

# December 2023

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## Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior **Jesus Christ:**

Advent begins on December 3rd this year. The theme of our midweek series will be "The Light of Grace." I wanted to use my newsletter article this month to give you a preview of each Wednesday's theme.

**December 6 -** We celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World who shines on us with his amazing grace, and we focus on the gracious gift of hope, exemplified in the life of Zechariah.

**December 13 -** We celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the world who shines on us with his amazing grace, and we focus on the gracious gift of peace, exemplified in the life of Isaiah.

December 20 - We celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the world who shines on us with his amazing grace, and we focus on the gracious gift of joy, exemplified in the life of Elizabeth.

I pray that you are able to join us for these midweek services to be encouraged during this season. Don't forget as well about our Christmas Eve Sunday School program as well. We look forward to the kids sharing the Christmas story again this year. Invite someone to join you as we hear the message of hope and joy and peace that is found only in Jesus Christ.

In Jesus – the Healer of the hurting, Pastor Brian



**Stewards** What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

The Measure of Our Generosity

In the Old Testament, God commanded the Israelites to give a tenth of their income to the Levites so that those men could dedicate their lives to serving in God's house, teaching the people, conducting worship, etc. In the New Testament, there is a rigid requirement listed about handing in your tax forms to church to make sure you've given enough. But the mandate to have a fulltime ministry, which is the spirit of that law concerning tithing to the Levites, is right there in 1 Corinthians 9:14: "The Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel." The New Testament church's job is significantly larger than the job of Testament Israel. We

commanded to preach the Gospel to all nations. There was only the temple to maintain in the Old Testament, but we have churches, schools, universities and seminaries, plus missionaries everywhere. So, you tell me: Can we really undertake the work of the ministry if our giving doesn't even measure up to Old Testament levels of generosity?

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Icms.org/stewardship

# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 10-1-2023

Membership	10-1-2023
Baptized	297
Confirmed	244
Voting members	209

# **MEMBERSHIP GAINS Through Affirmation of Faith**

**Through Baptism** 

**Through Transfer** 

**MEMBERSHIP LOSSES Through Transfer Through Release OTHER OFFICIAL ACTS** 

End of 4th Quarter 12-31-2023 Baptized..... Confirmed ..... Voting members.....



# As of November 12, 2023 (46 Sundays) General Budget

Offerings Received \$316,811.74
Offerings Budgeted \$348,990.50

Difference \$32,178.76

#### Missions-Nebraska District Support

Goal \$6,192 Received \$4,092

Difference \$2,100



#### Anytime at <u>lutheranhour.org</u>

#### **Sunday mornings:**

1110AM 06:30 **KFAB** Omaha **WIBW** 07:30 Topeka 580AM N. Platte 08:00 **BOTT** 107.6FM 10:00 **KRVN** Lexington 880AM

- 12/03 "Before They Call" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. SOS and Mayday are distress signals that cry out for rescue. So is "Lord, have mercy!" (Isaiah 64:4)
- 12/10 "A-T Walker" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Michael Zeigler. The wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost. (Isaiah 40:3)
- 12/17 "Life After Landing" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael. What happens when a passenger suddenly has to be the pilot? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the power of words to save. (Isaiah 61:1-2)
- 12/24 "Community and Conversation" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (John 1:1)
- 12/31 **"Of Entrances and Exits"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes (Luke 2:27-28)

# rightnow MEDIA

# "Doing Life With Your Adult Child" By Jim Burns

If you have an adult child, you know that parenting doesn't stop when a child reaches the age of eighteen. In many ways, it gets more complicated. Both your heart and your head are as involved as ever, whether your child lives under your roof or rarely stays in contact.

In Doing Life with Your Adult Children, parenting expert Jim Burns helps you navigate the toughest and the most rewarding parts of parenting your grown kids.

Please contact Pastor Brian or Todd Voss to get started with RightNow Media. Also, check out Pastor Brian's video on how to get set up with RightNow Media. The video can be found on our Facebook and YouTube pages.



## Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado December 11<sup>th</sup>

Our book group will gather on December 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the book *Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado*. If you enjoy reading, we invite you to come and be part of our discussion. Contact Pastor Brian for the book list for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2024.



