



Angel Tree

Once again some very lucky boys and girls were blessed with gifts from our church family. There were 6 boys and 3 girls who were matched up with angels. Even 3 bikes were requested! We hope and pray this will be an add blessing to their Christmas. Thanks to Sheryl & Glenda and all your efforts to make this happen.



Christmas Boxes

The Ministerial Alliance spearheaded the gathering of items for the Christmas boxes, and each church in turn worked together to make this happen. We handed out boxes to 10 families.



Pastor Notes:

Happy New Year! Last year was filled with challenges once again! As you look at last year how did you get through the challenges that you were given? Did you ever go back to the first of the year and look at what you planned or did you even have a plan for the year? I want to ask you a question what does this New Year have for you? I am going to give you some things to ponder about as you look into the New Year and see if this helps on answering that question. I will also include some scriptures

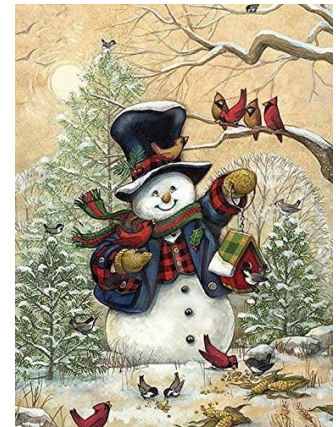
It is important to start the year with quality time giving thanks unto God for all He did for you last year, for bringing you into the New Year and what He plans to do for you this year. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord ([Psalm 92:1](#)). Truly, there are many things to thank God for, including your life and salvation.

Next you might want to look at how you can become more Christ-like. The physical signs result from the spiritual activities in the spiritual kingdom. If you don't engage in them, your enemies, including the devil, will do so against you. You need to give yourself to word, study, and prayer, for you are a creation of what is inside of you. When you have more of God, you will behave more like Him and overcome as He does. ([2 Corinthians 3:18](#)).



this issue
New
Year
New
Beginnings

You might want to spend quality time with God or add time that generates ideas that will yield great fruits to you, because God wants you to succeed and have the good things of life. So, the next thing to do is to plan in line with what you have received from the Lord. The Almighty will help you execute it by directing you but you have to do the planning first ([Proverbs 16:9](#)).



Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors



Advent Wreath

Memorial monies were used to add a new advent wreath to our sanctuary. Thanks to the Duane Little family for the memorial donations. A special thanks to Dean Lindteigen for designing this beautiful piece.



Poinsettia's

The sanctuary is warmed with red poinsettias by all those who honored loved ones. The ladies did an awesome decorating job of adding beauty to the sanctuary for the advent and Christmas season.



Carolers

We were blessed with a warm evening on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd to go share the gift of song with many of our congregation families and shut-ins.

Thanks to Dean & Glenda, Austin, Larry, Dee, Bill & Sheryl, Ev & Wayne for warming the hearts of many.

As you pursue your plans, never forget to give glory to God for every step or stage you get to. Continuous glory unto the Lord attracts more of His divine intervention and you know you can't go far without Christ ([John 15:5](#)). Therefore, it's not enough to start with God; you must continue and end with Him for you to enjoy a glorious year.

I hope these help to bring on a New Year and to answer the question what does this new year have for you? I hope and pray this will strengthen your walk with Christ and deepen our relationship with him!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Pastor Debbie

Candlelight Dinner

Thanks to all of you and your generous food donations and giving of your time to make the meals happen every Wednesday evening. No giving up when the electricity goes out in most of Douglass and a Community Dinner is planned Plan B meant heating the pizzas on the grill! An evening we won't soon forget! Even a Finance Committee followed in candlelight and flashlights!



Upcoming Events:

- 01-04 Bible Study resumes at 10
- 01-05 Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.
- 01-08 UMW Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 01-12 Community Dinner 5:30
- 01-15 Sr Center Breakfast 7-9 a.m.
- 01-19 Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.
- 01-22 TEFAP 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- 01-24 to 01-25 Order & Fellowship Gathering, (changed to on-line)
- 01-26 Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.
- 01-31 Sr Center Monterrey Dinner 5:00-7:00 p.m.



Tithely

Don't forget the on-line giving option found on the church website. Thanks to those who have signed up for regular giving.

Giving Ministry

To date, for the month of December, your generous donations have amounted to \$4,159. Part of the donations were designated, \$90 was for the Food Bank, \$389 was for the Mission & Ministry (M & M's) and \$30 for Wednesday Night Dinners. The Christmas Eve offering has been designated for the M & M ministry as we are behind by 60% of meeting our conference budget of \$7,798. Thanks for sharing your monetary gifts.