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A newsletter of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Saturday worship service 6:00 pm

Sunday worship service: 9:00 am

Sunday School : 9:30 am

Radio Ministry : 11:00 am KDSJ 980AM



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pastor's Notes

January, 2021

As I visited on the phone with my daughter-in-law, (she is an awesome person) she shared with me how happy it was going to make her when 2020 was finally over. I disagreed, but still listened, trying to be a good father-in-law. I let her vent her frustrations regarding how the events of the past year had effected their children's schooling, their construction business, and the world in general. She made a good point on these issues, but I didn't feel the events were the fault of the calendar year of 2020.

2020 being such a difficult year is a fact, but maybe we had some blessings along the way. From the time COVID-19 was discovered to the introduction of a vaccine was a blessing. The number of people saved by the fast delivery of a vaccine is unknown. There is no way to estimate how many lives were saved by this act making a fast cure a blessing from 2020.

I certainly don't want to minimize to the tragedy of COVID-19 and the 1.79 million deaths associated with it thus far. It has been devastating to the world. Every life is precious. But, compared to the Spanish Flu of 1918, COVID-19 was not as deadly. This in itself has been a blessing because the Spanish Flu killed between 20 and 50 million worldwide.

Another blessing from 2020, was our medical professionals that were not only well trained and up to the task of giving us the best medical treatment in the world, but many even contracted the disease while on the front line fighting to save lives. Some of those front line workers even gave their lives while saving countless others. What a blessing they have been to us.

There is no way in our limited view as human beings we can see the big picture of time and events with crystal clarity. But we do know who can see the big picture and who gave us a multitude of blessings. It is our God in heaven that got us through a very difficult 2020. And even though times have been perilous, he gave us blessings along the way. The author of Psalm 46:1 said, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (ESV) If Satan would have had his way, he would of led each of us to death and destruction this last year. We, all of us, are here because of God's blessings.

It wasn't just twelve months on a calendar that gave us such difficulties. Maybe life itself is full of troubles of one sort or another. God will not leave us to fend for ourselves. If we commit by faith and give our lives totally to Christ we are never alone. By accepting Christ as our Lord and Savior, we have become the bride of Christ and part of Him. "Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." (Isaiah 49:16 ESV)

The events in 2020 showed us that even through difficult events in life, God wants to give us blessings.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to my Lord, "My refuge and Fortress, my God in whom I trust." For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence." (Psalm 91:1-3 ESV)

God's Blessings

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						² 6:00pm Saturday Night Service
³ 9:00 am Worship Service	⁴	⁵	⁶	⁷	⁸	⁹ 6:00pm Saturday Night Service
Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels
¹⁰ 9:00 am Worship Service MOPS 3:30-5:30	¹¹	¹²	¹³	¹⁴ 12:30am Hope Circle/Women of the Word	¹⁵	¹⁶ 6:00pm Saturday Night Service
¹⁷ 9:00 am Worship Service	¹⁸	¹⁹	²⁰	²¹ 6:30 pm Church Council	²²	²³ 6:00pm Saturday Night Service
^{24/31} 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Annual Meeting (Jan 24) MOPs 3:30-5:30 January 24	²⁵	²⁶	²⁷	²⁸	²⁹	³⁰ 6:00pm Saturday Night Service

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Maury Haugland Larry Terry	4	5	6	7 Susan Hart	8	9
10 Derek Hart Augustin Murra	11	12	13	14	15 Barbara Fosheim	16
17	18 Bryce Quaschnick	19	20 Cindy Sternhagen	21	22	23 Donnie Quaschnick
24/31	25	26 Mamie Thaler	27	28	29	30

January Announcements and Activities

Women of the Word will resume meetings beginning in
January

Per the December council meeting Sunday fellowship will resume.

MOPS (mothers of preschoolers) will start on 1/10 and meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the months from 3:30-5:30pm in the fellowship hall. Childcare will be provided. All mothers are welcome but the group is geared towards new mothers with younger kids. Please invite anyone you know who might be interested. Call or text Sierra for more info 707-337-8002.

Quilters Supplies

Did you know that the quilters make lap blankets for the hospital. They use polar fleece blankets they purchase from Wal-Mart as the backing. The blankets are a seasonal item and they are having a difficult time finding them. Please consider picking up a few blankets in **solid colors only** they normally run about \$3.00 per blanket - and found normally on an end cap. Thank you.

Annual Reports - It is that time of year again for the committee chairs to start preparing your annual report information. The 2021 Annual Meeting date is January 24, 2021 following church services.

The 2021 Nominating committee is Nancy Nelson, Roy Lapp, Ken Motzko and Sierra Ward. If you are interested in being part of the church council please contact one of them. Thank you for your consideration to service.



ATTENDANCE:	
January-Dec	YTD (Saturday) 469 (Sunday) 1,767
December	(Saturday) 24 (Sunday) 143

January Inspiration

Ten Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year

Let's evaluate our lives, make plans and goals, and live this new year with biblical diligence.

