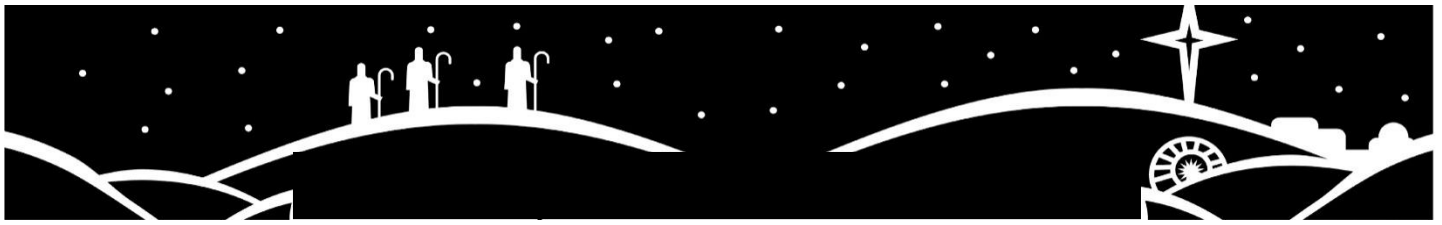


Jesus
increased in
wisdom
and in **years,**
and in divine and human
favor LUKE 2:52



Christmas Day/First Sunday after Christmas December 25-26, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Christmas (a shortened form of “Christ’s Mass”) has long been known as The Feast of the *Incarnation* (which means “becoming incarnate”—from the Latin *incarnare*: *in*-‘into’ & *carn*-‘flesh’—or “the enfleshment.” Of course, what’s being referred to is the great and holy mystery of the Christian faith: the Eternal Son of the Father taking on our human flesh in the womb of Mary, being born and growing from infant to adult, fully living human existence, dying in all that death entails, and defeating death through the power of his resurrection. St. John described it as “the Word (*logos*, as in “logic”) became flesh (*sarx*, as in “sarcoma & sarcophagus”) and dwelt (*skainoow*, which means literally “to pitch and/or live in a tent”—made of *skins*) among us” (1:14). St. Paul held forth simply, “He was manifested (*phaneroow*, the root of *epiphany*—which means “to make visible/known”) in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16).

During the Hebrew people’s forty years in the wilderness between their enslavement in Egypt and settling in the new land as promised, God’s presence was visibly and intricately known among them through the *Tabernacle* (from the Latin for “tent” or “hut”) or *Tent of Meeting*. This series of readings, reflections, and hymns invites us to explore more fully the profound connection between the Tabernacle, the Incarnation, and our fleshly living as people made Christ’s dwelling through the holy gifts of his presence. So, let us meditate together on the wonder of Jesus’ *incarnation/tenting* among us!

The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord’s sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekend (and major festivals).

Liturgical Color:

White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church such as Christmas Eve

Lessons and Carols
on The Feast of the Incarnation
(God Pitching His Tent and Dwelling Among Us)

**A Lesson is a "Reading" and a Carol is a "Joyous Song." The first Lessons & Carols service happened on Christmas Eve of 1880 at the cathedral in Cornwall, England, as an attempt to draw people out of the bars and into the church building to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Traditionally having nine readings from Scripture and nine songs accompanying them, I followed that pattern when putting this together in order to draw us more deeply into Christmas as the celebration of Christ's coming among us. (Pr. Joel)*

Prelude Jerrode Marsh (Saturday)

Prelude Delaney Clemons ("*Away in a Manger*")
Cody Clemons

Welcome

The Jesse Tree Ornament

Stand

The Christmas Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Sit

1st Reading..... ***The Tabernacle/Tent of God's Dwelling & Meeting***
Exodus 25:1-9 & 29:38-46

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, goatskins, acacia wood, oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

"Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old day by day regularly. One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. And with the first lamb a tenth seah of fine flour mingled

with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering. The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it a grain offering and its drink offering, as in the morning, for a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the LORD. It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

Reflection

Song *“O Word of God Incarnate” #523*

2nd Reading..... ***The Tabernacle’s Building***
Exodus 40:1-8

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “On the first day of the first month you shall erect the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. And you shall put in it the ark of the testimony, and you shall screen the ark with the veil. And you shall bring in the table and arrange it, and you shall bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps. And you shall put the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the screen for the door of the tabernacle. You shall set the altar of burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and place the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. And you shall set up the court all around, and hang up the screen for the gate of the court.

