



SHINER  
LUTHERAN

# WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

*Growing together in grace and service*

Thursday December 17, 2020

Sunday December 20

**In-person worship Sunday December 20 @ 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. Ushers will pick up the offering and attendance slips together.



Join online worship:  
Shiner Lutheran Church Facebook page:  
Sunday December 20 @ 10:15 am

worship  
WITH US  
FROM HOME



**MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE**



Wednesday Advent Services

Come December 23 at 7 pm and take a time and pray thru the chaos, confusion, and concerns of 2020 for the final Advent worship service as we journey towards Christmas.



**Christmas Eve Worship** Services at 5 pm & 10 pm  
*Both services will be in person, live streamed on Facebook, and include the traditional candlelight ceremony. The 5 pm service will feature familiar Christmas hymns played with bit of a country flavor and the sound of a steel guitar. The later 10 pm service will have a more traditional feel and feature special music offerings as we celebrate Christ's birth.*



[www.shinerlutheran.org](http://www.shinerlutheran.org)

Our church website has a bright new look and is once again up and running. The website now matches our areas of ministry and includes more specific visitor information like maps, a weekly activities list, and links to monthly calendar, giving, and Facebook. We continue to refine the content and navigation of our site, but invite everyone to take a look and explore this tool for outreach and information.

2020 has kept most of us "homebound" for a good part of the year.



If you and/or a loved one has remained safe at home but would like the spiritual healing of communion, please let the office (594-2345) or Pastor Chris (830-203-2906) know and we will see that communion is safely and carefully brought to you in or outside at your home.

## UPDATES & INFORMATION



Planning to give a special Christmas gift to the church? All end of year giving needs to be received by the church office by Dec. 31 to count on your 2020 contribution statement.



The **Giving Tree Project** was completed this week and gifts were distributed. Thanks to Carol Harris and the hospitality team for coordinating this project. Thank you also to all who quickly volunteered to buy gifts for this project. We are a giving congregation!



The 2021 sign up to donate and dedicate altar flowers is now available in the office. In most cases, the office will order the flowers as we get a special rate from both florists; we order two arrangements for a total of \$60. Please sign up now if you would like to reserve a special date. Thank you to all our flower donors!

### Pizza Fundraiser Returns

We again are taking Little Caesar's Pizza Kit orders now thru January 10th to raise funds for campers. This order offers four choices for pizza, two for bread, and two for cookie dough. Items will arrive in late January time for the Super Bowl. Thanks for your support!



### NEW 2021 Offering Envelopes

are in the Gathering Place ready to be picked up.



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.



*This week we celebrate and remember in prayer these **Baptism Anniversaries:** 12/21 Braxton Pohler; 12/24 Debbie Grosenbacher; 12/25 John Schroeder; 12/26 Christy Fojt*

*We also celebrate a **Wedding Anniversary:** 12/20 Chuck & Teri Stratman*

*This week we wish **Birthday Blessings** to: 12/20 Karen Blohm, Helen Zimmerman; 12/23 Bridget Boedeker; 12/26 Scott Fojt*

**Prayers** continue for all those in need, particularly for those dealing with long term illness or recovery including Thelma Stockton, Jennifer Zahradnick, and Butch Rabke. Prayers of Christian sympathy are for the family of Raymond Valis who passed away December 9, 2020. Raymond is the brother of Johnnie Valis.



**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.

