

# THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook Methodist Church

January 2024

## Inclement Weather Procedure



In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, a decision to cancel church will be made by Pastor Gideon, our lay leader, Kevin Williams and our Trustees' Chair, Paul Koester. An e-mail will be sent out by 7:30 AM. Word will also be sent to KGAN, KWWL-TV and announced on KFJB or KIX101, Marshalltown. You can double check if church is open by calling Dana @ 641-750-2219 Or Pastor Gideon @ 515-468-1173.

## Sr. Dinner

There will be no Sr. Luncheon for January or February. We will meet again in March at the Methodist church on March 15, 2024



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*Thank You*



## Angel Tree

On behalf of the Food Pantry and Angel Tree Committee, we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone in the Gladbrook and Lincoln communities who helped bring the spirit of Christmas to so many. Through the generosity of students, organizations, individuals, and families, we helped 9 families in need this holiday season. A special thank you to the members of Salem Church, Christ Lutheran Church, Gladbrook MC, Chapel Church, Peace Church, Gladbrook Young Women, and GMG FFA for donating the presents for the kids, and to their representatives. I would like to wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Angel Tree Chairman Jeanne Paustian



A big thank you to everyone that helped with the children and youth's Christmas program on **December 10**. All of the participants did an excellent job and really worked together to share the message of **Christmas**.

## Tomorrow Starts Today

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

**(Philippians 4:6)**

Focusing on several guidelines can make today and this year better than previous ones. Here's how:

**GUIDELINE 1: *Live today.*** Some live in the past; others in the future. A paraphrase of Matthew 6:24 puts it like this: “*Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow*” **(The Message).**  
**LIVE TODAY.**

**GUIDELINE 2: *Say it today.*** Some folks, though they care, miss saying encouraging words. Make it a daily practice to tell people-say it, write it-words of encouragement.

**GUIDELINE 3: *Pray about it today.*** “O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry everything to God in pray,” wrote hymn writer Joseph Scriven.

**GUIDELINE 4: *Refuse to worry about it today.*** Pray about what worries you, reminding yourself that God is far greater than your problem, and He can do what you can't. Let God engineer your life.

**GUIDELINE 5: *Smell the flowers today.*** This helps you put life in perspective and live to a ripe old age.

**GUIDELINE 6: *Trust God today.*** Tomorrow isn't as important as today. Can you say, “*God, just for today. I'm going to trust You with all my heart! I refuse to live tomorrow until it comes*”? Therefore, Jesus said, *do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.*” **(Matthew 6:34)**

**GUIDELINE 7: *have a blessed day today.*** And I am confident you will when you follow these simple but effective guidelines because God blesses the one who puts Him first and walks in the light of His Word.

**HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!**

**Pastor Gideon**



## 2023 Kids Shopping Day!

Wow, the 11th Kids Shopping Day was a huge success. The weather was very nice for December. The shoppers were lined up and ready to make out their shopping list for their loved ones long before 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, at Peace Church. We are just amazed at how the people in our community support KSD year after year. It has now become a Gladbrook Christmas tradition.

The Gladbrook American Legion Auxiliary Children & Youth Committee chaired the project with help from Gladbrook area churches, organizations, & individuals. Special guests helping this year was the Department of Iowa American Legion Auxiliary President Mary Sypherd and Dept. Children & Youth Chairman Cheyenne McDaniel. Once again with thousands of items donated by the community we created an opportunity for our area children to “shop” all by themselves and without any exchange of money.

Approximately 180 children diligently looked over the many items searching for the perfect gift to give to 8-10 family members. As you might have guessed there were a lot of toys, Hawk and Cyclone items, fishing, hunting and golf, and beautiful gift baskets. The children came from all around the G-R & GMG area. One mother told us that her children shopped, and that is all they talked about all year.

Parents patiently waited for their children in the sanctuary of the church. They enjoyed listening to Christmas carols played by June Bessman, viewing the beautiful decorations, and refreshments.

