



SHINER LUTHERAN

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

Growing together in grace and service

SUNDAY December 3, 2023

10:15 am WORSHIP IN PERSON



First Sunday of Advent

and



Wednesdays December 6,13, & 20 at 7:15 PM we will have special midweek Holden Evening Prayer Advent Services, lighting candles as we pray. Join us!

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THIS WEEK at a GLANCE



Special activities Sunday December 3 through Saturday December 9:

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Shiner Christmas in the Park is Sunday December 3 at 5:00 PM. The community gathers in Welhausen Park to celebrate Christmas. Our hospitality team will represent our church and pass out hot chocolate and snack size bags of treats (Texas Trash, Puppy Chow, Chex Mix etc.) You can participate by donating your favorite mix in snack size bags—just bring it to church by Sunday morning December 3. Thanks!

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Women's Fellowship meets Monday December 4 at 6:30 PM at the Stratman residence. All women are invited!



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Hands & Hearts Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Tuesday December 5 at 9:00 AM



Finance Team meets Tuesday December 5 at 6:30 PM

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Hospitality Team meets Wednesday December 6 at 11 AM



GIFT meets on Wednesday December 6 with a meal at 5:30 followed by class at 6 PM. During the coming weeks, in addition to lesson times, students will be practicing for the GIFT Christmas pro-



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Women's Quarterly Bible Study meets Thursday December 7 at 11 AM. Following the study, a light lunch will be served. Join us!



- JOY—Friday December 15 @ 11:30 AM 
- GIFT Christmas Program—Sunday December 17 @ 10:15 AM 
- Christmas Hayride—Sunday December 17 @ 5:30 PM
- Worship on December 24—Advent 4 Worship @ 10:15 AM
- Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship @ 6:30 PM



Camp Chrysalis June 30-July 5 is the date we are looking at for our group. To secure camper spots, we hope to register our group at the beginning of December. More information will be shared with GIFT families. Let Pastor Chris know if you are interested!

UPDATES & INFORMATION

SCHEDULE for this week:

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3—Looking at the Lessons @ 9:00 AM; **Advent 1 Worship** @ 10:15 AM;
Christmas in the Park @ 5:00 PM

MONDAY December 4—Dominoes @ 1:00 PM; **Women's Fellowship (SWIFFT)** @ 6:30 PM at Stratman's

TUESDAY December 5—SNRC Devotions @ 10 AM; **Canasta** @ Noon; **Finance Team** @ 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY December 6—Bible Study @ 10 AM; **Hospitality** @ 11 AM; **Brief Communion** @ 1:30 PM; **GIFT Meal** @ 5:30 PM; **GIFT Class** @ 6:00 PM; **Advent Worship** @ 7:15 PM

THURSDAY December 7—**Women's Bible Study** @ 11 AM followed by lunch

FRIDAY December 8—**Wedding Rehearsal** @ 6 PM

SATURDAY December 9—**Wedding** @ 4 PM



During December we do not have regular flower arrangements in church but do adorn the chancel with poinsettias as Christmas approaches. We have ordered 40 poinsettia plants that can be donated and dedicated. Following the Christmas Eve service, these poinsettias may be taken home. Donation/dedication forms are now available at church. Plants are \$12 each. Thank you!

*This week we remember in prayer these **Baptism Anniversaries**: 12/4 Tim Harris; 12/5 Owen Machacek, Rhonda Wagner; 11/6 Stanley Larson, Tammy Guettner; 12/8 Jason Nerada, JD Moeller; 12/9 Jaycee McGee, Jordan Raabe, Michele Pokluda*



*This week we wish **Birthday Blessings** to: 12/3 Christopher Ross, Cindy Winkenwerder; 12/4 Irene Fiedler, Traci Boedeker; 12/7 Arlen Bodeker, Daniel Muehlstein, James Davis, Kayla Heinold; 12/8 Amanda Ulcak, Kendal Hauptman; 12/9 Austin Attilio*

*We are celebrating the **Wedding Anniversary** of: 12/6 Joseph & Jennifer Rieder; 12/7 Brandon & Angela Winkenwerder*

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

Those who are ill: Kirk Remmers, James Krause, Blake Durant, Doris Pustka, Susan Ward, Deborah Koerth, Daniel Berger, Laddie Janik, Diane Schroeder, Darryl Kalich, Karen Stolarski, Roman Wenske, Paul Long, Loninet Collins, Mariam Clark, Eric Cleckler, Fred Janszen, Charity Kneifel, Kyle Auxier, Kathy Cullum, Virgie Chumchal, Hope Hogue

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

The family of: Kathy Cullum, Pastor Chris's aunt, who passed away November 26, 2023.

Planned Giving Cards can still be turned in to the locked boxes at the church entrances.



Attendance in worship 11/19: 97 Online views: 224

Offering for week ending 11/19 General Fund: \$ 2,768.00 Building Fund: \$ 1,800.00

The above amounts do 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.