

The Shepherds Staff

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A Message from Pastor Art

Our whole family was able to be together Christmas Day and I thought of the song, "I'll Be Home For Christmas, You Can Count On Me." I think God is constantly waiting for us to come home to Him—to reconnect with Him as we take the first steps of 2012.

Not every homecoming is the same. But, it's kind of funny the more we come home the more significant it becomes. Some homecomings are festive and joyous, like when the whole family gathers for a fiftieth anniversary, or a milestone birthday, or Christmas. Other homecomings occur ten, twenty, thirty years after graduation or at the death of a parent or grandparent, or for weddings, baptisms, or National Holidays. It seems that we never forget the past and thrive on each opportunity to remember and recall. We like to reclaim our roots. We like to come home.

In fact, a pretty strong case could be made for the idea that we rarely get control of our lives until we step back and look at them through yesterday's lenses.

I recall reading the autobiography of actress, Ali MacGraw. I suppose I read seventy or eighty pages before I flipped to the postscript where I discovered that the only way she could get a clear focus on what she has

done was to go back to New England and find her roots. The entire book was written during a blustery winter on an isolated farm in Maine.

I suppose this is why the parable of the Prodigal Son has been so popular for two thousand years. It's a classic illustration of homecoming. Having grabbed up his inheritance only to squander it in a far off land, the Prodigal Son comes humbly home to the waiting arms of a loving father.

I don't know about you—but I believe every human being is destined to one day do the same thing. Sooner or later we all have to reconnect with God.

A friend of mine told me about a Christmas pageant he took part in once as the rector of an Episcopal church somewhere. The manger was down in front at the chancel steps where it always is. Mary was there in a blue mantle and Joseph in a cotton beard. The wise men were there with a handful of shepherds, and of course in the midst of them all the Christ child was there, lying in the straw. The nativity story was read aloud by my friend with carols sung at the appropriate places, and all went like clockwork until it came time for the arrival of the angels of the heavenly host as represented by the children of the congregation, who were robed in white and scattered throughout the pews with their parents.

At the right moment they were supposed to come forward and gather around the manger saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men," and that is just what they did except there were so many of them that there was a fair amount of crowding and jockeying for position, with the result that one particular angel, a girl about nine years old who was smaller than most of them, ended up so far out on the fringes of things that not even by craning her neck and standing on tiptoe could she see what was going on. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among men," they all sang on cue, and then in the momentary pause that followed, the small girl electrified the entire church by crying out in a voice shrill with irritation and frustration and enormous sadness at having her view blocked, "Let Jesus show!"

There was a lot of the service still to go, but my friend the rector said that one of the best things he ever did in his life was to end everything precisely there. "Let Jesus show!" the child cried out, and while the congregation was still sitting in stunned silence, he pronounced the benediction, and everybody filed out of the church with those unforgettable words ringing in their ears.

There is so much for all of us that hides Jesus from us—the church itself hides Him, all the hoopla of church with ministers as lost in the thick of it as everybody else so that the holiness of it somehow vanishes away to the point where services of worship run the risk of becoming only a kind of performance—on some Sundays better, on some Sundays worse—and only on the rarest occasions does anything strike to the quick the way that little girl's cry did with every last person who heard her realizing that Jesus didn't show for any of them—the mystery and the miracle of Jesus with all his extraordinary demands upon us, all his extraordinary promises.

"Secrets In The Dark"

By: Frederick Buechner

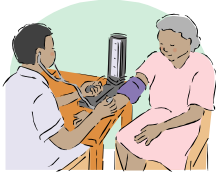
"Keep On Keeping On"
Pastor Art

We have a multitude of ASLC members to thank for their volunteer service in helping make our Christmas Holiday Season a wonderful experience and a huge success Starting with:

- **Journey to Bethlehem—Cindy Semach** and her team with endless energy exhibited in the setting up, acting the part and reaching out to not just members, but our community with the Nativity Story.
- **Christmas Cantata—Cyndy Schmohe, Linda Pohle** and our very own ASLC Choir and Peals of Praise Bell Choir who all performed like the true professionals they are and shared their God-given musical talent with us.
- **Jeff Davis, Sandy Meyer, Elizabeth Duckwitz**—for their endless help to Janet Andrus in preparing, printing, folding the bulletins for the 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and Christmas Day ... not to mention the inserts and special song booklets.
- **"The Best Children's Christmas Program Ever" - Cathy Bengson** and her team in working with all the beautiful children to share their talent at the 5:00 Christmas Eve service.

