those on his right. ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”
Matthew 25:34-40

This time of year, it's common for us to look back on the year and reflect. Was it a good year? A bad one? Am I the same person I was back in January? What might come to mind after a year like this are those things that we have had to go without. Perhaps we have had to go without seeing our family, or maybe we found ourselves facing financial hardships. Perhaps as we head into the holidays, there's an empty chair at our table and we wonder how the sun will ever shine again?

It might seem as though hope is lost. However, God loved us so much that he gave us his most precious gift; his son Jesus. Through Jesus, we are forgiven and given everlasting life. What an amazing truth to keep in mind for when we feel as though there is no hope. As we keep this truth in the forefront of our minds, it is important that we share this truth with others in our community. In 2021, ASLC has done just that.

Sometimes sharing the Good News means directly talking to someone about Jesus and encouraging them to attend church. Other times, and more commonly, it's as simple as giving someone something to eat. As a congregation, we have been able to provide monthly meals to the housing insecure at St. Francis House. We have assembled sandwiches and distributed them downtown. We have collected hundreds of pounds of food for Bread of the Mighty. Sometimes we share the Good News by being there for someone in a crisis. Our congregation has supported Lutheran Disaster Relief efforts, providing God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. For young women, an unexpected pregnancy can be a crisis-Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries in Sanford, FL is a Christ-centered maternity home for single pregnant women in crisis. Our congregation has generously supported this ministry with an incredible group-effort donation. And sometimes, the Good News is shared when we put smiles on the faces of children in our community. Our congregation enthusiastically supported our Back to School drive in August, providing school supplies for many children to begin the year on a successful note. Our much loved Star Tree is up and ready for gifts to be delivered to make some children's Christmas morning special.

When I reflect on Outreach & Evangelism at ASLC in 2021, my heart is full of gratitude for having seen the Holy Spirit work mercy in us and work mercy to others by our hands. We are blessed to have such a generous congregation with a heart for helping our community. In the book of John, Jesus says that all will know we are His disciples by the love that we have for one another. (John 13:35) I am honored to serve this congregation as the team leader for Outreach & Evangelism, and I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for us in 2022!



The Abiding Savior Preschool students have been practicing and preparing songs of praise of Jesus' birth for our Christmas Pageants. The Christmas Pageants will be shared with our Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool and Church families on December 9 and 10. Each student may invite two guests and the pageants will be livestreamed and recorded. Singing is a special way to spread the good news of Jesus' birth. "Go Tell it on the Mountain."

The preschool families have been living generously as "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 during the month of November. We collected many nonperishable food items for the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank! The amazing generosity shared by the preschool families is a blessing from God.

During the month of December, the preschoolers will enjoy celebrating Jesus' birthday. December Bible stories will include Jesus is Born, The Angel's Announcement to the Shepherds, and The Wise Men Find Jesus. The season of Advent begins on November 28. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for Jesus' birth at Christmas time. The Advent wreath reminds us of God's never-ending love. During the upcoming weeks we will be reminded of the hope, peace, joy, and love that comes from Jesus.

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<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/abidingsaviorpreschool1> The preschool receives a portion of the proceeds to buy new books for the classrooms and the library.

Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool students, staff, and families wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year filled with the hope, peace, joy and love from our Savior, Jesus Christ!

In His Hands,
Brenda Arden
Preschool Director

Save the dates for the concerts you'd like to attend this year! All concerts are **free** and open to the public. Please let us know which ones strike your fancy the most... and don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor!

The Lights of Epiphany - Sunday, January 9, 2022 - 4:00 pm

Festival Processionals for Epiphany

Joshua L. Mazur, Organist

Dave Anderson Concert - Monday, January 17, 2022 - 7:00 pm

A Dave Anderson Concert benefitting the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat.

Diamonds in the Rough - Friday, February 18, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Operatic Favorites and Intimate Moments from the Greatest Composers

Kimberly Hernandez, Mezzo-Soprano - Joshua L. Mazur, Piano

Concordia Univ. Chicago Wind Symphony - March 5, 2022 - 7:00 pm

St. Paul Lutheran Highschool Choir- March 17, 2022 - 7:00 pm

We will be looking for help with housing these students for one night (March 17) and transporting them to and from the church. Please let Susan know if you would be willing to host two or more students.

