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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

The R E A C H O U T

As I said last Sunday, in December we start a new year for the church. This means we switch our lectionary to Year C, or the Year of Luke. So, our weekly scriptures will come from the Book of Luke, and special days from John. As you know we will get a view from the Luke who is talking to the Greeks and other Gentiles. We hear Luke being the physician, so we hear compassion in the Gospel telling us to aid the weak, sick, and socially marginalized. Luke gives good news for the poor. We focus less on explanation of the theology of the Cross and more living out that theology, or in other words, giving up wealth and using our gifts to serve others.

God is in charge and has already fulfilled God's purpose in this first of the seasons of the church. God's Advent is coming but is already here. Who do we expect but the Christ child born in Bethlehem! What signs do we look for but the wondrous star, and the gathering of the shepherds and the wisemen! We will see the angels appear to Mary, Joseph, and of course the shepherds keeping watch over the sheep at night. We see Christ coming but know he is already here, by the way we treat each other with love and respect. Out-doing one another in showing hospitality.

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December 21

God will challenge the leaders of the day with John the Baptist: crying out in the wilderness to repent, and be washed clean of sin, calling people to leave the temple that has been tarnished by the religious leaders getting stronger off of the labors of the poor and marginalized. Herald of a saving Lord, coming to look for and find people who have turned to God from their sinful ways.

John shouting to the crowd of the One who is coming! It does not matter who you are, just that you are bearing the fruit of mercy, justice, radical generosity, and integrity. Prepare yourself for the coming of the Lord and be the love of Christ to the community. Look for his coming and pray He catches you in the act of bearing his fruit to those around you.

John even announced the coming of the Lord as an unborn child in Elizabeth's womb. The two women Elizabeth and Mary, filled with the Holy Spirit. Trusting and having faith in what God was about to do with this Child of a virgin. Mary proclaiming her song of praise, where we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

And finally we have God's greatest gift that comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" proclaiming God's great blessing of peace. We are challenged to go tell it on the mountains over the hills and everywhere, that Jesus Christ is born! We come together and join each other in singing and sharing the gift of Christ to all.

We gather in the darkness of the cold winter. Trusting the warmth and light, born this night, that we might light candles and huddle together, that we might feel a foretaste of what is to come from this child. The Holy Spirit comes and refreshes us through the body and blood of our risen savior. We sing glory to the Lord, we sing silent night, and we leave with the excitement that this child will save the world.

This is Advent for this year. I am excited for the New Year! I cannot wait for it to come.

Wendy and I feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. We wish each of you a Merry Christmas full of blessings.

Rev. Ralph Edwards

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Worship 5:00pm
2 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	3 Office open 9-2	4	5 Office open 9-2 Advent worship 7pm	6	7 Office open 9-2	8 Worship 5:00pm
9 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	10 Office open 9-2	11	12 Office open 9-2 Advent worship 7pm	13	14 Office open 9-2	15 Worship 5:00 pm
16 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Blue Christmas worship 7pm	17 Office open 9-2	18 Council Meeting 7pm	19 Office open 9-2 Advent worship 7pm	20	21 Office open 9-2	22 Worship 5:00pm
23 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	24 Office open 9-2 Christmas Eve services 7 & 11pm	25	26 Office open 9-2	27	28 Office open 9-2	29 Worship 5:00pm
30 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	31 Office open 9-2	<i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i>				

