

The Shorelines

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*Macedonia Lutheran Church
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Established 1847, 174th Year of Ministry



FROM
THE
PASTOR



YOU! YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

During your lifetime, how many parties have you been invited to attend? How many weddings, birthday parties, and anniversary celebrations have you been invited to attend?

Take it another step, how many times have you been invited to a ballgame, movie, or to go out to dinner or lunch.

We do cookouts, pool parties, family reunions, and just about anything we can come up with to get together with family and friends and sometimes even strangers. How many of you have struck up great conversations with total strangers at a ballgame?

Behind all the above is a keyword: invited. We love to GIVE OUT INVITATIONS. Our culture, even with the pandemic, is all about invitations. Invitations mean that you have at least thought about that person and that you have thought about them in a special way. You want them included, and all of us love to be included. As Nelson Searcy says in his book, *The Difference Maker*, "And whether you want to attend what you've been invited to. I bet you're usually happy to have been thought of, right?" (Please note, many of the above thoughts came about as a result of reading the above-mentioned book.)

We invite people to all the above things. We want to spend time with them. We want them to be there. Why is it that the most important invitation we could ever offer is the most difficult for us to extend? The invitation is 'would you like to go to church with me.' Why do we make that so difficult? Is it our lack of faith? Is it the fear of being turned down? Why is that so hard?

Invitations may be turned down but may also be accepted. That invitation can be as simple as "Come and See." Jesus has put people in your lives that need the invitation that you can extend. People love to be invited, and you are the one to do the inviting.

Think about this, maybe the person you need to invite is a current member you have not seen for a while; pick up the phone and call them. They may need to hear your voice to 'spur them on.' Send a text, email, offer the invitation, and show you care. You know Jesus cares. Make certain they know you care.

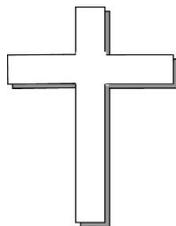
Invite them to a church event. Invite their kids to a church event. This past week, the Lutheran Men had a dinner event where we took our wives to Roma's for dinner. We can also invite others to that event. The youth and KFC (Kids for Christ) meet approximately twice a month. Invite them to come.

Between now and December 18th, the youth will be gathering about eight times. Invite people to come. Many times, if youth attend, they tell their parents how great it was and parents get excited and want to 'Come and See.'

I know many of the ideas in this article are a repeat of previous articles, but this is important for everyone. "The Bible tells us that God originally planned a world that worked perfectly – where everything and everyone fit together in harmony. God made each of us with a purpose – to worship Him and walk with Him. (From *Life 3 Circles: Life Conversation Guide*)"

Each one of us is in a unique position. Each one of us knows people that simply need an invitation. They need an invitation from you, an invitation that shows you care about them. Issue that invitation and see what God will do in their lives and what God will do in your life.

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9.





Quotes from People Wiser and Funnier than Pastor

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God – the one who is, and who was, and is still to come – the All-Powerful! Revelation 1:8

Old minds are like old horses; you must exercise them if you wish to keep them in working order. John Adams, second President of the United States

Many people die at age twenty-five and aren't buried until they're seventy-five. Benjamin Franklin

We serve a God who says 'Anytime you're thirsty, anytime you need to receive, slow down and come to me'. Holley Gerth

The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. Walt Disney

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn. Benjamin Franklin

Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game. Babe Ruth

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. Dr. Seuss

Don't be distracted by criticism. Remember – the only taste of success some people get is to take a bite out of you. Zig Ziglar

No matter how dark and hopeless a situation might seem, never stop praying. Billy Graham

