



# Phillipsburg First Christian Church

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

## From the Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

### WHY did God do it?

Have you heard the old illustration about the ant farm? If I had some ants that I loved, how could I communicate my love to them? I could stand up and shout, "I love you," but they wouldn't understand. I could write them a letter, but they couldn't read it. Then he thought of the only way in which he could communicate with them. He would need to become an ant, be born as an ant, live as an ant, work as an ant. Only then could he find a way to help them understand, "I love you."

**That is what God did.** He didn't mail a letter or shout from heaven. He did the one thing mankind could understand. God sent his own Son down to earth to be born and live as a human. Jesus became like us so that we can know the message from God: "I love you." What a glorious message! What an overwhelming love! Thank you, Father! Thank you, Jesus!



## Church Events

- Dec 3 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Dec 3 Congregation Meeting
- Dec 10 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Dec 11 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Dec 13 Evangelism Meeting
- Dec 17 Elders Meeting
- Dec 20 Children's Program
- Dec 23 Practice for Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 25 Community Christmas Dinner
- Dec 6, 13 Youth Groups

## From the Pastor's Pen cont.

During December I would encourage you to open your Bible and read the New Testament accounts of the birth of Jesus again. Read Matthew chapters 1 & 2 and Luke chapters 1 & 2. Think anew about all that God did in sending his Son down to this earth. See the humanness of a frightened father, an exhausted mother, a smelly, dirty stable, swaddling clothes and the Son of God being put to bed in an animal feeding-trough. See the love of God, who was willing to send his one and only Son to this earth.

Through it all, keep asking, WHY did God do it? Then quote John 3:16 for the answer, **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"** Then thank God that he sent Jesus FOR YOU!

Love you,


Pastor

## Children's Christmas Program

The First Christian Church Children's Christmas Program will be presented on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.



## Phillips County Community Cantata



The Phillips County Community Cantata will be performing "Come Worship The King" on December 16th at 7:00 p.m. and December 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the Huck Boyd Community Center in Phillipsburg. Free Admission



## Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting will be held December 3rd 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.

## Practice For The Christmas Eve Service

Practice for the 2023 Christmas Eve Service has been scheduled for Saturday, December 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church.



## Christmas Eve Service

This year's Christmas Eve Service will be held at the First Christian church on Sunday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m. The Service will last 30 to 40 minutes and includes Christmas music, a brief message and communion.





## And CREATION SEMINARS

Coming to First Christian Church

On January 14, 15, 16, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Don't miss this special opportunity

To see dinosaur fossils and much more

And to hear challenging talks by Matt Miles!

This is especially great for children, youth, parents,

Everyone who would like to learn more

about this world God created!

Sunday, Jan 14 at 9:30 worship and 7:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The building will be open from 3:00 to 7:00

Each day to see the Museum!

Pick up cards at church and INVITE FRIENDS!



## Thank You

Christian Church angel helpers,

What a beautiful gift to our family - your time, food & space following Dad's ceremony. We were all blessed enough to be loved by my Dad and I know he would have been humbled by the amount of "helpers" in the room that day. We are forever grateful.

Megan & the Babcock family

## Advent Dates

1st Sunday of Advent - December 3

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 10

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 17

4th Sunday of Advent - December 24



## December Scripture

*Thanks be to God for His  
Indescribable Gift. 2 Corinthians 9:15*



## Information Sheets 2023

If you have not already filled out and turned in an information sheet for 2023 to update information for our church records and a new directory, please get that done as soon as possible. Sheets are in the foyer and a drop box to put them in. Each Sheet is for an individual household. Be sure to fill it out completely - birthdays of all those listed and identify whether those listed are church members etc. Many have come back incomplete.

Thank you

## December Birthdays



03 Edward Rybeck	10 Jaque Wickham
04 Wyatt Barber	11 Laura Bogart
04 Ryan Moffatt	11 Susan Parker
05 David Stapel	14 Mason Bogart
05 Karsen James	15 Dennis Merklein
05 Ellen Runnion	15 Sherry Robinson
05 Emma Dibble	17 Pam Heller
05 Shaydon Skipworth	17 Kyle Still
06 Tracie Ford	20 Tyna Stoutimore
06 Carmen Johnson	24 Ann Bushnell
07 Carter Bogart	27 Jerrod Jansonius
07 Nathan Moon	28 Maddison Johnson
10 Fran Earl	28 Mike Suchsland
10 Michael Miller	30 Dillon Coomes

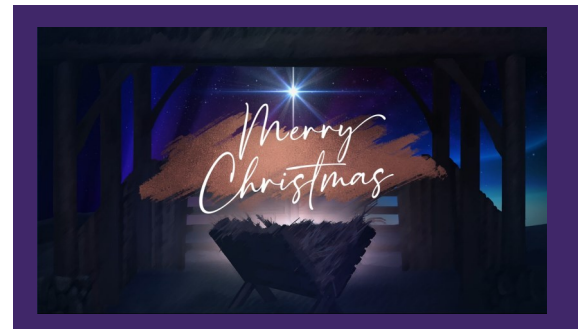
## November Attendance

05 - 108	19 - 1-7
12 - 125	26 - 81

## Community Christmas Dinner



This year's Ministerial Alliance Community Christmas Dinner will be hosted by the Church of God and the First Lutheran Church. The dinner will be held at the Senior Center, 638 3rd Street, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu offers turkey, ham, potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, salads, rolls and deserts. If you have any questions, please call Becky Saddler 785-639-2163 or Shirley Mendoza at 785-543-2065.



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10 Stuart Jarivs

17 Clark Hopson

24 Jim Lanier

31 Pastor Herder

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### DEACONS

Denis Miller

Lois Runion

Jayne Jarvis

Michael Miller

Jason Dibble

### DEACONESS

Pam Crist



If you're ready for something new, so are we! Join us to talk about the future of the women's ministry.

Your input means the world to us!

*Be part of  
something new!*

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

**Women's Ministry at  
First Christian Church  
150 S. 7th, Phillipsburg**

**1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**





# 2023 Election Day Pancake Supper