Volunteers helped the younger children shop. Many of the children were all smiles as they knew they had picked out the perfect gift for their moms, dads, brothers, sisters, etc. Other volunteers wrapped their presents, and each tag stated “Jesus Loves You”. When the shoppers left their “treasures” were ready to be put under the tree.

Each shopper visited the “People of Bethlehem”, Kay Lowry, Lisa Koester, Rev. Gideon Gallo, and Becky Fish, to receive a Christmas card and a Nativity ornament as their gift. Tired and happy kids left for home with a large bag of gifts for loved ones in their hands, plus a seed, containing the awareness of our loving Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in their souls.

An abundance of our good Gladbrook-Lincoln folks contributed in countless ways to this year’s KSD. Individuals, our local churches, and organizations worked together beautifully to serve the children and families in our area. A very special thank you to everyone that donated items or gave monetary donations for the Christmas Store; the ladies that prewrapped packages and made the gift tags, the guys that helped get the church ready, the many volunteers that helped set up the store, 80 plus people that helped on shopping day, and the guys that came back to put the church back to normal. The sparkle in the children’s eyes told us they appreciated everything. We needed each and every one of you in order to pull everything together. THANKS so much!

Many of the items that were left were boxed up and taken to Westbrook Acres, so their residents could shop for their loved ones.

Kids’ Shopping Day offers our young folks, an opportunity to experience the true spirit of Christmas, and you would be surprised on how many letters and calls we receive from parents and grandparents telling us how happy and excited their children were when the gifts they selected were open. Our kids have the opportunity to encounter... the JOY of thinking beyond self, the JOY of working to choose a gift that will make another happy, handing that gift to their loved one, and then enJOY the loving response of the recipient. The children, workers, and families, give and receive much joy at our community supported “Kids’ Shopping Day”. Thanks for making it happen!



## 2023 Poinsettias gifts...

- 1 given by Ken Strohbahn in memory of Barbara Strohbahn
- 2 given by Nancy, Steve and Jon Keiser in memory of Don & Kathy Keiser, Ted & Viola Sampson, Fred & Carrie Keiser
- 1 given by Linda Schneider in memory of Bill Schneider, Eric Pierce, and Jon Marchant
- 1 given by Linda Schneider in honor of our church family
- 2 given by Marilyn Brekke, Duane & Kari Groth and family, and Mike & Polly Brekke in memory of Orville and in memory of Warren & Irene Koster
- 2 given by Kyle Koester in memory of Art & Rachel Koester and in memory of Evert & Norma Lattin
- 1 given by Keith & JoAnne Sash in memory of Carl & Leona Gienger
- 1 given by Keith & JoAnne Sash in memory of Glen & Abbie Sash
- 1 given by Lucy DeWitt in memory of Keith
- 1 given by Lucy DeWitt in honor of our family
- 1 given by Kay Lowry in honor of my granddaughters, Kendra, Kayla, and Sydney
- 2 given by Dave & Lisa Koester in memory of our parents and grandparents
- 2 given by Barbara Bereczki in memory of Renee Bereczki and John Bereczki
- 1 given by Bruce Appelgate in memory of Mary Appelgate
- 1 large white poinsettia given by Joan Appelgate in memory of Walt Gethmann & Gerald Raum
- 2 given by Joan Appelgate in memory of George & Doris Gethmann, Helen & Otis McKinney and Herman & Anna Gethmann
- 2 given by Allen Koester & Marla Jarr families in memory of Fred & Pearl Koester, Fred & Anna Koester, and Ruth & Mary Koester
- 1 given by Cathy & Cornell Gethmann in memory of Cara Gethmann
- 1 given by the Bearden family in memory of Mary Lynne Bearden
- 3 given by Deb & Phil Koester in honor of Kevin & Kyle, Pastor Gideon & family, and Connie Perkins
- 1 given by Terri & Roger Luehring in memory of our parents & sister, Diane.
- 1 given by Roger & Terri Luehring in honor of our grandkids



## 2023 Gifts of Hope

### Church World Service Blankets

In memory of Ivan & Lorraine Gethmann  
In honor of our grandchildren  
In memory of our parents, grandparents and aunts

