

THE CHRONICLES

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“... and he was called Jesus” Luke 2:21b

A new year is right around the corner. A resolution I make practically every year at this point of time is to lose some weight. I could probably shed 30 or 40 pounds and be a lot more healthy. I know what I need to do to accomplish that, exercise more and especially stop eating so much. It's that second one that seems to be the main hurdle. For me, that is hard to do. When I am hungry, it is very easy to forget that pesky old resolution.

It is not only a new year for all the folks at LCR, but the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the congregation. The resolution for the new year could be to grow membership, worship attendance and financial stability. To know how that can be accomplished is much more complicated than my understanding of how to lose weight. There is, however, one element of that kind of growth which is absolutely essential. That element is keeping in mind that what we do is always done in the name of Jesus.

January 1 each year is set aside to celebrate the “name of Jesus.” The name Jesus simply means “savior” or “the one who saves.” Being reminded that we operate as people of the Savior of the world is a good way of getting the new year started. What is done as a congregation and how it is done is secondary to keeping in mind why we are doing it. We do ministry to share the love that God has for us through Jesus Christ. It is to our Savior then that we look for guidance. That means a lot of prayer and study leading us to what God wants us to do and be in Jesus name.

May God bless your new year and the new year of LCR that we might first and foremost continue to do God's will.

Pastor Jeff



January Birthdays

2 Shirley Schliessmann
 9 Arturo Flores
 17 Don Isler
 25 Dorothy Tasian
 29 Joan Mohr

WINTER WONDERLAND

Events in January:

Sun. Jan. 6 – Council Meeting at 11:15

Wed. Jan. 9 – Fig Tree Packing - Presby Church at 10:00

Sun. Jan. 27 – Deer Creek Devotions at 3:30

January Anniversaries

1 Ann & John Fox –
 25 YEARS !!

LCR Financial Report
November 2018 and Year-To-Date Totals

These figures are subject to revision.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			<u>BUILDING FUND</u>		
	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
Nov.	\$5,954	\$4,200	142%	\$765	\$1,450	52.8%
YTD	\$75,912	\$60,935	125%	\$10,155	\$15,950	63.6%

January Worship Helpers
Assistant Ministers

6 Autry Burns
13 Chris Weaver
20 Shirley Schliessmann
27 Lois Hickman

Eucharistic Ministers

13 Autry Burns
27 Dianne Kilpatrick

Acolytes

6 Bella Raska
13 Claire Valentine
20 Aiden Boger
27 Savannah Cargill

Readers

6 Mary Rodgers
13 Kay McBrayer
20 Patti Gibson
27 Whitney Cargill

Ushers

6 David Johnson
13 Josie/Jason Valentine
20 Merkord Family
27 Al Strobel

Altar Guild

6 Pat Ehrhart
13 Pat Ehrhart
20 Shirley Schliessmann
27 Ann Fox

Greeters

6 Autry Burns
13 Joan Mohr
20 Al Strobel
27 Benjamin Raska

Counters

6 Tamela Jarvis-Flores
13 Jason Valentine
20 Shirley Schliessmann
27 Don Isler

Bulletin Folders

6 Bella Raska
13 Enid Isler
20 Shirley Schliessmann
27 Paula Johnson

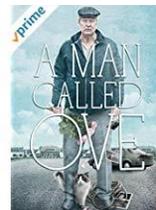
DEER CREEK DEVOTIONS



On Sunday, Jan. 27th, at 3:30 LCR will be conducting Deer Creek Devotions at the Deer Creek Rehabilitation Center on RR 3237. This is a quick 30 minutes of song, worship and celebration. **All are welcome and encouraged to come and join in the festivities.**

SPINE CRACKER NEWS

From Emily Merkord: Continue to read *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. This is a story about a curmudgeon kind of man who points at people he doesn't like as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has a strict routine and a very short fuse. But, does he REALLY seem bitter just because he walks around as a grumbly "Mr. Grump?"



The entire novel will be discussed at the next meeting of SpineCrackers in January. The date of the meeting will be announced shortly.

Keep a crackin'! It's relaxin'!

UPDATE ON BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Septic System serviced on 11/21/18:

The Septic System was serviced on 11/21/18 by Smith Septic Services. This was the first of the planned repairs for our church since the refinancing loan was approved.

Repairs completed:- Installation of new 1/2 hp Liberty sewer pump with 3 year warranty

- New alarm box
- Jetting (cleaning) L.P.D. drain-field

Retaining Wall replaced the week of 12.18.2018 by Myers Construction. Thanks Dianne for setting this up.

