



SHINER LUTHERAN

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

Growing together in grace and service

worship WITH US

10:15 AM on SUNDAY December 17, 2023

GIFT Christmas Program



One Night in Bethlehem



Third Sunday of Advent

and



Advent Worship

OR



Wednesday December 20 at 7:15 PM

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GIFT Christmas Program Rehearsals

SATURDAY December 16 from 9:30—11:30 AM ending in a hot dog lunch

SUNDAY December 17 starting promptly at 8:00 AM with breakfast



LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE

Family Christmas Hayride—Sunday December 17 @ 5:30 PM

Join the fun of a hayride through the streets of Shiner. Enjoy Christmas decorations and sing some carols, finishing up back at church for refreshments. Celebrate the season!



GIFT Christmas Celebration

Wednesday December 20 from 5:30—7:00 PM

GIFT time becomes a party with a meal, games, and a large group story. Parents are invited to join us!



Sunday December 24

10:15 AM

Advent 4 Worship



Celebrating Mary the Mother of Jesus in song & word



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday December 24

6:30 PM

Celebrating the birth of Jesus with carols & candles



GIFTS are due back on SUNDAY DECEMBER 17



Poinsettia Orders

There are still a few poinsettia plants that can be donated & dedicated. Check with the church office to sign up.



2024 Offering Envelopes are set out in the Gathering Place, ready for pick up. Get yours today!

SCHEDULE for this week:

UPDATES & INFORMATION

SUNDAY December 17—Christmas Program Practice @ 8:00 AM (w/ breakfast); Christmas Program @ 10:15 AM; Christmas Hayride (weather permitting) @ 5:30 PM

MONDAY December 18—Piano Recital for students of Vida Burnett @ 7:00 PM

TUESDAY December 19—Quilting @ 8:30 AM; SNRC Devotions @ 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY December 20—Bible Study @ 10:00 AM; Brief Communion @ 1:30 PM;
GIFT Christmas Celebration @ 5:30 PM; Advent Service @ 7:15 PM; Choir Practice @ 7:45 PM

SUNDAY December 24—4th Sunday of Advent Worship @ 10:15 AM;
Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 6:30 PM



2023 Deadline for Special Gifts and Offerings

To be credited for 2023, all offerings and special gifts must be received by the Financial Secretary on or before Thursday December 28 so that contributions can be deposited in the bank before the calendar year ends. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!



This week we remember in prayer these **Baptism Anniversaries**: 12/17 Marshall Boedeker; 12/18 Grant Fischer; 12/21 Braxton Pohler

This week we wish **Birthday Blessings** to: 12/17 Mark Hagens, Shannon Blaschke; 12/18 Connie Stelter, Kyle Zaruba, Ronnie Bruns; 12/19 Jillian McDonald; 12/20 Karen Blohm; 12/23 Bridget Boedeker

We celebrate the **Wedding Anniversaries** of: 12/17 John & Erlene Zavadil; 12/19 Hal & Pat Reichardt; 12/20 Chuck & Teri Stratman

Other celebrations: We rejoice in the December 11, 2023 **birth of Margaret Ruth Pietsch**, daughter of Tanner & Gabbi Pietsch and granddaughter of Tommy & Phyllis Pietsch. Also, we congratulate **Carley Hewig** on graduating with a degree in psychology from Texas State University.

Prayers of Concern for members and friends of the congregation include prayers for:

Those who are ill: Myra Melvin, Clara Mozisek, Dorothy Vancura, Hope Hogue, Kirk Remmers, James Krause, Blake Durant, Susan Ward, Deborah Koerth, Daniel Berger, Diane Schroeder, Darryl Kalich, Karen Stolarski, Paul Long, Loninet Collins, Mariam Clark, Eric Cleckler, Fred Janszen, Charity Kneifel, Kyle Auxier, Virgie Barta Chumchal

Those in eldercare residences: Jeanette Kocian, Johnnie Valis, Oney Hagens, Buddy Remmers, Dorothy Vancura, Joyce Kneifel, Verline Esse, Lorene Nollkamper, Iva Harbers, Billy Jay Hendricks, Jack Volkmann

Those deployed: Chase Schroeder, Brad Foster



Attendance in worship 12/3: 101 Online views: 249

Offering for week ending 12/3 General Fund: \$ 6,115.75 Building Fund: \$ 3,105.00

Electronic Giving is not included in the above amounts

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.