You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say. Martin Luther

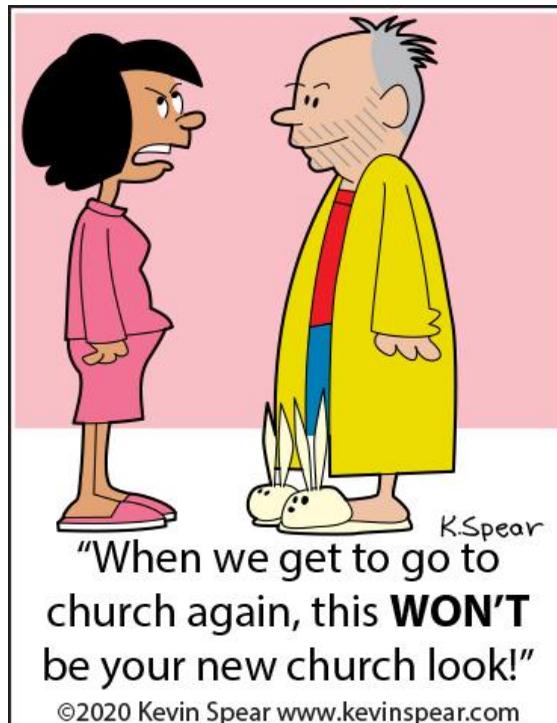
Baseball is 90% mental; the other half is physical. Yogi Berra

In love, if you want to do be understood, you understand. If you want to be heard, you listen, if you want to be forgiven, you forgive. If you want to be loved, you love. William B. Miller, "The Beer Drinker's Guide to God"

For we are His creation, created in Jesus Christ for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Repent and believe in the gospel. Mark 1:15b

Send your favorite quote. It will be an inspiration next month!



Diabetes



Diabetes causes a person's blood sugar to become too high. It is a lifelong condition. Diabetes is a condition that affects hundreds of thousands of people in the US, both young and old.

There are two types of diabetes – type 1 and type 2. Type 2 is usually found in adults, although some children and young people do have it. Type 1 is often known as 'insulin-dependent' diabetes. It usually starts between the ages of five to 12, but some children get it when they are very young and sometimes it starts in people over 12.

It is not known exactly what causes diabetes, but it is more common in people who have a close relative with it. Risk factors for type 2 diabetes include having a close relative with it, being overweight and being over 40.

Like a car needs fuel to give it the energy to keep working, our bodies need fuel too. We get the fuel from the food we eat when our bodies break it down into glucose (sugar) that is carried around in the blood to where it is needed. Insulin is the key that lets the glucose go through the cell walls into our cells to release energy.

Diabetes happens when the body does not produce enough or any insulin (a hormone produced in the pancreas) to control the amount of glucose in the blood. If there is not enough insulin, there can be lots of glucose travelling around in the blood. This means the cells in the body do not have enough energy to work well, which makes people feel tired and unwell.

What are the symptoms of diabetes?

You may feel more tired than usual and you may find that you are drinking a lot more than usual because you are thirsty. You may also find that you need to wee more, and may even lose weight. It is very important that you see your doctor if you are worried about any of these symptoms.

How is diabetes treated?

Type 1 diabetes is treated by insulin injections and you will need to learn to monitor your blood glucose levels.

If you have diabetes a special team of doctors, nurses and dieticians will work with you and your family so that you learn all about living with diabetes. You will need to see these people often and it is important that you attend your appointments.

There are various treatments for type 2 diabetes. These may include lifestyle changes such as eating healthy and increasing our exercise. Tablets or injections may also be needed.

Diabetes and school

If you have diabetes, it is very important that you let staff in your school know. Your parents and your nurse will need to talk to staff to let them know how to help you.

Also:

- You will need to have your diabetes kit in school. Your nurse will explain what to keep in it.
- You will need to check your blood glucose levels in school.
- You may need to have snacks in class.
- You can take part in all school activities, including trips.
- A care plan will need completing by your diabetes doctor or nurse.
- If anything changes with your diabetes, you must let your school know.

Things that can help living with diabetes

- Letting your friends know that you have diabetes so that they can tell a trusted adult if you feel unwell.
- Making sure that you eat a healthy diet.
- Taking part in all school activities and keeping as active as possible.

Lots of children who have diabetes do exactly the same things as their friends – they go on trips and enjoy holidays; they stay over at a friend’s house and try all sorts of new activities.