Death by Aria: an Opera Gala - Sunday, May 1, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Fantastic Arias, Duets, and Trios from Grand Opera

Kimberly Hernandez, Mezzo- Soprano

Hannah J. Mazur, Soprano - Joshua L. Mazur, Tenor

Music Ministry Updates- Joshua Mazur

Happy New Year! As we step into the season of advent, I am so very happy to share some information about the various happenings in the Music department at Abiding Savior.

The Space

You may have noticed many changes to the way we organize and coordinate things in and around the music department these days in order to facilitate important ministry activities.

Sometime last year when we returned to in person worship, the doors to what was most recently the choir rehearsal room were opened to give us some extra ventilation and space to spread out. As the praise team continued to serve in worship throughout the pandemic we felt

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Music Ministry Updates- *Continued*

the need for extra space and ventilation and moved the band out of the former choir loft and back into the new choir area (now known as the choir room). As time has gone on, the praise team has relocated back to the old choir loft (now known as the band shell).

For the last few years there has been a growing need for additional storage space and work area for the audio/visual aspects of the ministry. As we've added many new capabilities including live streaming, recording, etc., that need was exacerbated.

The Cry Room has been relocated to a multipurpose room near the ladies' restroom and member mailboxes. This room has a direct video and audio feed from the sanctuary so even though it is a bit farther away, attending parents with children can still hear the worship service or event going on.

A new sound booth was established in the old cry room with ample room for the storage and care of new audio and visual equipment for live streaming, and all the old essential gear for worship and other events in the sanctuary. In time, a lateral sliding window is planned for the current open window. The old sound booth remains a place for cameras and other video equipment, and in time would accommodate an upgraded camera and operator, if needed.

Remember where the organ console used to live, by the choir loft on the far left of the sanctuary? It was impossible for the organist to hear the organ the way a worshipper hears it from there. We've extended the connection and relocated the organ to the back of the room in front of the new choir loft; however, we also now have the capability to move the organ as needed to many various locations depending on the need of the day.

The Choir

Whichever service you regularly attend, you may have noticed either the absence or the presence of the choir. Currently the choir is singing at the first service (8:00am) the second and fifth Sundays and at the second service (10:45am) the first, third, and fourth Sundays of each month.

The Choir Rehearses weekly on Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 – 8:30, and during the Advent season will report at 6:30pm to sing the service at 7:00pm and rehearse following the midweek Advent service.

The choir will sing at the 6:00pm Christmas Eve service this year. Would you like to sing with the choir but perhaps don't want to make a yearlong commitment? We invite you to let us know if you're interested and we will make it possible for you to participate in the choir for Christmas Eve.

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Music Ministry Updates- *Continued*

Sopranos

Bette Pring
Hannah Mazur
Carol Wilson

Altos

Joni Johnson
Phyllis Leone
Barbra Moore
Susan Moss

Tenors

Paul Moore

Basses

Stephen Saxon
Lenny Terry
Ron Wilson

As you can see, Tenors would be a particularly welcome addition to the choir at this time. But you are always invited to join the choir if you're interested. Please let me know at JMazur@abidingsavior.info and we'll place a chair for y'all!

The Praise Team

We are so happy to have Ron (percussion) & Carol Wilson (vocals), Zachary Sain (guitar) and Randy Coleman (guitar) joining the ranks of the Praise Team. We have spent the last few weeks slowly and methodically acclimating the new and old members to the great challenge of making great music as a team, and learning a body of repertoire together that will form the core 15-20 songs in the rotating worship repertoire beginning in January. In addition to regular worship services (the praise team leads worship in the second service about 50 Sundays of the year) they also rehearse from 6:30pm – 8:30pm each Thursday evening.

