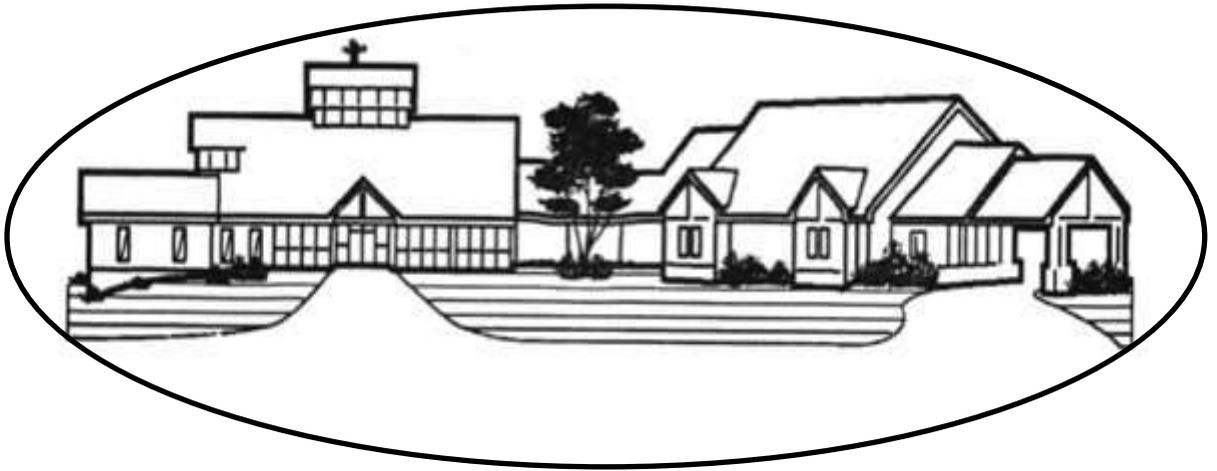


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# Agapegram

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January 2021



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## Wars and Rumors of Wars

*"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed..."* Matt. 24:6

Wars and Rumors of Wars? What sort of New Year's newsletter article is this? Normally the January Agapegram has something about resolutions, looking positively forward, or walking faithfully with the Lord in the year ahead. Instead, we have *wars*?

Well, it's been an unusual year so why not one more unusual thing? More, it feels fitting. Tensions and unrest are always unfolding around the globe, but these days they seem to be simmering again in our own land. God-forbid we see any war or conflict in a literal sense, but we do have battles before us. Sharp disagreement seems to exist not only around political figures, but also over the direction Americans want this nation to go. More than that, even as we have learned more about covid-19, vaccines have come available, and treatments continue to improve, we know that the next few months of winter will likely be a trying time with friends & family fighting off this virus or, just as possibly, succumbing to it. That will be a battle of its own sort. And, if that weren't enough, as I type this, reports of two potentially dangerous variants of covid are being reported.

Here's the point. Jesus tells us these things will happen in this life. They aren't the end. It's just life in a sin-stained world. More importantly, we don't need to be alarmed. If politics & society or disease & nature don't end up being our trials in the year ahead, then it will be personal trauma, illness, or some other challenge. Satan will tempt, we will stumble, creation will groan. Yet, even as these things occur, God will work them for our good and they will also come with countless blessings, graces, and providential outpourings from our loving Heavenly Father.

Life trials aren't the End. But we have been promised these trials will end, in fact, it's what we're still celebrating: The Savior has come into the world! He came to redeem His creation. When He comes again, He will restore it to perfected glory! So, don't be alarmed by the wars and rumors of wars. Instead, with hope in Christ, make your resolutions, look positively forward, and walk faithfully with your Lord in 2021.

*"Do not worry about anything... And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Phil. 4<sup>6-7</sup>

*~Pastor David*

## THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

**Thank you** to the Council and all the people of Eternal Shepherd for the end of the year bonus. You continue to be very generous toward your pastor and his family.