# From the Principal's Desk.... December 2023

May we never lose wonder. That is my prayer for you and me. May we never

lose wonder. The month of November was filled with some amazing things, and I'd like to share a few.

On Friday, November 3, the DLS 5-8 grade students performed their fall musical—The Loaned Manger!—to a packed gym of over 220 people. God totally blessed the effort of our students and answered our prayer that the hearts of those who watched the program would be touched by the Gospel story and Christmas message. It was an amazing night! Really proud of our students! They built a great set, did a super job with their songs, and did a great job acting and carrying out the storyline-which had a "Lone Ranger" western theme full of suspense and Truth. We plan to get this posted on Facebook and congregations' YouTube channels in the future. I'd encourage you to watch it! It was so cool to see the students having so much fun and working so hard to do a great job to share the Christmas story through our musical—The Loaned Manager!

On Nov. 9th, Mrs. Mumm's 1-2 students did an excellent job leading us during their classroom chapel. The students did such a good job with their skits, readings, artwork, and songs. They shared the truth of God's Word with much joy and excitement. Their message reminded us that have MUCH to be thankful for and that God's Word tells us to be thankful in all circumstances. Their Thanksgiving message was a blessing to all that attended! You can watch it on-line. There is something special about hearing little children sharing the Truth of God's Word. May we never lose the wonder of that.

November 18 was a day filled with wonder. This was the day of the 2023 DLS Biennial Dinner Auction. Again, I saw God at work through His faithful people. I saw God at work through the relentless effort of all who were involved in the planning, preparation, and execute of the auction. I saw God at work through the generosity of all who donated, attended, and purchased items. It truly was a remarkable night and so encouraging to see all the support for the ministry of Deshler Lutheran School! Thank you so much for your prayers, partnership, and support! May we never lose wonder!

And, as we head towards another Christmas celebration...may we never lose the wonder! May we each see with fresh eyes the wonder of Christmas this December! May our joy overflow as we are reminded of the undeserved gift of a Savior, Jesus, for you and for me. It is

indeed an awesome thing to comprehend...that God loves us—rebels and sinners—so much He himself would take on flesh, be born in a stable, live a perfect life, go to a rugged cross, pay for our sins, die, be laid in a grave, and raise again victorious so we can be with Him in heaven. May we never lose wonder.

As we look forward to December and want to invite you to join us for the following DLS events:

\*Cookies with Congregations Chapel on Nov. 7 @ 10:00

\*Deshler Chamber Christmas & DLS Cookie Walk @Thayer Co. Activities Center on Nov. 9

\*Special DLS Association Meeting on Dec. 10 at 7:30 pm at St. Peter to vote on Constitution updates and learn about LB 753: Opportunity Scholarship Act (School Choice)

\*Mrs. McCown's 3-4 Classroom Chapel on Nov. 14 @ 10:00

Merry CHRIST-mas!

Todd Voss, Principal Deshler Lutheran School "Connected in Christ!"

#### Calendar Items:

12/7 Cookies with Congregations Chapel Service @ 10

12/9 Deshler Chamber Christmas/DLS Cookie Walk @ Thayer Co. Activities Center

12/10 DLS Special Association Meeting @ St. Peter @ 7:30 pm

12/14 3-4 Grade Classroom Chapel @ 10

12/18 DLS Board of Ed Mtg @ 8:00 pm (Due to DHS Christmas Concert)

12/19 Early Dismissal @ 1:50 –End of 1st Semester

12/20-31Christmas Break - No School (School resumes on Jan. 4)



#### Deshler Lutheran School Board of Education Meeting Minutes October 16, 2023

Attendance: Todd Voss, Tyler Harms, Pastor Francik, Pastor Flores, Trent McCown, Dale Endorf, Justus Harms, Gage Baker, Jeremy Schardt, Logan Schardt, Kolby Finke

Visitors: Rachel McCown

Jeremy Schardt opened with devotion.

The agenda stood approved as presented.

There was no visitor input.

The minutes stood approved as presented.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

General Fund: \$26,090.47

Hot Lunch Account: \$18,528.58

Needs Account: \$56,511.62

Chapel Account: \$342.63

Library Fund: \$2,060.06

CD: \$6,500.52

LCMS Foundation: \$8,147.45

Extension Fund: \$42,679.61

Jeremy Schardt made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report; Seconded by Trent McCown. Motion carried.