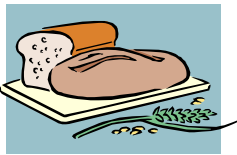
If anyone who helped during the Holiday Season behind the scenes or with any one of the programs/events has not been mentioned here , please know your willingness to help is greatly appreciated!





Blood Pressure Checks — *The 2nd Sunday of each month* the Holistic Health and Healing Ministry Team will be offering blood pressure checks between 10:30 and 11:00 am in the Church Office. Brenda Daugherty, a registered nurse, and other members of the Holistic Health and Wellness team will be present conducting the checks. High blood pressure is known as a silent killer. Frequent blood pressure checks and taking steps to reduce your blood pressure can lower your risk for heart disease, heart attack, and stroke. ***Be sure to have yours checked!*** *Check out the literature holders in the hall past the office. There are many articles to help you maintain health and wellness.* ***Hand sanitizers*** are now installed by each rest room, in *The Gathering Place*, and in both halls of the Sunday School rooms.

Love Loaf Ministry



If you thought it felt good to be a recipient of a LOVE LOAF after you were a guest at worship, you can pay it forward.

BREAD BAKERS AND BREAD TAKERS FOR OCTOBER

January 1:	<u>Bread Bakers:</u> Karen Manngard	January 15:	<u>Bread Takers:</u> Gail Smith Ann Hopkins
	<u>Bread Takers:</u> Debbie Aquilina	January 22:	<u>Bread Bakers:</u> Julie Cline
January 8:	<u>Bread Bakers:</u> Lynne Fought		<u>Bread Takers:</u> Mary Jo & Jim Veach
	<u>Bread Takers:</u> Lynne Fought	January 29:	<u>Bread Bakers:</u> Joan Doehrel Sue Norris
January 15:	<u>Bread Bakers:</u> Sandi Anderson Rebecca Deppe		<u>Bread Takers:</u>

Willing bakers and takers are needed. To volunteer for this ministry, Contact Sally Rathje to help out.

SPECIAL NEEDS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY IN JANUARY



People in Need (PIN), the Food Pantry in Delaware, has need for the following items this month:

- ◆ Jello
- ◆ Pudding (Instant)
- ◆ Dish Detergent
- ◆ Mixed Vegetables
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Tuna
- ◆ Tuna Helper
- ◆ Manwich
- ◆ Saltines
- ◆ Boxed Potatoes
- ◆ Canned Soup

If you would like to contribute any of these items, paper products, or any canned or boxed food, please place them in the grocery cart in the gathering space. All Shepherds Lutheran Church members have been very generous in their support of this community project, and your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Our Nursery is Now Open—Here's JANUARY Schedule

1/1/12	No Nursery—Only one service @ 10:00 am		
1/8/12	9:30	Amanda Lucasko	11:00 Karen Nussdorfer
1/15/12	9:30	Kelly Blickensderfer	11:00 Stephanie Herbert
1/22/12	9:30	Jenna Strayer	11:00 Sophia Vaughan
1/29/12	9:30	Becky Connnor	11:00 Stephanie Mampe

If you'd like to sign up to help in the nursery at either the 9:30 or 11:00 am services, please contact Stephanie Mampe by email: mommamamps@yahoo.com. Thank You!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 22, 2012

**ASLC Congregational Meeting between the 9:30 and 11:00 am services
(begin approximately 10:30 am).**

Purpose is to review and approve the 2012 budget.

Budget documents will be sent out a week before the meeting.

Adult Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, January 8th at 11:00 am with the study of Heaven and Hell, especially using C.S. Lewis' book "The Great Divorce" as our discussion focal point. Books will be provided and new members are always welcome. No preparation is needed for our first lesson so come join us on January 8th as we have some fun and hopefully prompt some interesting discussions (and maybe even learn something in the process).

Thank you.
John Norris

"Quigong: Enhancing Our Health & Vitality" was offered at ASLC the past few months and will no longer be holding classes here after the first of the year. You are however invited to attend their sessions every Friday from 6:00—7:00 pm, held at the Chushin Center, 2350 Wood Avenue in Columbus, Ohio 43221. Please call Annette Franks at 614-785-1066 if you would like further information. They also have Health & Wellness Materials to download free through their website @ www.AnnetteFranks.com.