**Thank you** to all the saints at ESLC who have provided a multitude of Christmas cards, treats, and gifts. They are all greatly appreciated and if we have overlooked a particular thank you, please accept this as our response of gratitude!

**Thank you** to everyone who has supported the work God has for us at Eternal Shepherd. From the pre-pandemic days of early 2020 through all the challenges and changes of responding to covid right up to our Christmas activities and the end of the year business, your contributions have served God's kingdom work and made my job as your pastor just that much easier. You are a blessing!

**Thank you**, finally, to all of you who have supported and encouraged us in so many diverse and countless ways. From encouraging notes to kind words to our children and from various invitations to your prayers, we are very grateful for every kindness.

*In Christ,  
Pastor David, Judy & family*

## Simple Steps to Help Deal with Covid this Winter

It's hard to believe we're coming up on a full year since the SARS-Cov-2 virus came to our shores. Nevertheless, we know a bit more now than we did early on.

Besides, hand washing, precautions, and common sense, it also seems, based on numerous studies being done, that Vitamin D could play a noticeable role in resisting infection, recovering from infection, and/or reducing severity from the infection.

While neither a doctor in general, nor your doctor in particular, I won't tell you what to take for your health; however, I would suggest everyone talk to their own doctor and request that your Vitamin D levels be tested to make sure you aren't deficient. It's a simple step that just might make a positive difference in your health.

*Thank  
you*



Thank you to my Eternal Shepherd family for your generosity in your gifts and year end bonus, beautiful Christmas cards, goodies and fun and thoughtful gifts. Your love and encouragement are inspiring and have helped so much during this difficult year. Thank you for shining His light in love. *Blessings in the New Year. Love in our gracious Lord Jesus Christ, Celeste*

*"No one is holy like the Lord, for there is none beside You, nor is there any rock like our God."  
1 Samuel 2:2*

***A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR 2020 OUT GOING COUNCIL  
MEMBERS AND ELDERS***

Vice President *Pastor Phil McLain*  
Congregational Secretary *Debbie Krueger*  
Treasurer *Shannon Cox*  
Head Elder *Paul Wilson*  
Altar Guild Chair *Lois Helland*  
Board of Christian Ed. *Janet Walker*  
Board of Christian Outreach *Cecil Murray*  
Board of Finance *Bob Massa*  
Preschool Board Chair *Roberta Port*  
Board of Property *Wayne Gugel*  
Elders *Milo Bell and Walt Lindow*

*We thank you for your faithful and dedicated service to our Lord, our church family, and the community. Thank you for your service.*

***WELCOME TO OUR NEW 2021 INCOMING  
COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ELDERS***

Vice President *Doug Zirbel*  
Congregational Secretary *Susan Tyner*  
Treasurer *Bill Smith*  
Head Elder *Dan Arkfeld*  
Altar Guild Chair *Tracy Cochell*  
Board of Christian Ed. *Amy Rebholz*  
Board of Christian Outreach *Elaine Rich*  
Board of Finance *Jim Zwahlen*  
Preschool Board Chair *Jane Fireovid*  
Board of Property *Monty Moore*  
Elders *Bob Massa and Gene Kunkel*

*We welcome you and look forward to our time of service together.  
Thank you for answering the call.*

# Epiphany Sunday

## January 3rd



*“We saw His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”  
Matthew 2:2*

### **A Note From Our Financial Secretary:**

I would like to thank our church members for the great response to online giving in 2020. We are currently at approximately 40% online. This is a tremendous help to tabulators processing offerings to our church.

Envelopes for 2021 are in your member mailboxes. For anyone not utilizing online giving, please use your envelopes whenever possible because this helps to reduce errors in processing offerings and work load for the tabulators.

For all those who are utilizing online giving, please keep your envelopes because there are funds that we cannot offer online at this time. Example: If you want to make an offering as a memorial, you need to use your envelope and write on the envelope who the offering is in memory of and for what fund, if any, that the memorial should go to. Currently there is no way to handle memorials online.

