



# THE PINE CONE



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*“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth... that they should seek God, in the hope that they may feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for ‘in him we live and move and have our being...’” Acts 17: 26-28*

What’s the right way to celebrate? After all this is the season of joy and celebration, isn’t it? Even though we find reasons to celebrate throughout the year these weeks are, for us, devoted to a very specific observance. Advent and Christmas take hold of the joy intended for mankind in the coming of our Savior and the meaning of his life for ours. What we’re celebrating is the closeness of our connection to our God. In Christ we find the divine and the human united in one person, and in that person our unity and fellowship with God. What we’re celebrating is that God became one of us so that we might be one with Him.

So how do you do that? Chances are you’ll hear a lot this time of year about the meaning of the season and the right or wrong way to observe it. You’ll probably hear a lot about the over-commercialization of our celebration and how we’ve lost sight of what the lights and songs and trees and fellowship are all about. (Can’t say I disagree!) And there’s a good chance you’ll hear more than once the admonition to “keep Christ in Christmas”. I’ve seen that one on signs and stickers and car decals for years. It seems like a simple enough concept and one with which few people I know would disagree. Remember that the birth of Jesus and the fellowship created between mankind and our God are the reason we are celebrating. So why do we often feel so lost when it comes to deciphering how and what to celebrate?

It’s easy to say Advent and Christmas have been hijacked by the world and its consumer mentality and have therefore lost their meaning. The world has no defense against that argument. But for those of us who know the promise that comes with the narrative of this season, our joy should not be so easily challenged.

Our Lord came into this world in the most humble of circumstances to bring hope to the humblest of people. He came for the lonely and the frustrated and the broken and the weak. He came to reach out to the poor and the persecuted and the mourning and the confused. **When we hear the narrative of our Lord’s coming, we find that this celebration has meaning for us in the best and worst of circumstances and that its comfort is our strength wherever we find ourselves.**

The peace and joy of this celebration are universal. All mankind cries out for the comfort of Christ, and so all celebrations are opportunities to give thanks for this comfort. The right way to celebrate is simply to celebrate. When you smile and hold close to others in fellowship of any kind, Christ is in your Christmas. When you give a gift that lights up a face, Christ is in your Christmas. And when you quietly call out to God on your own for His companionship and grace, Christ is in your Christmas. Where there is joy there is unity with God’s Spirit, and the hope of His eternal fellowship.

May this season and its celebration find you in praise and thanksgiving for your unity with the Lord, and may that unity bring joy to you and those you meet.

God’s Peace to You,

**Pastor Brock**



*A Pine cone is the seed-bearing fruit of the pine tree; those seeds will plant other trees. Here at the Lutheran Church of the Pines, we believe that our members are not here solely to nourish ourselves; we carry the Word (seeds) with us out into the world to plant in others we meet.*



The Church Council did not meet in November because they did not have a quorum. The next Church Council meeting will be **Saturday December 8** at 2pm.

## Budget report

Annual Budget	\$211,460	2018							
		October				November			
Weekly Budget	\$4,066.54	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Tithes Received Weekly		\$2,726.45	\$4,402.39	\$3,292.28	\$3,745.03	\$2,418.08	\$4,447.45	\$3,097.71	\$3,998.17
Monthly Budget		\$16,266.15				\$16,266.15			
Tithes Received Monthly		\$14,166.15				\$13,961.41			
Amount <b>Under</b> or <b>Over</b> for Month		-\$2,100.00				-\$2,304.74			
Amount <b>Under</b> or <b>Over</b> for Year		-\$18,257.03							



## Noise Offering



The noise offering for December, will go to Joseph's Home, a Christian Re-live or sober living half way house in Gulfport, MS. They offer a place where men 18 and older can live and grow into the men, husbands, and fathers that God created them to be. For more information, please contact 228-669-4346.

Thank you for your donations of \$219.09 to support **Hope Haven** last month!