BAPTISM BANNERS

Stephanie Herbert has been making the beautiful banners we all enjoy at every baptism here at ASLC. Going into 2012, she has asked that we request help from anyone willing to donate time to cut out the felt letters that are on each banner. We have all appreciated Stephanie's time and talent, so please let Stephanie know if you would like to help. Please call the church office at 740-548-0115 or email her directly at herberts1@mac.com.

Thank you.



January 2012 Ministry Support Volunteers



 * The following people are *
 * celebrating birthdays in the *
 * month of January. We wish *
 * them a very Happy Birth- *
 * day! *

 * If you know of anyone who *
 * needs to be added to this *
 * list, please call the office at *
 * 740-548-0115. *

- * ♦ Bradley Draper 1 *
- * ♦ Natalie Brockett 2 *
- * ♦ Daniel Moore 2 *
- * ♦ Olivia Maschke 3 *
- * ♦ LaVonne Bankoske 4 *
- * ♦ Cassandra Lloyd 5 *
- * ♦ April Goyer 7 *
- * ♦ John Westinghouse 7 *
- * ♦ Teresa Clark 9 *
- * ♦ Linda Linesch 10 *
- * ♦ Emily Ash 11 *
- * ♦ Shannon Schneider 12 *
- * ♦ Emily Fischer 13 *
- * ♦ Tiffany Brockett 14 *
- * ♦ Jacob Peddicord 16 *
- * ♦ Cheri Tolly 16 *
- * ♦ Ryan Ritter 18 *
- * ♦ Carl Fischer 19 *
- * ♦ Samuel Fischer 19 *
- * ♦ Pat Wasil 19 *
- * ♦ Danielle Chickarella 21 *
- * ♦ Mary Joe Veach 25 *

- * ♦ Bradley Simmerer 26 *
- * ♦ James Veach 28 *
- * ♦ Lisa Elliott 29 *

ASSISTING MINISTERS

	8:15	9:30	11:00
1		One Service @ 10:00 am—Dave Rathje	
8	John Westinghouse	Lynne Fought	
15	Ann Matzke	Linda Pohle	
22	Debbie Turner	Jim Tucker	
29	Bob Horbatt	Cheryl Tucker	

USHERS

	8:15	9:30	11:00
1		One Service 10:00 am	
8	Ann & Bill Matzke	Jim Rather	
15	Andy Doehrel	Cal Meyer	
22	Ann & Bill Matzke	Jim Rather	
29	Andy Doehrel	Cal Meyer	

ACOLYTES

	8:15	9:30	11:00
1		Nic Manngard / Alex Manngard	
8	Nick Manivilovski	Tyler Aquilina / McKenna Ross	
15		Victoria Cline / Ryan Cline	
22	Nick Manivilovski	Donald Gross / Garrett Ross	
29		Nick Rogers / Kyle Dickinson	

PROJECTIONISTS

	8:15	9:30	11:00
All	The Crowson Family	Alex Norris	

GREETERS

	8:15	9:30	11:00
1	Sandi Anderson		
8	Sandi Anderson	Jerri Lindke	
15	Sandi Anderson	Don Presley	
22	Sandi Anderson		
29	Sandi Anderson		

COFFEE CLEAN-UP

JAN	Rebecca Deppe / LaVonne Bankoske		
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Time To Smile!

A Sunday School teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

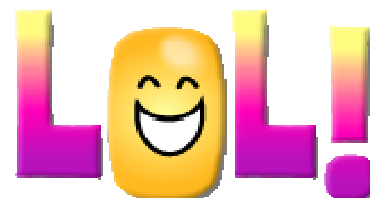
Anna replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon.

"How do you know what to say?" he asked.

"Why God tells me."

"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"



A little boy was overheard praying, "Lord if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

And a few cute kid's prayers:

- ◆ Dear God, Thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.
- ◆ Dear God, Of all the people who worked for you, I like Noah and David the best.
- ◆ Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool!

Jokes taken from "Clean Christian Jokes" and "Church Funnies"

Quotes to start the New Year 2012

- ◆ A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.
 - **Author Unkown**
- ◆ Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.
 - **Benjamin Franklin**
- ◆ New Year's Day is every man's birthday.
 - **Charles Lamb**
- ◆ We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.
 - **Edith Lovejoy Pierce**
- ◆ Drop the last year into the silent limbo of the past. Let it go, for it was imperfect, and thank God that it can go.
 - **Brooks Atkinson**
- ◆ One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things.
 - **John Burroughs**

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All Shepherds Youth Ministry offers ministry opportunities for youth grades 6-12. ASLC YM is made up of a number of different facets including Face2Face (youth group), Confirmation, Journey high school small groups, H2H youth band, Sunday school, and Christ's Hands and Feet (our local mission/service projects). We love God and love to have fun. Come check it out! Friends are always welcome!

