

COME AND SEE US!

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP 7:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT K.I.C.K 5:45 PM

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 **The Messenger**  
"Taking the TRUTH of Jesus into the world!"



This year we did something we've never done before. We put up our Christmas decorations before December 1st. Granted, we still have to put up our Christmas tree, but the rest of our decorations are up. Are they necessary? To my mother's dismay, who spends days if not weeks decorating for Christmas, the decorations aren't necessary, but they can have a purpose for this Christmas season.

The same can be said of Christmas music. Once again this year, I am jarred by the reality of Christmas as all the radio stations put on nonstop Christmas songs after Thanksgiving. Every year I think to myself, "What? Already?" Are these Christmas songs necessary? To one of my friend's dismay who listens to Christmas songs all year, the songs aren't necessary, but they can have a purpose.

It happens every year once Thanksgiving is done the ramp up to Christmas begins. Christmas shopping, snow (maybe not this year), music, decorations, the bell ringers, Christmas parties, and presents collecting under the tree are all signs that something is coming.

It all points to preparation. Preparing yourself for the day when our Savior, Jesus Christ, was born.

God in the human fragile form of an infant initiating the mission to save this world from its sin. The significance of this single event reveals the depth of God's love for us. God's Word states that Jesus, "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." (Philippians 2:6-7) Jesus came from the throne room of heaven for the specific purpose to live as an example, die as a sacrifice, and powerfully proclaim life beyond the grave. He gave up his comfort for a horrific death on the cross so we could be freed from our sin. It all started with his willingness to come as a baby which we celebrate as Christmas.

Christmas decorations and music do have a purpose if we allow them to prepare ourselves to worship, celebrate, and appreciate the wonder and excitement of Christ coming to earth on Christmas. This season purposefully prepare yourself not for fulfilling Christmas traditions, but for appreciating the reality that Christ came to save you.

Jeremy



PRAYER REQUESTS

**Family of Wenzel Wiacek:** As they mourn the passing of their father and grandfather.

**Wendy Cooper:** As she went through tests. Pray that all was fine.

**Chris Janaky:** Cousin of Judy Cooper has cancer and will be taking treatment. Pray for her healing.

**Marge Crick:** Phil's mother is recovering from pneumonia.

**Jim and Ruth Ruth:** As they adjust to Jim going into the nursing home.

**Mary Dicus:** As she and her family mourn the passing of their mother and grandmother Beatrice Kozial.

**Warren Hardy:** Uncle of Chelsea Wimer is having a problem with his heart.

**Lela Anderson:** Is not feeling well. We pray she has a speedy recovery.

**Several that are suffering with the flu.**

**Shaniah Schroeder:** Wayne and Marion Cooper's grand-daughter had a recurrence of the flu and was put on medication. She is doing fine now.

**George Giebel:** Crick's hired man had an accident and lost his finger. We pray he heals well.

**Gene Biederman:** Had surgery on his hand December 1st. We pray he heals well.

**Bruce and Diane Ewing:** Samantha (Hulle) Ewing's in-laws are in need of help to get their house handicap accessible. We pray people will step up to make this possible.

**Our Mission at Sheldon Church of Christ:**

To know Christ better and to make Him known to everyone.

**December Special Days**

- 5 Pam Starkey
- 10 Jan Biederman
- 14 Sarah Stone, Randy Ehlert  
Karleigh Cody
- 27 Robert Stone
- 28 Alyssa Baselt, Gail Schultz
- 31 Arline Baughman

If we missed you, we are sorry and we want to know. Please email us at office@sheldonchurch.com so we can update our records.

*Christmas Program*

It's that time of year when we trim our Sunday worship service with some special touches. Come and join us as we celebrate Christmas with music, drama, a children's program and communion service. There will be favorite carols and special music. We'll watch as some church ladies plan their version of the perfect Christmas service. You'll be taken aback to what that first Christmas was like and celebrate the birth of "Everybody's King". The kids will have a program for us, and we'll conclude with the "family" tradition of the Lord's Supper. Come join our church family Christmas celebration on December 20th at 10:30 am. We look forward to seeing you there.

**ELDERS and STAFF**

Harold Baughman 452-5336 Kevin Baughman 452-5491 Gene Biederman 452-5630 Jim Burch 532-5112  
Herb Cooper 452-5818 Phil Crick 447-8144  
Brandt Johnson, Youth Minister 452-5275 Jeremy Allard, Minister 452-5646

## PERSONAL PROFILE

To get to know people better, we will be profiling a different person each month.