Don Whitney Author

Once, when the people of God had become careless in their relationship with Him, the Lord rebuked them through the prophet Haggai. "Consider your ways!" ([Haggai 1:5](#)) he declared, urging them to reflect on some of the things happening to them, and to evaluate their slipshod spirituality in light of what God had told them.

Even those most faithful to God occasionally need to pause and think about the direction of their lives. It's so easy to bump along from one busy week to another without ever stopping to ponder where we're going and where we should be going.

The beginning of a new year is an ideal time to stop, look up, and get our bearings. To that end, here are some questions to ask prayerfully in the [presence of God](#).

1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in 10 years? In eternity?

In addition to these 10 questions, here are 21 more to help you "Consider your ways." Think on the entire list at one sitting, or answer one question each day for a month.

11. What's the most important decision you need to make this year?

12. What area of your life most needs simplifying, and what's one way you could simplify in that area?
13. What's the most important need you feel burdened to meet this year?
14. What habit would you most like to establish this year?
15. Who is the person you most want to encourage this year?
16. What is your most important financial goal this year, and what is the most important step you can take toward achieving it?
17. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your work life this year?
18. What's one new way you could be a blessing to your pastor (or to another who ministers to you) this year?
19. What's one thing you could do this year to enrich the spiritual legacy you will leave to your children and grandchildren?
20. What book, in addition to the [Bible](#), do you most want to read this year?
21. What one thing do you most regret about last year, and what will you do about it this year?
22. What single blessing from God do you want to seek most earnestly this year?
23. In what area of your life do you most need growth, and what will you do about it this year?
24. What's the most important trip you want to take this year?
25. What skill do you most want to learn or improve this year?
26. To what need or ministry will you try to give an unprecedented amount this year?
27. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your commute this year?
28. What one biblical doctrine do you most want to understand better this year, and what will you do about it?
29. If those who know you best gave you one piece of advice, what would they say? Would they be right? What will you do about it?
30. What's the most important new item you want to buy this year?
31. In what area of your life do you most need change, and what will you do about it this year?

The value of many of these questions is not in their profundity, but in the simple fact that they bring an issue or commitment into focus. For example, just by articulating which person you most want to encourage this year is more likely to help you remember to encourage that person than if you hadn't considered the question.

If you've found these questions helpful, you might want to put them someplace — in a day planner, PDA, calendar, bulletin board, etc. — where you can review them more frequently than once a year.

So, let's evaluate our lives, make plans and goals, and live this new year with biblical diligence, remembering that, "The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage" ([Proverbs 21:5](#)). But in all things let's also remember our dependence on our King who said, "Apart from Me you can do nothing" ([John 15:5](#)).

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Chicken Pot Pie IX

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A delicious chicken pie made from scratch with carrots, peas and celery.

Prep: 20 mins**Cook:** 50 mins**Total:** 1 hr 10 mins**Servings:** 8**Yield:** 1 9-inch pie

Ingredients

1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cubed

1 cup sliced carrots

1 cup frozen green peas

½ cup sliced celery

⅓ cup butter

⅓ cup chopped onion

⅓ cup all-purpose flour

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon black pepper

¼ teaspoon celery seed

1 ¾ cups chicken broth

⅔ cup milk

2 (9 inch) unbaked pie crusts

Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C.)

Step 2

In a saucepan, combine chicken, carrots, peas, and celery. Add water to cover and boil for 15 minutes. Remove from heat, drain and set aside.

Step 3

In the saucepan over medium heat, cook onions in butter until soft and translucent. Stir in flour, salt, pepper, and celery seed. Slowly stir in chicken broth and milk. Simmer over medium-low heat until thick. Remove from heat and set aside.

Step 4

Place the chicken mixture in bottom pie crust. Pour hot liquid mixture over. Cover with top crust, seal edges, and cut away excess dough. Make several small slits in the top to allow steam to escape.

Step 5

Bake in the preheated oven for 30 to 35 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool for 10 minutes before serving.

Nutrition Facts



January

New Beginnings

Day 1 – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 2 – Jeremiah 29:11

Day 3 – Isaiah 43:18-19

Day 4 – Ephesians 4:22-24

Day 5 – Lamentations 3:22-24

Day 6 – Isaiah 40:31

Day 7 – 1 Peter 1:3

Day 8 – Ezekiel 36:26

Day 9 – Philippians 3:13-14

Day 10 – Ecclesiastes 3:11

Day 11 – Matthew 7:7-8

Day 12 – Acts 3:19-20

Day 13 – Isaiah 65:17

Day 14 – Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 15 – Malachi 4:2

Day 16 – 2 Chronicles 7:14

Day 17 – Colossians 3:9-10

Day 18 – Psalm 73:25-26

Day 19 – Psalm 23:1-3

Day 20 – Romans 12:2

Day 21 – Romans 6:3-4

Day 22 – John 10:10

Day 23 – Isaiah 41:13

Day 24 – Philippians 4:6-7

Day 25 – Proverbs 16:9

Day 26 – Isaiah 60:1-2

Day 27 – Psalm 40:1-3

Day 28 – Galatians 6:14-16

Day 29 – Psalm 98:1-3

Day 30 – John 3:16-17

Day 31 – Revelation 21:4-5

