



DECEMBER



## Where to find it and Who to talk to....

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Leonard H. Bolick  
**Administrative Assistant:** Barbara Gilbert  
**Choir Director:** Brent Talley  
**Organist:** Nathan Brickman  
**Sexton:** Bobby Elmore  
**Council President:** Gene Frye  
**Council Vice President:** Linda Baker  
**Council Secretary:** Kim Frankel  
**Treasurer:** Brenda Duncan

Christian Ed.—Kim Long / Tiffani Bolick  
Cong. Life—Vickie Eckard  
Evangelism—Carol Talley  
Finance—Lora Huhn  
Property—Corky Miller /Kevin Ramsey  
Soc. Ministry—Chuck Witherspoon/  
Carla Cooke  
Stewardship—Phil Barton  
Worship & Music—Barry Sullivan  
Youth—Dustin Rushing

***SSELCA: A Family that Together Prays, Teaches, Loves and Serves  
God and Our Neighbors***

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**Phone:** 828-322-3211  
**E-mail:** sselca@yahoo.com  
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**8:00 a.m.**—Worship Service  
**9:15 a.m.**—Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.**—Worship Service



Grace and Peace as you wait in anticipation for the coming of the Risen Christ!

It's not easy to wait for Jesus or anything else.

We are accustomed to getting what we want when we want it.

We turn a knob and something happens—immediately

We flip a switch and something happens—immediately

We punch a key and something happens—immediately

We turn a key and something happens—immediately

We drive up to the window—and our order is taken immediately

The Advent Season (which begins Sunday December 1) is a time of waiting!

Advent should help us realize waiting time is an important/significant time!

We are not in control of time or much of what happens TO us, but we are able  
To control what happens IN us.

So during the Advent Season, I ask you to wait on the coming of Jesus—as a  
child in Bethlehem and as a Savior coming a second time!

Each Sunday, as we light the Advent Candles—let's ask together for patience and  
hope and Joy and peace and faith.

Jesus is coming—Ready or not—  
So let's get ready while we wait.

Worship is a great way to get ready!

Pastor Leonard



# Servants of the Lord

## GREETER—8:00

1 Donna/Joel Specht  
8 Bill/Joyce Stinson  
15 Ann Kraft  
22 Cathy Fox  
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## LAY READER—8:00

Gene Frye  
Elaine Frye  
Robert Ollis  
Luther Hathcock

## NURSERY— 8:00

Sharon Miller  
Regina Reece  
Cathy Ollis  
Sharon Miller

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT— 10:30

1 Cathy Baker  
8 Brenda Duncan  
15 Vickie Eckard  
22 Cathy Baker  
24 Terry Gilbert  
29 Tiffani Bolick

## ACOLYTE—10:30

Katie Ramsey  
Hayden Huhn  
Kara Ramsey  
Ray Rushing  
Mia & Katie  
Ray Rushing

## NURSERY - 10:30

Carolyn Haas/Kara  
Lora Huhn  
Pat Patton  
Leesa Godfrey  
Barbara Gilbert  
Elisabeth Mauck

## LAY READER—10:30

1 Cathy Baker  
8 Brenda Duncan  
15 Phil Barton  
22 Cathy Baker  
24 Terry Gilbert  
29 Sandy Barton

## ALTAR GUILD

Tiffani Bolick and Crystal Witherspoon

## SOUND CONTROL - 10:30

1 Bruce Godfrey  
8 Chad Putnam  
15 Chuck Witherspoon  
22 Bruce Godfrey  
24 Greg Deitz  
29 Wayne Long

## USHERS

\*Donald Bumgarner  
\*Corky Miller  
Gene Kanupp  
Paul Yount  
Jeris Baker  
Jim Edwards





## Celebrations!



### Birthdays

- |    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 4  | Nancy Bumgarner                    |
| 5  | Bobby Elmore                       |
| 7  | Jean Fry                           |
| 8  | Steve Baker                        |
| 10 | Carroll Baker, Barbara Gilbert     |
| 12 | Frank Hedrick                      |
| 13 | Mason Baker, Janet Stinson         |
| 16 | Brady White                        |
| 17 | Sylvia Hoke, Regina Reece          |
| 18 | Joyce Odell, Lois Stine            |
| 19 | Peggy Barger                       |
| 22 | Fon Cornwell, Alyssa Corpening     |
| 23 | Ray Rushing                        |
| 24 | Jean Patton                        |
| 28 | Vickie Morgan, Crystal Witherspoon |
| 30 | Margie Isenhour                    |
| 31 | Barry Sullivan                     |

### Anniversaries

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|----|---------------------------|
| 10 | Emily & Alex Rector       |
| 19 | Robert & Cathy Ollis      |
| 21 | Michael & Sherrill Hollar |
| 24 | Tony & Kay Lafone         |
| 28 | John & Susan Shelor       |
| 29 | Walt & Fon Cornwell       |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8 Worship -Chapel 9:15 SS 9:15 Children's Music 9:30 Children's SS 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary  <b>3</b> Lutheran Immigration—Sanctuary	<b>2</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i> 10 Staff	<b>3</b>  10 Exec 11:30 Mary Circle—4 Peas in a Pod	<b>4</b>  5:30 Chapel Singers 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Handbells	<b>5</b>  4 Centro Latino Kids Party	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9-11 Project Help  5 Fellowship Club— FH  5:15 Friends In Faith—Progressive Dinner
<b>8</b> 8 Worship -Chapel 9:15 SS 9:15 Children's Music 9:30 Children's SS 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary 2 Confirmation 5 Church Council	<b>9</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>   6 Sarah Circle-Kim Frankel	<b>10</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>   7 Men's BBall	<b>11</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  5:30 Chapel Singers 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Handbells	<b>12</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>   7 Men's BBall	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8 Worship—Chapel 9:15 SS 9:15 Children's Music 9:30 Children's SS 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary 12 Christmas Practice 5 Christmas Program & Dinner	<b>16</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>   7 Men's BBall	<b>18</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  5:30 Chapel Singers 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Handbells	<b>19</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>   7 Men's BBall	<b>20</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>	<b>21</b>   2-6 Eckard—FH 4-9 Mauck—YR
<b>22</b> 8 Worship -Chapel 9:15 SS 9:15 Children's Music 9:30 Children's SS 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED  3-Gilbert YR	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED  	<b>26</b>  7 Men's BBall	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8 Worship - Chapel 9:15 SS 9:15 Children's Music 9:30 Children's SS 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary 12:30—Miller—FH	<b>30</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  7 Men's BBall				