**Trustee Report:** The gaskets on the refrigerator need to be replaced. One of the stoves quit so FOS purchased two new stoves for the kitchen.

Pastors Report: Nothing to report.

#### **Administrator Report:**

- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program started October 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Jean Schardt for her help with this.
- Great Plains Lutheran Educators Conference on October 14-16.
- Pastor Appreciation on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. DLS student choir sang at both congregations.
- 5. Christmas card sales are underway.
- 6. Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up on October 25th.
- 7. Fall Fling Parties.
- 8. 5-8 Fall Musical "The Loaned Manger" on November 3rd.
- 9. Veteran's Day Program on November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Blessings Generous donation of beef from

Logan and Desi Schardt. Dale and Lori Schardt paid for the processing. There was a \$1,000 anonymous donation made to DLS. We are thankful to be able to use the 510 schoolhouse for storage and for the staging of all the auction items.

 Midwest Bank CD – the CD was rolled over into a 7month CD.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. Kitchen Update FOS donated two new stoves for the kitchen.
- B. Biennial Dinner Auction
- Playground Still needing to get mulch. Didn't receive the grant for it.
- D. Teacher Aide EANS II Funding. We are moving forward with hiring a teacher aide using funding from the EANS II program. This will be at no cost to DLS. Melissa Johnson and Pam Werner will be helping as aides at the school.
- E. Constitution Review.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Rule 14 paperwork has been submitted.
- B. Budget 2024 A budget was proposed and considered by the DLS School Board. Justus Harms made a motion to recommend the proposed budget to the DLS Association; Seconded by Jeremy Schardt. Motion carried.
- DLS Association Meeting Will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Peters.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

- A. DLS Association Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- B. DLS Biennial Dinner Auction on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Board of Education meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

Gage Baker made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Logan Schardt.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Submitted by Justus Harms

#### Kindergarten



In Kindergarten, we've been learning about the First Thanksgiving! Here are a few of our favorite parts of the story...

**Casen** - I like that Squanto was there to help the Pilgrims learn how to plant corn!

**Mathew** - I like that they said, "Land Ho!" when the Pilgrims and Sailors finally saw land, America! And I like that the Pilgrims and 90 Native Americans shared food together.

**Kora** - I like the name of their boat that they sailed across the Atlantic Ocean, the Mayflower! And how they loved Jesus through all they had been through, like a fire, plenty of storms, sickness, death, and the main mast breaking.

**Bryndal** - I love that the Pilgrims loved God the most, and their families! And that they and the Native Americans all got along, and celebrated Thanksgiving for 3 days!

And our God is still faithful today, as He was years ago with Squanto and the Pilgrims.

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!"

We're Thankful for you!

Mrs. Reinke and our Kindergarten Friends

#### 1st and 2nd Grade.



The 1st and 2nd graders have been busy! They prepared for the chapel they led November 9th, and then played bells at the Veteran's Day program the next day. They've been enjoying watching the trees and plants change outside but have been loving our nice weather even more! We'll be counting down the days for break!!

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.



Pictured: Casey Laaker and Savannah Patterson

Hello again from the 3rd and 4th grade classroom!

The days seem to be going so fast! We are so blessed to have opportunities to share God's love with others. We are thankful we are able to go to the nursing home in Deshler and play Bingo with the residents. The kids love going and spending time with them! We are learning about multiplication in math class. It's a good review for the 4th graders and the 3rd graders are working hard to learn it. They are doing great! We were able to make some ornaments for the giving tree at our auction as well. It was a lot of fun! Thank you again for all your support to our school!

In Christ,

Rachel McCown, 3&4 teacher



- 1 Matthew Sasse
- 3 Jenscena Hansen
- 5 Colleen Hansen
- 6 Autumn Noojin Peggy Sorge
- 8 Lainey Vieselmeyer
- 14 Anita Harms
- 16 Koen Betten
- 17 Robin Sedlachek
- 24 Barrett Harms Madison Sasse
- 25 Logan Schmidt
- 26 Harvey Weideman
- 27 Audra Capek
  Dale Hoops
  Kristine Miesner
- 28 Steavan Sedlachek
- 29 Don Betten Gina Scollin
- 30 Shelby Farnstrom Alesha Vieselmeyer