Reflection

Song *“See Amid the Winter’s Snow” #373*

3rd Reading..... ***The Tabernacle’s Cloud of Covering***
Numbers 9:15-23

On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was over the tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning. So it was always: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the people of Israel camped. At the command of the LORD the people of Israel set out, and at the command of the LORD they camped. As long as the

cloud rested over the tabernacle, they remained in camp. Even when the cloud continued over the tabernacle many days, the people of Israel kept the charge of the LORD and did not set out. Sometimes the cloud was a few days over the tabernacle, and according to the command of the LORD they remained in camp; then according to the command of the LORD they set out. And sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning. And when the cloud lifted in the morning, they set out, or if it continued for a day and a night, when the cloud lifted they set out. Whether it was two days, or a month, or a longer time, that the cloud continued over the tabernacle, abiding there, the people of Israel remained in camp and did not set out, but when it lifted they set out. At the command of the LORD they camped, and at the command of the LORD they set out. They kept the charge of the LORD, at the command of the LORD by Moses.

Reflection

Song *“Once in Royal David’s City” #376*

4th Reading ***The Feast of Tabernacles***
Leviticus 23:33-43

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the LORD. On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work.

“These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the LORD food offerings, burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its proper day, besides the LORD’s Sabbaths and besides your gifts and besides all your vow offerings and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.

“On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I

made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

Reflection

Song *“A Great and Mighty Wonder” #383 (1-3)*

5th Reading ***The Lord’s House with David***
I Chronicles 17:1-15

Now when David lived in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, “Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under a tent.” And Nathan said to David, “Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: It is not you who will build me a house to dwell in. For I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up Israel to this day, but I have gone from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’” Now, therefore, thus shall you say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people Israel, and I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall waste them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I declare to you that the LORD will build you a house. When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.’” In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Reflection

Song *“O Sing of Christ” #362 (1&4)*

6th Reading ***Enlarging the Tent***
Isaiah 54:1-5

“Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;
break forth into singing and cry aloud,
you who have not been in labor!

For the children of the desolate one will be more
than the children of her who is married,” says the LORD.

“Enlarge the place of your tent,
and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out;
do not hold back; lengthen your cords
and strengthen your stakes.

For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,
and your offspring will possess the nations
and will people the desolate cities.

“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;
for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

For your Maker is your husband,
the LORD of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.

Reflection

Song..... *“Let Our Gladness Banish Sadness” #371*

Stand

7th Reading *The Word Becoming Flesh & Pitching His Tent Among Us*
John 1:1-5 & 14-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

Reflection

Song *“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” #334 (v. 4)*

8th Reading *Jesus’ Transfiguration*
Matthew 17:1-8

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Reflection

Song..... *“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” #416*

9th Reading *Our Tent of Dwelling*
2 Corinthians 5:1-11

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

Reflection

Song..... “Son of God, Eternal Savior” #842

Stand

Prayer

Blessing

Sending Hymn “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate” 540 (v. 1)

Dismissal (Bethlehem’s Mission)

P Grow in Christ,

C Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude Jerrode Marsh (Sat), Cody Clemons (Sun)

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Saints Remembered This Week:

“Next to Holy Scripture there is certainly no more useful book for Christendom than that of the lives of the saints.” +Martin Luther

(See what you can learn about these Christians and events from the past that helps you in the present.)

**St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr (Dec. 26)—First Century*

**St. John, Apostle and Evangelist of Jesus (Dec. 27)—First Century*

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Dec. 28)—First Century*

**St. David, Psalmist and King (Dec. 29)—C. 1010-970 B.C.*

**The Circumcision and Naming of Jesus (Jan. 1, Eighth Day of Christmas)*

“Celebrating the Saints” by William Weedon introduces us to a collection of feasts and festivals, as well as saints in both Testaments and from nineteen centuries of the Church’s life. Historical sketches and devotional writings in step with the liturgical calendar in *Lutheran Service Book* reveal these saints not as great exceptions, but great examples of our heavenly Father’s faithfulness. Each section also features a prayer, hymn stanza, and additional suggested readings.