**Name:** Tyler Allan Zimmer.

**Born:** 10/13/1988 in Rice Lake, WI.

**Family:** Wife: Danielle, Son: Isaac.

**Fondest Childhood Memory:** Fishing with my father.

**Education:** Flambeau High School.

**Work Experience:** Factory and mill.

**Favorite Food:** Anything but onions.

**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing, any kind of games.

**Favorite Verse:** Revelation 21:6.

**How I became a Christian:** Started attending church.

**Biggest Challenge:** Being a parent.

**Most Spiritual Growth From:** Prayer.

**I Will Never Forget:** June 22, 2008.

**A Lesson I Would Like To Pass on:** "Two wrongs don't make a right, but three lefts do."

**Church Leadership:** Server.

## BASKETS OF BLESSINGS



Shirley Mount will be here to present a basket weaving class and devotion on Monday, December 14th. In one evening you will make a complete basket, be uplifted spiritually, enjoy yummy snacks, and have great fellowship. A sample basket is on the Welcome Center. The course will begin at 6:00 pm and end around 9:00 pm. Please RSVP and pre-pay by December 6th. The cost is only \$16. We would like it if you would bring a snack to share. Please see Nicky Crick or Jennifer Johnson if you have any questions.

## CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT

We are once again having a Christmas Mission Project and this is your opportunity to give to those that are less fortunate. Our project this year is to get tuition for the A.C.T (A Child Taught) program. These children are from the poorest of the poor in India and if it wasn't for people like you and me they wouldn't have an education. It costs just \$20 per month per child. When you compare that to what it costs to educate children in this country, this is a bargain.

If you decide you would like to give, just make your check out to the Sheldon Church of Christ and put in the memo line for A.C.T and the money will be sent. Every penny of this money goes for the children and none is held for overhead or personal. Would you please consider giving whatever God places on your heart for this project?

## Financial Peace University



On Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm, we will be starting another 13 week course of Financial Peace University (FPU). The first class had tremendous success and we hope to see more success in this next class. By the end of the class the average family pays off more than \$5000 in debt and saves almost \$3000 which is similar to what we saw in our first class. This class is open to the community for anyone interested in improving their financial situation. The cost for the FPU lifetime membership and packet of materials to complete the class is \$99. To find out more, call us at 452-5354.

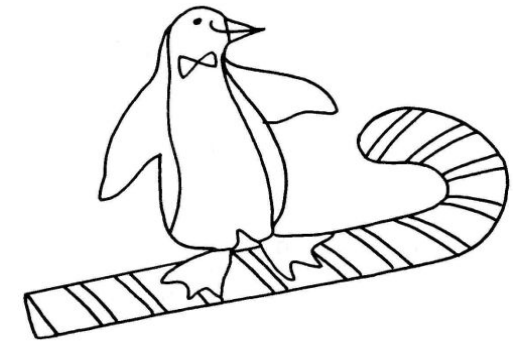
## Baptisms

We would like to congratulate Rich and Pam Baughman on their baptism in Christ on November 15th.

## New Address:

Jim Burch  
Ladysmith Nursing Home  
1001 E 11th Street  
Ladysmith, WI 54848

# YOUTH NEWS



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We will be having our Youth Group Christmas Party on December 20. This will take place during our regular youth group meeting at 7:00 PM and go till about 9:00PM. It will be at Brandt and Jennifer's house.

We will not be doing an official gift exchange but you are welcome to bring gifts if you would like. There will be snacks provided.

Please bring your friends and come and celebrate this wonderful season with us.



## Children's Program

You are invited to come and watch our Children's Christmas Program on Wednesday December 16th at 6:00PM in the church sanctuary. Our kids from the Wednesday Night K.I.C.K. class will be spreading Christmas cheer through songs and skits. Everyone is invited to come and see what these kids can do.

If you have kids that will be performing, please bring them at the regular time of 5:45 so that they will have time to get ready for the show.

There will be a time for fellowship and refreshments after the program.

"The angel said to them, "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

## Christmas Project

The Youth Group has decided that they would like to participate in the Ewing Project. This project was founded to help Bruce and Diane Ewing transition back into their home. They are both in wheelchairs now and their house needs to be remodeled to accommodate for the chairs.

The youth want to help with this but they do not have remodeling "skills." So they have decided to do a fund-raiser for this project. We have sold pizzas in the past as a fundraiser for various youth activities and they have done very well. We are going to sell pizzas again but this time all of the proceeds will go to the Ewing Project.

Our goal is to raise \$1000 through our pizza sales. However we will be selling them a little differently this time. Instead of taking the time to collect orders we are going to make the pizzas ahead of time and sell them. This will not take as long and we will be able to reach our goal sooner.

We will be selling the pizzas beginning Sunday December 13th. So this season consider giving to the Ewing Project and enjoy great Pizzas too!

## The Abominable Snowman

I've never seen an abominable snowman,  
I'm hoping not to see one,  
I'm also hoping, if I do,  
That it will be a wee one.

-Ogden Nash