



Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son

**December 2012**

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:45 am Fellowship

9:05 am Sunday School

&

Bible Study

10:15 am Worship

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# TRINITY TIDBITS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy, Texas



## Born of the Virgin Mary...

We confess it in the Creed every week in the Divine Service. Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary. We know what that means, but we often forget just how much gravity this statement holds. Jesus Christ, true man, was born of a virgin. He has no human father! This is not normal! All people have fathers. Human ones. Some may not know who their father is, but they all have one. Babies are always the product of a male and a female. Well, except this one. This one is different.

How was Jesus conceived? I don't know. The only thing I can know is what scripture and the creeds tell me. "He was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary." (Nicene Creed "He was conceived by the Holy Spirit." (Apostles' Creed) "And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[e] will be called holy—the Son of God." (Luke 1:35) The world will tell you that this is impossible (which it is). The world will tell you that Jesus must have been the product of Mary and Joseph or that Mary was promiscuous and slept with some other guy before she married Joseph. But this is not what the Word of God tells us. If we are going to trust the Word of God and hold it to be true, we must take the whole thing to be true, not just pick and choose as we please.

So why is it significant? Jesus is often called the "Second Adam." The First Adam—you know, the first human being—brought sin into the world. The Second Adam comes into the world to restore the image of God to mankind that was lost in the fall. The Son of God humbled himself and placed himself under the Law for us so that he could suffer and die in our place. It means that our God is not a God far away, but a God who is present with us in Word, water, bread and wine. Christ's birth brings God down from heaven to us.

That is why we join together for worship on Wednesdays during Advent and on Christmas Day and Christmas Eve to give glory to God for coming into our presence.

*In Christ, Pastor Vandercook*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

# **Birthdays for the Month!**



|                          |                         |                           |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 12/01 Charles Ekarius    | 12/12 Geraldine Abel    | 12/22 Debbie Cypher       |
| 12/02 Jason Leiber       | 12/12 Sherri Putt       | 12/22 Monica Kent         |
| 12/02 Adolph Leschper    | 12/12 Debra Rath        | 12/24 Charles F. Bolten   |
| 12/02 Jason Leiber       | 12/14 Ruth Szymanski    | 12/25 Bill Blume          |
| 12/02 Jeff Muse          | 12/15 Monika Foltz      | 12/26 Michael Griffin     |
| 12/04 Jamie Zapalac      | 12/15 Cy Vojtek         | 12/26 Cliff Langton       |
| 12/04 Klarissa Smith     | 12/16 Linda Blume       | 12/26 Carol Barrett       |
| 12/07 Estella Heintschel | 12/16 BRITTANY LUTTRALL | 12/27 AUSTIN KEETON       |
| 12/09 Bobby Barrett      | 12/16 Debora Waldrop    | 12/28 REED LANGTON        |
| 12/09 BELLA GRIFFIN      | 12/17 Laura Kutra       | 12/28 Kylie Wolf          |
| 12/09 Brooke Munoz       | 12/17 George Wied       | 12/29 Nicole Benavides    |
| 12/10 Leon Kollatschny   | 12/20 Doris Holtkamp    | 12/29 CLAYTON FRITSCH     |
| 12/10 Robert Julian      | 12/20 Brent Tomasek     | 12/30 Hilda Allison       |
| 12/11 Travis Pavelka     | 12/22 Jeffrey Tomasek   | 12/31 BREANNE BURTTSCHELL |
|                          |                         | 12/31 Kimberly Gilliam    |
|                          |                         | 12/31 Barry Wolf          |



# **Happy Anniversary**



**Let's rejoice with these couples as they celebrate the designated anniversaries.**

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 12/07/1963 Paul & Loyce Orsak     | 12/12/2009 Gaylan & Deborah Christiansen |
| 12/07/1958 Gene and Betty Remmert | 12/19/1998 Jason & Kelley Kruzal         |
| 12/08/1973 Johnny & Susie Busse   | 12/22/1973 David & Patsy Novosad         |
| 12/10/1988 Doug & Rhonda Browne   | 12/23/1981 Thomas & Karen Naida          |
| 12/11/1987 Lowell & Dorothy Coody | 12/31/2011 Chase and Sherri Ashorn       |
|                                   | 12/31/1944 Eddie & Shirley Svinky ♥      |



