



The Messenger

Ordinary people, Extraordinary God.....



Our Advent Focus

"An unshakeable Kingdom"

December 2020

12/05 8AM NO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

12/06-11 FINAL ALPHA FOOD DRIVE WEEK
(OFFICE OPEN TIL 4PM FRIDAY THE 11TH)

12/12 SDRT ALPHA BASKETS
(YOUTH INVITED TO HELP)

12/13 CONGREGATIONA MEETING AND VOTE!!!
DRIVE THROUGH VOTING AVAILABLE AFTER MEETING
UNTIL 12 NOON

12/13 ALPHA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

12/17 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY MIDNIGHT

12/24 X-MAS EVE SERVICES 3, 5, & 7

December Hospitality Team Coordinator:

- Dan & Kris Gibson
- Carol Williams
- Martha Jones
- Alan Huss
- Sarah Bourgoine
- Janet Tow
- Pam Campbell
- John Deitsch
- Jeff & Andrea Graves
- Jim & Gail Campbell



Well, the election is behind us. Advent is upon us. But are we still caught up in election drama? Are we more concerned about America and its future, than the kingdom of Heaven and our future there as believers?

Randy Alcorn in his blog, *Eternal Perspectives*, on October 8, 2020, said, "Whatever our feelings and opinions about the upcoming election, certainly we can all affirm as Christ followers, our hope should not be in politics, nor should it our ultimate focus."

Immediately, I think, then what should be our ultimate focus? Alcorn and God's Word point us to Jesus and His kingdom, the kingdom of heaven.

Hebrews 12:25-29 reads this way, "See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away

from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."^[a] 27 The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain."

Now, the earth shook violently the first time when God spoke to Moses on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:18). God promises here in Hebrews 12:26 that he will once more shake not only the earth but also, the heavens. Those things that will be shaken – created things like governments, countries, nations will no longer be when this second shaking comes. Only things that can't be shaken may remain (Hebrews 12:27).

This second shaking occurs when Christ returns, and all the kingdoms of the world are shaken into oblivion. John in Revelation 11:13 states that he had a vision of a great earthquake. After the earthquake John states in verse 15, "There were loud voices in heaven

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saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ and He will reign forever and ever."

The writer to the Hebrews tells them that because they would be receiving this kingdom that cannot be shaken, their focus and ours should not be on who won the presidential election or what party controls what branch of government. Rather, it should be on being thankful for God's great love that saved us by grace alone, by faith alone, by Christ alone and made us part of His kingdom that is now but not yet.

The world is shaking right now with a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, hurricanes, and a host of other troubling things but may we remember this is not our home. We, Believers, are citizens of a kingdom that cannot be shaken. A kingdom that will last for all eternity.

May we focus on Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven this Advent and like the wise men, worship Him with reverence and awe. (Matthew 2:11)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bruce

** FROM THE DESK OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT **

As we enter the Advent season and begin to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior, may we pause and take time to "THANK" God for the generous gift of His Son who died on the Cross for our sins. In a world where every day seems to give us another reason to worry and be in fear, God has assured us He is in charge and everything that takes place is in His plan. We are blessed to be able to go to God in prayer and have a personal conversation laying all our troubles and cares on the throne of the God of the universe. The Holy Spirit comes to us to comfort and teach us in our hour of need. He is our constant companion, and I don't know what I would do without Him in my life. Covid has changed the way we worship on Sunday, the way we conduct our meetings, and how we socialize. Even our Regular meeting of the congregation will be different because of Covid. This season, please reach out to those who have been isolated by this virus and need to know the love of a Savior. Let them know how much they are missed and our thoughts and prayers are with them always.

May the joy and peace of the season be with you and your household.

Your brother in Christ, Elton



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ~ *Position is Open*



FELLOWSHIP/Connect ~ *Renae Schmid - Kathleen Tisdale Council Rep*



GROW-BIBLE HOUR ~ *Leader is Needed* - Peggy Tackett Council Rep.