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
December 2nd	First Sunday of Advent	blue	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-10 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36	Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Our Lord’s contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.
December 9th	Second Sunday of Advent	blue	Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 1: 68-79 Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6	Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer’s voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi’s prophecy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the “salvation of God.”
December 16th	Third Sunday of Advent	blue	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Isaiah 12: 2-6 Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18	The presence of the Lord “in your midst” in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with his winnowing fork in his hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.
December 23rd	Fourth Sunday of Advent	blue	Micah 5: 2-5a Luke 1: 46b-55 Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-55	Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and the blessed virgin Mary’s magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ’s advent is for “the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in the holy communion—with high delight—“we proclaim the Lord’s death.”
December 30th	First Sunday of Christmas	white	1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52	On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	December 2 1st Sunday of Advent	December 9 2nd Sunday of Advent	December 16 3rd Sunday of Advent	December 23 4th Sunday of Advent	December 30 1st Sunday of Christmas
Altar Guild	Art & Barb Gray	Donna Haller	Jacki Makowski	Jean Ohlin	Kathy Kramer
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	Stephen Coss Kara Haskin	Lauren Coss Ashlyn Elford	Stephen Coss Nick Haines	Lauren Coss Barry Pitzer	Stephen Coss Grace Pavkovich
Communion 8:00 Assistant 10:30	Peggy Manchester Sarah Deiger	Penny Felger Andy Tesyk	Peggy Manchester Loetta Haller	Penny Felger Kathy Kramer	Peggy Manchester Sarah Deiger
Lector 8:00 10:30	Greg Razo Andy Tesyk	Peggy Manchester Jean Sauerwein	Nancy Crouse Pam Nock	Greg Razo Don Manning	Peggy Manchester Leslie Warren
Liturgy	Kathy Kramer	Pam Nock	N/A	Sarah Deiger	Sandy Kuntz
Ushers 10:30 am	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider
Fellowship after 10:30 am worship	Stephanie Razo	Sandy Kuntz	Leslie Warren	Art & Barb Gray	Ed & Jean Ohlin
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Ruth McMurray	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Rachel Montgomery	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Sarah Deiger Ruth McMurray
Anointers	8:00 am Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus Peggy Manchester	10:30 am Nancy Barret Robin Marino Sandy Kuntz Andy Tesyk	5 pm Diane D'Amico	Any service Jeff Waldele Sarah Deiger Wendy Edwards	
Communion Bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Pew restocking	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk	Ruth McMurray	Andy Tesyk
Recycling	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo	Andy Tesyk

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list.** Thank you!

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle met at the church November 16th with six members present.

Meaningful devotions were presented by Carol Jean Horst and our Card Ministry Outreach was discussed.

Hannah Circle will buy \$50 worth of paper products for Harvest Sunday to donate to the SRCCC organization.

We will also buy Christmas gifts for names on the mitten tree. Carol Jean and Barbie will do the shopping.

Tracey Byler organized us to work on creating the ornaments to be given at the Christmas Eve service. We will complete them at our next meeting.

A special 'Thank you' goes out to Matthew, Laura, and Carissa Byler for helping to make the ornaments possible.

Please continue to save foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle as this is our only fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be at the church December 11th with Alice Ann Haller leading devotions.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle met on November 14th. This was our last meeting for 2018. We will have no meetings in January or February 2019. The next meeting will be March 13, weather permitting.

Happy Holidays!

Stewardship Team

The stewardship team met on November 13th. Sarah signed us up for Tithe.ly online giving. It will be up and running on our website after December 4th. Our next meeting will be December 11th at 7pm.

Dinner Team

Krautfest: The meal was delicious and so were the desserts. Thank you dinner team and everyone who volunteered! Total proceeds were \$910.00.

Grief Camp received \$722 and \$188 went into our kitchen fund.

Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Joe Kreidler	Carl Wanch	Nora Sabella	Gerald Hostetter
Jennifer Ostapiak	Pete Wellman	Joan Mayberry	Owen Fitzgerald
Catherine Bivianno	Jack Schneider	Tsitsi Jaji	Debbie Frost
Emily Bluedorn	Judy Dickey	Walter Kyser	Christian Elford
Chris and Julia Karis	Jimmy Waldele	Shirley Cantwell	Jacki Makowski
Dale Sheely	Grace Graham	Cheryl Green	Alexis Liberty

Serving in the Military: Morgan Ball, Alyssa, Lyndsey Liberty, Bryce Liberty, Jakeb Fry

