



The Messenger

*News about our church,
our ministries and our people
January 2021*

Living Waters Lutheran Church and Preschool

Santa Drive Thru

By Karen Hoeppner

The Fellowship Committee did have an event in December, a Santa Drive Thru. Bags in the shape of Christmas stockings were filled with a candy cane, cookies, crayons and color book, Christmas crafts, bubbles and a pair of socks. Santa and his elves were stationed outside under the portico and the stockings were handed out to the children in the cars. Unfortunately, there wasn't a very good turnout, but we think it was due to the Covid virus.

Hopefully, in 2021 we can get back to gathering for social events again and have some fun! We have some good ideas for our congregation to get together in fellowship again.



Happy New Year
to all!

Living Waters Preschool News

By Susan D'Amico, Preschool Director

Happy New Year! The Preschool team is starting the yearly Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser on January 4. Orders for the kits and other goodies will be received through January 24. Be sure to pick up an order form in the church narthex. In addition the form will be emailed to all members by Kris, and you can reply to her by email with your order or call the church office at 941-625-8090. Payment can be made with your order, at church, or at pickup.

The pickup date will be during the week of February 8 at the preschool—date and times to be announced.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward playground equipment for the children and for supplies. In the past, the congregation has been very helpful in reaching the goal.

We always appreciate all the help the congregation gives us in reaching our goal!

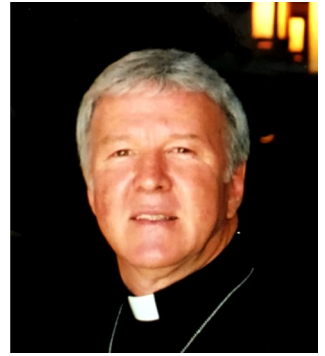
Preschool Christmas Program photo. See additional pictures further on in this newsletter.



*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
Isaiah 60:1*

From the Pastor

By Rev. Lyle Truitt



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings Dear Friends,

As we enter the new year of 2021, and say goodbye to 2020, many folks will make plans to make a new start. They will make new resolutions for the New Year; resolutions to lose weight, have a different attitude, make and save more money, and the list goes on and on and on.

For example, During the New Year.....

May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet.

May you have enough trials to keep you strong.

May you have enough sorrow to keep you human.

May you have enough hope to keep you happy.

May you have enough failure to keep you humble.

May you have enough success to keep you eager.

May you have enough friends to give you comfort.

May you have enough wealth to meet your needs.

May you have enough enthusiasm to make you look forward to tomorrow.

May you have enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

BUT.....I would simply suggest you remember and live out these familiar words:

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is
honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable,
if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy
of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing the things that you have learned and
received and heard and seen in me,
and the God of peace will be with you.”

Phippians 4: 8-9

Have a blessed New Year!
And see you around town!
Pastor Lyle



Community Meals News

By Kris Dines

As 2020 has come to an end, we say goodbye to a very different year in which we all did things differently; and Community Meals program was no exception.

At the end of March, meals were on a takeout basis only and continue to do so now. Currently we are serving 35 plus meals at each dinner. Our Bread and Bike Ministries remain in service.

This past year, the amount of families in need of food was incredible. But our Community Meals program was able to assist a number of those families throughout the year. In addition to that, at Thanksgiving 35 turkey dinners and at Christmas 40 ham dinners were given to deserving families.

Although we may be doing things a little differently, one thing remains the same—with your continued support over the past eleven years, we continue to meet the needs of the people in our surrounding communities.

As a church, we have been able, in so many ways, to be a blessing to so many people. So thank you to all of you for your continued support of The Community Meals Outreach Program.

Be a Blessing, Make a difference!

Council Meeting Recap—December 14

Pastor Lyle opened with a prayer; minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Financial Report---offerings in November were up from October, but investment performance was down.

- Joanne Carlock stated the Santa Drive Thru was well planned, but not well attended. Extra prepared treat bags will be given to the preschool to give to the children
- Craig Bitler said everything has been fixed at the preschool, no more smell.
- Stewardship Update---53 pledges were received to date.
- Christmas Eve Service will be at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24.
- Special music will be provided at this service. An honorarium for the performers was approved.

New Business

- In-coming Council members were voted in - Barbara Cartwright, Marty Savard and Joanne Carlock. Joanne's term as council president has termed out. A new council president will be voted on at the January council meeting.
- Question about Small Groups returning will not be discussed until February or later. It all depends on the Corona virus.
- Craig will check out the church roof for leaks. Craig's next project is lights on the walkway.

Next Council Meeting is January 11, 2021. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes were taken by Sue Hill and submitted by Carolann Cortese

Living Waters Lutheran Church & Preschool — January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	2
3 Worship Service 10:00 AM Drive Up Holy Communion 11:15 AM	4 Council Reports Due Worship & Music Cmte. Meets 10:00 AM Preschool Board of Directors 2:00 PM	5	6 Epiphany Preschool Chapel 10:20 AM	7 Community Dinner 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Bread & Pastry Ministry 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	8 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	9
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31 Women's Annual Thankoffering Service Worship Service 10:00 AM Drive Up Holy Communion 11:15 AM						



Pictures from the
Preschool Christmas Program
2020



Happy Birthday

Surprise someone on the list by sending a birthday greeting.



Jan. 4	Wanda Boeck	Jan. 17	Layne Boyette
	Pastor Lyle Truitt	Jan. 23	Bonnie Cummins
Jan. 6	Nancy Chow		Kris Dines
Jan. 8	Gage Davis	Jan. 25	James Bremer
Jan. 9	Ellie Kettler	Jan. 27	Jeannette Asleson
Jan. 14	Debbi Fiore		Susan Hogrefe
Jan. 15	Ray Fundyga		
	Patricia Wehmeyer		
Jan. 16	Wally Schleeauf		

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