- Larry Lueders
   Creed Renz
- 4 Neil Bohling Brett Finke
- 7 Douglas Schardt
- 9 Evan Endorf Austyn Lindenmuth
- 11 Colleen Kruse
- 12 Colleen Hansen
- 15 Jadelyn Calkins
- 17 Jenscena Hansen Nancy Lueders
- 19 Joston Wassom
- 27 Logan Schmidt
- 29 John Noojin
- 30 Julian Voss Paula Voss



- 2 Marvin & Sharon Baden
- 4 Jerad & Emmie Betten
- 7 Don & Brenda Betten
- 10 Dave & Helen Watson
- 25 Gerald & Cindy Sasse
- 26 Gregory & Janice Hornbostel

# **REMINDERS**



#### **December Job Duties**

Elder	Doug Schardt				
Acolyte	Dillon Schardt				
Flowers	Colleen Kruse				
Envelope	Don & Brenda Betten				
Committee	Aaron & Kinsey Bohling				
Sound	Dale Endorf				
Video	Mike Zucker				
Backpacks	Becky Reinke				



We had a wonderful weekend at the Nebraska District LCMS Middle School Youth Gathering in November, being reminded that we KNOW there is NO other name by which we are saved and thinking about the NOs we sometimes say to God and the NOs we must say to the world. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed through the giving tree and the taco/nacho meal for making this weekend possible. Because of you, we were able to take eight youth from our congregation and community to spend time learning about how much Jesus loves them and how they can show that love in their lives.



In December, we will travel to the Endorf house in Nelson to see their amazing lights and play board games. We will also make our own pizzas. We will leave the church at 5pm Sunday, December 3, for anyone who would like to ride with us. Youth can bring a favorite board game and a pizza topping if they'd like.



St. Peter Lutheran Women's Missionary League November 2, 2023

President Anita welcomed us to our November gathering.

Christian Life person Sharon led the Bible study, "From Age to Age." From the time we were conceived... through this earthly life... to the final days of our pilgrimage here on earth... God is with us, and He has given a purpose and a task for our lives. It was interesting to discover this Bible study was written by the daughter of Debra Dehning Heckmann, one of our former DLS teachers.

Anita opened the business meeting with six members present. Anita read the minutes of the September 7 meeting. They were approved and will be placed on file. Anita read the treasurer's report, which was also approved and is to be placed on file.

For Old Business, the Fall Rally and LWML Sunday were reflected on.

Four from St. Peter, Deshler attended the Fall Rally held at St. Peter's,

Davenport on Saturday, October 7. The theme of the rally was "Let Your Light So Shine." Pastor Michael Awe of S. Sioux City, NE told of his short-term mission trip in Poland and explained how his team shared the Good News there. He explained that while teaching English in the schools they used Bible stories as a means of exposing the children to Jesus.

We celebrated LWML on Sunday October 8. Special thanks to Patricia Schardt for her report following the service which explained the many different aspects LWML is involved with locally and throughout the world. \$900 was received from our congregation through this year's LWML mission offering to Mercy Meals. Shipped by Orphan Grain Train, Mercy Meals provides food to the children of our world suffering from hunger and malnutrition. A video showing the assembly of Mercy Meal packages was shown. Mercy Meals pamphlets were handed out and treats were served by our group following the service.

For New Business, Carol made a motion to dispense with the election bylaws and retain current officers President, Secretary, and Christian Life. Lois seconded the motion and it passed. The officers for the 2024 term will be President-Anita, Secretary-Sheryl, Treasurer-Barb, Christian Life-Sharon, Archivist/Public Relations-Colleen, Pastoral Counselor-Pastor Brian.

Anita gathered items for a Christmas basket for the DLS Auction.

We made plans to do an Assisted Living activity on Monday, November 20. We will gather in Naomi's room at Meadowlark Heights at 3:00pm to help Naomi celebrate her November birthday.

Anita will be playing Christmas carols at Meadowlark Heights on December 20 at 4:30pm. All are welcome to come and join the residents singing/listening to Christmas music.

Our group will provide a poinsettia for the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Needing a place to cut and store purchased batting for our quilting project, Pastor Moll has generously offered his basement. Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 4, the first day of quilt tying in 2024.

Thank you to substitute hostess Anita for serving delicious apple pie and apple cider. Hosting the January 4 gathering will be Sheryl and Lynn.