Children were given a Bible Verse and a "treat" each week in October. Parents were encouraged to read the verses with children. Small booklets (I Believe! A sticker booklet introduction to Luther's Small Catechism & a Gratitude Journal to record Praises and Thanksgivings) were the "treats" in November. December and Advent will bring "Mangers for the Mantel" with 24 family tasks for parents and children to share. "You will Find the Baby" is an invisible ink book for students to paint, read and color. A family-friendly trivia question set of cards, journeying through the birth of our Savior called, "What Do I Wonder About Christmas?" is the icing on the cake. Children also will enjoy candy canes and the story of the shepherd's crook.

We know these offerings can't make up for Grow Bible Hour time and lessons, but we pray parents and grandparents with children at our church find a way to continue home teaching of these lessons that are critical for children to learn. Please pray about and consider stepping up into a leadership role with the children of OSLC. We watched Chloe and Taryn move through the program to the Confirmation of their Baptism this fall! What a blessing Grow is at OSLC! Peg and Kathy



MEN'S MINISTRY ~ Elton Sutherland - Alan Huss Council Rep.

Bible Study

We meet for breakfast and Bible study at the Black Bear Dinner in Layton at GAM on Fridays. We are studying ACTS through John Stott's study guide. This is an account of the early church and will give us some insight on what they faced in the beginning of the Christian faith. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Mens Network

Paul Louis Cole of the CMN is doing a series on the book, "Never Quit" by Ed Cole, where you will get tools you need to trust God in these times of uncertainty, and not just survive but thrive. Paul can be seen on YouTube at the ChristianMensNetwork YouTube channel or followed on Facebook at CMN MONDAY NIGHT MEN. Bill Lange of OSLC has recommended CMN for men who are struggling in this time of need. Please reach out to Bill if you have questions.

Prayer Time

We encourage everyone to tune in to Facebook Live at 7PM on Wednesday nights to take part in prayers for whomever needs them as led by our pastor. This is an awesome time and he will pray any request sent to him. Thank you pastor for leading our church in a way that honors God.

Security Team

We are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and well being of the church. If you would like to participate or have any specialized training you would like to share please contact Alan Huss.

Building and Grounds

Winter is upon us and when it snows on Sunday we have to clear the walks. If you are willing and able please come a half hour early to help make the walks safe. We always have task that need doing and John would love to hear from you. Contact John Crossfield if you are willing to tackle a project.

Fellowship Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast was not held on November 7th due to the high Covid-19 numbers. I propose to postpone the future breakfasts till after the new year, which would be held January 9th. I will keep you posted through the CCB link. Thank you for your understanding. Please contact Dan Kartak with any questions.



MISSION & SERVICE ~ *Kathy Sutherland - Josh Ashcraft Council Rep.*

Our second Sunday offering for December is Jeff and Mem Nellermae's Mission team in China, China Service Ventures. I have not heard an update from them since the pandemic, but no news is good news! Pastor Jeff and Mem work specifically with teaching English as a second language to locals. Keep them in your prayers and donate what you can to help this true Mission of teaching about the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Seeing no suggestions for changes to the ministries we serve through Mission and Service, our same 12 month ministries will be proposed to the Council. Kathy is looking for someone to share the ropes with who would be willing to take over when she and Elton move after retirement in 2022. Interested? Call Kathy at 801-540-1720.



MUSIC AND WORSHIP ~ *Wendy Nelson ~ Trent Schmid Council Rep.*

Advent...We Wait in Hope Our Advent journey begins on November 29th. As we light the Advent candles, we will join our voices in singing, "We Wait in Hope." Our first candle will remind us that, as we **WAIT** upon the Lord, God's light never ceases to shine. The second candle reminds us that Advent is a time of **WATCHING**. Our third candle will remind us that Advent is a time to **PREPARE**. As we light the fourth candle, we must remember that Advent is a time to give **PRAISE** for what God has done, for what God is currently doing and for what God will bring to completion. **Christmas Eve - Christ is Born!** Through **WAITING, WATCHING, PREPARING, and PRAISING**, we are now ready to **CELEBRATE** our Savior's birth through song and scripture this December 24th. We will have three services using the same program in each one. Worship times will be as follows:

