



JESUS IS THE SAVIOR

Jesus is My Savior from Fear

The angel said to [the shepherds], "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." – Luke 2:10-11

Isn't it interesting that God's angelic announcement of Christmas begins with, "Do not be afraid"? What do fear and Christmas have in common? Based on people's Christmas anxieties, plenty!

December fills many with depression. Some are overwhelmed by what their Christmas celebration should feel like, look like, even sound like. Thoughts of creating the perfect Christmas celebration fill many with stress.

Some dread Christmas due to money issues and the pressure to spend more than they can afford. Other have lost loved ones, making Christmas a painful trigger of past memories and missed loved ones. There is pressure to attend Christmas gatherings. As anxieties grow, so do shame, guilt and the gaping hole of depression.

If you've ever been fearful or anxious at Christmas, you're in good company. Mary, Joseph and the shepherds all felt fears.

No warm, safe, sterile birthing suite or medical team would help Mary give birth to her first child. Instead she faced the stress of childbirth with only

Joseph to help her. No room at Bethlehem's inn meant a barn was the best shelter Joseph could find for Jesus' birth. Imagine the anxiety this couple faced when Jesus was born.

The shepherds were filled with fears too. "Terrified" described their reaction to a sky full of angels. They might have wondered, "Did God send the angels to punish us?"

God knows your fears. That's why the announcement of Christmas begins with an amazing command, "Do not be afraid!" This is good news for you! God has come in the flesh to erase all your fears!

Ever fear not measuring up? Jesus came to forgive you from all your past faults or present failures. Anxious over a life situation? God says, "Do not be afraid!" You don't have to do life on your own. God came at Christmas to prove his love and to assure you, "Never will I leave you or forsake you!"

Peace comes from a life free from fears. God's Christmas comfort is, "Do not be afraid!" Rescue has come. A Savior has been born for you!



Sean Skinner	Dec 8
Kay Reynolds	Dec 11
Noah Martin	Dec 16
Terri Oakes	Dec 16
Cody Todd	Dec 17
Kala DeKalands	Dec 18
Gerlinde McCarty	Dec 18
Lynne Robertls	Dec 20
Michael Eichbrecht	Dec 25
Dorothy Scheitlin	Dec 27
Brian Todd	Dec 29



Sean & Louise Skinner	Dec 7
Don & Marianne Figg	Dec 14
Gerlinde & John McCarty	Dec 22
Jeremy & Nichole Hicks	Dec 27
Bill & Sherry Keifer	Dec 29

Sunday School

December 4: Joseph's Brothers in Egypt
December 11: Joseph Tests His Brothers
December 18: Joseph Forgives His Brothers
December 25: No Sunday School
January 1: No Sunday School

Youth Catechism Class

Get your 6th through 8th graders ready for confirmation! Right now they are learning the Ten Commandments.

Sunday Bible Class

The Gospel of Matthew:
Jesus Preaches The Sermon on the mount

Future Calendar

Important dates beyond December:
January 7 Feeding America

Financial Summary

for October 2016

Total Income:	\$15,785.41
Total Expense:	\$12,103.03
Income Less Expense	\$3,682.38

Let the Children Come The Children's Message

Recently I stopped having children's messages on Sunday morning. This is not done lightly. It is important that children know the worship service is for them, too. However, most of the families of children who took part moved out of the area this year. A few have gotten older. This leaves a very small group.

Some children feel very self-conscious, so that a "children's message" can be more of a worry than a help. I look forward to continuing the children's messages on special Sundays, and God-willing, a chance to restart.

SNAPSHOTS OF NOVEMBER



Welcoming Ron & Marcia Sailing, newest members from Elko, Nevada



Basket Auction: Did He Just Outbid Me?!



Christmas Decorating: Santa's Little Elves

Volunteers for Christ

December 4

Ushers: Bill Kiefer, George Dalton, Steven Amling, Malin Eichbrecht

Counters: Earl Enevold, Mindy Wook

Attendance: Valerie Erne

Organist: Lynne Hogan

December 11

Ushers: Brien Grace, Ed Tomita, Christian Stover, Dwayne Campbell

Counters: Ben Emerson, Debbie Fangel

Attendance: Earl Enevold

Organist: Lynne Hogan

December 18

Ushers: Richard Fullen, Bill Kimes, Ben Emerson, Shawn Campbell

Counters: Cecil Maus, Brien Grace

Attendance: Valerie Erne

Organist: Dorothy Scheitlin

December 25

Ushers: Noah Martin, Dann Reynolds, Ken Wood, Steve Reivheimer

Counters: Earl Enevold

Attendance: Earl Enevold

Organist: Dorothy Scheitlin

January 1

Ushers: Pat Hogan, Cecil Maus, Earl Enevold, Jake Stover

Counters: Ben Emerson, Debbie Fangel

Attendance: Valerie Erne

Organist: Anna Martin

"We're Married!" Bible Quiz

- 1) In Ephesians 5:22 and 25, what are the main responsibilities in marriage
 - a) for wives?
 - b) for husbands?
- 2) In Jesus' words, why did God allow some of the Jews to divorce their wives? (Matthew 19:7-9)
- 3) What was the name of Noah's wife? (Genesis 7:7)
- 4) Match up these names of Biblical couples:

Adam	Bathsheba
Ahab	Eve
David	Hannah
Elkanah	Jezebel
Joseph (New Test.)	Mary
- 5) In Old Testament Israel, the first year of marriage got you exempted from... (pick one - Dt 24:5)
 - a) taxes
 - b) jury duty
 - c) military service
 - d) parking tickets

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 10 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:30 B.C., S.S., Cat. 6pm Women's Advent by Candlelight	5	6 VBS Planning Meeting 5:30pm Quilting	7 Bible Quiz Answers: 1)For wives to submit; for husbands to love 2)because of "the hardness of your hearts" 3)Her nam is not recorded 4)Adam and Eve; David and Bathsheba; Elkannah and Hannah; Ahab and Jezebel; Joseph and Mary 5)exempted from military service	8	9	10 10am – 3pm Christmas VBS
11 10 am Worship 11:30 B.C., S.S., Cat.	12	13 5pm – Church Council 5:30pm - Quilting		15	16 7pm – Youth Lock-In	17 Youth Community Service (Wreath Laying)
18 10 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:30 B.C., S.S., Cat. 7pm German Christmas Service	19	20 6pm – Women of Faith Christmas Party		22	23	24 7pm – Christmas Eve Service (9 Lessons & Carols)
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10 am Worship NO Bible Class, Sun. School or Catechism	26	27		29	30	31 New Year's Eve!