January Schedule of Events

- January 1**—Happy New Year! (No Youth Ministry activities)
- January 8**—Confirmation 6:00-7:30PM (mentors meet at 5:00 PM)
- January 8**—H2H rehearsal 7:45-9:00 PM
- January 15**—No Youth Ministry activities. Enjoy your long weekend!
- January 21**—Safe Sanctuaries training for any adult involved with children and youth at All Shepherds 10:00-11:30 AM
- January 21**—Christ's Hands and Feet serving at First English Lutheran Church in afternoon and/or evening. Details to come. Keep an eye on the youth bulletin board in Gathering Space for details for this AWESOME mission/service opportunity!
- January 22**—Confirmation 6:00-7:30 PM (mentors meet at 5:00 PM)
- January 22**—H2H rehearsal 7:45-9:00 PM
- January 27-29**—Annual ski/snowboarding trip to Holiday Valley, New York! Check youth bulletin board in Gathering Space for all the details (including package options and price).

Upcoming Events

- February 10-12**—Confirmation retreat to Lutheran Memorial Camp!
- February 26**—next "regular" Face2Face gathering!

Kara Jones, Youth Minister, is generally in the office on Wednesday afternoons and evenings and all day on Sunday. She is in the office other days as well but these days may shift from week to week. Kara is also available by appointment. She can be reached at sparkykj3@gmail.com or 740-815-6411.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>10:00 AM</u> Worship Service (Only One) 9:30 AM KIDS KINGDOM Sunday School	2 <u>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</u> Alpha Group <u>8:00 PM</u> A-IAnon <u>8:30 PM</u> AA	3 <u>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</u> Alpha Group <u>8:00 PM</u> A-IAnon <u>8:30 PM</u> AA	4 <u>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</u> Alpha Group <u>7:00 PM</u> Shepherds Choir	5 <u>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</u> Alpha Group	6 <u>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</u> Alpha Group	7
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Our Almighty God has taken **Betty Whaley (Ruth Fryman’s Sister)** into Eternal Life. Betty passed away Wednesday, December 24th and services were held December 28th in Cardington, Ohio. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ruth and her family.

Almighty God has also taken **Martin Albright, (Jennifer Gross’s Father)** into Eternal Life. Martin passed away December 26th and a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at 11:00 am on Friday, December 30th, 2011. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jennifer and her family.

Volunteers Still Needed for:

- ◆ **Ushers—If interested please call the church office**
- ◆ **Greeters—Sign-up book on reception desk**
- ◆ **Altar Flowers—Yearly Chart Posted in the Gathering Place**



We are still working diligently on the Church Pictorial Directory. Unfortunately, we didn’t get pictures and household profiles from all our members, so we are working with what we have. No estimated time for completion, however we will notify you as soon as they are ready for print. Thank you for your patience ... this is a big job and we want all our information to be as current and updated as possible.



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All Shepherds Is Fortunate To Offer...

Our members and our community at large, a support group called **THE BRIDGE**. The group is facilitated by Tony Anders, a certified Recovery Life Coach who is also working on his certification as a Holistic Health Practitioner. The group meets on Monday evenings at the church at 7:00 pm.

The group is open to anyone experiencing difficulty in their lives—marriage relationships, problems with self-esteem, grief issues through loss of any kind...death, a job, a significant other, addiction, co-dependency, crisis of any kind whether long-term or short term, financial issues, divorce or illness, sexual identity.

One of the things that happens in a church is that we “Bury Our Wounded”. We often ignore people who are in crisis, and along with that, all of us want to be perceived as having no problems ...and we certainly don't need help. That's nonsense. I belong to a support group, I have used the gifts of a counselor and participated in Al-Anon. I am also a Spiritual Director for Cum Christo, a Roman Catholic-Protestant Spiritual Community for men and women.

YOU can show up at a meeting. Let other people know about **THE BRIDGE** or contact:
Pastor Art for more details by phone (home 614-888-3058 or cell 614-519-0691)
Or by email (art.haimerl@gmail.com)

You may also contact the group facilitator—Tony Anders @ 614-439-7449
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