As you encounter the lives of these men and women redeemed by the Lamb, you’ll gaze into “a mirror of the grace and mercy of God” (Martin Luther). Our fellow heirs of eternal life serve but a humble purpose—to point us to *the Saint, the Holy One*, our Lord Jesus Christ. Check it out at cph.org.

Next Week's Readings

OT: 1 Kings 3:4-15; Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14; Gospel: Luke 2:40-52

Attendance Last Saturday: 54

Attendance Last Sunday: 82

Attendance Midweek: 48

Total Offering: \$6,413.57

Missions: \$150.00

Home Use: \$5,989.57

Benevolences: \$274.00

Serving us today:

Elders Ricky Bertels (Sat), Jeremy VanWey (Sun)
Musicians Jerrode Marsh (Sat), Cody Clemons, Delaney Clemons (Sun)
Altar Committee Teresa Hillsman (Chair), Lisa Gulick,
Beryl Lindley, Susie Mills, Sheree Moody
Flower Committee Eunice Cobb (Chair), Lori Sloan

This Week's Schedule

Monday		<i>Office Closed-Christmas Holiday</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots at the Park
Tuesday		<i>Pastor's Vacation Day</i>
	7:15 p.m.	Education Board Meeting
Wednesday		<i>Cindy's Vacation Day</i>
	4:00 p.m.	Fifth Day of Christmas Fun—Fellowship Hall
Thursday		<i>Pastor's Vacation Day</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Card Group
Friday		<i>New Year's Eve</i>
	7:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Service
Saturday		<i>New Year's Day</i>
	4:00 p.m.	New Year's Day Hike
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Closings/Absence

The office will be closed on **Monday, December 27th** for the Christmas Day Holiday and **Monday, January 3rd** for the New Year's Holiday.

Pastor will be taking vacation days on **Tuesday the 28th** and **Thursday the 30th**.
Cindy will be taking a vacation day on **Wednesday the 29th**.

Grateful Appreciation

Heartfelt and humble gratitude for all of the cards, baked goods, and other signs of generosity so warmly given to me these past weeks and days! I am truly thankful for your kindness and thoughtfulness, and will certainly continue to extend your generosity in all the ways I can to others. May Christ our Savior continue to fill your lives with goodness and every flourishing of faith this Christmastide and beyond! **Pr. Joel.**

Rebecca Stewart and Cindy Smith would like to thank everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts, goodies and even a meal at Heroes that was given to us. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family and hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Shawn and Beryl Lindley would like to thank our friends at Bethlehem for their kind wishes and gifts we have received. We wish all the congregation a Blessed Christmas and Peace in the New Year!

Ron and Diana McComas would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during Ron's recovery. Also, thank you to Pastor Joel for his Communion visits. It is very much appreciated!

Bethlehem Gifts Given Near & Far

Thanks to two large special gifts from an anonymous parishioner for global and local social missions over the past two years, a second round of funding has been given recently (through Bethlehem—in coordination with Pastor and the Church Council) in the amount of \$15,000 to the following agencies: *Papua New Guinea Mission Society; With God's Little Ones; Journey Home; Refuge on Ming; Johnson County Fuller Center for Housing; Food Center; Christmas Store; Survival House; Salvation Army & Standing in the Gap.* More funding remains for future distributions. Also, offerings from special services earlier this year have been designated by the Stewardship Board and distributed to these national and local agencies and efforts: *Dakota Boys Ranch; Warrensburg Ministerial Association; Sacred Ground—Haskell; Food Center, Warrensburg CROP; Manna Harvest; Salvation Army; Concordia Seminary Food Banks—St. Louis & Ft. Wayne, IN; Recovery Lighthouse; Refuge on Ming & Bethlehem Emergency Fund.* May every goodness continue to abound in us and through us to the glory of Christ and the good of others!

Prayers

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Paula Brewer,

Felisa Brown, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Sue Cottrill, Marion & Leona Droege, Renae Ernesti (Charlene McCarter's niece), Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Marty Lehn, Heather Long (Carol Kurz's niece), Lynn Lowe, Ron McComas, Johnny Nichol, Ron Niemeyer, Pam Petersen (Peggy Hoyer's sister), Jim Rudy, and Joe Zeman.