Thanks again for your support of our church throughout this challenging time.  
~Grover Stewart, Financial Secretary

## A life well lived

The challenges of 2020 have certainly tested our coping skills. The pandemic, social unrest with riots, political squabbling. To cap it off, at the end of November my Mom passed away at age 96. At 96 her death was not unexpected but it is never easy to say good bye to those we love. Mom's health began to decline a couple years ago and she could no longer live by herself. With the help of her children and the assistance of one of my nieces who moved in with her for nearly two years, Mom was able to stay in her own home. What a blessing this turned out to be in the midst of the pandemic. Mom was blessed to be surrounded by her family. We thank God for this gift.

Some of the elements in those final hours of Mom's life were supernatural in nature. My five sisters, their husbands, and many of their children kept a constant vigil those last few days. They surrounded her bed playing Christian music, praying, singing, and sharing their love. Mom was mostly non-communicative but she shared glimpses of heaven to those around her during those last hours. My sisters told me there was a distinct moment when Mom's spirit left her body and her countenance changed. Now she rests comfortably in Jesus' arms.

Can one person make a difference in this world? Irene Arkfeld certainly had a positive impact on the lives of many in her 96 years. My sisters shared a poem with me called "The Dash". The poem was written by Linda Ellis and Mack Anderson. The dash is what separates our date of birth from our final day on earth. In Mom's case her dash consists of 96 years of experiences and actions. I would like to share this poem with you.

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates of his tombstone from the beginning to the end.  
He noted that first came his date of birth and spoke the following date with tears  
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time he spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved him know what that little time is worth.  
For it matters not how much we own; the cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long & hard... are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real  
And always try to understand the way other people feel.  
And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile.  
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.  
So when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash,  
Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

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Mom spent her dash well. Her caring nature, her friendly demeanor, and her welcoming gift of hospitality made the Arkfeld home a popular gathering place. She loved people and possessed a servant's heart. She loved serving others and did so with much joy. Mom's legacy carries on through her children and their descendants. I witnessed the loving care my sisters provided for Mom during the final months of her life as Jesus would want us to do. Mom taught her children to pray, to love Jesus, and to be kind to others. She taught us by both her words and her actions. Her faith was a gift from God. She encouraged us in our own spiritual growth so that this gift of faith would eventually become our own.

I anticipate that 2021 will eventually lead to a more normal state of affairs for most of us. There will continue to be challenges but God will never leave us nor forsake us. As I reflect on my Mom's example I am reminded that she followed Jesus' example and we should all look for opportunities to do likewise. Staying in God's word and an active prayer life will keep us focused on what is important. Your Elder will be in touch with you each month to seek your prayer concerns and offer prayers of thanksgiving for the many blessings that God has bestowed upon each of us. Your prayers for your Elder are also important and greatly appreciated.

Jeanne and I are blessed to be part of the Eternal Shepherd family. Have a blessed year in 2021.

*Dan Arkfeld  
Head Elder*

## Haiti Missions

### What was Christmas like in Pas Bonbon and Rocky Road ?



I was curious to know what the children of Haiti do for Christmas, since it is a given everyone is extremely poor. Here, our schools are out and all the children are excited to be at home with their computers, tablets, Netflix, and cell phones. In the Central Plateau, everyone goes to school on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This is a big party celebrating the birth of Jesus. The students and teachers all eat together and then Santa comes to give each boy and girl a gift. When I asked Pastor Walta what a typical gift would be, he said a toy car for a boy and a doll for a girl. The young boy on the left is holding a toy car. That car was made by a team here at Eternal Shepherd, Toys for God's Kids. Pastor Walta also tells us about the growth in both churches as a result of the Lutheran Schools we at ESLC started over the last couple of years. In addition, the material has been purchased and the construction of the Boys & Girls Restrooms begins in January. For more information on Toys For God's

Kids, contact Pastor Ray Ramsburg. For more information on supporting the school lunches through Trinity HOPE, the care of staff at both schools, and providing school supplies, contact Lars Helland.