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

December 2

Marilyn Wire
Dianna Allen
Sam Allen
Anna Anderson

December 9

Chadd Anderson
Natalie Anderson
Nathan Anderson
Kristen Ansevin

December 16

Frank Ansevin
Gabriella Ansevin
Landon Ansevin
Jennifer Aszalos

December 23

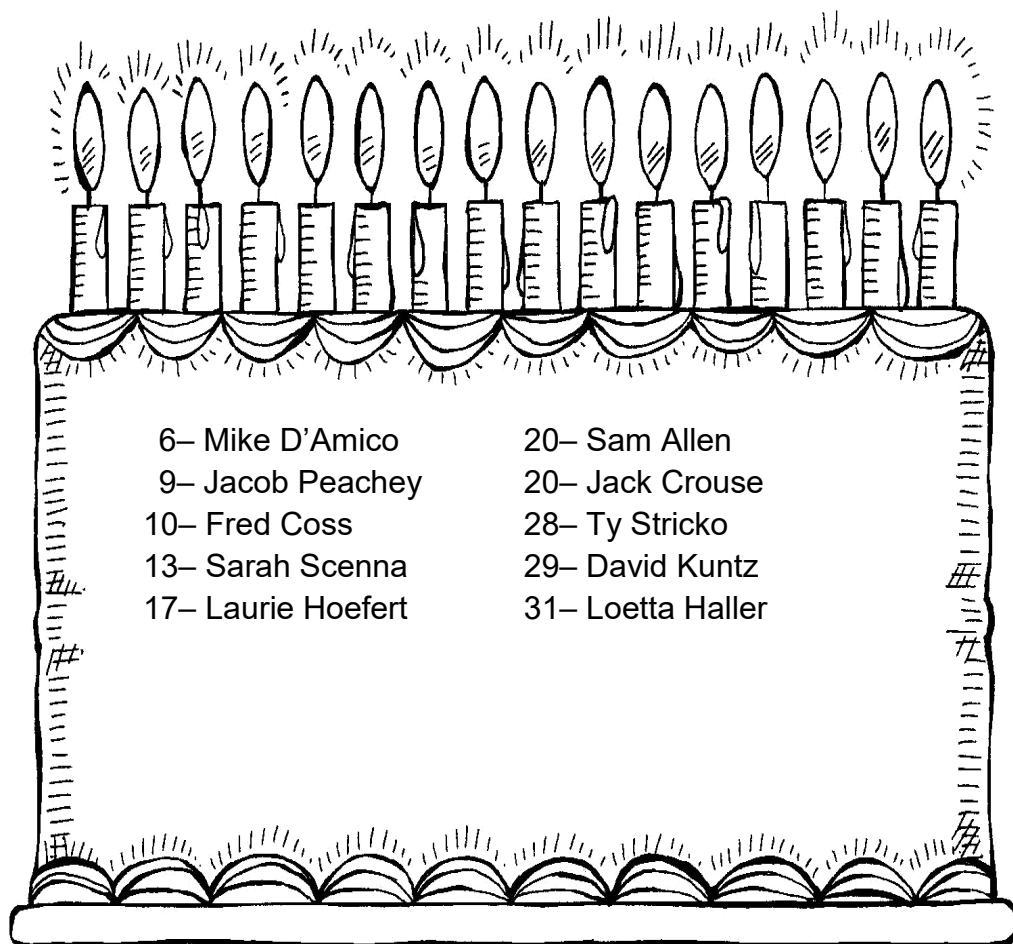
Abby Ausnehmer
David Ausnehmer
Jared Ausnehmer
Patty Ausnehmer

December 30

Tyler Ausnehmer
Morgan Ball
Kevin Barret
Nancy Barret



29- Deb and Joe Dulovich



MEETING MINUTES

Council Minutes November 20, 2018

The meeting opened with prayer led by Pastor Ralph.