For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers), especially Samantha & Nathan Schultz (Mark and Felisa Brown's daughter & son-in-law). May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Gabe Crespo, Chance Hillsman.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don't hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Worship Services & Faith Discussion

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

New Year's Eve Service will be held on **December 31 at 7:00 p.m.** Invite others and come yourself on this Watch Night as we reflect, in Scripture and song, on the Lord who keeps us in his mercy and grace throughout all passage of time. **Offerings for New Year's Eve, not designated elsewhere, will go for Pastor's Emergency Fund.**

Reforesting Faith: What Trees Teach Us About the Nature of God and His Love for Us has been the topic of our **Faith Night sessions (on the first Wednesday of each month)** since the fall, but we still have to finish the last session since we had to skip it in December. So, even if you missed all of the others, join us for this last session on **January 5 at 5:30 p.m.** Bring your own dinner and join the discussion. Everyone is welcome! A new one on the Lord's Prayer—line by line—will begin in February.

Sunday School and Christian Education

Sunday School for PreK-12th grade begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for children and youth to grow in knowledge of Scripture and in love toward the Lord and our neighbors, as Jesus said matters most!

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

Saturday Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew follows the evening service (from **6:45 to 7:30 p.m.** in the conference room) if enough people are present to have a class. Consider joining us as we explore the life and ministry of Jesus.

Sunday Bible Study is working through the recent book *Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation*, as well as through companion passages in Scripture, so that we can all more firmly believe and live through Christ's own life, death, and resurrection. Plan on joining us **in the conference room from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.!**

Thursday Advent Zoom Bible Study. "Epiphany 2022" will be a new Zoom bible study class coming after the first of the year. We will be discussing God's forgiving love for us in Christ Jesus. This Bible Study focuses on the scripture readings each Sunday. The class will start on **Thursday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m.** and run through March 10. Please let Rebecca or Cindy know if you would like to join the group.

Fellowship

Fifth Day of Christmas Fun—Would you still like to open some boxes and be surprised? Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **December 29 at 4:00 p.m.** to help open some Amazon surprise boxes that come to us by way of our membership in the Jeremiah 29:11 Warehouse. Each person will be able to take at least two gifts—one for yourself and one for someone else. You don't need to bring anything other than your desire to dig in and have some extra enjoyment. Anyone needing to get on to dinner plans or be home by dark should have no trouble doing that.

New Year's Day Hike—Would you like to take a short hike in our Bethlehem Woods nature trail on the first day of 2022? If you would like to do so, meet up at the north entry (dressed for the weather) by **4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 1.** We'll aim to be done by 4:30 so that there's time for other stuff before the evening service.

Thrivent Meeting—All Thrivent members are encouraged to attend a brief **2022 planning meeting** immediately after services on **Jan. 9, 2022** in the Church Conference Room. Please help us establish our schedule of activities for 2022. After the brief meeting everyone can leave for lunch on their own. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let me know by phone or e-mail if you have questions or interest in any specific activities that you would like to participate in during 2022. Larry Haase at 747-6356 or haase@iland.net.

Exercise Class will not meet until **Wednesday, January 5, 2022.** Have a great Christmas and New Year's break.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone, men and women, are welcome to come and play board games or cards. Bring a game and a friend. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

The Quilting Group meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

Miscellaneous

Country Kitchen Cards are available! You can get 10 buy-one, get-one meal **FREE** coupons for just **\$10.00**. All proceeds go towards helping the youth group. See a youth member, or you can stop by the office and purchase one.

Ongoing thanks to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support!

Offerings

Envelopes—The 2022 envelopes have been put in the mailboxes. All envelopes were RENUMBERED FOR 2022. **DO NOT use old envelopes after December 31, 2021.** Throw them away. If you do not want the 2022 envelopes, please return them to the office or to Teresa Hillsman.

Simply Giving is the online program for donations and offerings. The website has changed a bit recently. If you need assistance, please let the office know and we will provide you with the steps to start it or help you change where you place your funds.

2022 Elders

Willie Crespo will be the head Elder for 2022

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Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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