## *Comfort Dog News*

As we round out the year, it seems like the perfect time for a reflection and review of the past year's activities. It is hard to believe how quickly the Comfort Dog ministry came to a screeching halt at the end of March, like everything else in the world due to the Covid-19 pandemic! It seems like we were rolling along like a well oiled machine and then we had hardly anything to do. It is hard when you have a working dog that isn't working.



Seth didn't seem to understand why he wasn't going out with his handlers to visit his friends in the various facilities we had on our schedule! But somehow, with God's help, opportunities came along that allowed us to reach out to our community with love and support. From offering goodies to the ER staff at Oconee Medical Center, to doing Zoom visits with Seth's followers, to greeting our friends through windows or outside from afar, we managed with God's help to keep the Comfort Dog ministry alive. It has always been a mission of this ministry to spread the love of Christ to those we meet and we pray we have been able to do that with the limited opportunities available to us.

Recently, we became involved with the Veteran Last Patrol (VLP) organization based out of Spartanburg. Their mission is to offer friendship and support to veterans in hospice care. We have attended three outside honor ceremonies for veterans nearing the end of their life. We also became involved in their "Operation Christmas Salute" whereby Christmas cards from people throughout the country were sent to VLP to be distributed to veterans in the upstate and beyond. Their goal was to receive 10,000 cards but they actually received 32,000! In fact, over 350 cards were sent by various Lutheran Church Charity Comfort Dogs throughout the country. To help in this endeavor, we were enlisted to spread the love in our area with 250 Christmas cards distributed to veterans in the facilities we have visited in the past.

Also recently, we began offering Seth visits to stressed-out OMH employees every Friday in the outside courtyard and upon request. One Sunday, we were requested to come to OMH as the nurses in ICU were very upset after losing a dear patient to Covid and wanted some "Seth love". We were greeted with much appreciation for Seth's comforting presence. We witnessed a few tears and genuine relief to these nurses and other staff as they petted Seth. It gave them a moment to step away from their difficult task of caring for those who are so infirmed. It is hard to imagine what they are going through and they need our prayers daily...

On a happier note, our Howl-Le-Lu-Ya Dog Biscuit Sale was a huge success. We are happy to report we raised close to \$900! We will donate 10% of the proceeds to the Oconee Humane Society (OHS) plus with the help of a Thrivent Action Card, we will be donating 8 large bags of dog food to OHS as well. Thank you to all who supported this fund raiser by purchasing dog biscuits, mugs or Seth stuffies. We were truly amazed at the response in spite of smaller numbers of members' attending services.

As we approach 2021, please pray that God continues to guide this ministry. We trust Him to lead us and to use us as He sees fit as He has done in the past and will do in the future and for that we say, thank you Lord!

To God be the Glory, *Kyra Carbone, Top Dog*

## A Parable of Many Cuts

If you travel around to the back of the Church you will note on the right side of the road a tree stump and stem - no branches - no leaves - just a bare stem about 12 feet tall. Just a month or so earlier it was a mighty oak one hundred feet tall blown over by a mightier wind from Hurricane Zeta. It fell across the roadway, stretched up the hillside, and onto the edge of the Church roof. It's canopy was immense filling the large area under it. Way down at the other end, still partially in the ground was its giant root ball itself over 8 feet tall.

Members of the Disaster Response Team of our Church plus additional members came out to start what would be a three day effort to dismantle this giant and clear the roadway. It took hundreds upon hundreds if not thousands of cuts to dispose of this oak tree. Many cuts to untangle the small branches from each other at the trees fallen top; many long pole saw cuts to remove larger branches that could fall on us or break windows near or below them; many more chainsaw cuts to section the numerous larger branches and carry them off; and then with only the long trunk of the tree left many cuts to remove large sections with the help of a member's front loader.