Mites and our Local Offering were gathered. We closed with singing the Dedication Hymn, "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" LSB 848. Anita led the closing prayer.

Acting Secretary, Colleen Kruse

#### LWML Deshler Zone Fall Rally at Davenport



**"Let Your Light So Shine"** was the theme of the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Fall Rally held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Davenport Saturday morning, October 7, 2023.

Julie Folkerts welcomed members, pastors and guests to the event. Pastor Emery, zone pastoral counselor, gave opening devotions. We sang the hymn, "How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard." Pastor Emery read Romans 10 beginning at verse 14. He focused on verse 15 "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news" and the joy of those who receive the good news. He said that we are to be those with "beautiful feet" sharing the good news. He encouraged our group to not be shy or feel unequipped, because God provides the words to share.

Pastor Schaffer introduced guest speaker Pastor Michael Awe of South Sioux City, NE. Pastor Awe told of his short-term mission trip in Poland and explained how his team shared the Good News there. He explained that while teaching English in the schools they used Bible stories as a means of exposing the children to Jesus. He encouraged anyone interested in going on a mission trip to contact him.

Using a responsive reading of the LWML League Pledge, we recommitted ourselves to God's mission work.

Election of officers was held. New LWML Deshler zone officers for 2024 are Joyce Kroll, president; Heather Dahl, vice president; Carolyn Meyer, treasurer; Vickie Emery, Christian life; Donna Meyer, assistant Christian life. Continuing in office are Anita Harms, secretary; Colleen Kruse, public relations/archivist; and Pastor Emery, pastoral counselor.

Joyce Kroll, Deshler zone delegate to the June 2023 LWML national convention in Milwaukee, shared highlights and thanked the members for sending her as delegate.

Attendance and offering reports: twenty-seven members, three pastors, and one guest were present, totaling 31. The offering collected for the zone was \$195.00 and the ingathering for Pastor Awe's mission projects was \$835.00.

Vickie Hegeholz, vice president of Servant Resources, presented the NE South District report. She shared pictures of Nebraska attendees at this summer's national convention and info on the 2023-25 Mission Grants. The mission goal for the biennium is \$2,350,000.00. She also showed pictures of the recent NE South district retreat at Hordville, NE. Upcoming dates include the LWML district convention, Sept. 13-14, 2024, at the Younes Convention Center in Kearney. Then, June 25-28, 2025, the 41st national convention is in Omaha.

Pastor Emery conducted installation of officers. President Donna Meyer thanked the outgoing officers for their service.

Anita Harms extended an invitation to the 2024 fall rally at Deshler.

Heather Dahl, Centennial-Superior, led the closing devotion. "You are the Light of the World," included a story about the waving of a lantern to warn people of approaching trains. A trial was held following an injury. The man in charge of waving the lantern was questioned three times if he had waved the lantern. Three times, he answered, "Yes, I waved the

lantern." There were no convictions. After the trial, the man stated, "I was so afraid they would ask if the lantern was lit." It was not. Lesson: Make sure your light is shining for Christ.



Direct Deposit Offerings - Automatic withdrawal is available to give your offerings here at St. Peter. Signup forms are available in the Narthex, or if requested can be mailed or emailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Sara Kresser, at 402-984-2453 or fourleafclover9 @hotmail.com.



Giving Online - You can give online using a debit or credit card. Click on the "Give" tab on <a href="www.stpeterdeshler">www.stpeterdeshler</a>. org, then select "Click to Give." Please note: There is a fee for using a debit or credit card. It will be deducted from your offering unless you choose to cover the fee.





Contact Pastor Brian or any C.A.R.E. Warriors Team Member for more information.

Discipleship starts with relationships. (Acts 2:42-47)



Keep Saving! Simply buy products from the Best Choice® and Always Save® brands at your favorite local grocer and save the UPC (proof of purchase) from the product's label. Deshler Lutheran School will earn \$30 in cash for each bundle of 1,000 UPCs collected and mailed to Best Choice Save-A-Label. The jar is located in the hallway above the coat rack.

#### **Religion Greeting Cards Available**



Christian Christmas cards will be available in our greeting card display starting the last week in November. Besides Christmas, we have Christian cards for many occasions: Baby, Baptism, Birthday, Confirmation, Graduation, Wedding, Anniversary, and Thank You, Thinking of you, Encouragement, Get well, and Sympathy.