\*\*\*\*\* **MISSISSIPPI COAST CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS** \*\*\*\*\*

Performance Dates:

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Thurs, December 6th at 6:30p.m. @Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Kiln-DeLisle Rd

Friday, December 7th at 7p.m. @Main Street Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis

Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30p.m. @Diamondhead Community Church in Diamondhead

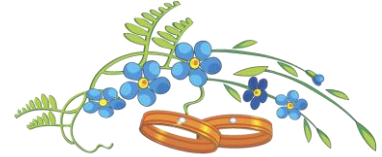


Concerts only request a free will offering.

Come out to support your fellow singers and enjoy beautiful Christmas music!

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dear Lord, Thank you for the time You have given us with our loved ones. Please bless the coming year as we celebrate with the ones still here and honor those who are now with You. Guide us as we treasure these memories and make new ones. Amen.



Chandra Myers Dalton	1st	Clarence Hailes	11th		
Gunnar Mosca	1st	Nick Myers ( <i>In memory</i> )	12th	Terry & Laura King	11th
Marvin Schultz	1st	Elizabeth (Betty) Youngblood	12th	Vern & Rachel Kuper ( <i>In memory</i> )	15th
Aubrey Green	2nd	Nicholas J. Breland	14th	Mike & Summer Gallotte	17th
Joseph Estopinal	4th	Daniel Eichelberger	14th	Fred & Maureen ( <i>In memory</i> )	25th
Ace Dixon	5th	Elisha Sterling Shankle	14th	Toenges	
Howard Dehnbostel	6th	Mary Smith ( <i>In memory</i> )	15th		
Saul Benjamin Houston	6th	David Rein	18th		
Ada Beaushaw	8th	Nancy Ellermann Jones	18th		
Carole Janssen ( <i>In memory</i> )	8th	Ginnie Briley	21st		
Billy Loveday	8th	Marie Cuevas	22nd		
Becky Wilde	8th	William J. Olivier	26th		
Rev. Gary Weier	10th	Michael Williams	28th		
Caren Johnston	11th	Reece Dalton	29th		

In an effort to engage the congregation in continued prayers for our world and the Body of Christ, we are including the list of individuals on our **PRAYER LIST**. Please email your prayer requests to: [office@lutheranchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@lutheranchurchofthepines.org) to be included in this list.

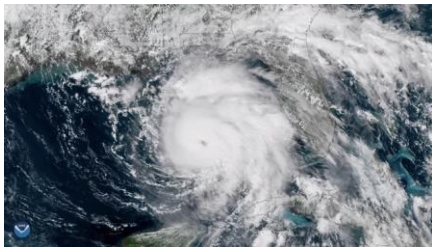


MEDICAL/HEALTH ISSUES Collin, Michael, Addyson, Isabella, Stephanie, Aurora, Elena, Isaac, Daniel, Beau, Jr., Hunter, Landon, Allen, Jada, Bryce, Ryleigh, Reece, Isaac, Anthony, Alex, Maverick, Fish, Lillian, Karen, Verna, Larry, Charlotte, Carolyn, Frank, Bobby, Angie, Shia, Myron, Inge M., Terry G., Marie P., Becky, Scott, Tammy, Billy, Parker, Lyle, YaYa, JoAnne, Robert, Marla, Yen, Marlene & Duwayne, Steve Mc.Q, Sue, Nelson, Joyce, Leo, Rena, Barbara, Vance, Adrianna, Larry G., Connie, Norman, Jake, Josh, Ben, Harry, Jared, Chris, Pat D., Linda R., Carl, Leslie, Paul B., Vickie, James, Jimmy, Len, Auggie, Ashley, Karol, Katie, Ricky, Johnny, Tara, Morgan, Robin, Audra, Devon, Anna, McKenzie, Gina, Nathan, Randy, Martha & Leo D., Daryl, Elwood, Albert, Melissa, Ian, Arline, Wesley, Aviral, Megan B, Dottie, Dorothy, Peggy F., Family of Juanita Weary.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: for those affected by and responding to the recent hurricanes and wildfires, for all those traveling, for loss of a family member. Pray for our country.

**FIRST RESPONDERS and THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Matt Sekinger, Josh Eichelberger, Nick Briley, Ryan Moore, Joe Thompson, and Adam Byrd

A BIG **THANK YOU** TO ALL WHO HELPED PREPARE FOOD, HELPED SERVE AND HELPED EAT AT OUR COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER on NOV 17! WE SERVED OVER 250 PEOPLE, AND WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU!