Please keep in your Prayers our Nursing Home Residents

Ellie Michaels Eddie Svinky Lillie Wittenburg  
Estella Heintschel Louise Kinsey

### Shut Ins

Edd and Clara Gerstenberger Joe and Bernice Hintz  
Sharon Salyer Lavonn Schier Joyce Meyer



To Everyone at Trinity Lutheran Preschool  
Thank you so much for all your prayers and everything you have done for us. My heart is overwhelmed with emotion and joy. Thank you for your continuous prayers.

God Bless All of You.

Faithfully,  
Jennifer Trevino



To Trinity Lutheran Church,  
We want to express our gratitude for your donation of \$529.90 to the Austin County Children Protective Services. We are always grateful for caring, compassionate and concerned folks like you. Your gift will be used to enhance the lives of children who are in great need of the encouragement your donation provides.  
Thank you from the entire CPS Board of Austin County.  
Jo Gamble  
President CPS Board-Austin County



Trinity Lutheran,  
Our volunteers just packed your wonderful donation of Mercy kits. We hope to ship them on our next container to mission recipients in Lithuania. Orphan Grain Train Appreciates your Support!  
Blessings,  
Doug Trampe-Warehouse Manager



## **Historical Marker**

Trinity Lutheran Church council approved a request several months ago to secure a Texas Historical subject marker for Trinity Lutheran Church. It is to signify the over 129 years that the church has been a part of the Sealy Community. The cost of the 27" X 42" marker is \$1800 with post. The application is being processed but final payment will not be due for several months. Anyone interested in donating to the cost of the marker can contact Grace Holtkamp.



## Ladies Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies Christmas Luncheon will be Saturday, December 8, 2012 in the Fellowship Center. You and your invited guests are welcome to attend. Fellowship will begin at 11:00 am followed by a catered roast meal to share with everyone.

Bring your favorite dessert to share with everyone. Let us know if you would like to decorate a table. There will be extra tables set up and decorated for those who do not choose to decorate one.

Tickets for the lunch will be \$7.00 purchased in advance in the church office from Ms. Maggie. Tickets will be sold during and after the worship service on November 11 thru December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We will also be collecting small toys to give to the children at the Christian Food Pantry at Christmas. Nonperishable food items to help the Food Pantry will also be accepted.

This year we will enjoy the event by doing a cookie exchange instead of an ornament gift exchange. Bring a dozen of your favorite cookies in a clear bag or container. It will be exciting to see all the different kinds and flavors of cookies and to see what great tasty cookies you will enjoy.

If you have any questions, please call Johanna or Mary Buechmann at 885-2730. Let's make this a Joyous Christmas Event!

*Johanna Buechmann  
Mary Buechmann*



## SENIOR DAY! - Mark your Calendar!!

A gathering of fifty-one seniors celebrated an early Thanksgiving by enjoying a delicious Turkey and Dressing Dinner with all the trimmings at the Seniors' Day Luncheon held November 1.

Mary Buechmann cordially welcomed everyone, and followed by recognizing the November birthday celebrants in attendance: Nettie Swearingen, Susie Busse and Betty Richter. Continuing, she acknowledged the following anniversary honorees: Robert and Betty Richter, Pat and Mary Buechmann.

Reflecting on "All Saints Day", which is commemorated on November 1, Pastor Vandercook presented a brief devotion from Matthew Chapter 5, the Sermon on the Mount, reflecting on Jesus' words to the disciples in the Beatitudes, and the assurance that we, just like the disciples, who repent of our sins can be secure in the promise that we too will come before our God as saints. He then extended blessings on the food.

