



# December Newsletter

## Salvation Army Bell Ringers

The Salvation Army needs volunteers to ring the bell in front of local grocery stores from 9:00AM to 6:00PM (in one hour increments) from now through December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please call or text Michele at (719)321-8687 if you can help.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Day this year is on a Sunday, so we will host Christmas Eve services at 1:00, 2:30 and 4:00pm. This will allow the staff and volunteer teams to have Christmas Day off with their families.

We encourage you to invite your friends, family and neighbors to one of the services - you may even want to offer to pick them up for the service. There will be a special offering at the closing of each service.

**INVITATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER!**

## Gals AND Guys!

We are updating our list of people that are willing to be called upon to prepare and/or clean up funeral dinners.

This is such a rewarding Ministry! Call the office and let Luann know if you would like to have your name added to the list. (We always need dessert makers as well!)

## Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Our next turn to provide & serve lunch to LHS kids involved in FCA is Wednesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. We could use help! By help, we mean get together a small group to prepare lunch for 40, or tell Kevin you would be willing to be part of the serving team....or both! The students really like to see different faces representing the church! Please let Luann or Kevin know if you can help.

## Christmas Dinner

Greg Ausmus is cooking his usual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please give him a call if you would like to attend, and also if you want to volunteer to help him or bring sides to share.

Greg - (719)688-7203

## MISSION

We are seeking to be a Church that loves God and loves others by making disciples, connecting them to the body, and equipping them to live a lifestyle of worship by serving God and others for Kingdom work.

## STAFF

Senior Minister - Ian Blacker  
Associate Minister - Ray Matteson  
Youth Pastor - Kevin Dickenson  
Children's Director - Kelsey Thomas  
Worship Director - Mariah Hartshorn  
Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg  
Custodian - Jimmy Marquez

## BOARD

Elders - Rick Akers, Bryan Herrera, Pat Leonard, Ken Montoya, Rod Thomas  
Deacons - John Adams, Lee Dowen, Brian Lauritsen, Monty Coen, Justin Homm, Ron Schmidt  
Trustees - Norm Arends, Ron Clausen, Dave Tecklenburg

# Ray's Reflections

## Casas por Cristo Trip Information

We will have another meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon to make further plans for our mission trip to Juarez March 12-17, 2023. We will need firm commitments from those planning to go because we will have to make another payment to Casas soon after that.

The cost for the meal plan, motel and gas will be \$200.00 per person. Some extra money will be needed for meals while traveling, other spending, and an offering for the Casas missionary leading the trip.

Older children through teens can go, but we are requesting a parent or guardian go with them. While Kevin plans to go, he cannot supervise a whole group of teens by himself.

Please talk with Ray or Kevin if you have questions or to get your name on the list of those planning to go. We will plan to take up to 20 individuals on the trip.

## Kairos Report

Six individuals went to the Dalhart Correctional Facility and ministered to 42 inmates, a group of inmate volunteers, and a few prison staff. While the guys were inside ministering, there was a large group of ladies and some men who worked really hard preparing meals and other gifts to be delivered each day. The inmates were blown away by the love and acceptance shown to them. While not everything went according to plan, many were touched by the love and the gospel as it was proclaimed. Several decisions for Christ were made. It was a great and exhausting weekend, but well worth the effort. Thank you all for your prayers and support of this ministry.

Hey! I hope all is well! As we near the end of the semester we are working through a testimony series called My Story. The goal is to help students build their own testimony through hearing others! Last week of youth group is December 14<sup>th</sup> for Middle School, and December 18<sup>th</sup> for High School. Your students should be coming home with details on those nights very soon. Winter retreat details are official. January 13-15, at Camp Como. Excited to see all the students there. I will send out a message with more details, so be looking out for that!

**Our Student Ministry team this year is a good one! Here is a list of the leaders below, if you see them make sure you thank them for pouring into our students! Without them our student ministry couldn't operate!**

**Lisa Steed and Rebecca Dickenson- Upperclassmen Girls**

**Rick Akers- Upperclassmen Boys**

**Janee Steed- Underclassmen Girls**

**Ron Schmidt- Underclassmen Boys**

**Mariah Hartshorn and Katy Dewitt- Middle School Girls/ Worship**

**Keenan Thomas- Middle School Boys**

**Jim and Heather Ramsey- High School Sunday School**

**Jr and Emily Ortiz- Middle School Sunday School**

**The Schmidts- Meal Team**

We are still looking for a few more volunteers for small group leaders for both HS and MS as well as some help providing food to help with the meals. If you are at all interested in helping out with Student Ministry or simply want more information, please reach out! I'd love to talk more with you!

## Food for Families Distribution Changes

Big changes are coming for Food for Families distribution of Christmas dinners this year. Instead of being delivered with Toys for Tots (which is also changing), there will be pick-up stations for people to come get their meals. Our church will be a pick-up station on Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:30. **We need 5 volunteers to serve that morning by passing out the packaged meals as people pull up to our building. We need a couple of people to meet at 8:00 to pick up the meals and bring them back to the church and then help pass them out.** The organizers also need volunteers to deliver meals to those that are homebound.

