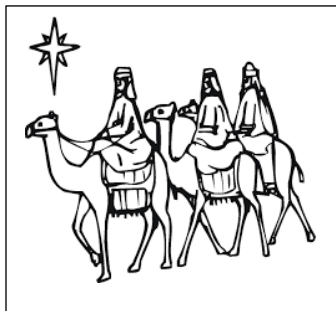


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Church Secretary

Linda Warsaw has resigned as church secretary effective immediately. We appreciate all the work she has done for the congregation since April 2012, and we wish her well. Anyone interested in applying for this job, please contact Chairman Rick Hardesty at 309-830-8531 or Pastor McPike. The job description will be available upon request.

Election of Officers

New officers will be elected at the annual voters meeting on January 23rd after church. This year we need candidates for chairman, treasurer, 2 elders, 1 trustee, and an assistant financial superintendent for the ballot. Please consider using your God given talents to help in these offices. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board.

Altar Guild

Thank you to all the ladies who served on the Altar Guild this past year. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board for the upcoming year. All members are invited to help with the Altar Guild. A special thanks to Susan Martin for purchasing needed supplies for the Altar Guild for the next few months.

Church Decorations

The Christmas decorations inside and outside of the church will be taken down on Sunday, January 9th, after church. ALL members are encouraged to help pack the decorations away for another year.

Dates to Remember

Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 19th at 6:30
Congregational Voters Meeting – Sunday, January 23rd – after church

Christmas Sacks



On Christmas Eve morning seventy-five treat bags were assembled so that they could be distributed at the Christmas Eve Service. The treats in the bags were purchased with member donations and a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Visa Card.

Those helping were (front row) Addison Warsaw, Annette Warsaw, Terri Hooker (second row) Diana Zimmerman, Connie Warsaw, Jeff Warsaw, Dwight Hooker, (back row) Don Warsaw and Bob Zimmerman. (Brenda Hendricks – not pictured). A special thanks to Don and Connie Warsaw for organizing this project.

Hat, Mitten, and Scarf Collection

At the November Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting, the ladies voted to donate hats, mittens, and scarves instead of having a Christmas gift exchange at their Christmas Luncheon. This project was also offered to the congregation. The collection box on the back pew overflowed with donations. There were 24 pairs of mittens and gloves, 17 hats, and 9 scarves donated. These items will be donated to the local schools and other places that help provide for the needy.

Poinsettia Donations

Thank you to those members who donated a poinsettia to adorn the altar during the Christmas Season. Those donating were Brenda and Jerry Edwards, Debbie and John Lammle, Sue and Jim VanWakeman, Theresa VanWakeman-Wilson, Connie and Don Warsaw, and Sandy and Lee Whitehouse. The flowers were used Christmas Eve and the three Sundays following. They may be taken home after the January 9th worship service. Your generosity will come through as God's love to those here on earth.

Altar Flowers

Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the back of the church if you would like to donate altar flowers in memory of a special person or occasion or pay for the eternal flame candle for a specific month.

Special Thanks to Musicians

Special thanks to the many talented musicians who performed in the Christmas Eve Service. Pastor McPike used his voice to sing various verses of Christmas hymns that aligned with his homily entitled “Angels”. Sara McPike used her musical ability on the trumpet to add to the accompaniment of the Christmas hymns that the congregation sang. Theresa VanWakeman-Wilson used her voice to sing the beautiful prelude “He Is Born the Child Divine”. Alicia Haggin used her musical ability on the organ to accompany the whole service. It was a very joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior!



Quilting

The ladies will be tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Monday, January 3 and Wednesday, January 5, in the fellowship hall. On January 3rd ladies will quilt at 8 AM and on January 5th they will quilt at 1 PM. All ladies of the congregation are invited to help assemble the quilts and tie knots.

Benefit Supper



On November 13th, the first “take-n-go” benefit soup supper was held in the fellowship hall. Due to the COVID restrictions, the attendees entered the hall and selected their choice of soup, sandwiches, and dessert, and it was sacked for them to take home and eat. There was a surplus of food left after the supper so food was offered on a takeout basis at the hall after church on Sunday, November 14th. The benefit was held for Brian Butler of Bellflower who is recovering from a massive heart attack and stroke. He is also on dialysis after his transplanted kidney failed. Since the benefit Brian has had open heart surgery and is recovering well. The Stewardship Committee (Terri and Dwight Hooker and Brenda Hendricks) gave Brian and his wife, Cyndi, a check for \$5340 on December 23rd.

Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies Aid/LWML held their annual Christmas Luncheon with husbands and guests on December 9th at Jack's Café in LeRoy. After a delicious meal, Terri Hooker was the caller for some exciting BINGO games. The group did not exchange Christmas gifts this year, but instead collected mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for the needy in our communities. Congratulations to the 2022 Ladies Aid/LWML elected officers: President: Brenda Hendricks, Secretary: Deb Lammle, Treasurer: Connie Warsaw, Mission Coordinator: Terri Hooker, and Christian Growth Chairman: Annette Warsaw. These officers will serve for two years.

Thank You

Thanks to the outgoing church council officers for dedicating their time and energies to the work of the church. These officers will finish their terms in late January when the 2022 election is held. Finishing terms are Rick Hardesty as chairman, John Lammle as treasurer, Steve Martin and Jim VanWakeman as elders, Don Warsaw as trustee, and Brenda Hendricks as finance secretary.

Christmas at Osman



Birthdays

Joey Haggin.....01-02
Sara Kunde..... 01-05
Brad Lutz..... 01-10
Rebecca Gercken.....01-14
Anne Amdor..... 01-18
Hannah Duncan.....01-19
Megan Bidner..... 01-21
Bryce Martin..... 01-23
Matthew Burgess..... 01-27

Anniversaries

Christie and Leonard Delaney.....01-07-1995

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Class</u>
11/28	37	0	
12/5	47	2	
12/12	41	0	11
12/19	42	2	
12/24	69	n/a	n/a
12/26	39	0	7

New Year's Poem

Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The things that pleaseth Thee.
I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The things that pleaseth Thee.

