

The Lebanon Letter

December

Lebanon Lutheran Church

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December Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 ADVENT 1: Noah Worship (9:30am) Congregational Mtg (10:45am)	3	4 Men's Bible Study 10am Lake Street Outreach 11am	5 Women's Bible Study 1:45pm	6	7	8 LCW 10am
9 ADVENT 2: Abraham Worship (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am)	10	11 Men's Bible Study 10am Lake Street Outreach 11am	12 Women's Bible Study 1:45pm	13 Food+U 3pm	14	15 Pageant Rehearsal 10am
16 ADVENT 3: Moses Worship/Pageant (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am)	17	18 Men's Bible Study 10am Lake Street Outreach 11am	19 Women's Bible Study 1:45pm Council 4pm	20	21 Sheridan Story 9:30am	22
23 ADVENT 4: Rahab Worship (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am) Caroling (6pm)	24 Candlelight Service 8pm	25 Christmas	26 Women's Bible Study 1:45pm	27	28	29
30 Worship (9:30am) Fellowship (10:45am)	31 NEW YEAR'S 					

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Update on the potential sale of the property
See pg. 2 for details...

Budget Report thru October

Income: \$ 55,966
Expenses: \$ 58,056
Shortfall: \$ 2,090

Listen to sermons at:
lebanon.sermon.net

HOMEBOUND LIST

Mardell Bingman, Gladys Johnson, Bette Christy, Gloria Bakken, Clarice Gudmunson, Lorraine Rindfleisch, Orville Hatlestad, Marion Phelps, Marilyn Tummelson, Fred Owens, Lenny Zierman (at Friendship Manor in Shakopee.. Cell phone: 612-806-5219 The Address is: 1340 3rd Ave W Shakopee, MN 55379)

Lake Street Outreach: Tuesdays @ 11am

Where: Lebanon

When: Tuesday

11:00am - 11:45am:

Prayer & Worship
*enter through double
doors on 21st Ave*

11:45am -- 2:00pm:

*we travel by cars a mile
north to Lake Street where
we minister to people in
Midtown Transit Station*

2:00pm - 2:30pm: Debrief



Advent Sermon Series: 'Spiritual Descendants' - Dec 2

As we enter Advent on **Sunday, December 2** we will be looking each week at four people in the genealogy of the Messiah (Noah, Abraham, David, and Rahab), who each were used by God to preserve the lineage of their people. Their faith in God, against overwhelming odds, ensured not only the continuation of their physical descendants, but also their spiritual descendants. We will take time each Sunday to reflect on the question, "who will be our spiritual descendants?"

LCW: Sat, Dec 8

All ladies are invited to our next LCW (Lutheran Church Women) gathering on **Saturday, December 8, at 10:00am**. This gathering will be a special Advent Potluck, along with an allocation of funds to local charities.

Ace in the City Christmas Gifts: Sun, Dec 9

The big box in the back is to put new toys in for Christmas gifts for the children of our community. Collection will be **Sunday, December 9**.

Christmas Pageant –Sun, Dec 16



Lebanon's Christmas Pageant will be **Sunday, December 16** during the worship service. A rehearsal will be held on **Saturday, December 15, from 10am-12pm**. Famous Dave

Johnson's Pizza at rehearsal.

CAROLING –Sun, Dec 23



On **Sunday, December 23, at 6pm**, we will meet at the Grigsby home for Caroling in the neighborhood. Hot chocolate provided ☺.

Candlelight Service: Monday, Dec 24



Come celebrate the nativity of Jesus with us as we honor His birth by candlelight on Christmas Eve, **Monday, December 24 at 7pm**. Bring a friend!

Carol Sing –Sun, Dec 30



On **Sunday, December 30**, come sing until your heart's content as we use the worship service to glorify our Lord's birth through a marathon of cherished carols.

Getting to Know Lirio

Last month, we voted overwhelmingly to continue discussions with Lirio de los Valles regarding the purchase of the property. Thank you for your prayers! For those of you who have not had a chance to get to know these dear Latino brothers and sisters in Christ, I wanted to share a little.

In the last five years, 'Lirio' has made a significant impact here. Several times we have held joint worship services and potlucks together. They have always been respectful of the property, while at the same time utilizing it to its max, including summer weddings in the boiling sanctuary while wearing non-breathable polyester suits. Now that's dedication! I have to say, though, that it gives me chills to see the building being utilized in the way our founders intended, to God's glory.

I remember the first time I came to one of their Tuesday evening prayer gatherings in the sanctuary. I didn't see anyone because they were all hidden on their knees in the pews praying. What particularly moved me was that their youth were participating as well. Needless to say, the sight of young people on their faces before the Lord left an indelible imprint on my heart. Here's a picture after I asked them to rise off the floor ☺.



Another occasion left an even more indelible imprint. In March of 2017, a power-outage occurred as Lirio was beginning their evening service. Instead of canceling, they continued singing into the night, using their phones as lights. What a resilient group, demonstrating that the ultimate power they rely on is Jesus Christ! Here's a pic I snapped that night.



When Lebanon hosted a radio program on AM 980 The Mission, two of my guests were Pastor Saul and his son Isaias. Unlike most pk's (pastor's kids), Isaias is not rebelling from the ministry but embracing it, and even wants to be a preacher like his dad. The Holy Spirit is upon this family.



I am excited to think about the next chapter for this partnership between our two churches for the sake of most effectively reaching our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. By His Wounds,
Pastor Russell