3 p.m. Diane Bordinaro, Organist

5 p.m. Praise Band

7 p.m. Praise Band

Come and join with us as we celebrate and rejoice the gift of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer! Please note on December 27th we will return to our regular service at 9 a.m



WELCOME/REACH MINISTRY ~ *Mary Kartak - Terry Schmid Council*

We trust that God has given you a Thanksgiving to ponder His many blessings. We trust that you are anticipating Christmas with much reflection as to its true meaning. Probably the thing for which most of us are indeed thankful for regarding 2020 is that it is nearly ended. Although nothing surprises our LORD, most of us have muttered phrases like "What next?" and "I've had it!"

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Alpha Food Drive. Even though things look different in 2020, we were able to identify needs and then respond in a Christ-like manner. Our recipients are anonymous, but their gratitude will be glowing when deliveries are made on December 13. We encourage our **youth** to show up on **Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10 am to sort and box** donations. Masks required.

The Month of October and Reformation Day is always a special day for DSL to welcome our Confirmands as new voting members. This year we recognize Chloe Colvell and Taryn Schmid.

After months of delay, we held a "NEW MEMBER SUNDAY" on November 15. The council of DSLC approved the transfer of membership for Karen and Leo Seeber, and John McFadden. Carl, Andrea Barrios, Norita Barrios, Darrell Wolfe, & Sabrina Wolfe and Joe Heman were also welcomed into membership at Our Savior's! In addition, records were clarified for 3 individuals already a part of the congregation. When it comes time for our Annual Meeting, all these individuals will be joyfully included in the roll!

The Reach and Welcome ministry extend a thank you to Annie Coyle for her leadership in the DSLC Stewardship Campaign. A rekindling of our dedication to things of high significance—that could not have been better timed.

"For the Lord God is our light and our protector. He gives grace and glory. No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk along His paths. Psalm 84:11

Mary Kartak and all who reach out and welcome others while maintaining an appropriate physical distance!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ PLEASE VOLUNTEER - Nancy Gerry Council Rep



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LCMC INTERMOUNTAIN WEST DISTRICT NEWS

Save the date, the Council approved October 22-23 for OSLC to host the next Intermountain West District Gathering. If God is calling you to oversee this event, Please contact Dan Kartak.

Your district has just launched a new website, thanks to Pastor Mike Galica and Pastor Jeff Stepheson for putting it together. Please check it out lcmc-iwd.net.



LANTERN HOUSE—ST. ANNES KITCHEN

As we are all aware it's been quite a year! Lantern House is not allowed to have volunteers in their kitchen so our chili lunches are not going to be able to happen until there is a change in the overall health directives. However, I took a large collection of sliced lunch-meat, carrots, and celery in October. It was so well received and appreciated I will be collecting the same items again and would love to make this happen in December. I will pick items up Dec 18, 2020 from the church office. We will not be doing cookies this year as per Covid rules, but we can certainly still help contribute to the grab 'n go lunches with the items listed. Thank you to those who have always supported this ministry. If you are unable to bring items, I use the monetary donations to buy the same items to donate. (Make a note for St. Anne's Kitchen) Your support is a blessing. In God's love, Steve and Dawn Scholtec

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTICE— Congregational Meeting December 13th

The congregational meeting will look different this year as has everything. The "in house" meeting will meet after church on the 13th with limited seating. If you do not wish to attend you may request a zoom meeting with Patrick Barrett at either 10A or 2P, Sat the 12th. Please text Patrick @ 801-920-9239 or Email pbarrett66@gmail.com to request an invitation to attend the zoom meeting. The purpose of this zoom meeting is to go over the proposed budget and inform you of your 2021 council candidates. You will be able to vote by drive thru ballot 12/13th following the in house meeting until 12 noon. If you do not have E-mail or internet you may request an in person call from Elton by texting 385-244-5499 no later than 12/11. It is easy to think it won't matter if you miss this one year but it is vital to the future of OSL to fully participate in this important vote. Please SAVE THE DATE and watch for further information through CCB messages. Thank you, Elton Sutherland, Council President