Parking Lot resurfacing completed the week of 12.19.2018. Thanks Dianne for setting this up.

Flooring installation planned for week of 1/16-1/19/2019:

The vinyl plank flooring style Highlander color Jubilee to be installed by Quality Floors. Installation includes the entry/lobby area, hallway stopping at the side entrance, and fellowship hall. Should be minimal impact since the flooring in

each area will be installed 50% at a time to minimize traffic problems. Flooring boxes will be delivered on Mon 1/14 and placed in the fellowship hall along the back wall for the flooring to acclimate to environment. Quality Flooring will perform:

- Removal of carpet
- Grinding & leveling of subfloor
- Installation of vinyl plank flooring

Regards,

Don Isler B&B team 12/18/2018



NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY COMING!

From Shirley S: If you haven't turned your form in, please do so by December 31st so that Maureen & Shirley can work on the directory in January and distribute new ones by February 3rd. The form is in your church mailbox. Please place your completed form in the **2019 Directory box in the narthex.**

We'll also provide an electronic directory for those who prefer that option. Because much of the directory needs updating (in addition to member information and a revised constitution), an e-version will save significantly on paper and printing costs! Thanks, everyone, for helping to ensure that our directory continues to be a reliable resource.

Working Together at the Trail of Lights

LCR members came together once again on December 12th to host the campfire refreshments stand at EmilyAnn Theatre & Gardens' Trail of Lights. "Working" conditions were perfect: It was a beautiful winter evening under the stars, the "workplace" setting was awesome, conversation was light and cheerful, and family camaraderie prevailed! -- Shirley S.



Weren't They Awesome?!

What a treat the congregation enjoyed during Advent Sunday worship services! This year's Sunday School Christmas program on December 9th featured our young people expertly performing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" on the bells. They also gave everyone beautiful Christmas ornaments they'd decorated, each with a different Christmas-related scripture verse. Not to be outdone, LCR's not-quite-as-young *Ding-a-Lings* delighted the congregation the two following Sundays, first with "Joy to the World," and then "Silent Night."

Thank you all for sharing your gifts of talent with the congregation; and special thanks to Chris Weaver for organizing the bell choir performances, to Bella and Benjamin Raska for "guiding" the very young participants, and to the Sunday School teachers for devoting Sunday sessions to prepare. You are all truly a blessing to our LCR family, and we look forward to enjoying more performances in the future!

Shirley S.



... and a Great Time Was Had by All!



Thank you, **Dorothy & Gerry Tasian**, for inviting LCR family and friends to your beautiful home for fellowship and tasty treats after worship on December 9th. We had a great time!





And Most Importantly:

Thank you to Dorothy & Gerry Tasian, Lois & Danny Hickman, and Chris Weaver and Shirley Schliessmann for providing our after worship fellowship in December.

Thank you to Chris Weaver for finding, scheduling, organizing, and delivering the LCR December mission of providing Christmas joy for a needy family.

Thank you to Chris Weaver for campaigning for and organizing the bell chimes for the Children's program and the worship services.

Thank you to the Emily Merkord for purchasing, delivering and setting up the Christmas poinsettia. Emily and Shirley also watered the poinsettias and Christmas tree during the Advent season.

Thank you to Shirley Schliessmann for purchasing the sanctuary Christmas tree and for decorating it with the help of many children and adults.

Thank you to Don & Enid Isler for continuing to tackle the recent day-to-day maintenance as well as the septic replacement and the massive new flooring project.

Thank you to Dianne Kilpatrick for finding the contractor to replace the retaining wall and resurface and paint the "brand new" parking lot.

Thanks again to Emily & Brandon Merkord and Enid & Don Isler for setting up the church for the Advent season.

Prayer Requests

Joyce & John Bradshaw
Michael Thurman
Estelle Hill
Al and Jan Erlandson
Marvin Bowen
Beverly Pugsley
Rob Schultz
Gini Bouzzard
Jack the Policeman
Keith Lauderdale
Kern Tilley
Joanne Bachle
Brad Simpson and Family
Kandace Fox
Chandler Brown
Carol Carson
Fred Ferreira
Debbie Johnson
Jerry Kilpatrick

***Make me to know thy ways, O Lord;
teach me thy paths.***

***Lead me in thy truth, and teach me,
for thou art the God of my salvation.***

Psalms 25:4-5a