If you are willing to help at the church, please contact Ray (608)898-7712. If you want to deliver meals please contact Jason or Amber Herrera. Thank you for helping make Christmas special to some people in this way.

**Jesus Eve Services** - We are delighted to provide three Jesus Eve services for you, at 1, 2:30 and 4pm. There will be no Christmas Day services to allow volunteers and staff to enjoy the day with their families. We will have a special worship service as usual, that will both challenge your faith in God, lead you to review our relationship with God, or to start your relationship with God. The theme is "Accept God's gift." There are invitation cards available in Luann's office, or at the Welcome Center - grab some to give away to your friends and workmates. Please offer to pick your invitees up and take them to the service of your choice. This is a great opportunity to bring someone closer to a relationship with Jesus this Christmas. What a great present!!

Jesus Eve? What's with that? Just an attempt to really place emphasis on the reason for the season of great joy-Jesus, that's all. A free-will offering will be taken to be given to a local and foreign mission ministry at the end of each service.

**Sermon Series** - In January we will start a four week sermon series on the life of Daniel and his three friends. These men were incredibly used by God to transform Israel and the ungodly nation that they lived in.

The four men's stories can be of great encouragement to each of us living in troubled ungodly times today. We need to know the anchor that we have in God's word and Holy Spirit, and make ourselves available to God no matter the cost to ourselves.

**Gifts For The King** - As usual over the Christmas season, we will take a special offering for two missions that we support. These are the Sparrow House Ministry and the spring Juarez Mission trip. The money given between now and the end of January will be split evenly unless you designate your gift for one specific mission. Our goal is to raise over \$15,000!

The Juarez mission will take \$10,000 to pay for all of the materials for the mission to build a home. The rest of the expenses such as fuel costs, food, etc, are provided by those who go on the trip.

**Manhattan Christian College** - On the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, a team from Manhattan Christian College will be here. They will be providing a time for junior and senior highers and adults to hear about MCC as an educational destination for at least one year after they graduate from high school. An update about MCC will be provided at the Sunday school hour in the fellowship hall for all adults and junior and senior highers.

On Sunday morning, a staff member from MCC will provide the sermon for both services. We will take up a special offering for MCC at each service. Please write your checks directly to MCC, or to Lamar Christian with MCC on the memo line if you want your donation to be included in your end of year giving report for taxes.



## New Van

Because of the continuous problems with one of our vans, we have purchased a used Chevy 15 passenger van. The old van is wanted by Casas Por Cristo who have a chap in Mexico who can fix the problems. The price for the used van is about half of what we had budgeted, so we are very grateful for that blessing.

## Ian's Bible Study

Ian's Wednesday night Bible study will conclude on December the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will re-start on January the 11<sup>th</sup>.

# SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	12/4/22	12/11/22	12/18/22	12/25/22	
DEVOTION LEADER - E	Anthony LaTour	Monty Coen	Mike Duffy	M	
DEVOTION LEADER - L	Shane Dashner	Matt Berndt	Mike Duffy		
SERVER IN CHARGE - E	Lee Downen	Ron Schmidt	Jared Crabtree	E	
SERVER IN CHARGE - L	Ken Montoya	Ken Montoya	Lee Downen		
SHUT- IN COMM - 1	Peter Jabo	Terry DeWitt	Albert Moreno	R	
SHUT- IN COMM - 2	Ken Montoya	Peter Jabo	Dustin DeWitt		
GREETERS - E	John Paul Unruh	Deleta Downen	Mitch Cass	R	
GREETERS - L	Niles Voigt	Todd Brown	Joe Harbert		
COMMUNION PREP	Lori Blacker & Sue Tecklenburg			Y	

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL > THURSDAYS @ 6:00PM / CONTEMPORARY > THURSDAYS @6:30PM					
ASSIGNMENT:	<u>12/4/22</u>	<u>12/11/22</u>	<u>12/18/22</u>	<u>12/25/22</u>	
DRUMS	ELOY	KEENAN	ELOY	C	
KEYBOARD	JULIE	SUSANNE	ALICIA		
BASS	DAVID	RAY	EMILY	H	
ELEC. GUITAR		ROD A.			
GUITAR	ROD T.	MARIAH	MARIAH	R	
VOCAL	JOY	JOAN	HEATHER		
VOCAL	KATHY	AMBER	ALICIA	I	
VOCAL	DELANEY				
SOUND TECH	RORY	BRIAN	KENNY	S	
VIDEO LATE	SHIANE/MARIAH	PAT	JOAN/DILLON		
LEADER	ROD T.	MARIAH	MARIAH	T	
PIANO	SUSANNE	VICKI	BARB		
SOPRANO	SUSAN	SUSAN	SHELBY	M	
ALTO	MELODY	MELODY	CHAR		
TENOR	JAMES	JAMES	ANSLEY	A	
BASS	RON	RON	RON		
VIDEO EARLY	HERRERA	SCHMIDT	HOMM	S	