Cornell and Cathy Gethmann  
Dave & Lisa Koester  
Nancy, Steve & John Keiser

### Self Help International Children's Nutrition Program

In thanksgiving for Iowa's Farmers  
In thanksgiving for my family  
In memory of Dale  
In memory of Renee Berezcki  
In honor of Jeff's family & Chris's family  
In memory of our parents

Dave & Lisa Koester  
Betty Kvidera  
Cornell & Cathy Gethmann  
Barbara Berezcki  
Carolyn & Steve Moe  
Steve & Carolyn Moe

### Heifer Project

In memory of Rev. Howard & Wilma Lord & Jeri Crowley

Deb & Phil Koester

### **PRAYER CORNER**

Pray for God's peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war, people under persecution everywhere, and our many unspoken concerns, our military families, our law enforcement and safety professionals, those experiencing mental health concerns.

#### **Pray for comfort and healing for all those in its need:**

Richard Klinefelter, Diane Mussig, Betty Kvidera, MacKenzie Brown, James Caron, Steve Keiser, Rob Herink, Kari Groth, Carolyn & Don Anker, Pauline Flamme, Lucy DeWitt, Paul Purvis, Marilyn Brekke, Bud Locke, Priscilla Crumley, Janell Gienger, George & Galene Groves, Tim and Barb Quam, Ruth Lamca, Pat & John Clausen, Dave Eggers, Marivel Manzano, Craig Russell, Pastor Don Morrison.



### Lectionary Readings for the Month

#### January 7

Genesis 1:1-5      Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7      Mark 1:4-11

#### January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

#### January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10      Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

#### January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111      Mark 1:21-28  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

#### Psalm 119:105

*105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*



***Thank you for your participation.  
Your church family greatly appreciates  
everything you do for us. There are so many  
little jobs that keep this church running  
smoothly.***



## January

- 4 Jhona Lynn Gallo
- 6 Chris Gienger
- 7 Matt Garber
- 8 Sean Williams
- 9 Ruth Gallo
- 19 Steve Koester
- 20 Mark Flamme
- 21 Morgan (Mo) Brown
- 23 Priscilla Crumley
- 25 Harold McKinney
- 26 Marcia Koester



**Gladbrook American  
Legion  
Pancake Breakfast  
January 7th**

**Sons of American  
Legion Fish Fry**

The SAL will be holding its Fish Fry on Friday, January 12th at the Memorial Building from 5-8 p.m.



Gladbrook Methodist Women

**Gladbrook Methodist Women**

We are beginning to plan for our 2024 season. If you have an idea for a program or would like to learn more about a specific topic, let Dana know.

There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for the various committee assignments. There are quite a few openings. If you would like to be on a specific committee either sign up or contact Dana.

Our next meeting will be April 17, 2024.

**Gladbrook Community  
Kid's Club**

The Kid's Club would like to thank all those who furnished food and those who volunteered with preparing our suppers for 2023. We are so blessed to have such a giving church who supports us. Special thanks to Dana who is always available to us. God bless all of you and have a Happy New Year!

**Thank God what happened in the Stable  
didn't stay in the Stable.**





**KIDS' SHOPPING DAY 2024**



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### Liturgists

Jan. 7 Kevin Williams  
Jan. 14 Carolyn Moe  
Jan. 21 Dave Koester  
Jan. 28 Lisa Koester  
Feb. 4 Roger Luehring  
Feb. 11 Sean Williams  
Feb. 18 Paul Koester  
Feb. 25 Kevin Williams  
Mar. 3 Carolyn Moe  
Mar. 10 Dave Koester  
Mar. 24 **Palm Sunday-**  
    Lisa Koester  
Mar. 31 **Easter-**  
    Roger Luehring  
Apr. 7 Sean Williams  
Apr. 14 Paul Koester  
Apr. 21 Kevin Williams  
April 28 Carolyn Moe  
April 30 Dave Koester  
May 5 Lisa Koester  
May 12 Roger Luehring  
May 19 Sean Williams  
May 26 Paul Koester  
June 2 Kevin Williams  
June 9 Carolyn Moe  
June 16 **Corn Carnival**  
June 23 Dave Koester  
June 30 Lisa Koester