Even with all the unrest of 2020 the time has flown by and we find ourselves once again saying THANK YOU to you the members of OSL who trust us to serve you in our positions. We are grateful for your support. We are hoping for a more normal look to our 2021 services. Merry Christmas,

Pastor Bruce, Praise Band, Diane, John & Bobbi

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9AM	Dec 06	NA	NA	Bobbi Spring	Annie Coyle	Russ Smith	Andrea Graves		NA
9AM	Dec 13	NA	NA	Bobbi Spring	Nancy Gerry	Mary Leschke	??		NA
11AM	Cong Mtg	NA	NA	Bobbi Spring	NA	NA	??	NA	NA
9AM	Dec 20	NA	NA	Bobbi Spring	Pat Simonson	Sheila Courtney	??		NA
3 PM	Dec 24	NA	NA	Bobbi Spring	Bobbi Spring	Sheila Courtney	??		NA
5 PM	Dec 24	NA	NA	Bobbi Spring	Nancy Gerry	Kathy Sutherland?	??		NA
7 PM	Dec 24	NA	NA	Step up	??	Diane Nath	??		NA
9AM	Dec 27	NA	NA	NA	Mary Kartak	Pat Simonson	??		NA



12/05 Lisa Schmid 12/07 Ben Faris 12/9 Kathy Sutherland 12/12 Jake Anopol 12/12 Meg Crown 12/14 Brady Kaiser 12/15 Paige Atkinson 12/15 Koltyn Wolfe 12/20 Linsey Schmid 12/20 Coleen McComb		12/20 Ellen Moulding 12/22 Mary Harris 12/23 Gerri Wessner 12/24 Stacy Ames 12/25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS 12/26 Gracie-Belle Greutz 12/27 Dane McCloy 12/31 Patrick Barrett 12/31 Becky Kapinos
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00a Service	30 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts ?	01 6:00p Girl Scouts ?	02	03 6:00p Girl Scouts ?	04 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank	05 8:00a Mn's Fellowship Breakfast CANCELLED
06 9:00a Service	07 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts ?	08 6:00p Girl Scouts ?	09	10 9-4 Charity Quilting ? 6:00p Committee Mtgs ? 7:00p Church Council	11 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton Alpha Food Items are due by 4p Bobbi Will staff the office	12 8:30a Open Hand Food Pantry Help 10a Sort Alpha Food - Youth are asked to help.
13 9:00a Service 2nd Sunday Offering Helps Open Hands Food Pantry 11a Congregational Mtg./ Drive thru voting to follow until 12noon 12p Alpha Food pick up for delivery	14 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts ?	15 6:00p Girl Scouts ?	16	17 6:00p Girl Scouts ? NO NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ACCEPTED PAST MIDNIGHT	18 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank	19
20 9:00a Service	21 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts ?	22 6:00p Girl Scouts ?	23	24 3:00p X-mas Eve Svs. (Organ) 5:00p X-mas Eve Svs. (Band) 7:00p X-mas Eve Svs. (Band)	25 Office Closed	26
27 9:00a Service	28 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts ?	29 6:00p Girl Scouts ?	30	31	01 Office Closed	02

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*January Newsletter Articles
 Due Thursday, November 17, 2020*

December Lectionary

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Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
12/06	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalm 85	2 Peter 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
12/13	Isaiah 61:1-4-8-11	Psalm 126	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
12/20	2 Samuel 7:1-11 & 16	Psalm 89:1-5, 19-29	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
12/25	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 2	Hebrews 1:1-12	John 1:1-18
12/27	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalm 111	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40



Thank You