As we got closer to that giant root ball many of us were hoping that the next large cut section would release the root ball to return to its hole in the ground and our work would be done. And then wonder of wonders after many, many, many cuts the last cut was made and the trunk began to rise off the ground. A gleeful triumphant cheer broke out among us as we watched that fallen tree go upright

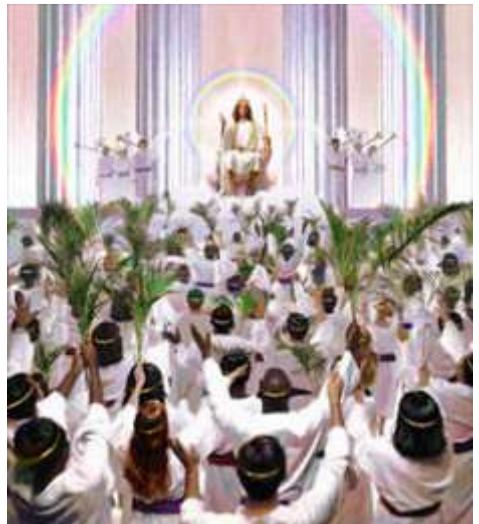
And therein lies the parable of this mighty Oak Tree for us.

The many, many, many... cuts it took to raise us to our present upright position before God.

It required all 39 bloody stripes from the soldier's whip; every laceration from the thorned crown; every puncture of the driven spikes; that spear thrust to His already breathless side, and most necessarily it required that last horrifying cut that severed our Lord from His Father's love and gave Him over to Death. To this He was born - for this He suffered and died on that tree.

Hear the angelic choir singing in joyous triumph of our Savior's victory. Feel the welcome relief of being shorn of our sins, their guilt and their eternal consequence. In Him, we the fallen are upright at last! Here is joy to the world! Here is a blessed Christmas to all the members of our beloved Church and to all who have served on the Disaster Response Team during this past year.

~ Bill Barthel



# Wrapped in Love

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



A new year has begun, but it comes with more uncertainty than most years. The top questions are (1) when will this Covid-19 pandemic be over, (2) will the vaccine be the solution to the pandemic, and (3) when will life return to pre-covid 19 activities? Obviously, we do not know. But, we do know that many people are suffering – from the virus itself, death of family and friends, job loss, stress, isolation, etc. Anything that we can do to assist these people we should do.

The PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY offers one way that we can help those suffering feel that they are loved, valued and cared for. But we need your assistance to identify those who would benefit from this gift of a prayer shawl. When these prayer shawls are being made, the crafter prays for the person that will receive them. They pray that God will bring comfort and strength to the person, that the person will bring all their concerns to God, and God will bring them relief knowing that they are not alone and God is on their side.

**You can give this gift to anyone that you think should have one.** You do not need to ask permission to give a prayer shawl and the recipient does not need to be a member of ESLC. There is an ample supply of prayer shawls to choose from in the four bins on the far side of the Fellowship Hall by the closets. Select the one that you like, sign the prayer shawl log showing your name, the date, and the person that you are giving it to. If you give the prayer shawl in person, we request that you pray for them as you are giving it. A list of those that have already been given prayer shawls is listed on the sheet just underneath the log sheet. If you do not feel comfortable coming to church, *please contact Sue Hauser* and she will arrange for a prayer shawl to be brought to you or delivered for you. ~Thank you

### Ripple of One Needs Mentors!

Our mission is to empower children to reach their full God-given potential and to break generational poverty.

Mentors needed for 3rd-12th graders. Come and do life with our children!

Visit our website at [www.rippleofone.org](http://www.rippleofone.org)  
For more information, email Ria Dawkins at:  
[ripple.terria@gmail.com](mailto:ripple.terria@gmail.com)



## Honduras Mission News:

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for the over \$5000.00 contributed to help the people of Honduras and our host World Gospel Outreach. After suffering from 2 devastating hurricanes while in the midst of a pandemic there continues to be a great need for assistance. Honduras appears to have suffered the most damage and deaths from landslides and flooding brought about by the cyclones slowing down over the country. Disaster response experts say that the devastation is the worst that they have seen. Disaster teams are responding throughout the country with WGO focusing their efforts in Tegucigalpa.