A very special hug and "thank you" to Mary Buechmann and Maggie Kent for preparing and providing the delicious turkey and dressing! Also, hugs and thanks to Josephine Bear, Mary Buechmann, Loretta Dziadek, Avie Sue Klopsteck, Norma Pavelka, Betty Remmert, Betty Richter, Antoinette Romano, Karen

Schaare, and Gerri Barrett for the awesome desserts!

Following the meal, everyone enjoyed socializing, playing bingo and dominoes.

The next Seniors' Luncheon will be held on December 5, 2012! A catered meal is planned; tickets will be \$6.00 per person and may be purchased from Antoinette Romano, Mary Buechmann and Geraldine Barrett. Tickets must be purchased by December 2. In support of the Christian Pantry during the holiday season, attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item (or items).

Hostesses for December 5th will be Mary Buechmann, Antoinette Romano, and Geraldine Barrett. Hostesses are scheduled for January, February and March; we will be delighted to add additional hostesses to the 2013 list!

Looking forward to seeing you on December 5<sup>th</sup>! Don't forget to purchase your ticket(s) by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please invite your friends! If you would like to bring a dessert, the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, please call!

*Antoinette (885.7932), Mary (885.2740), Geraldine (885.3450)*



### Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society met on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Two guests were Bernita Dittmar and Antoinette Romano, who became new members.

Betty Richter gave an interesting story on "Women of the Bible".

Quilts were made.

Officers of the Society were re-elected for the coming year 2013.

Mite Box contributions were given to McDonald House. The funds of the "cake sale" were given to the Altar Guild.

Monetary gifts were given to Maggie Kent and Pastor Vandercook.

The Christmas party will be held after the meeting. Members and guests are to bring a \$5 to \$10 gift for exchange and placed underneath the beautiful Christmas tree. Nettie Swearingen and Ruby Emshoff are hostesses.

Betty and Robert Richter observed their wedding anniversary and Nettie Swearingen had a birthday in November.

Hostesses Ursula Kutra and Betty Herridge served the delicious refreshments brought by members.

Next meeting will be held January 3, 2013. Guest are invited to attend.

*Nettie Swearingen*



Thanks!

I would like to say a Big Huge Thank You to everyone who participated in the Preschool – Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner. You made this a success whether you donated cans of vegetables, breads, desserts, helped in the kitchen, deboned turkeys and most of all the donation of turkeys and silent auction items.

Thank you to all who donated their electric roasters to use for the vegetables. We would like to say a big thank you to HEB in Columbus for the great

price in purchasing the turkeys and Mikeska's in Columbus for smoking the turkeys for the dinner.

I was so very thankful for all the parents and church members involved in the preparation of the dinner. Each day there was a job that needed to be fulfilled. Everyone found their spot and began working. Most of all we enjoyed great fellowship.

Thanks to all who helped support the preschool! Without our congregational members and preschool parent support towards our Preschool Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner this would not have been a success. Special thank you to (eleven years) Mary and Pat Buechmann for all the help from beginning to end and Geraldine Barrett for helping in the church office all week, Jerry and Mary Grunke for the use of their pit since the dinner began fourteen years ago. Big thanks to Dean Jacobson and Jerry Grunke for spending the day at the pit. Special thank you to: Dean Jacobson, Brad Kent, Jerry Grunke, Gene Remmert, Johnnie Busse, Dale Toellner, Susie Toellner, Bob Julian, Mark Hill, Larry Salyer, Dane Ellis and Glen Killough for helping de-bone turkeys. Thank you to the preschool staff, preschool board members, preschool parents and church members for all their help where help was needed.

Thanks to everyone who helped by serving the food and clean up after the event. I am very proud of my teachers, board members, parents and congregational members for all they did to make this a success!

Thanks to Room Mothers: Melanie Willingham, Lauren Bird, Megan Semmler, Tammy Mckenzie, Lisa Velazquez, Tara Ruiz, Crissy Prause, JoAnna Kruzal, Elaine Ondruch, Ariana Mock and Stacy Hendry for putting together the wonderful class project gift baskets with items donated by the children's parents for the Silent Auction. You are greatly appreciated for all you do.

