

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

Growing together in grace and service

SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 2023



COME WORSHIP IN PERSON @ 10:15 am

The Second Sunday after **EPIPHANY**, a season of light



OR



Shiner Lutheran Facebook page



Quilting meets January 17 @ 8:30 am

Quilters make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. More hands are needed to continue and grow this service project. No sewing experience is necessary, but a heart that cares for others is appreciated. Come and see!



Growing in Faith Together - Christian Education in Action

Our Wednesday evening GIFT program continues with meal and fellowship at 5:30 pm followed by learning time at 6:00 pm. Vicar Daniel began a new adult session focusing on Luther and the small catechism. Both newcomers and cradle Lutherans can discuss and learn together. Drop ins are welcome.



Applications for 2023 Shiner Lutheran Scholarships are now available. For years we have been able to support high school graduates. This year we are accepting applications but will not be able to award scholarships unless we receive donations for funding. (Previous years received funding from our Endowment Fund; this year that is not an option.) We have a few months to gather funds. Donations to "Scholarships" can give us the resources to support our grads.

Be sure to mark your calendars:



- Sunday January 22—Country Gospel Worship
- Sunday January 29—Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting and a Fifth Sunday Covered Dish Dinner take place following worship
- Zoom Bible Study: Celebrate A Bold Life of Faith: Katharina von Bora Luther

Katie Luther was a wife, mother, farmer, brewmaster, innkeeper, and more. In all that she did, she acted boldly on her faith in Jesus Christ. There's a little bit of Katie in all of us. Learn about Katie while learning more about yourself. Class will be led by SWT WELCA board members Holy Heinsohn and Lisa Lopez.

Sunday January 29 from 2-4 pm. on Zoom. (Please email swtwelca@gmail.com for the zoom link.)

SCHEDULED THIS WEEK:

UPDATES & INFORMATION

SUNDAY January 15—Looking at the Lessons @ 9:00 am; Worship @ 10:15 am

TUESDAY January 17—Quilting @ 8:30 am; SNRC Devotions @ 10:00 am; Staff Meeting @ 10:30 am; Canasta @ noon

WEDNESDAY January 18—Bible Study @ 10:00 am; Brief Communion @ 1:30 pm; GIFT Meal @ 5:30 pm; GIFT Learning @ 6:00 pm

THURSDAY January 19—Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm; Hand Chimes Practice @ 7:45 pm



This week we celebrate and remember in prayer these **Baptism Anniversaries:** 1/16 Johnny Wheelis; 1/19 David Hewig; 1/21 Tinkie Maeker

This week we wish **Birthday Blessings** to: 1/15 Randy Zaruba; 1/18 Johnny Schroeder, Roy Pfuhl; 1/19 Sara Machacek; 1/21 Lorene Nollkamper



Flowers for January 15 are given by Sheri Bickham in honor of her family birthdays: Ryan, Lindsey, and Ginger on the 10th, 11th, and 17th.



Prayers of Concern continue for many members and friends of the congregation including:

Ben Mozisek, Charity Kneifel, Jonathan Albrecht, Carolyn Schroeder, Jeanette Kocian, Steve Blum, Billy Jay Hendricks, Kyle Auxier, Joyce Kneifel, Kathy Cullum, Bill Winkenwerder, Thomas Cliffe Sr., Laverne & Johnnie Valis, and Susan Ulcak.

Our congregation supports Shiner Community Food Pantry in various ways. All are invited to join in this giving!

 Once a month, our volunteers make & serve a Thursday morning breakfast at the food pantry in the Methodist Activity Center (contact Norma Goetz for information)



- Each week our volunteers help unload shipments and/or pack bags for distribution.
 (contact Diane Schroeder or Vicar Daniel for information)
- This year the GIFT Mission Project offerings are collected during GIFT closing, then needed items are purchased with those funds and taken to the Food Pantry. (contact Pastor Chris for information)
- On Sundays, food items can be placed in the red wagon in the Gathering Place and volunteers will deliver the items to the Food Pantry. A list of needed items can be found by the wagon.
- Each year Noisy Offerings are collected for the Food Pantry. Additional donations have been made from individuals and from our designated local benevolence funds.



Attendance in worship 1/1: 60 Online views: 184

Offering for week ending 1/1: General Fund: \$ 2,595.00 Building Fund: \$ 580.00

The above amount does not include electronic giving.

Weekly budget needs: General Fund: \$ 4,260.59 Building Fund: \$ 2,539.10



IN PERSON: Bring to worship or drop off at church office.

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

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

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Go to our website www.shinerlutheran.org and click on Connect/Give to get a direct link to our electronic giving platform.