



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26th immediately
after worship

Join us to approve the annual reports and
the 2025 budget.

We need a quorum of 30, so please plan to
attend.

THE VOICE

January 2025

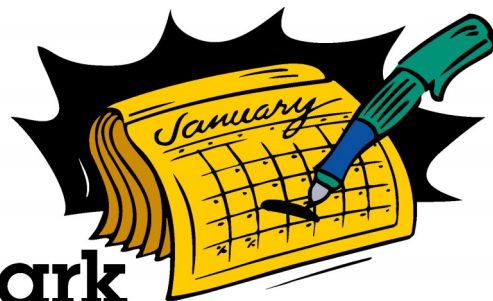
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**Mark
Your Calendar!**

From Our Council President, Lei Fahrner

Winter Hobbies

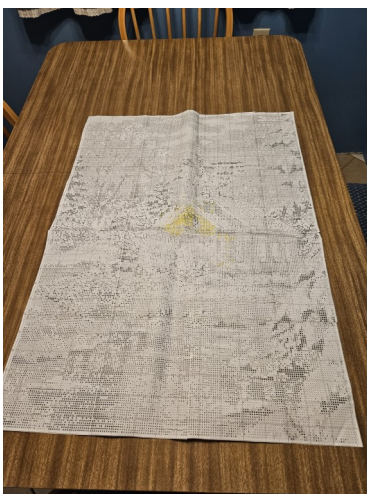
January is usually a cold, dark month that begs a person to stay inside with a nice cup of tea, coffee or cocoa. It's also a great time to enjoy a hobby like reading, woodworking or even cross stitching. Several years ago I taught Anne how to cross stitch. It's been a hot minute since I've cross stitched anything. My last major project was cross stitching the Last Supper, but that was many, many years ago. So I recently tried my hand at a small project to decorate Anne's apartment. It went well so I decided to purchase a cross stitch pattern of a little white church in winter. My hope was to eventually cross stitch the little white church in all four seasons. However, I was unaware that this cross stitch picture was actually based on an oil painting. I purchased and downloaded the pattern. I then printed it out. As you can see below, it almost covers our kitchen table. I then ordered all the colored floss I didn't already have from so long ago. There is a total of 81 different colors in this pattern and I swear a few of them are only used for one tiny stitch.

So I excitedly started in on my new project, only to tear all the stitches out a few days later because they were in the wrong place. Thankfully there weren't many to tear out, mostly because I was struggling to see the tiny blocks in the fabric. I solved that problem the following day by purchasing a lighted magnifier. That helped immensely, but only if I can be sprawled out across the entire kitchen table. I do enjoy my new project, well that is until my eyes go all woogly, which doesn't take very long. We'll see how long it takes me. I certainly hope I'm not called to the church triumphant before I get it done! I would like to try my hand at another season sometime...I think.

All that being said, I hope that you have a great hobby to make the winter months pass by more enjoyably. Take over an entire table and enjoy, and hopefully your eyes don't go all woogly!

Faithfully,

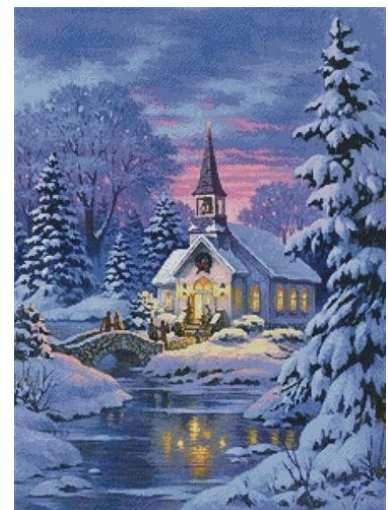
Lei Fahrner



Pattern



Done so far



Finished Picture-
Hopefully some day!!