Thanks to Robin Jacobson for coordinating the Silent Auction. A lot of time and work goes into the preparation of the auction. We are blessed to have Rhonda Pavelka and Jodine Meyer help with the Silent Auction and collecting of the money and keeping it straight.

God has blessed this preschool in so many ways with teachers, parents, congregational members and the love of these precious children. This gives us the joy to do what we do for the Lord. I am so proud to be part of the family of God here at Trinity. Again Thank You For All Your Love and Support! From

the bottom of my heart and for the love of the Lord, thank you.



**Themes!** The themes for the month of December are: The Birth of Christ and Giving to Others. The children will learn the story of Joseph, Mary and how Jesus came to be in our lives. Children will also learn how great it feels to give to others who are less fortunate.

The children, parents, and congregational members can help in giving to the Christian Food Pantry. If we have each child bring a non-perishable item to donate, there would be many happy families with a Christmas meal. All the food will be delivered to the Sealy Christian Food Pantry by the children.

Children will also continue to learn the letters T, C, O, R, and N along with the shape STAR and color WHITE. The Bible Verse for the month is "A Savior is born, He is Christ the Lord." The Bible stories for the month are:

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Jonah and the Big Fish/Daniel the Prisoner

Daniel and the Lion

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Esther the Beautiful/Queen Esther Saves the People

Mary and Joseph

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**

The First Christmas/Miracles of Jesus



**Food Pantry!** Each year Trinity Lutheran Preschool takes up a collection of canned food items for the Christian Food Pantry. The collection will begin the first day of December.

Located by the sign-in-sign-out book is a box labeled Christian Food Pantry and we would like each child to bring items to be placed in the box for families that would not be able to have a Christmas Dinner.

Items that can be brought are:

Canned sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, stuffing mix, cornbread mix, canned fruit or you can buy or clean out your pantry for items that you do not want or use. This is a great way to do God's work by helping the less fortunate so they could have a blessed Christmas with their family.

The four year old class will take a walking field trip to the Christian Food Pantry to deliver the items of food. We also need a few parents to help walk with the children. If anyone would like to bring a little wagon the day of the field trip, this would be greatly appreciated!

The field trip will take place on Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am, leaving here at 10:15 am. We also need the parents to fill out a permission form. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help walk the children to the pantry.

The workers at the pantry will explain to the children the importance of helping one another in times of need. We may be blessed today but no one knows about tomorrow. Parents and congregational members are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods to help with the Christian Food Pantry.

**Let's Be Safe!** Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will be at the preschool on Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Mr. Gary will discuss with the children what being safe means. It means holding your parents' hands when crossing a street or careful not to touch the stove in case it is hot. Always ask your parents or baby sitter before you go outside to play. Or what about getting into a car, even if you know the person, unless your mother or father says it is okay. And why do we have to sit in a car seat?

Mr. Gary knows that safety of children is of the utmost concern. He will teach children in a positive way to be safe without becoming fearful.

**Flashlight Day!** On Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> the children may bring a flashlight to preschool labeled with their name. This is to recognize that December 24<sup>th</sup> is the longest night of the year. The children will also read the story of the Lost Sheep. They can pretend to look for their lost sheep with their flashlights.

### **Family of the Week!**

Family of the week is a program we have that aids children in being able to share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Each week a family will be chosen to be Family of the Week.

Your child is asked to bring about five to ten pictures of their family to be placed on the preschool bulletin board in the gym. Always check your calendar of events to see if it is your turn to be family of the week. Families of the Week for the month of December are:

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Kylie Knapp & Eryn Kruzel

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Kristen Luce

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**

Tre' Martinez & Chloe Danas

No Family of the Week until Wed. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – Jan 11<sup>th</sup>**

Haley McKenzie & Abigail Mlcak

Please bring your pictures Friday before your child is Family of the Week!

