

## NEWS AND NOTES

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Website Address: [www.stlukewheaton.com](http://www.stlukewheaton.com)

Pastor: The Rev. Terry L. DeGiovanni (785 396 4411)

Organists: Pam Steinmeyer and Gloria Falk

Chairman: Bruce Abitz Vice Chairman: Alan Fischer

Elders: Tom Kasten and Martin Henneberg

Altar Duty for January: Susan Figge

*January 4 and 5, 2025*

*Sunday, December 29, 2024: 28*

**Theme of the Week:** : God Manifested in the Infancy of Jesus Led by a special star, wise men came from the East in search of the ChristChild, the newborn king of the Jews. With a bearing from the Word of God, they found the baby Jesus and they worshipped Him. Have you ever wondered why? What made this Child worthy of worship? Contrary to the depictions of our Christmas cards, the Christ-Child had no halo, aura, or special glow. “He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him” (Isaiah 53:2). With eyes opened by God’s Spirit, we recognize this Child as the Son of God, our Savior, and we join the shepherds and wise men in worshipping Him.

**We continue to pray for those unable to worship with us who are residing in a care facility:**

**Onaga Health and Rehab: Cynthia Althouse**

**Eastridge (Centralia): Janice Loughmiller, Gary Kolterman**

**RedBud Assisted Living: Joan Kolterman, Lavonna Biesenthal, Larry Stelter**

**Westy Care Home Assisted Living: Dorothy Guth**

**Remembering in our prayers: Delbert Kufahl, Joe Harder, Lori Florence, Pastor Terry**

**Sunday School Co Superintendents: Linda Falk and Ireta Schwant**

**Teaching Staff: PreK, Kindergarten and Grade 1: Jenny Donnelly and Bailey Starns**

**Grades 2,3,4 and 5: Joy Zabel and Tracy Meyerkorth**

**Grades: 6, 7 and 8: Brenda Schlegel and Dixie Revell**

**Sunday School and Staff:**

**January Birthdays: Rylee Sue Wren, Kylee Graf, Karter Graf, Cradle Roll: June Alice**

**Krohn, Kyron David Boswell, High School: Lily Falk and Waylon Figge**

**As of November 10: 5 Sundays: Rylee and Luke Wren**

**November 17: 10 Sundays Clancy Revell**

**December 1 : 10 Sundays: William, Marie and Donn Spevacek**

**December 15: 10 Sundays: Michael Henneberg, Kody Krohn,**

**Elsie Henneberg Ellie Starns**

**15 Sundays: Hazel and Olive Ubel, Remington and Westin Donnelly**

**10 Sundays: Rayna Meyerkorth**

**January 5 – Christmas II –** No human life—and no human pregnancy—ever goes unplanned or unwanted by Almighty God. Ephesians’ first chapter makes clear the Heavenly Father conceived each precious person “before the foundation of the world” (Ephesians 1:4). And the coming of Christ Jesus incorporates male and female, old or young, into heaven’s household by adoption. Children come as Gospel gifts!

**Church Council** will meet today, January 5, following morning worship.

**Public reception** for outgoing county commissioners, Greg Riat and Pat Weixelman on Monday, January 6 at the Sunflower Room, 10:15 – Noon.

**Voters’ Meeting Sunday, January 12, following Worship. Election and Budget for 2025. Youth Group will be serving lunch.**

**Pastor wants to thank everyone for their Christmas prayers and thoughtful gifts. Also, for prayers and acts of kindness as he recovers from his accident.**

**Portals of Prayer for January-March are available in the Narthex and Offering Envelopes are in your mail box.**

**Thank you to everyone who attended the Children’s Christmas Eve service. And special thanks to the Youth Group who provided the candy sacks for the children.**

**Wheaton Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, January 13 at the Wheaton Center with potluck meal at NOON. Business meeting to include election of officers and a pitch game or other activity to be determined.**

**LWML will meet on Wednesday, January 22 at 2:00 p.m. Ireta Schwant hostess.**

**Things to Ponder:**

**\*An angel named Gabriel told Zacharias his old wife would have a baby (Luke 1:13-19)**

**\*The first angels mentioned in the Bible were holding flaming swords (Genesis 3:24)**

**\*Lucifer, Michael and Gabriel were all angels (Isaiah 14:12, Jude 9; Luke 1:19)**

**\*The book of Micah prophesied Jesus’ birthplace as Bethlehem 700 years in advance (Micah 5:2)**

**\*An angel often came down to Bethesda to stir up the waters of its pool. (John 5:2-4)**

**\*There is nothing in the Bible to suggest that angels were ever human beings elevated to angelic status. Rather, angels are spiritual beings who were specially created by God. (Hebrews 1:7)**

**Note from Karen Harder, church treasurer:**

November Operating Income: \$ 5,110.39      November Operating Expense: \$ 6,774.39

November Operating Net Cash Flow: negative \$ 1,664.00

**Pastor Terry continues to be at Trinity, McFarland on Thursdays. If needed, please call his cell # 412 334 4280 or Trinity church office at 785 766 3755**