I want to thank everyone for all of the cards you send me, especially Diane Deem and Pat Long. I really appreciate it. Thank you to the ladies of GSLC, especially Linda Lautenschlager and Donna Jakmides, who brought me a Christmas stocking. Thank you for thinking of me. I want to wish everyone in the congregation a Merry Christmas.

Joanne Wile

I would like to say thank you to everyone who took a part in the first Gift for Christmas Bazaar. Those who spent time wrapping presents, adding ribbons and helping to set up prior to Saturday. Thank you to those who participated on the day of the bazaar. A huge thank you to those that helped tear down, repack and move everything to the different places so that a sense of normal returned to the church.

Thank you goes out to anyone that bought a wrapped package or two or three or found something on one of the tables as you helped to make this project a success

And lastly I want to thank the kitchen staff for seeing to our hunger cravings. The sloppy joe was delicious.

Lester

PS. I would like to thank Lester for all of his hard work, organization, and dedication to getting the Christmas Bazaar up and running. Thank you Lester for everything you do! Lei Fahrner

Proceeds were \$295 for the bazaar and \$195 for food.

A huge thanks goes out to the entire congregation for all of your generosity this year. Our concerns of the month were a great success thanks to all of you.

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for your very generous check of \$1800. We so appreciate your support! This money will help fund our programs at the Christmas Giving Center. This year we are helping 728 children, 423 teenagers, 599 adults for a total of 1748 people coming to the fairgrounds. With your help, we have made Christmas merrier for 458 Stark County families. We are so blessed to have your help! We are grateful for your donation!

Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you!

Judy Vellucci

Susan Hill

A Community Christmas Board of Directors

Oh My!! Once again your generosity has humbled me beyond words. Thank you is what needs to be said, but seems to fall way short of my true appreciation. Thank you for thinking of me with your extremely generous Christmas gift. Thank you for being an amazing extended family! May you all have a very safe, happy and healthy new year!

Lei



-Rod and TJ will be looking into some new microphone set ups for better clarity

-The piano in the sanctuary has been tuned

-We are still looking into the proper fix for Boiler B. In the meantime, Boiler A is working without a problem and is able to keep up with the sanctuary's heating needs for now.

-Approved the 2025 budget to be presented at the congregational meeting on January 26th.

November 2024

Starting	\$70,000.00
Receipts	\$9,858.86
Disbursements	\$6,673.87
Transfers	\$2,898.38
Ending	\$70,000.00

**ANNUAL
Committee
REPORTS**

Council Members: Please have your annual reports in the office, or my email inbox, no later than January 7th. Please let me know if there's an issue getting them to me. Thanks! Lei



Altar Flowers

The 2025 Altar Flower Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space. I would like to try something new this year. Right by the sign up chart, you will find some blue papers sitting there. When you sign up for flowers, please fill out one of those papers so I know what dedication you would like printed in the bulletin. Even if you're signing up for flowers in November, please fill out one of the blue papers and put it in the office. This way I won't have to chase folks around or call you and interrupt your favorite TV show just so I can finish the bulletin.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Lei


Look at this



We raised \$1800 for Community Christmas and we collected 74 gloves and mittens, 16 hats, 28 scarves, 11 hat and glove sets, 1 pair of earmuffs and 4 pairs of socks! **WOW!!!**

January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 Yoga 10a	3 Quilting 10a	4
5 Pr. Bob Here Worship 9:15a	6	7 Dominoes 7p	8 AA 7p	9 Yoga 10a	10 Crafts & Conversation 10a	11
12 Pr. Eli Here Worship 9:15a	13	14 Dominoes 7p	15 AA 7p	16 Yoga 10a	17 Quilting 10a	18
19 Worship 9:15a	20	21 Dominoes 7p	22 AA 7p	23 Yoga 10a	24 Crafts & Conversation 10a	25
26 Pr. Eli Here Worship 9:15a Congregational Meeting after svc	27	28 Dominoes 7p	29 AA 7p	30 Yoga 10a	31	