



Phillipsburg

First Christian Church

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

The GOD EVENTS of Christmas.

Did all of the following events just HAPPEN?

An angel appeared to Mary, a virgin who became pregnant.

An angel came to Joseph in a dream telling him to marry Mary.

The baby was to be named 'Jesus' and called 'Immanuel', 'God with us.'

The powerful Roman Caesar Augustu sent out a decree at just the right time

Josehp and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem to register.

The inn was full, but a stable was available.

The baby was born and wrapped in rags and placed in an animal feeding trough.

Angels appeared to shepherds and said, "Unto you is born this day a Savior."

Lowly shepherds were the first to visit this special child.

A mysterious star appeared in the east and a group of magi followed it to Jerusalem. . .

Church Events

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| 01 Christian Men's Fellowship | 20 Ladies Bible Study |
| 01 Prayer Shawl Ministry | 23 Men's Bible Study |
| 01 Hanging of the Christmas Greens | 23 Practice for Christmas Eve |
| 02 Men's Bible Study | 24 Christmas Program |
| 03 Ladies Bible Study | 25 Christmas Day |
| 04 High School Youth Group | 25 Office Closed |
| 04 Youth Group | 27 Ladies Bible Study |
| 06 Ladies Bible Study | 29 Nursing Home Service |
| 08 Congregation Meeting | 30 Men's Bible Study |
| 09 Men's Bible Study | 31 Ladies Bible Study |
| 09 Material Girls Quilt Guild | |
| 10 Ladies Bible Study | |
| 11 High School Youth Group | |
| 11 Youth Group | |
| 11 Evangelism Meeting | |
| 13 Ladies Bible Study | |
| 15 Elders Meeting | |
| 15 Caroling & Cocoa | |
| 16 Men's Bible Study | |
| 16 Homesteaders | |
| 17 Ladies Bible Study | |



A star that led the magi to the right house in Bethlehem.

They offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to this unknown child.

A jealous king tried to kill the baby and ordered all boys under 2 years old be killed.

An angel warned Joseph to leave tonight, and go to Egypt.

Did all of this happen by chance or was GOD preparing the world for the MOST SPECIAL BABY who would ever be born on this earth. This is what the Bible says about this baby:

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:32).

“You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

Ponder all these things as you prepare for Christmas. It's not about the gifts, Santa, decorations or a holiday. It's all about the SON OF GOD who came to this earth for us. Take time to ADORE HIM.

Honoring Jesus, our Savior and Lord,
Pastor LeRoy

Caroling & Cocoa

Please join us for an evening full of excitement as we go Christmas Caroling on December 15th at 5:00 p.m. Starting at the Church, we will make our way around sharing our Christmas Joy with the community and ending back at the Church to further warm our hearts with Hot Cocoa!

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the calls, texts, food, memorials and prayers when Raymond passed away. A special thank you to the ladies for the delicious lunch served to our large family after the service, and to Pam for handling the tech side of the service.

The family of Raymond Griffith

We deeply appreciate all the support of our church family. Your prayers have lifted us up during these 1 1/2 years. As we celebrated his life, Pastor Leroy's message, Cody's songs and the delicious meal prepared & served by so many made a difficult time much easier.

Our Thanks

Sherry & family (The family of Donald Calhoon)

Where do we begin to thank you for all the love, support, prayers and cards of encouragement. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. Also, a big "thank you" to the ladies that provided a delicious lunch, after mom's service. Jim, that includes you too! We are truly blessed with the best church family.

Tami & family, Mike & family, Tom Balls (The family of Cheri Balls)

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Election Day Pancake Feed a success. What a great tradition for the community!



Memory Verse for December

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. Luke 19:10

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

10 Michael Miller
 10 Jaque Wickham
 11 Laura Bogart

Welcome to the world Barrett Reid Imel
 Born 11-19-24
 Parents: Lucas and Jordon Imel
 Sisters: Blakeley and Brecklyn
 Grandparents: Kerry and Rhonda Kellerman
 Great Grandparents: Ivan and Mary Heersink.

This month in the SonLight Preschool classroom we will be learning about the true meaning of Christmas as we take a close look at each character present at Jesus' birth. On the first December school day we will gift each child their very own nativity to take home so they can set up and share with their families the truths they learn about the Christmas story. Our core memory verse will be Luke 2:11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ our Lord." Please continue to pray for us as we learn what it means that Christ came to be our Savior, our King and our Shepherd. As always thank you for helping us teach "Little Lights to SHINE!"



Pastor LeRoy and Gwen Herder want to express a huge

THANK YOU

To all of you, our church family. Thank you for your Pastor Appreciation gifts

Thank you for ALL you do for Christ and His Church! We thank God for you!

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Phillipsburg First Christian Church Calendar of Events December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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