

# Gather, Grow, & GO Newsletter

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## Church Office Hours

### Monday-Thursday

8 am to 4 pm

### Friday

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## Mission

Connecting children and families to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.

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## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Star of Bethlehem guided the wise men, may Jesus Who is the Light of the World guide your thoughts, words, and actions.

Very soon you will receive your final giving statement for 2024. I want to thank you on behalf of our church for your generous financial contributions in support of our mission and ministry this past year. Your giving has helped us share the life-changing and life-saving Gospel to both the church and unchurched.

We just celebrated Jesus' birth when He came to us at Christmas to give us love and life that will never end. Jesus talked about love and showed it. **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).** It seems that Christmas is all about giving out of love—and God started it!

God's Word is all about God's love for us, and Scripture also exhorts us to **"love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37).** Through faith, we are enabled to love our Lord with all that He has entrusted to us. By grace, we willingly use our time and talents to serve and honor Him, and we give freely of the money that He enables us to earn (Deuteronomy 8:17-18). Giving is one of the important ways that we express our love to Jesus in response to His amazing love for us.

As we say good-bye to the year 2024 and greet 2025, we may prayerfully consider **"How we may do more to thank God for His love and for all that He has done and continues to do for us?"** High on our lists of things to thank our Heavenly Father is that He places in us the desire to thank Him for all His blessings. We certainly will want to thank Him for our families as well as our material blessings. How blessed we are that God provides for all that we need to sustain our lives, and, through faith that He provides, He will give us life forever with Him.



**LOVE THE LORD**  
**YOUR GOD WITH**  
**ALL YOUR heart**  
**& WITH ALL YOUR soul**  
**AND WITH ALL YOUR mind.**

MATTHEW 22:37

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# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Please contact the Church office to add a request and when a prayer can be removed.



Serving stateside:

- ★ Lt. Cmdr. Michele Brown [Kerns] (D.C.)
- ★ SGT, Casin Down-Wilson (Deployed to Washington, D.C. - KSARNG)
- ★ CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Campbell, Ky.)
- ★ SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron)
- ★ Caleb Schempp (KS ANG-Qatar)
- ★ STAFF SGT Brandon Seutter (Ft. Lewis-McChord, Wash.)
- ★ SPC, Nathan Wibe (KSARNG)

## For those dealing with long-term illness and health concerns:

- Brad Alyea (cancer)
- Tonya Baker (cancer)
- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- **Liz Taylor Berube (cancer)**
- Sharon Drew (cancer)
- Jordan Ebach (cancer)
- **Ken Ernster (cancer)**
- Wanda Fisher (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- Gary Huseman (cancer)
- John Huss (brain tumor)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Karen Kuhn (cancer)
- Judy Landall (cancer)
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorette Marsh (cancer)
- JC McCaskey (cancer)
- Milroy Moses (cancer)
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Nesemeier (cancer)
- Patty Ott (cancer)
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- Dave Semro (cancer)
- **Tom Serafin (cancer)**
- Eric Shaffer (heart surgery)
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Tyler Smith (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)
- Kathy Woods (cancer)
- Kara Zech (cancer)

**For Our Expectant Mothers:** **Audra Bruschi**, Allie Melton, Alison Reigel, Mary Schultz, Brie Shepherd, **Rachel Totten**, Peyton Ziegler, and all other expectant mothers, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

## For the Sake of the Gospel:

For Vicar Josiah Sandcork and his wife Amanda, as they spend their vicarage year with us.

\*New additions to the continued prayer list are in **bold**.



To support our military service members with words of encouragement and/or care packages, the elders have provided the deployed addresses of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Thank you again for giving so generously to God through our church. Your gifts enable us to be beacons of love and light to a world in physical and spiritual need. **"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of Mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5).**

Serving Christ together,

*Pastor Joel Schultz*

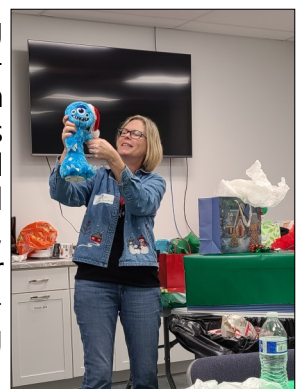
## NEWS & NOTES



The **Faith Alive (55+)** group met on Saturday, December 14 for their December get-together with 35 people attending. After a devotion shared by Brad Keefe, we all enjoyed a special dinner of Terry West's burnt ends and turkey with sides (Yum!). For dessert, a special treat was enjoyed of mini cheesecake bites and brownies.