Anniversary of your baptism

<i>Sal Acquisto</i>	<i>11/01/1950</i>
<i>Phyllis Auton</i>	<i>11/06/1948</i>
<i>Leon Fulmer Sr.</i>	<i>11/08/1946</i>
<i>Gail Reid</i>	<i>11/11/1949</i>
<i>Drew Moore</i>	<i>11/12/2000</i>
<i>Frances Seibert</i>	<i>11/12/1961</i>
<i>Don Richardson</i>	<i>11/14/1971</i>
<i>Richard Amick</i>	<i>11/16/1960</i>
<i>Madeline Grey</i>	<i>11/23/1997</i>
<i>Juli Wymer</i>	<i>11/23/1986</i>
<i>Doris Morris</i>	<i>11/26/1944</i>





Notes from the Music Director

Hello Macedonia!!!

Wednesday night choir rehearsals will resume on November 3rd at 7 pm. We have been working hard on our Cantata, and there is still time for you to learn your part and join us, as I have practice CDs for you to use at home. Come and see!

I would like to thank Fran Hentz, Doris Morris, and Nancy Richardson for playing for us while Pam recovers from surgery. These ladies did a wonderful job, and we are so blessed to have you share your gift of music. We are so glad Pam is doing well and look forward to her playing for us again soon! We have missed her.

Please mark your calendars for our Cantata "How Great Our Joy" on Sunday, December 12th at 10:30 am. We will have only one service that Sunday. Our Handbell Choir and Jubilation Children's Choir will also be sharing their beautiful music that day. Our youth group will be going Christmas caroling that afternoon after lunch if anyone would like to join us! Please see me for details.

On Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm, our choir will go live on our Macedonia Facebook page for a Christmas hymns and carols singalong. Please join us from the comfort of your home for a fun time!! Our choir party will also be that night at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

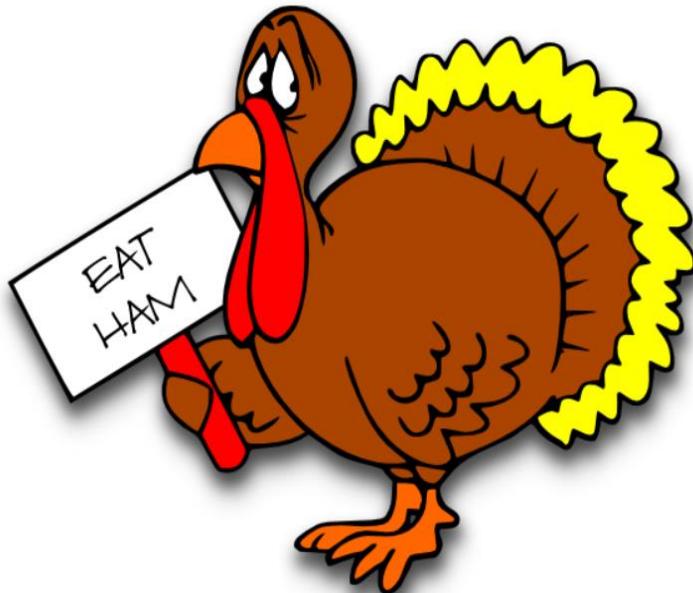
As we approach this Advent and Christmas season, please remember to keep love and joy in your hearts and thank the Lord for your many blessings! God is so good!

In Christ's Love,
Julie Livingston



- **While at our drive-in service**, tune to 90.1 FM to listen on your radio.
- **Join us for bible study** in person or via Zoom Wednesdays at 11 am!
- **Jubilation Choir practices** at 4:30 pm on Sundays that KFC meets.
- **Petrea Circle will meet** Tuesday, November 2, 6 pm, in the library.
- **IMPORTANT SERVICE INFORMATION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th**: We will have one service only, at the lakeshore, 10:30 am. This single service is to bring our congregation together for the annual Congregational Meeting, preceded by our regular Sunday School schedule at 9:30.
- **Lakeshore services will continue through November 28th**. Council will decide at the November meeting whether to move the lakeshore service back to the sanctuary for the winter months.
- **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** are available outside of the church office. Each shoebox contains a brochure outlining what is ok to send and what is prohibited; please pay close attention to this. If you donate shipping costs, this needs to be done in the form of a check, using the postage-paid envelope provided in the brochure, or by giving online. **Please do not put shipping cost donations inside the box.** The boxes may be returned to the church office any Monday – Thursday *before* Sunday, November 14th, or given to an usher at either gate *on* this date. If you prefer to build a shoebox online, visit samaritanpurse.org/buildonline; the cost is \$25.00 per box. If you choose the online option, please stop in and add the quantity of boxes you donated to the list on the table in the parish hall so that we can keep a running total of Macedonia's donated boxes. If you have concerns or questions, please see Edith Hawkins. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful ministry to children in need.

