



SHINER  
LUTHERAN

# WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

*Growing together in grace and service*

Thursday December 10, 2020

Sunday December 13



[In-person worship Sunday December 13 @ 10:15 am](#)

For in-person worship please be sure to properly wear your required mask, remember to socially distance, and use hand sanitizer. Communion will be served in the pews. .



OR *worship* WITH US FROM HOME



Online worship on Shiner Lutheran Church Facebook page:  
Sunday December 13 @ 10:15 am



Wednesday Advent Services

## MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Join us for a quiet time of prayer as we gather each Wednesday in Advent at 7 pm and worship with the service Holden Evening Prayer. Come December 16, take some time and pray thru the chaos, confusion, and concerns of 2020 as we journey towards the celebration of Christmas.



Thank you for helping others this Christmas by donating to the Giving Tree project sponsored by our Hospitality Team. The gift tags have all been taken. We ask for all the gifts to be brought to church by this Sunday December 13. Gifts will then be distributed to the needy families to help make Christmas special for them.

## NEW 2021 Offering Envelopes



Pick yours up in the Gathering Place.

2021 offering envelopes have a new look. Now you may write one check and designate amounts that go to various funds by completing the check list on the front of the envelope. One envelope is used for all funds.

*Join us for worship on  
Christmas Eve  
Thursday Dec.24  
In person or Online  
5:00 pm & 10:00 pm*



## UPDATES & INFORMATION

- **Church Council** meets Sunday December 13 immediately following worship.
- **Mid-Week Morning Bible Study** continues Wednesday December 16 at 10 am. studying Genesis. Masks and distancing are used. A Zoom alternative is available upon request.
- **Confirmation Instruction** meets on December 16 from 6:00-6:45 pm. No meal will be served, and masks and distancing will be used.
- **Mid-Week Advent Worship** takes place Wednesday December 16 & 23 at 7 pm. The calm and quiet of Holden Evening Prayer and the lighting of candles help us prayerfully focus on the journey through Advent to Christmas.



Monthly Budget

### GENERAL FUND for November 2020

**Beginning Balance:** \$ 35,840.72  
**Receipts on Budget:** \$ 15,248.67  
**Expenses on Budget:** (\$ - 15,807.73)  
**Balance as of Nov. 30:** \$ 35,281.66

### BUILDING FUND for November 2020

**Receipts for Bldg Fund:** \$ 5,751.29  
**Monthly Payment:** \$11,002.78  
**Payment Balance:** (\$ - 5,251.49)  
**(Negative balances are paid from the Building Fund Reserves. Current balance is \$33,036.16)**

As might be expected with the pandemic, contributions are not fully meeting our monthly obligations to pay expenses, benevolence, and our mortgage. While we have funds now to cover the shortfall, we remind everyone that any special end of year contributions will surely be appreciated and put to good use to continue our ministries. Thank you.



- This week we celebrate and remember in prayer these **Baptism Anniversaries:** 12/13 Lee Ann Otto; 12/16 Adelynn Siegel; 12/17 Marshall Boedeker, Grant Fischer.
- We also celebrate a **Wedding Anniversary:** Hal & Pat Reichardt on 12/19.
- This week we wish **Birthday Blessings** to: 12/13 Tanner Pietsch; 12/14 Christy Fojt; 12/15 Brian Baker; 12/16 Shana Ulcak; 12/17 Shannon Blaschke, Mark Hagens; 12/18 Ronnie Bruns, Kyle Zaruba; 12/19 Jillian McDonald, Ellen Stanek.

**Prayers** continue for all those in need, particularly for those dealing with long term illness or recovery including Jennifer Zahradnick, Thelma Stockton, and Butch Rabke.



Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of *Winona Davis*, who passed away December 5, 2020. Winona is the grandmother of James Davis.



**IN PERSON:** Bring your offering to church and give during worship or drop it by the office or the large envelope by the entrance or office. .

**BY MAIL:** Send to the church at P.O.Box 26, Shiner.

**TEXT:** Text an amount to 1-844-697-3838 and pay by credit or debit card.

**APP:** Download GIVE PLUS Church App from App Store or Google Play. Find our church (United Dr. Martin Luther Church) and set up your donation.

**ONLINE:** Go to our electronic giving service (VANCO) and set up a direct draft from your bank or credit card, which allows one time or recurrent giving to all our funds. This is recorded just like in-person contributions towards your giving statement and is managed by you. A direct link button to set this up is attached digitally.