WGO's main income comes from Serve Teams going to Honduras to serve the people. With the pandemic there are no Serve Teams in the country and none expected for the foreseeable future. While we are about to receive a vaccine here it is doubtful that Hondurans will have access any time soon which will probably preclude Serve Team travel. The WGO staff in Honduras along with several full time missionaries are responding to the needs for food and medicine as best they can with the donations that Serve Team churches are sending. As a Serve Team church we continue to support their efforts because of the friendships we have established over the seven years of traveling there. Hopefully you were able to view the Facebook presentation by World Gospel on what they are doing. It is still there if not. Our desire is to return to Serve Team ministry as soon as it is safe for our team, but to do this WGO needs our help.

We will continue to accept donations through ESLC, however if you would desire to establish an ongoing donation, this can be done through WGO. Go to [wgoreach.org](http://wgoreach.org) and click on the donations block, then go to Care Pay and set up your program to donate to Honduras. Once you have done this you can check out the rest of the site to see more about the ministry. Thank you in advance for your support. This is a ministry that has changed the lives of thousands of North American believers over WGO's 35 years of serving in Honduras.



*~Dios te bendiga (God Bless You), Pastor Ray and your Honduras team members*

**FOOD BANK NEWS:** Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. **January's** preferred product is **"Beans—Canned or Dried"** (Please place items in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank down by the main Fellowship Hall). *~Thank you for your generosity and support.*



## Hospitality Happenings for January

***No in house hospitality happenings at this time due to current restrictions.***

*As always we thank you for your support and look forward to the day we can once again join together at ESLC in fellowship.*

Thinking about joining the hospitality board? Please see myself or Marlene Bell with any questions. *In his service, Sue Williams*



**Scrip Cards** are available and make *great gifts* as well as **earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time.** For orders please contact Beckie Rau by phone 944-6096; or by email at [cbrau@charter.net](mailto:cbrau@charter.net). After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Scrip Card Team: **Beckie Rau, Libby Dunlap, Elisabeth Baker & Sue Hauser.** ~*Thank you for your support.*



### January Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 – Pat Pfeiffer    | 16 - Jim McKibben     |
| Jean Seeley         | 17 – Monica McCrary   |
| Doug Zirbel         | 20 - Enid Miller      |
| 5 – LJ Rebholz      | Susan Tyner           |
| Adam Warber         | 21 - Richard Grotheer |
| 7 – Susan Robirds   | 22 - Dennis Hippchen  |
| Joyce Thompson      | Bill Smith            |
| 8 - Don Pitts       | Larry Snyder          |
| 9 – Karee Keefer    | Gerry Walton          |
| Sara Thibeault      | 23 - Carol Shealy     |
| 10 - Ron Bode       | 24 - Eric Schmidt     |
| Benjamin Madden     | Grover Stewart        |
| 11 – Bill Findlay   | 25 - Bryan Thibeault  |
| Ed Seeley           | 27 – Ken Dunlap       |
| Nancy Stockman      | 29 – Sherry Wyatt     |
| 14 – Susie Williams | 30 – Mike Hauser      |
| Jacquie Wilson      |                       |



### January Anniversaries

- 2 – Dan & Bonnie Franzen
- 8 – Jeep & Jean Feldt
- 13 – Cecil & Cara Murray
- 15 – Ray & Sherry Wyatt
- 20 – Henry & Julie Gambrell  
Mike & Sue Kunce
- 27 – Jim & Elaine Randles
- 31 - Monty & Julie Moore



## SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

### In November the following gifts were given:

In loving memory of *John Abramovitch*  
the Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received a gift of \$25.00



In loving memory of *Claire Giordano*  
the Church Bus Fund received a gift of \$25.00

In loving memory of *Bob Lindgren*  
the Church Bus Fund received a gift of \$25.00

In loving memory of *Ralph Milz*  
the Choir Music Fund received gifts of \$125.00,  
The Church Bus Fund received a gift of \$25.00  
and the Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$350.00