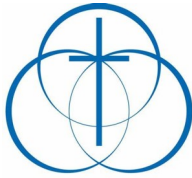
### Greeters

Jan. 7 Nancy Keiser & Steve Keiser  
Jan. 14 Bob & Marcy Knaack  
Jan. 21 Mark & Angie Knaack  
Jan. 28 Paul & Avriel Koester  
Feb. 4 Matt & Beth Koester  
Feb. 11 Logan & Emma Koester  
Feb. 18 Dave & Lisa Koester  
Feb. 25 Steve & Marcia Koester  
Mar. 3 Mandy Koester & Austin Gehring  
Mar. 10 Terri Lamb  
Mar. 17 Kay Lowry  
Mar. 24 Roger & Terri Luehring  
Mar. 31 Harold & Rose Mary McKinney  
Apr. 7 Steve & Carolyn Moe  
Apr. 14 Bob & Bonnie Murty  
Apr. 21 Steve & Erin Murty  
April 28 Larry Pieper & Kristi Carlson family  
May 5 Tim Pierce family  
May 12 John & Emily Putney  
May 19 Jim & Deb Quisberg  
May 26 Dave & JoAnn Ruopp  
June 2 Keith & JoAnne Sash  
June 9 Linda Schneider  
**June 16 Corn Carnival Sunday**  
June 23 Carol Sperry-Weber  
June 30 Grant & Susie Strohbehn

### Acolytes

Jan. 7 Beau & Codi DeWitt  
Jan. 14 Tate & Rhett Williams  
Jan. 21 Clay & Tate Koester  
Jan. 28 Beau DeWitt &  
    Charlette Bruene  
Feb. 4 Tate Williams &  
    Micheal McHenry  
Feb. 11 Clay & Tate Koester  
Feb. 18 Beau & Codi DeWitt  
Feb. 25 Tate & Rhett Williams  
Mar. 3 Beau DeWitt &  
    Charlette Bruene  
Mar. 10 Clay & Tate Koester  
Mar. 17 Rhett Williams  
Mar. 24 Codi DeWitt  
Mar 31 Tate Williams &  
    Micheal McHenry  
Apr. 7 Charlette Bruene  
Apr. 14 Beau DeWitt  
April 21 Clay & Tate Koester  
April 28 Tate Williams  
May 5 Codi DeWitt  
May 12 Charlette Bruene  
May 19 Micheal McHenry  
May 26 Beau DeWitt  
June 2 Clay & Tate Koester  
June 9 Rhett Williams  
**June 16 Corn Carnival Sunday**  
June 23 Codi DeWitt  
June 30 Charlette Bruene

**If you aren't able to participate at your scheduled date, please find a replacement and let Dana know as soon as possible so she can update the schedule**



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## JANUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### USHERS

Grant Strohbehn, Susie  
Strohbehn, Ken Strohbehn

### ACOLYTES

Jan.7 Beau & Codi DeWitt  
Jan.14 Tate & Rhett Williams  
Jan.21 Clay & Tate Koester  
Jan. 28 Beau DeWitt &  
Charlette Bruene

### LITURGISTS

Jan. 7 Kevin Williams  
Jan.14 Carolyn Moe  
Jan. 21 Dave Koester  
Jan. 28 Lisa Koester

### Communion Stewards

January 7- Marcia Koester &  
Barb DeWitt

### PROJECTION

Jan. 7 Jhona Lyn Gallo  
Jan. 14 Steve Moe  
Jan. 21 Joan Appelgate  
Jan. 28 Joan Appelgate

### ORGANIST

Jan. 7 Ann Vibbard  
Jan. 14 Sam DeWitt  
Jan. 21 Ann Vibbard  
Jan. 28 Sam DeWitt

### GREETERS

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Jan. 14 Bob & Marcy Knaack  
Jan. 21 Mark & Angie Knaack  
Jan. 28 Paul & Avriel Koester

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