## **Remember in Prayer**

### **Nursing Homes:**

**Brookdale-Falling Creek** – Ralph Baker #707

**Kingston** Pat & Frank Hedrick #208

**Trinity Village** (Lutheran Home, Springs Road) -

Earlene Newton - #902 (Dogwood), Juanita Deitz - #607, Edith Icard - #608,  
Jay Lee Eckard - #402, Walt Cornwell - # 217

**Trinity Ridge** (Mountain View) Tammy Falcone - #708

**At Home:** Catherine Morgan

**Family and Friends:** Janet Stinson, Leon Baker, Ruth Dietz, Nancy Jo Brooks, Elbert Pope, Susan Hoke Lee, Anne Williams, Vickie Morgan, Nancy & Dee Dee Pope, Viola Gross, Susan Shelor, Mary Ann Wrenn, Joyce Travis, Frances Landaas, Joyce Odell, Kim Ramsey, Shari Dezern, Donald Bumgarner, Ronald Ramsey, Morgan Inez Smith, Barry Sullivan, Wendi Gonzalez, Betty Eckard, Mary Alice Punch

.Tony Cline, Cynthia Newman, Merv McGee, Jean Kertsey, Wayne Drum, Summer Collins, Billy Sharpe, Randy Eckard, Bryon Patton, Joann Godfrey, Brittany Deitz Hall, Chris Hoke, Carol Jones Jowery

**Others:** All those affected by the violence in our country and abroad, All who are hungry, All who are homeless

**Bereavement:** The Moose Family, The Family of Carol Huffman, The Family of Allie Huffman, The Family of Bill Brown, The Family of Jo Houston

### **Armed Forces:**

**U.S. Navy:** E4 Logan Miller, Little Creek, VA; IS2 Chris Powell, Jacksonville FL; CPO Matt Creech, Bahrain

**U.S. Marines:** Cpl. Andy Hance, Hawaii; Captain Nathan Carpenter; Cpt. John Teague, Kuwait; Staff Sgt. Justin Curl, Hawaii

**U.S. Air Force** Nathan Bridges, (Ret.- Hungary)

**Call Committee for Pastor:** [Chair -Ben Huhn](#), Secretary - Elisabeth Mauck, Chaplain - Carol Talley, Richard Huffman, Deborah Sullivan, Linda Baker and Tony Lafone.

*Please contact the church office to make changes to this list*

# Friends In Faith

## December 7—Progressive Dinner

### Appetizers

5:15-6

Barry & Deborah Sullivan

Various Wings

Cheeseball & Crackers

Vegetable Tray

### Meal

6:15-8:15

Ben & Lora Huhn

Soups (3-4 kinds)

Salad

Bread

### Dessert

8:30-9:30

Richard & Gloria Huffman

Cake & Pie

Mark your calendar and come join us!!

Van leaving church at 4:45



**C H R I S T M A S**

**Progressive Dinner**

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Mark your calendar for the Children's Christmas Program on December 15th at 5 pm.

We will have a covered dish following the program.

St. Luke's, and Millers children will be joining in for this program.





**If you would be interested in being a home communion server we will be having a training date. Then on the first Sunday in Advent Pastor Bolick will commission both the current and the new servers. This ministry is open to anyone who would like to serve so please contact the church (828-322-3211) or Cathy Fox (828-464-0808)**

**On December 15<sup>th</sup> we will receive new members. If you have been considering joining, please let Pastor Leonard know. There will be a class for prospective members on December 8th at 9:15.**

**Dear St. Stephen's family, thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, visits, food and most importantly prayers during my recent back surgery. My church family means the world to me and has helped to uplift me during this time of healing. I feel so blessed to be loved and cared about by so many of you. Thanks again ! Your friend in Christ, Barry Sullivan**

**Pointsettias will be on sale from November 17th thru December 8th. The cost for each is \$12.00. You may fill out the order form below and put it in the offering plate, or turn it in to the office, along with your payment. You may make a donation to the Endowment Fund or Capital Improvement in lieu of a pointsettia.**



**All committees and groups need to turn in an annual report to the office by January 5th. This includes any financial information that doesn't go thru the treasurer's office. If you have questions please see Brenda Duncan.**

**The Fellowship Club will meet Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods and items for the Austin Adult Day Care Center. Something to share with the group: The worst Christmas gift you ever received.**



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*Tuesday December 24th, Christmas Eve*

*Music begins at 10:30*

*Service begins at 11*

COME JOIN US!

## Call Process

### **Call Committee**

**Ben Huhn, Chair**

**Elisabeth Mauck , Secretary**

**Carol Talley, Chaplain**

**Tony Lafone, Deborah Sullivan, Richard Huffman and Linda Baker**

**Names of candidates have been received.  
The Call Committee continues the interview process.**

**Please continue to pray for the Committee as they move forward in their search.**