Our greeting cards and napkins are located in the front entrance coat room.

Cards on the left half of the display are sold by the box (5.00 each box). Cards on the right side are sold individually (75¢ each card). Please contact Colleen Kruse @ 402.768.1619 for more information.



#### Available In the Narthex -

Sunday Bulletins, My Devotions, Portals of Prayer, Life Date, Faith Mentor Info, Announcements, Books, Newsletter, Direct Deposit Slips, Cemetery Policy, Annual Report, Phone Directory, Hand Sanitizer, etc.



Are You on Facebook? - Check out the St. Peter, Faith, and DLS Facebook pages, like, and follow them to get updates on your feed. We are continuing to find ways to encourage the body of Christ in the technology world.



Video of Services - A DVD of each Sunday service is available in the white basket on the mailbox shelf in the Narthex. All videos are available for anyone to take home, watch, and return.



#### 3-Year Read Through The Bible

In 2024, we are going to begin a threeyear journey of reading through the Bible. I am encouraging us all to read through the entire New Testament in 2024 and then the Old Testament in 2025 & 2026. A reading plan for 2024 is available now at church and on the website. If you have a method for studying the Bible already, I encourage you to continue to use it. If you don't, I encourage the SOAP method explained below:

**Scripture** – Read through the passage slowly. What words or verses stand out to you? Write them down on your sheet/journal. Focus your attention on these words or verses.

Observation – What is God saying about Himself? What does it say about sin and people's need for a Savior? What does it say about Jesus? Does the passage instruct about how to live life? If so how? What is going on before and after the verse or phrase you are focusing on?

**Application** – Now it's time to look at your life. How is God asking you to respond? How will this apply to you, your faith in Christ and living out that faith?

**Prayer –** Pray that the Lord will help you to apply what He has taught you so that you can give greater honor and glory to Christ in your life. Bring any other prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving or Supplication to the Lord as well.

We will have SOAP sheets available at church and on our website/Facebook page. A journal notebook might work well for you also. I encourage you to keep your sheets/notebook for opportunities of reflection.

#### A few other notes:

- 1) Sundays are a day to reflect on the sermon. There will be no reading.
- 2) At the conclusion of most books there will be a day or two to catch up if you have fallen behind or to go back and reread

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your notes and reflect on what Christ has taught you through the book.

- 3) Consider getting together with one or two people (of the same gender or a couple with another couple) so you can share what God is teaching you. Consider doing this regularly and consistently.
- 4) Invite others to join you during this year, regardless of where they go to church.
- 5) I will be doing videos periodically to share my thoughts along the way, so check those out.

Join us on this journey of diving into the Bible.



# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elder Doug Acolyte Dillon Flowers Colle Envelope Don 8 Committee Aaror Sound Dale Video Mike	Job Duties Schardt Schardt en Kruse & Brenda Betten n & Kinsey Bohling Endorf Zucker y Reinke				Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders	2
9:45am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Sunday School & Bible Class	7pm Elders Meeting 8pm Council Meeting (Budget Prep)	5	6 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation 7pm Advent Midweek Service	7 10am DLS Chapel & Cookies with Congregations	8 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders	9 8am DLS Cookie Walk @ Fairgrounds
9:45am Worship 11am Sunday School 11am Voters Meeting 7:30pm DLS Association Special Meeting at St. Peter	11 7pm Agape Readers	12	13 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation 7pm Advent Service @ Faith	14 10am DLS 3rd & 4th Grade Chapel	15 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders	16
9:45am Worship 11am Sunday School & Bible Class	8pm DLS Board of Education Meeting	19 11:30am Pastor Brian @ Circuit Meeting	12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 7pm Advent Service @ Faith	21	Pastor's Sabbath 12pm Newsletter Content Deadline 1pm Bulletin Folders	23
9:30am Childrens Christmas Program @ Faith 6:30pm Christmas Eve Program at St. Peter	25 9:45am Christmas Day Worship	Pastor Brian Gone	Pastor Brian Gone 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline	Pastor Brian Gone	Pastor Brian Gone Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders and Newsletter Assembly	30 Pastor Brian Gone
9:45am Worship 11am Christmas Church De Decorating						

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