## Prayer Requests

David Payne  
Shane Bryant  
Betty Hoesli  
Donna Wishard  
Russ Hobden  
Marvin Hasser  
Beverly Hazel  
Vera Hammons  
LeeAnn Barden  
Truett Sires  
Les Scriven  
Garrett Headrick  
Tim Courkamp  
Marcia McElroy  
LaVoy McCorkle  
Matt Burkhart  
Kevin Noble  
Josiah Wertz  
Bill Potestio  
Patty Rees

## December Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

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|----|----------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Judy Souders               | 15 | John Paul Unruh   |
|    | Mackenzie Harbert          | 16 | Jack Wolfe        |
| 3  | Barb O'Neal                | 18 | Erica Gass        |
|    | Brailee Crum               |    | Sandra Sniff      |
| 4  | Julie Thomas               |    | Sarah Settles     |
|    | Janee Steed                | 19 | Cindy Otto        |
| 5  | Monte Ausmus               | 20 | Mitch Cass        |
| 6  | Carisma Gass               | 21 | Leilanie Kisamore |
| 7  | Deleta Downen              |    | Mariah Moreno     |
| 8  | Caleb Harris               | 22 | Sherry Settles    |
| 11 | Michelle Hiigel            | 23 | Glenn Flower      |
| 14 | Brock Sniff                | 26 | Doug Harbour      |
|    | *Anthony & Patricia LaTour |    |                   |

### BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive will be Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 - 4:30 in the fellowship hall. Go to [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) to make an appointment.

*Our Sympathy for Loss of a Loved One*

*Marlene Temple passed away on 11/12*

*Glenn Flower passed away on 11/26*

## Memorials

*In Memory of:*

*Liz Rehfeld*

*From: Georgetta Temple*

*In Memory of:*

*Dorothy Buxton*

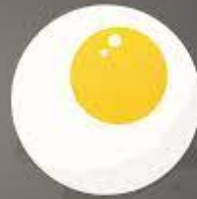
*From: Alice Mauch*

### JOY Ministries Meeting Change

JOY meetings have moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 1:00Pm in the fellowship hall.

**The JOY Christmas get together is Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the RFOM.**

**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**



The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am in the fellowship hall. All men are welcome! Help cooking at 6:00am is always appreciated!

Megan & Zach Ramsay are having a **BOY!**

Join the Ramsay family for a Come & Go Baby Shower for TWO Babies!  
**WHEN: Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.**  
\*Both couples are registered at Amazon

Emily & Jr. Ortiz are having a **GIRL!**

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
8:00AM - Blended  
10:30AM - Contemporary  
Sunday School - 9:15AM  
Children's Church - 10:30AM

[www.lamarchristian.info](http://www.lamarchristian.info)

Return Service Requested

## **SENIOR SAINTS**

The purpose of the senior adult ministry of Lamar Christian Church is to share in Christian fellowship and encourage each other in spiritual growth, while striving to be a blessing to the church and community.

*Senior Saint's met at 5:00PM on Monday, November 21, 2022 in the fellowship hall for our November meeting with the following in attendance: Kara Matteson, Nancy Idler, Don Colclazier, Niles & Rosella Voigt, Judy Weber, Kay Slough, Deleta Downen, Alice Mauch, Cody Laughlin and her two grandkids - Makayta and Remi Kretz, Les & Nancy Scriven, Alice Clark, Susan Gourley, Larry Tracy, Susanne Matteson, and Betty Clark and her granddaughter, Tasha Burns.*

*We visited while they were getting things done and then Susanne offered our blessing and we chowed down. Lots of good food! We laughed and visited while eating. Shortly after eating Betty called the meeting to order - not a lot of business. Nancy Idler will do devotions for December - Thank you Nancy. Betty gave a devotion about hugs - how precious they are and how much they are appreciated - giving and receiving. Thank you Betty.*

*We cleaned up and then had 4 tables of Round-a bout Confession ~I am writing this about a week later and I can't remember who was at what table and who won! Sorry! I do know we had a lot of fun and a lot of laughing and teasing, etc.*

*The church Men's Group were having a supper for the men at the local Halfway House. They met at the far end of the fellowship hall and they sure didn't bother us and I hope we didn't bother them. We do believe in sharing!!!!*

*Luann was out of town so we didn't get to see her but everything was ready - Thank you Jimmy for setting up and taking down our tables and chairs. They make sure everything is OK for us to have our meeting and we appreciate both of them.*

*Sam Tecklenburg is doing pretty well - Thank you for your prayers. Bev still needs our prayers. Les is doing fine but is uncomfortable. They go back to the doctor this week to have a check up. Keep them in your prayers. Keep our country and state and city also in your prayers. Things are pretty unsettled right now everywhere.*

*Our next fellowship meeting will be Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:00PM. We invite anybody who would like to join us to come. We have all ages, and we do fine with that. Just bring something to share and come prepared to have a good supper and lots of laughs and just a good clean good time.*

*Well, out of news. I could make some up but I won't. Ha!*

*Nuff for now,*

*Betty Clark, Reporter*

*PS~Keep Glenn Flower's family in prayer - Glenn passed away on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.*