



Phillipsburg First Christian Church

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

THE LAMB OF GOD

Christians everywhere recognize the lamb as a familiar biblical image, connected with both Christmas and Easter. Though lambs aren't specifically mentioned in the Christmas story, they are implied because angels appeared to shepherds who were out in the fields tending their flocks. And the fact that Jesus was born in a stable assures us that animals were present, which would most certainly include lambs.

The Bible makes the connection between Jesus and lambs in several passages. Isaiah speaks of the Messiah as **a lamb going to be slaughtered**. (Isaiah 53:7) John the Baptist called Jesus the **"Lamb of God"** (John 1:29). Paul called Christ the **"Passover Lamb."** (I Corinthians 5:7) . Peter spoke of Christ's blood as **the blood of a lamb**. (I Peter 1:18-19) The book of Revelation explicitly calls Christ **"the Lamb"** 30 times.

Think of some words we use concerning lambs: gentle, helpless, friendly and innocent come to mind. Compare that with the image of the snake used as a symbol for the devil. Children instinctively love lambs while most people fear snakes. The two animals are about as far apart on the emotional scale as you can get.

Church Events

- Dec 1 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Dec 4, 11 Youth Groups
- Dec 8 Hanging of the Greens
- Dec 9 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Dec 15 Post Prom Drive-Thru
- Dec 17 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Dec 18 Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 22 Elders Meeting
- Dec 23 Missions Meeting
- Dec 23 Practice for Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service at Huck Boyd
- Dec 25 & 26 Office Closed

Pastor's Pen continued

How thankful we are that John said "**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world**". (John 1:29) The greatest of all gifts every given was the gift God gave to the world by sending his only Son, Jesus Christ, to free us from the slavery to sin where Satan would like to keep us.

As you celebrate Christmas, can I challenge you to make sure that the Lamb of God is front and center of your celebration? How about a challenge to take time every day during the month of December to read from God's Word. Read from Luke and Matthew chapters 1 and 2 and John chapter 1. It will help prepare your heart, mind and soul to be more aware of the wonderful gift God has given us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gwen and I are thankful for the opportunity to be with you for another Christmas. Let's all rejoice together as we celebrate the wonder of **the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world**.

Rejoicing In the Lamb of God,
Pastor LeRoy and Gwen



Thank You

First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the Gideon Bibles
you sent in honor of our loved one.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and
kindness.

Sincerely,

The Family of Donna Lowry

Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting will be held December 1st in the sanctuary following worship service. During this meeting members of the church will vote on the slate of individuals who were nominated for various positions.

Hanging Of The Greens

Join us Sunday December 8th, immediately following church service, to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season.

Children's Christmas Program

The First Christian Church Children's Christmas Program, "An Ordinary Night With One Incredible Moment" will be presented on December 18th at 6:30 p.m. at FCC. Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments following the program and help us celebrate Jesus Christ's Birthday.

Practice For The Christmas Eve Service

Practice for the 2019 Christmas Eve Service has been scheduled for Monday December 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Huck Boyd Community Center.

Christmas Eve Service

The First Christian Church will again be sponsoring the Christmas Eve service at Huck Boyd at 5:30 p.m. The service lasts 30 to 40 minutes and includes Christmas music, a brief message, communion and a candle light time. This service takes a lot of work and prayer. Please begin praying now that Christ will be honored and people will be touched by the Holy Spirit.

Celebrate The Coming Child

The entire church is invited to join Barne and Anna Gelvehuys, our dear couple from South Africa, as they anticipate the birth of their baby daughter. On December 15th after church, they will talk briefly about their life in South Africa and answer questions you might have. Take a few moments to get acquainted with this special couple and enjoy a cup of coffee and a piece of cake.

A money donation will be collected to help them purchase some baby gear as they embark on this new life journey!

Community Christmas Dinner

The 2019 Community Christmas Dinner will be held at the Assembly of God Church on Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The First Assembly of God and Wesleyan churches are in charge of this year's dinner.

Phillips County Community Cantata

The Phillips County Community Cantata will be performing on Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg. Kelsey Pinkerton of Prairie View will direct this year's cantata.

Post Prom Drive Thru

The Phillipsburg Post Prom Drive-Thru Meal Fundraiser has been scheduled for Sunday, December 15th at the First Christian Church back driveway, 150 S. 7th Street. Tickets are \$8.00 and may be purchased at the First National Bank or through any junior or senior student. They will be serving Chicken and Noodles. Meal pickup starts immediately after the Community Cantata at approximately 3:30 p.m. The meals will be delivered to your car.

A night scene with a bright star in the sky and silhouettes of people on a hill.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 Brent Norris | 10 Michael Miller |
| 03 David Rose | 11 Laura Bogart |
| 03 Edward Rybeck | 11 Susan Parker |
| 04 Ryan Moffatt | 14 Mason Bogart |
| 05 Karsen James | 15 Sherry Robinson |
| 05 Ellen Runnion | 17 Pam Heller |
| 05 Emma Dibble | 20 Tyna Stoutimore |
| 06 Tracie Ford | 24 Ann Bushnell |
| 06 Carmen Johnson | 27 Jerrod Jansonius |
| 07 Carter Bogart | 28 Maddison Johnson |
| 10 Fran Earl | 29 Brenda Younts |
| 10 Abigail McCartney | 30 Dillon Coomes |

Dear Partners,

Another surgery is done and so far no problems. I'm so thankful for all the prayers offered up in my behalf. A new list of doctors and all that fun stuff. I'll keep you informed, and...again I say bless you all and thank you.

Donna Farr

NOVEMBER OFFERING

03 \$3,678.75

10 \$2,669.00

17 \$5,708.47

24 \$1,462.00

Each Sunday we need to collect \$2,596.15 to meet our budget.

Please pray about your giving.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.

COOK MISSION OFFERING

October \$123.76



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