- **Altar flower sign-up for 2022** is still open. If you are willing to donate flowers for a worship service in 2022, please complete a "Flower Chart 2022" form and return it to an usher, Mary Bedenbaugh, anyone on the Flower Chart Committee, or the office. We need donors beginning with February 6, 2022 through January 29, 2023 (except for March 2nd – April 3rd when greenery will be used during Lent). Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity.
 - **For our Christmas goodwill project**, Macedonia is again sponsoring Sistercare of Newberry County. Sistercare is a nonprofit organization serving victims of domestic violence and their children. We will be accepting monetary donations at the gate each Sunday in November. Thank you for your help!
 - **Free Thanksgiving meal bags** will be distributed at Grace Lutheran Church, Prosperity on Sunday, Nov. 21 from 1-3 p.m. Call Grace's church office at 803-364-3331 to reserve your bag of Thanksgiving meal fixings. Reservations will be taken through Monday, November 15th, or until all bags have been reserved, whichever comes first.
 - **The new keyboard and stand** in the choir room is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Macedonia Lutheran Church.
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Recap of September 2021 Council Minutes

Macedonia's Church Council met on September 12, 2021 in the parish hall. The following is a recap of that meeting:

1. Council approved the motion to move \$100,000 from the checking account to the following accounts:
 - \$12,500 to the investment account
 - \$12,500 to the special fund account
 - \$75,000 to the money market account
2. Council reviewed the 2022 budget and tabled action on the final budget until we received the insurance premium information for 2022.
3. The youth are continuing their efforts to raise funds for their upcoming October youth trip. They stated the congregation has been very supportive of their efforts and thanked the congregation and council.
4. Judy Fulmer Bobb was changed from an associate member to a full member.
5. The first ballot for new 2022 council members will be distributed today.
6. Macedonia Lutheran Church has a new mission statement. It is as follows: "To love, to serve, and to seek the Kingdom of God through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."
7. Council decided to have no Homecoming meal again this year. Gift bags will be distributed for our Golden Agers. We will only have one service for Homecoming.
8. Lakeshore service will continue until the Congregational meeting on November 14. Council will decide at its October meeting on whether to extend that time or have both services inside.

A more detailed copy of minutes is available in the church office.

Thank you for your concern, care, and support of Christ's mission at Macedonia.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Brian Shaffer	16	Leon Fulmer Jr.
4	Emily Seibert	16	Robert Fulmer
5	Mary Lipsey	17	Douglas Fulmer
6	Tanner Brooks	18	Emma Ruch
6	Mickey Yarbrough	19	Julie Alewine
7	Coleman Cassady	20	Russell Bedenbaugh
7	Eric Willingham	20	Wayne Iseman
9	Steven Long	21	Dana Barbour
10	Mary Kathryn Corley	21	Chris Brooks
11	Henry Clark	21	Sara Wessinger
11	Katie Haug	27	Jayne Gayman
11	Kim Moore	27	Karen Ruff
14	Donald Wise	28	Lyle Fulmer
15	Jimmy Moore	28	Diane Snider

November Wedding

Date

Anniversaries

Years

8	<i>Cliff & Tammy Hughes</i>	24
12	<i>Bobby & Barbara Bedenbaugh</i>	60
22	<i>Ray & Joan Slice</i>	58
24	<i>Harvey & Ann Amick</i>	32
29	<i>Lynne & Harold Betty</i>	52



Macedonia Lutheran Church
Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021

