



"A Gift for Christmas"

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 7th 10am-3pm

Join us for our first ever Christmas Bazaar!!

Wrapped and unwrapped gifts and food!!

Sign up to work or just come and shop!!



Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 24th

7PM

THE VOICE

December 2024

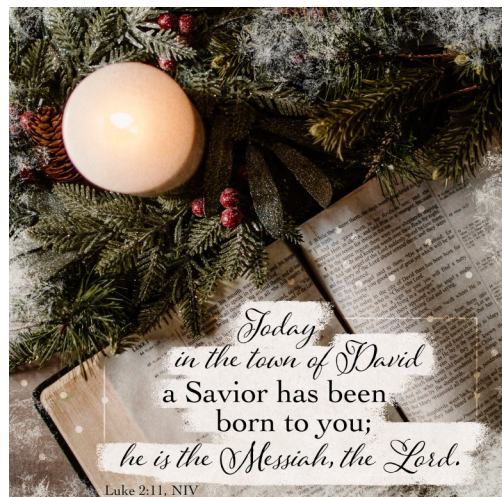
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From Our Council President, Lei Fahrner

Odds & Ends

Introducing...Dr. Maira Liliestedt!!! Maira responded to our ad on the church sign requesting a part time organist. She originally left a message at the church wondering if we would accept a pianist instead. Maira has quite a list of accomplishments including a doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano, Emeritus Professor of Music at the University of Mount Union, and she is the founder, owner, instructor, and pianist at her Keys to Artistry Piano Studio. Maira will be joining us on the Sundays that I preach since we celebrate an abbreviated communion service on those days, and she needs to be at her own church to play piano, St. John's Anglican in Cairo, with a service starting at 10:30am. Her first day with us will be December 8th. Please give her a typical Good Shepherd warm welcome! But if she rushes out after the service, don't be shocked, she has another church to gift with her talents!

"A Gift for Christmas" Christmas Bazaar- We are quickly approaching our first ever Christmas Bazaar. Please plan to help or attend if you can. I know there are spots to be filled in the 12:30-3pm time slot. Anyone who can help set up tables on December 5th and 6th would be greatly appreciated as well. Any and all help is welcomed! I would like to thank Lester for his organization of the Christmas Bazaar and I would like to thank all the folks who wrapped and decorated and organized all the gifts. Thanks so much to all of you! We could not offer this bazaar to the community without all of your help! Hope to see you on December 7th!

Christmas Time is here! Can't believe that we are staring down the Christmas season yet again! I know it comes every year, but for some reason it feels like it came in double or triple time this year. I pray that the season brings you all joy and happiness. Hopefully, it will be a wonderful time with family and friends that brings many warm and special memories. I pray you have safe travels and a very merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. Pastor Eli and I will both be taking some much needed time off. (You are welcome to text me, but I may not answer quickly. I will be largely ignoring my phone :)) As a result, we have a very special guest Pastor for you-Pastor Bob! Pastor Bob will be with Good Shepherd on December 29th and January 5th. Thank you Pastor Bob for your willingness to fill in at Good Shepherd!!!

Thank you all for helping to make 2024 another successful year for Good Shepherd! Cheers to an equally good or even better 2025!!

Faithfully,
Lei Fahrner

December Concern of the Month
Monetary Donations for Christmas
gift cards



We will, once again, collect monetary donations for our Christmas Food Baskets. We will then purchase, hopefully seven, gift cards to distribute to those in need.

Thank you in advance for your holiday generosity !!

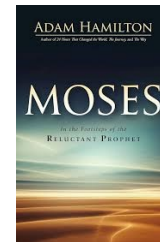


Don't forget the following events with Zion if you have signed up:



Bus Trip to Ohio Star Theater in
Sugarcreek

To see the new musical, *A Christmas Carol*
Wednesday, December 4th 10am



Advent Study Series

We will be studying the book:

*Adam Hamilton's Moses: In the footsteps
of a reluctant prophet*

Tuesdays, December 3rd & 10th and 17th

In Zion's Chapel at 6:30pm

Books are in the office and \$7

Help Support Our Organization!

A promotional flyer for ACME Fresh Market's 'Community Cash Back' program. The flyer features the ACME logo and the text 'Community CASH BACK' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'SHOP & EARN 5% CASH BACK'. A central image shows a shopping cart filled with various ACME products. To the left, a box says 'IT'S EASY!' and explains that customers can save their ACME Fresh Market receipts dated August 1, 2024, to February 15, 2025, to help raise money. At the bottom, there is a list of participating brands including ACME, TopCare, Simply Clean, Pawz, and others.



-Interviewed and hired Maira Liliestedt, pianist, for the part time music position. She will play when Lei preaches since the service is slightly shorter and she needs to be at her church to play piano by 10:30am.

-Lei set the congregational meeting for January 26th

-Boiler B on the heating system is now non functional. Air Force One replaced the ignitor and ignitor cable but it didn't fix the problem. They have now sent a quote for a new main control board. Alan is not convinced that is the problem.

October 2024

Starting	\$70,000.00
Receipts	\$18,780.46
Disbursements	\$5,006.35
Transfers	\$13,774.11
Ending	\$70,000.00



Thank you to the women who make the quilts. (especially Linda Burgess) It is nice and warm and I love the stars. Thank you for thinking of me.

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(Charlene Johanning)

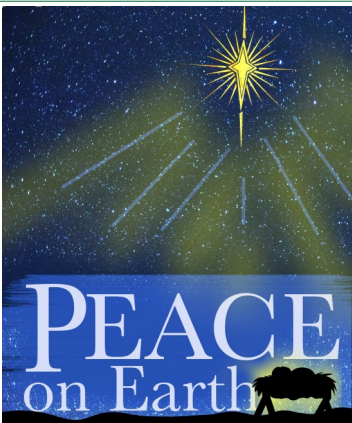
To the Congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran church,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to Fred's Team. Because of your gift, I was able to meet my fundraising goal.

The race was a special and one of a kind experience made all the more impactful because of the work Fred's Team does. Work that they are able to do because of people like you. I believe in a world without cancer!

Sincerely,


Joe Lopick



May the wonder of that first Christmas, the joy of God's abundant blessings, and the peace of Jesus's presence be with you always.

December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pr. Eli Here Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a	2	3 Hannah Circle 10a Advent Study at Zion 6:30p	4 AA 7p Trip with Zion to Sugarcreek 10a	5 Yoga 10a Dominoes 7p	6 Quilting 10a	7 Christmas Bazaar 10a-3p
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29 Pr. Bob Here Worship 9:15a No Sunday School	30	31				