Then came the fun – the White Elephant gift exchange! Things started getting "interesting" when the stealing began. A squeaking, red chicken with no feathers made it around the room several times! A little blue, dancing monster



was also very popular! After some strategic maneuvering by the Kanoys, their grandchild will be dancing around with a blue monster soon.

Even though Mr. & Mrs. Santa opened gifts of "alcoholic beverages" – THREE times in a row – they only went home with a bottle of Chocolate liqueur. Many gifts, I'm sure, will not be returning next year. The fun and fellowship will continue in 2025!

This group will start off the new year meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 4:30p.m., in Room 114. Our hosts for the evening will be Gary and Barb Levan. More info will be coming as the date gets closer. If you've been thinking about doing something new and enjoyable in 2025, come check us out. We are a friendly, inviting group and new friendships are sure to be made! Contact [Randy Kanoy](#) or [Brad Keefe](#) about getting on our email list.





## MISSIONS



### January Fieldstone Update and Prayer Requests:

- This past month, we delivered six Welcome Baskets for new residents.
- We were advised by management of three families that could use some assistance, so we got them signed up for weekly food delivery and the Christmas Store.
- We had a total of 23 neighbors who attended the Mission Southside (MSS) Christmas Store. Thank you to Sara Zarnstorf who was our Prayer Warrior and prayed with several families during the Christmas Store, and to Ann Campbell for coordinating between MSS and our Fieldstone Families!
- BSLC members generously donated 19 gift cards and 23 toys for the MSS Christmas Store. WOW! Thank YOU to all who have helped, donated, and prayed for our continued ministry to Fieldstone Apartments and for the help of MSS! God be praised for these wonderful gifts and servant hearts! We sure do appreciate YOUR support!
- For Thanksgiving, we delivered a Walmart gift card and Thanksgiving card to 26 of our neighbors who normally receive a food box.
- We also coordinated with MSS for the delivery of a bed for our neighbor Ashley's daughter; we also shopped with Ashley at the warehouse.

### We have several neighbors we can pray for specifically:

- Several of our neighbors were hospitalized in November: Ashley, Shannon, and Maria. Please pray for continued healing and good health.
- Pray that Maria is able to travel to New Jersey to be with her daughter for the month of December for the birth of Maria's granddaughter.
- Prayer of thanks that Sandy got a job.
- Pray for Ashley who has chronic liver disease, and is currently struggling financially due to some court costs that were assessed. A prayer of thanksgiving that she was approved for Section 8 housing. Pray for her outlook and her faith which falters.
- Pray for peace and safety for Konstantine's mother who lives in Odessa, Ukraine.
- Pray for a healthy pregnancy for Zahra.
- Prayer of thanksgiving for our neighbors who show their love and appreciation in such thoughtful and kind ways.



IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

## MISSIONS



We will continue collecting donations for the Pioneer Trail Backsnack program during the holiday break and throughout the rest of the school year. The food items will be replenished at the school after the holiday break. We have been giving the students **reg-size boxes of cereal, fruit cups, and granola/breakfast bars** to take home each weekend. Please continue to donate to this program. Your generosity has been a blessing to these students!



**THANK YOU** to our BSLC Preschoolers! During the month of November, our Preschoolers filled the large, wooden donation box in the narthex to the TOP with Thanksgiving blessings.

They collected cereal, fruit cups, breakfast bars and PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY! The students in the Pioneer Trail Backsnack program had a special treat added of peanut butter and jelly to enjoy over the Christmas break. Thank you for being so generous and thinking of others!



### FLLEECE FABRIC for BLANKETS

In January/February, Missions will be collecting fleece fabric to make warm blankets. We will advertise at a later date when the blankets will be assembled (tying) so you may join us if you'd like. It's a very easy process. The blankets will be donated to Orphan Grain Train for distribution to the needy.

**Each blanket uses a two-yard length of fleece fabric for the top AND a two-yard length of fleece fabric for the bottom.** The fabric can be any color. Blankets made in the past have used a fleece design piece for the top with a coordinating solid fleece piece for the bottom.

(FYI -These blankets are bigger than the blanket "kits" sold in fabric stores.)

If you only want to donate a two-yard piece of fleece, that is fine. We can coordinate it with other donated pieces. We hope to be able to donate several warm blankets.





## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### Advent By Candlelight

Sweet Christmas

On the evening of December 7 about 45 women gathered in the Fellowship Hall for Advent by Candlelight. We enjoyed an array of salads and appetizers while sharing with each other around tables festively decorated with candles, nativities, angels, and gingerbread men. We then went to the sanctuary for our program where we heard how a few of our favorite "sweet treats" can remind us of the Christmas story and Jesus' birth. We also sang several familiar Christmas hymns and closed the program by lighting candles and singing Silent Night. Back in the Fellowship Hall we filled our plates with delicious desserts and our cups with hot tea, coffee, and cocoa. We left the event with our hearts and minds focused on the true meaning of the Advent season, waiting expectantly for our Savior. Thank you to all the women who helped with Advent by Candlelight – our table hostesses, greeters, those who helped with setup and cleanup, and those who helped with the program.



# Save the Date!

## Women's Retreat

### Saturday, February 12, 2025

A time for everything!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

JANUARY		1/5/2025	1/12/2025	1/19/2025	1/26/25
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Isla Delancy Ethan Wolff <i>Crucifer:</i> Nate Delancy	Caleb Bahr Maya Hughey <i>Crucifer:</i> Blake Hughey	Jack Gruhn TBD	Jack McDonald Henry McDonald
	10:45 am	Corrine Jensen TBD <i>Crucifer:</i> TBD	Rowen Clark TBD <i>Crucifer:</i> TBD	Kendall Herrs TBD	Emma Ronsick TBD
Greeters:	8:00 am	Roger Berardi & Chuck Tuttle	Riechers Family	Kent & Paula Thompson	Mary Jane Rees & Bob Welsh
	10:45 am	Lois Clendening & Liza Pillers	Ken & Shirley Knese	Williams Family	Lewallen Family
Altar Guild		Doris Baker Carolyn & Keith Clarke Angela Hodge Rebecca McDonald Gina Stoehr	Deb Hodnik Deb & Dana Froelich Mary Jane Rees Gina Stoehr	Karen & David Benz Carol Brandt Sam Mohr Liza Pillers	Denise & Scott Behrman Nancy & Jim DeLaney Debbie Johnson
Education Hour Nursery:		Sheila & Aubrey Huseman <i>Helping Hands:</i> Zach & Alaina Booth	Jason & Alli Bauck <i>Helping Hands:</i> Ashley and Adam Stoll	Ashley Stoll & Michelle McKay <i>Helping Hands:</i> Jason & Alli Bauck	Andrew & Marissa Lippe <i>Helping Hands:</i> Zach & Alaina Booth
Counters:		John Blakley Keith Gloe	George Ledgerwood Todd Scheumann	Eric Domsch Todd Scheumann Bob Welsh	Brian Olson Paul Peterson
Altar Flowers:		<i>Debbie Hodnik's 65th Birthday</i>	David & Diane Curtin <i>50th Wedding Anniversary</i>	George & Karen Ledgerwood <i>33rd Anniversary</i>	TBD
		Hodnik Grandchildren <i>Luke &amp; Addie Walsh's Baptism</i>	Jym Fees <i>Glory of God</i>	TBD	TBD
Ushers	8:00 am		10:45 am		
	Keith Clarke, Matt Horyna, Matt Riechers, and Ryan Wolff		Leo Bertels, Phil Bertels, Steve Cichon, Jeff Hiller, and Paul Peterson		



Heavenly Father, thank You for the ways You have worked in my life over the past year, and for the good You will bring me in the new year. Fill me with the certainty of Your promise to be with me through this life and to work all things to my good in heaven with you. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.



## ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
12/1/24	396
12/8/24	414
12/15/24	397
12/22/24	375
12/29/24	TBD

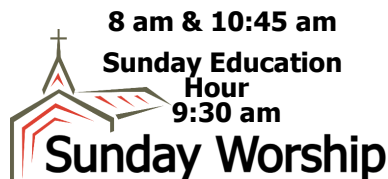
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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Preschool  
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Program

His Name is Jesus was the title of our two Christmas Programs this year. The Preschool children shared the message of Jesus' birth through acting, fingerplays, and songs. They practiced during Music Classes the whole month of

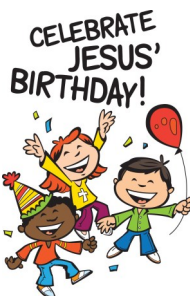


December and did a wonderful job of telling about Jesus' birth. Each child received a book called His Name is Jesus as well. Our Preschool Board worked hard to coordinate the cookie donations for the reception after the programs.



## Class Christmas Parties

Preschool classes enjoyed class parties on their last days of school before Christmas break. Parent volunteers prepared games, snacks, and books to read to the children during the parties. We are so thankful for our wonderful parent volunteers!



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