**Wear White Day!** Since we are learning the color WHITE for the month, we would like the children to wear something WHITE to preschool on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Children can wear white clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce the color WHITE!

**Books are Fun!** Books are Fun is displaying their books on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> for you to browse and order. These will be nice Christmas gifts for a special someone. The book display will stay for a week giving you enough time to browse and place your order. Your books will arrive on Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>.

All orders along with the money must be turned in by Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> so your order will be placed.

To place your order, please write the title or item on the envelope. Place your money in the envelope, seal and place in the Books are Fun Box.

**Christmas Party!** Each child in the classroom will draw names so we can have an ornament gift exchange among the children. The ornaments can be from .99 cents to \$3.00. This way the children can have fun exchanging their gifts but the gift will go straight into their bags so they can open the gift at home

All ornaments need to be wrapped from whom and to whom and brought to the preschool by Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please do not forget to bring your ornament gift, as we do not want a sad child without a gift.

The preschool Christmas party will take place on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – 10:30 am. The preschool party will be a mini corn dog party. Please check the party sign up list to see how you can help by purchasing food items needed for the party. Please sign up ahead of time to help with the games at the party. It is hard to try to find out what parents are attending without signing up to help supervise a game.



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
Ms. Maggie & Preschool Staff*



**UNOFFICIAL  
MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TLC  
FELLOWSHIP CENTER  
NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

Members Present: Pastor Vandercook, George Wied – President, Linda Blume – Treasurer, Jimmie Meyer – Head Elder, Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chair, Rachel Wolf - Board of Education Chair, Johanna Buechmann – Fellowship Chair, Fred Paben – Trustee, Geraldine Barrett – Secretary

Members Absent: Dale Toellner – Vice President; Rhonda Pavelka – Board of Youth Chair, Evangelism Chair (Position Vacant); Usher Chair (Position Vacant)

President Wied called the meeting to order and presented a brief devotion based on Genesis 45:4-20 discussing the obstacles and challenges that Joseph experienced due to his brothers' betrayal and the many trials we likewise endure, closing with a prayer that God would enable us, as He enabled Joseph, to be fearless, trusting in God's wisdom.

Minutes from the October meeting were presented for review and approval. Linda Blume noted that Jodine Meyer, member of the Board of Education, is incorrectly registered as Board of Education **Chair**, and proceeded with a motion that the minutes be amended to read as follows:

*“Members Present: Pastor Vandercook, Dale Toellner – Vice President, Linda Blume – Treasurer, Jimmie Meyer – Head Elder, Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chair, Rhonda Pavelka – Board of Youth Chair, Jodine Meyer – Member, Board of Education, Johanna Buechmann – Fellowship Chair, Fred Paben – Trustee, Geraldine Barrett – Secretary*

Fred Paben seconded the motion. President Wied called for a vote: AYES – 8, NOES – 0. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:**

Jimmie Meyer addressed action taken at the previous meeting regarding cancellation of the subscriptions for Spanish versions of Portals of Prayer, citing concern from Mark Hill as he has been utilizing them to minister to a small group of Hispanics. A motion followed by Jimmie Meyer to reinstate the subscriptions of Spanish versions of Portal of Prayer. Linda Blume seconded the motion. President Wied called for a vote: AYES – 8, NOES – 0. Motion carried.

**CHAIR REPORTS:**

**Linda Blume – Treasurer**

Mrs. Blume presented the following financial statements for the month of September: General Fund Expenditures, Designated Funds Receipts and Disbursements and Statements of Revenues and Expenses. (Attachment 11-12-12-1) The cash balances were as follows: General Fund – (\$10,411.71), Building Fund - \$67,741.86, Designated Funds \$45,331.50, registering a total of \$102,661.65 in all funds. General Fund Expenditures totaled \$27,385.63. Major expenses attributing to the negative balance in the General Fund were replacement of two air conditioning units (\$7,542.92) and purchase of two computers (\$1,249.59).

**Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chair**

Mr. Leiber reported that 2013 offering envelopes have been received and will be accessible to members in the glass hallway. An announcement will be placed in the Blues.

**Fred Paben – Trustee**

Mr. Paben reported that everything appears to be run smoothly.

**Jimmie Meyer – Head Elder**

Mr. Meyer stated that there were no issues to report.

**Rachel Wolf – Chair, Board of Education**

Mrs. Wolf advised that there is a dire need for Sunday School teachers; if this issue is not resolved, there is no alternative but to group children of all ages into one class.

### Johanna Buechmann – Fellowship

Miss Buechmann reported that the Pumpkin Patch was very successful, recording \$2,675.75 in total sales; of which \$2,006.81 was remitted to Pump Patch Fund Raisers, resulting in a profit of \$668.94 which was divided and remitted to the Sealy Christian Pantry and Lutheran World Relief respectively. Trunk or Treat, hosted on October 27<sup>th</sup>, was extremely successful, beautiful weather, great turnout, lots of very happy children enjoying the games and activities.

### Pastor Vandercook

Pastor announced that he would be conducting two mid-week Worship Services during Advent; 11:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation classes for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be completed by the end of the month.

Spirituality of the Cross will be the topic for Wednesday mornings Bible Study.

President Wied called for a motion to approve the Chair Reports. Motion was made by Jimmie Meyer, seconded by Rachel Wolf to approve the Chair Reports as presented. President Wied called for a vote: AYES – 8, NOES – Zero. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Finances**

Concerning the current financial status of the General Fund, Fred Paben reported that he contacted the Texas District questioning the legality of using money from the Building Fund to supplement the General Fund. He was advised that it is not permissible; however funds may be borrowed if a designated repayment plan is established.

#### **Fellowship Center Roof**

Addressing the roof on the Fellowship Center, George Wied advised that he had contacted Extreme Roofing to perform an inspection for possible wind and hail damage. If damage is determined, a claim could be filed with the insurance company.

#### **Rental Fellowship Center**

A letter of request was submitted by the Sealy Christian Pantry for usage of the Fellowship Center for their annual Pancake/Sausage Dinner fund raiser for dates February 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Kevin Haug will

be presenting musical selections and usage of the overhead media was requested. In addition, due to their non-profit status, consideration for a waiver of the rental fee was requested. President Wied advised they be informed of their responsibility to thoroughly clean the stove after the event. Motion was made by Fred Paben to approve rental of the facility by the Christian Pantry on February 8<sup>th</sup> along with waiver of the rental fee. Jimmie Meyer seconded the motion. President Wied called for a vote: AYES - 8, NOES – Zero. Motion carried.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Pastor advised that Tracy Schiller has agreed to serve on the Board of Elders. His name will be properly registered on the ballot for presentation at the Special Congregational Meeting.

#### **Rescheduling Special Congregational Meeting**

After discussing timing constraints, it was decided that the Special Congregational Meeting be rescheduled from December 2 to December 9, to accommodate scheduling of the joint Council/Elders/Incoming Elders meeting and complying with the requirement to provide a 2-week review period of the proposed Budget and Ballot to the congregation.

#### **Advent Wreath**

Johanna Buechmann stated that the Altar Guild wishes to purchase and Advent Wreath for \$1,175.00. Thus far, \$350.00 has been received in donations. In order to receive the wreath for Advent, she questioned if funds from the Memorial Fund could be utilized to place the order. Rachel Wolf made a motion to approve the use of funds from the Memorial Fund to place the order. Fred Paben seconded the motion. President Wied called for a vote: AYES – 8, NOES – 0. Motion carried.

#### **Devotion**

President Wied advised that he will conduct the devotion at the next meeting, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business President Wied asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Linda Blume and seconded by Jimmie Meyer. President called for a vote: AYES – 8, NOES – 0. Motion carried.

*George Wied, President  
Geraldine Barrett, Secretary*