

# January 2021

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As Christians, our new year begins with Advent – the recognition that we need Christ in our lives. Then comes Christmas Eve, Day, and the Sundays following Christmas.

And in that season of Christmas, the world prepares to turn the calendar from one year to the next. This is our secular “New Year”.

New Year’s is a natural calendar time for us to reflect on the year that we’re leaving behind and to anticipate the things we’d love to see happen in the new calendar year. Many people make resolutions about where they will focus their time, effort, and energy in an attempt to improve their lives.

Commercials have already drawn our gaze to ways we might critique our body, or ways we might improve our mind. But how often are we encouraged to delve into improving our Spirit? Seriously! Pay attention to what the advertisements are telling you over the next several weeks and let me know if any of them are encouraging you in your Spirit.

We have been pointed to the ways in which we need a savior in our life. We have received a savior in the Christ child. And in this new season of Epiphany (beginning on January 6th), we have a chance to look at the ways in which Jesus is revealed as our Messiah and Lord. This is a perfect time for us to consider how our Spirit is changed because of who and what Jesus is to renewal because that is us.

You see, as followers of Jesus, we are in a perpetual state of transformation, an ongoing state of being saved, and a daily how God loves us – perpetually, ongoingly, and daily.

May we all consider our Spirit as we flip that calendar – and look forward to all the ways that God is still and always at work in our life.



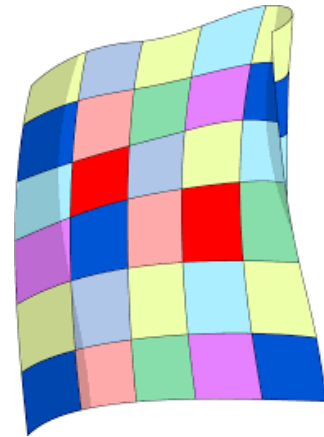
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## Middle School Youth Group

All Middle School and High School youth are welcome to gather in the fellowship hall between services at 9:45-10:15. We will meet January 10, 17, 24, and 31st. January 10th we will be finishing up blanket tying.

Thanks,  
Jean Krueger



### Memorial Angel Tree

The tree situated in the front of the Sanctuary displayed an abundance of unique and beautiful Angel ornaments in honor or in memory of loved ones, during the Christmas season. These ornaments have been carefully wrapped, and will store the angels for next year's use.

### A Big THANK YOU To All Who Decorated for Christmas!! And another invitation for putting them away.

Thank you to those who took time out of your busy schedules to help make the church beautiful and festive for Christmas! Many decorations filled the Gathering Space and the Sanctuary! A nativity scene, trees, and the beautiful color of blue adorned the space, as well as the Memorial Tree with its unique and beautiful angel ornaments.



ANYONE who would like to help return the decorations to their storage are WELCOME to come at 10am on Saturday, December 9th. Pastor Trisha is providing donuts and coffee!

## Preschool News



Shalom's preschool would like to thank the parents for your participation in the children's Christmas program in December. The event turned out great! Even though it was virtual this year, the students still really enjoyed performing the songs. The videos were emailed out to parents, and can be found as a unlisted program on the Church YouTube channel.

On another note, 2021-2022 Registration will be open to the public on January 18th! We are excited to fill our classes again for another amazing school year!

A friendly reminder that there is No School on Monday, January 18th.

Thank you,

Ashlee Mulrone  
Shalom Lutheran Preschool  
Director/PreK Teacher

## Shalom's van

The Shalom van has been well-utilized for many years to support our youth and preschool programs. Finally, we are at the point where we need to raise funds for a replacement.

Shalom is considering another short bus with 5-pointing harness seats for the youngest riders.

For digital donations, go to our website, [shalomlc.com](http://shalomlc.com), under "events". THANK YOU for your generosity!

**Thanks to those who have already donated to the bus! We appreciate you.**

## Time and Talent Survey



The Time and Talent survey gives individuals the option to choose from an ample variety of important volunteer opportunities, here at Shalom.

We are currently seeking several people to take on the task of the executive team, including President and Vice President roles.

There are also opportunities in Ministry teams, Worship Support, Hospitality and Education Support. The link to sign up can be found at our website, [shalomlc.com](http://shalomlc.com), has been emailed to families,

and is on our FB page, pinned to the top.

Please let the office know if you have any additional questions about the function of any particular group. We appreciate your consideration!

We would love if each member of your family could complete a form.

Thank you for considering the ways in which God is calling you to serve!

## Giving Tree

*The Giving Tree gave names of families who needed a little extra help with providing presents for family members, during the holiday season. All of the tags were taken by our Shalom family and a present was given to each of the students. We also received monetary donations to help with costs. We cannot thank you enough for your exceptional generosity!*



## Stewardship

*Thank you whole-heartedly for your participation in The Together for Joy campaign. We had 38 families donate so far, and the funds have exceeded over 50 percent of the proposed budget for 2021.*

*We are grateful for the ways you continue to be faithful to Shalom Lutheran and it's people.*



# Annual Meeting

Annual reports are ready to be picked up at the church. If you would like a report sent digitally, please contact the office.

The Annual Meeting for Shalom is scheduled for Sunday, January 24th, beginning at 9:30am. The meeting will be held in person as well as offered on Zoom (if you need help with setting up that link please let us know. Free accounts are available). Our quorum of 50 members may be counted both in person and digitally.

All are confirmed members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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