Dustin Banks, *Drums*

Randy Coleman, *Guitar*

Joshua Mazur, *Worship Leader*

Hannah Mazur, *Auxiliary Percussion/Guitar/Vocals*

Zachary Sain, *Guitar*

Colleen Toppins, *Auxiliary Percussion/Vocals*

Ralph Toppins, *Guitar/Vocals*

Carol Wilson, *Vocals*

Ron Wilson, *Cajon/Djembe/Vocals*

Audio/Visual Worship Assistant

We are overjoyed to welcome Andrew Hodgson to the Abiding Savior staff in part as our worship tech assistant. He has already been running sound and coordinating the livestream production during services the last few weeks. Give him a wave in the sound booth next time you come to worship!

December Readers and Elders

Readers	8:00 am	10:45 am	Readings
12/1/21	tbd	<i>Midweek Advent 1</i>	Luke 1:39-56
12/5/21	Pete Schmitt	Brenda Arden	Malachi 3:1-7 Philippians 1:2-11
12/8/21	tbd	<i>Midweek Advent 2</i>	Luke 1:57-80
12/12/21	Marilyn Palumbo	Dustin Banks	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7
12/15/21	tbd	<i>Midweek Advent 3</i>	Luke 2:21-35
12/19/21	Chris Annis	Dustin Banks	Micah 5:2-5 Hebrews 10:5-10
12/24/21	4p: tbd 6p: Sarah Sain 8p: Dustin Banks	<i>Christmas Eve Services</i>	Isaiah 7:10-14 Titus 2:11-14
12/26/21	Kris Pagenkopf	tbd	1 Kings 3:4-15 Ephesians 1:3-14

Elders of the Month

8:00 am - Charles Moss
10:45 am - Fred Townsend

December Calender

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30p Choir Practice 7p AA 7p Advent Service	2	3 6:30 Organ Recital 7:30p AA	4 9a Decorate the Church
5 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a cong. meeting 2p New Member Class 6p Confirmation	6 5:30p Baton Twirlers 7p Bible Study	7 5:00p AA 6:30p Capella Nova	8 6p Girl Scout Troop 813 6:30p Choir Practice 7p AA 7p Advent Service	9 6p JB Pro Meeting	10 7:30p AA	11 Winter Wonderland Open House 3-7p Capella Concert 7:30p
12 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 2p New Member Class 6p Confirmation	13 5:30p Baton Twirlers 7pChurch Council 7p Bible Study	14 10a Young at Heart 5:00p AA 6:30p Capella Nova	15 6:30p Choir Practice 7p AA 7p Advent Service	16	17 7:30p AA	18 Youth Progressive Dinner 4p
19 8&10:45a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 9:45 Bible Study 2p New Member Class Christmas Celebration 6p	20 5:30p Baton Twirlers 7p Bible Study	21 5:00p AA 7p Elders meet	22 6p Girl Scout Troop 813 6:30p Choir Practice 7p AA	23	24 Christmas Eve Services 4,6&8p Church Office Close	25 Christmas Day
26 8a Worship 9:15a Bible Breakfast 10:45a Worship	27	28 5P AA	29	30	31 New Years Eve	 New Years Day

Birthdays and Anniversaries

<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
Julie Thomas 12/1	Brad & Sandra Morgan 12/5
Rachel Morgan 12/2	Chris & Amy Solinsky 12/5
Chris Solinsky 12/5	Ed & Georganne Eibe 12/14
Parker Hutson 12/7	Greg & Maria Claus 12/22
Jim Annis 12/8	Charles & Susan Moss 12/28
Ed Eibe 12/11	Daniel & Jessoca Schmitt 12/29
Haylen Dean 12/12	
Michael Arden 12/12	
Kelly Farah 12/14	
Daniel Mandeville 12/16	
Emily Tappy 12/17	
Natalie Petruska 12/17	
Kevin Hooper 12/19	
Paul Schubring 12/21	
Jamie Williams 12/24	
Muriel Young 12/25	
Ralph Toppins 12/27	
Greg Claus 12/30	
Karen Herder 12/30	
Ashley Gouthro 12/31	
Daniel Schmitt 12/31	
Kristina Mandeville 12/31	