present: Pastor Ralph, Sarah, Greg, Stephanie, Andy, Jeff H., and Joe

excused: Peggy, Bryan, Kelsie, Jeff W., and Kelly

Per last month's motion, council has voted to move to a consent agenda. Therefore, the treasurer's and financial secretary's report, and all team reports along with the Pastor's report and October meeting minutes, were all emailed to council ahead of the meeting. All reports were accepted. Jeff asked about the other expense on the income statement. This expense was our Good Hope shirts and has been moved to advertising expense. Council also decided to change the telephone expense to communication expense to include the cost of the one-call system.

Old Business:

bell tower- Jeff Hum obtained a quote from Dr. Boom to ground the bell tower. Greg is contacting other companies to compare at the December meeting.

capital improvements- The parking lot repaving has been postponed until Spring. Greg will contact a contractor to rebuild the wall at the parsonage. Bryan is contacting Jack Crouse about starting the landscaping. Greg and Jeff will provide the excavating.

audit team- Several names were brought forth as proposed members of the audit team. Final decision to be made at the December meeting.

New Business:

staff gifts- Stephanie volunteered to send the congregational letter and collect staff gifts this year. Wendy to help stuff envelopes and provide paper and postage.

online giving- Sarah has opened our church online giving account with Tithe.ly. It will be up and running December 5th. Sarah is creating a direction sheet for ease of using the app. Wendy to get information to Deb to add Tithe.ly to our website.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Ralph.

Congregational Meeting minutes for November 11, 2018

Jeff Waldele opened the meeting with prayer.

Meeting called to order by Jeff.

Jeff introduces our new treasurer, Kelly Anzevino.

Council nominees: Jeff Waldele, Stephanie Razo, and Peggy Manchester.

Representatives for Good Hope nominees: Camp Frederick (Sandy Kuntz), Shepherd of the Valley (Jenny Razo), SRCCC (Art & Barb Gray and Jeff Hum), Synod Assembly (Pastor Ralph, Wendy Edwards, and Kathy Kramer), and Community Day Camp (Sandy Kuntz). Loetta motions that the secretary record a unanimous vote for the slate as presented, knowing that some positions need to be filled. Kevin Seconds. Motion carried.

Greg motions to accept the 2019 proposed budget. Sandy seconds. Motion carried.

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*** Mark Your Calendar ***

Advent services on Wednesdays at 7pm:

December 5– Christmas carols

December 12– Christmas concert

December 17- Cookie exchange

December 16– Blue Christmas

December 24– Music program starts at 6:30pm

—Worship at 7pm and 11pm

January 9– Discipleship class starts at 7pm

Please turn in your annual reports by the end of December

Advent Concert

@ Good Hope Lutheran Church

In North Lima

Wednesday, December 12th at 7pm

Cost: Love Offering

Join ***Sue Deutschlander***

With special guests **Rachel Aiken** (violin)

And **Christine Habuda** (percussion)

Blue Christmas Worship Service

Sunday, December 16th at 7:00pm: Not everyone feels like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas. We pray that you will find hope and peace and comfort in knowing that you are not alone.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Wednesday December 19th right after the Advent worship.

A cookie exchange is a fun way for all of us to enjoy dozens of different Christmas cookies, but only have to bake one kind. You choose one kind of cookie to bake, and bake enough so that each guest can take home 1 dozen of your cookies. For instance, if you bring 6 dozen of your cookies, you can take home 6 dozen other kinds. Bake an extra dozen for sampling. Package each dozen on a disposable plate and place in a Ziplock bag. Please bring your recipes too!

SAVE THE DATE FOR GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 12 -- Chili and Cornbread Dinner

February 9 – Beef tips and Noodles dinner

March 9 – Pasta Bake Dinner

April 13 -- Soup and Sandwich Dinner

May 11 – Pulled Pork Sandwich Dinner

May 18 – Rummage Sale & Sausage with peppers

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Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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