In loving memory of *Gloria Shealy*  
the Choir Fund received a gift of \$100.00,  
the Church Bus Funds received a gift of \$25.00,  
the Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$74.07,  
the Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$25.00  
and the General Fund received gifts of \$365.00

#### Other Gifts:

The Alaska Missions Fund received gifts of \$210.00

The Christmas Poinsettias Fund received a gift of \$97.10

The Church Bus Fund received a gift of \$10.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$127.10

The Debt Reduction Fund received a gift of \$50.00,  
and a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Grant

The Disaster Response Team Fund received a gift of \$200.00

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$75.00

The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$20.00

The General Fund received a gift of \$105.00 from Thrivent Choice

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of 250.00,  
and the Haiti Missions Trinity Hope Fund received gifts of \$2,300.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$310.00,  
the Honduras Missions Helping Hands Fund received a gift of \$100.00,  
and the Honduras Missions WGO Care Pay Fund received gifts of \$2,100.00

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$1,186.02

The Safety Fund received a gift of \$10.00

# Little Lambs Tales

*“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:30)*

As we ring in the New Year at Little Lambs Preschool, we are reminded of God’s promises of hope and renewal. After several weeks of rest and relaxation, the teachers and staff are ready to enter into the new year of 2021!

We will be focusing our attention this month of January on the season of Winter! You will see a lot of crafts, songs, and stories that revolve around snowmen, ice castles, animals that hibernate in the winter and anything related to snow!

**On January 18th we will be out of school for MLK day.**

As the month of January concludes we will look forward to ushering in the month of February and the theme of love for God and one another.

We are renewed and refreshed in the presence of these beautiful children of God and feel God’s continual blessings at work!

Thank you for your constant support and prayers for this most important ministry of Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church. All of us at Little Lambs Preschool are grateful for the opportunity to serve in this important ministry!

*Blessings to you and your families,  
~Gina*



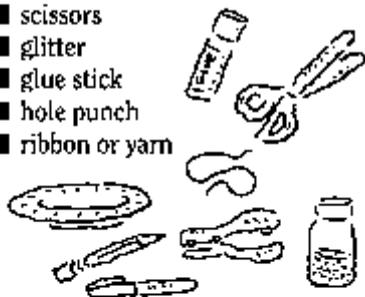
# Fancy Flakes

Make a snowflake as unique and as special as you are in God's eyes.



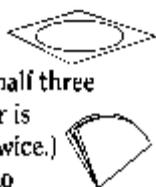
## What you need:

- paper (plain white or glittery wrapping paper)
- round plate or saucer (about the size you want your snowflake)
- pencil, crayon or marker
- scissors
- glitter
- glue stick
- hole punch
- ribbon or yarn



## What you need to do:

1. Draw a circle on a piece of paper by tracing around the plate or saucer.
2. Cut out the circle.
3. Fold the paper in half three times. (If the paper is thick, fold it just twice.)
4. Use your scissors to carefully cut out shapes from the folded paper.
5. Unfold your paper.
6. On one side, write some things that are special about you.
7. Decorate the other side using the glue stick and glitter.
8. When the glitter is dry, punch a hole in the snowflake.
9. Put ribbon or yarn through the hole, and tie it to make a hanger.



# Just for KIDS

## Unique Creations

It is the New Year and in many places it is cold enough to snow. God created snowflakes that are so unique that no two are alike! It is the same way with people – we are all one-of-a-kind. If God cares so much about how each snowflake is made, imagine how much God cares about you!

**Directions:** Draw lines to match the two halves of the snowflakes. Write the letters on the numbered blanks to form the words and to complete the verse.

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5			11		
	fear	m	ar	fully	
6			12		
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"I \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ ...."

Psalm 139:14, NIV

Answer: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
 My thoughts are not hidden from you, and my work is not secret from you.

## **SERVICE TIMES**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



## **THOSE WHO SERVE**

Pastor: David Hammer  
Deaconess: Holly Lustila  
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