



# The Lamplighter

Plattville Lutheran Church  
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## FROM OUR PASTOR

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 11:18-21

Yes, it is December and we are getting ready to celebrate Christmas. We have been reminded that Christmas is coming since Halloween it seems. Decorations were on display in stores. Christmas sales have been non-stop for many weeks now. For faithful believers in seems to be a disgrace of the whole Christmas message.

Even the phrase "Jesus is the reason for the season" feels empty and commercialized. It is true, though, Jesus is the reason. Not just the reason for the season, but the reason for everything we are about. In Matthew's Gospel there are no shepherds, no angels, no is no stable full of animals. In fact there is not even a birth, just the foretelling of what the birth would mean.

Joseph is the chief actor here. He is faithful to Mary and loves her enough to not wish to disgrace her, simply dismiss her quietly. But God intervenes and in the midst of this possible disgrace brings the savior of all people, Jesus. That is why Jesus is the reason for everything we are about, Jesus is our savior. He saves us from sin, from death, from our own disgraceful ways. Jesus embodies the very grace of God. It is in the grace of God in Jesus Christ that we live and move and have our being now and in eternity. So it is that Jesus is the reason for all our seasons and for all that we are. Merry Christmas.

Pastor Bret

Come let us  
*Adore*  
Him



The Sunday School Christmas program, "Tell the good news, Jesus is born!" will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. We will have fellowship after the service and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit ELCA Good Gifts. Any donations of items (baked good, etc.) for the auction are welcome.

Christmas Eve candlelight service – December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Thank you to all who mixed ingredients, baked, packaged or purchased kringla. There were 10 helpers for the 56 dozen kringla baked for a total of \$464.00. Betty Reedy baked a batch to share at the Community Thanksgiving Service.

## PLATTVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH TRUSTEE/ COUNCIL MEETING November 14, 2022

Members Present: Bob Bols, Janelle Bols, Orpha Bols, Tim Engel, Kim Hansen, Mark Hansen, David Kurtz, Heidi Nelson, Barry Saidat, Carla Taylor and Bob Vickery

Members Absent: Katie Freeman, Al Gegenheimer, Caitlyn Kurtz

Call to Order: PLC Trustee/Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Kurtz

Devotions: The meeting was opened by Pastor Reedy with a reading from Matthew 6:11 and prayer.

Approval of Minutes: MSC to accept Secretary's minutes as read. Motion Orpha Bols, Second Kim Hansen

Treasurer's Report: MSC to accept Treasurer's report as read. Motion Kim Hansen, Second Heidi Nelson

Memorial Investment Fund:

CIBC checking: \$2,921.67

Thrivent Memorial Account: \$134,461.66

Cemetery Report:

CIBC (checking account) \$7,131.57

Pastor's Report: Continued visitations, recorded Wednesday services, an upcoming wedding at Joliet Mansion

Old Business:

- Church signs remain as status quo
- New boiler has been installed and is working great. We still owe \$3,500; will be paying off in full.
- We received quote on cemetery headstones; range in repair price from \$450-\$150. Discussion on repair work involved
- 3 trees have been planted, used \$300 from Leonard Hansen memorial.
- Dave Kurtz has door to replace the one in the back.

New Business:

- Sandwick CD renewed for 6 years at 3.4%.
- Outside soffit needs to be looked at

Parish Education Report:

Sunday School Christmas program will be on December 18, 2022 "Tell the good news, Jesus is born". Practice has started. Fellowship and silent auction following; proceeds will go to ELCA Good Gifts.

Deacon's Report: Still looking for December lectors. No Thanksgiving service here at the church, just the community service in Channahon. \$360 was raised for the Holiday Hope Chest.

Adjourn: MSC to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion Mark Hansen, Second Kim Hansen

Heidi Nelson, Secretary



November circle offering – Navajo Lutheran Mission – \$33.00

December circle offering – Illinois Valley Industries, Morris

No December circle meeting with Pastor at church

**STAY SAFE!**



# December 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> Second Sunday of Advent Worship: 9:15 Lector: Janelle Bols Sunday School: 10:30	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>11</b> Third Sunday of Advent Worship: 9:15 Lector: Tim Engel Sunday School 10:30	<b>12</b> Church Council 7:00 p m	13	14	15	16	17
<b>18</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship: 9:15 Sunday School Program Fellowship and Auction Following Worship	19	20	21	22	23	<b>24</b> 4:30 Christmas Eve Worship
<b>25</b> Christmas Day Nativity of Our Lord Worship: 9:15 Lector: Joel Reedy	26	27	28	29	30	<b>31</b> New Years Eve