	August Actual	9 Month Actual	9 Month Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Income				
Offerings	\$24,432	\$268,584	\$200,485	\$68,099
Use of facilities	0	2,341	0	2,341
Total income	<u>24,432</u>	<u>270,925</u>	<u>200,485</u>	<u>70,440</u>
Expenses				
Professional - pastor	7,445	71,106	76,839	(5,733)
Professional - worship	1,643	16,051	15,360	691
Professional - administrative	1,971	17,787	17,738	49
Worship - outreach	316	23,372	24,263	(891)
Worship - witness	135	527	1,388	(861)
Worship - worship	918	4,978	3,938	1,041
Worship - growth in faith	359	6,777	6,000	777
Worship - property	2,360	27,626	26,243	1,384
Worship - administrative	418	7,447	7,605	(158)
Capital expenditures - property	0	35,368	15,000	20,368
Total expenses	<u>15,565</u>	<u>211,039</u>	<u>194,372</u>	<u>16,667</u>
Income less expenses	<u>\$8,867</u>	<u>\$59,886</u>	<u>\$6,112</u>	<u>\$53,774</u>

Offerings are up for the year; however, they were down in September. Let us finish the year strong in our giving to God and His ministry at Macedonia. Expenses would be under budget except for paying for the new roof on the lakeshore building.

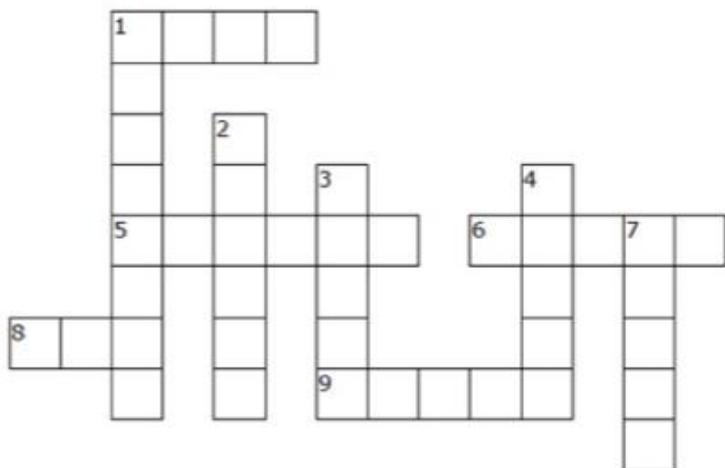
Since we do not do a monthly budget, the pastor calculated a nine-month budget for this statement. If you want a more detailed statement, please contact the church office.

Let us continue to give to God with our offerings and talents for 2021 as God continues to bless us with His grace and mercy.

Don't Miss Church!

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" John 20:19 (NIV)

Based on John 20:19-31



ACROSS

- An entrance into a building or room
- The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- To be in a state of pleasure or delight
- Breaking a religious or moral law
- The body parts at the end of the arms

DOWN

- Unwilling to believe that something is true
- Not open
- To believe in something for which there is no proof
- A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
- Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war

NAILS	PEACE	DOOR	DOUBTING	HAPPY
THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	HANDS	FAITH

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Date	Events
1	- 10:00 am Goldies meeting - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
2	- 6:00 pm Petrea Circle meeting
3	- 11:00 am Bible study - 7:00 pm Choir practice
4	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
7	- All Saints Sunday - 5:00 pm KFC
8	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
10	- 11:00 am Bible study - 7:00 pm Choir practice
11	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
14	- 10:30 Congregational meeting – ONE SERVICE ONLY - 4:30 pm Jubilation Choir practice - 5:00 pm Youth
15	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
17	- 10:00 am Senior Bass Club - 11:00 am Bible study - 7:00 pm Choir practice
18	- 10:00 am Line dancing - 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
21	- Christ the King Sunday; Holy Communion - 7:00 am Council meeting - 12:30 pm Clinton & Elberta Amick reunion - 4:00 – 6:30 Youth to decorate - Joint Thanksgiving Service – Mt. Tabor
22	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
23	- 6:00 pm History Committee meeting - 7:00 pm Fellowship Circle meeting
24	- 11:00 am Bible study
25	- Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
28	- 1 st Sunday of Advent
29	- 6:30 pm Dance Fitness with Julie
30	- 10:00 am Staff meeting