**Hurricane Michael relief**

If you would like to support the Lutheran pastors and congregations in the Panama City, FL and surrounding areas that were affected by Hurricane Michael, please consider giving through the Southern District at this link:

<http://southernlcms.org/about/online-payments-donations/>

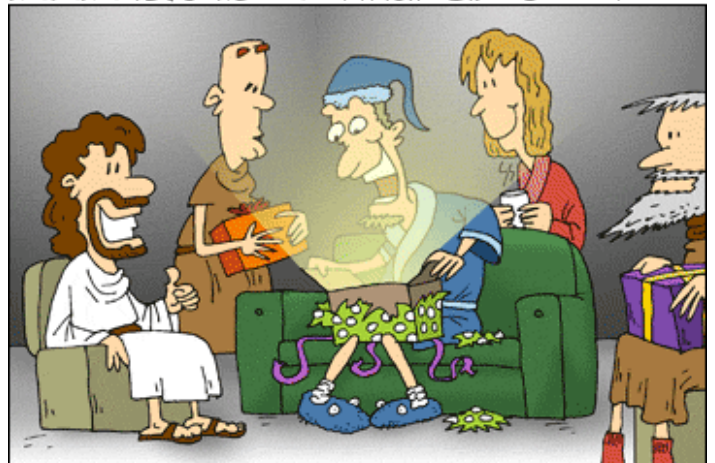
If you would prefer to make a donation by check, please mail to Southern District Office, 100 Mission Drive, Slidell LA 70460. Please write "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. 100% of all you give will go directly to bring hope, healing, and wholeness to those who have truly lost everything.

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Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-23-2005  
**AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT UP IN A STABLE HOME**

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Thanks to Andrew S. 12-21-2007  
**ETERNAL LIFE, MY FAVORITE ... THANKS JESUS!**

# DECEMBER WEEKLY HELPERS

## Flower Donations



Please consider donating flowers in celebration of marriages, anniversaries, baptisms and birthdays, or to say “Congratulations” or “Thank you.” You may sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the wall outside the sanctuary. If you want the Altar Guild to purchase flowers for you, please mark on the Flower Chart and contact Shirley Halterman: 228-255-2088 or Liane Myers: 228-467-6771 or by email: office@LutheranChurchOfThePines.org After the 10:30am service, flowers may be taken or donated.

**We need helpers! We invite anyone who would like to serve to contact Liane at 228-304-1573.**

**If you cannot be here to help on your day, please notify Liane or Brock.**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Flowers provided by</i>	<i>In Honor/Memory of</i>
12/2	Dave & Linda Rein	Thank You Jesus!
12/9	Terry & Laura King	In Celebration of Anniversary and Family Adoption Day!
12/16	Peggy & Gary Frisard	In Memory of Mother
12/23	Dick & Peggy East	In Memory of Muffy
12/30	Bruce & Sandra (in Memory) Prestien	In Memory of Anniversary

<b>Date/Time</b>		<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Altar Assistant</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
12/2	8:30	Martha Driscoll & Carla Isted	Dave Kelso	Martha Driscoll & Carla Isted	Carla Isted	Open
	10:30	OPEN	Joseph Estopinal	Dana Bielstein & OPEN	Cassie Breland	Open
12/9	8:30	Martha Driscoll	Dave Kelso	Martha Driscoll & Gary Frisard	Gene Halterman	Open
	10:30	OPEN	Joseph Estopinal	Bruce & Debra Rushing	Josh Eichelberger	Open
12/16	8:30	Richard & Vicki Hackmann	Dave Kelso	Gary & Peggy Frisard	Richard Hackmann	Open
	10:30	Nolin & Ginnie Briley	Joseph Estopinal	Nolin & Ginnie Briley	Nolin Briley	Open
12/23	8:30	Mark & Liane Myers	Dave Kelso	Mark & Liane Myers	Sasha King	Open
	10:30	OPEN	Joseph Estopinal	Dana Bielstein & OPEN	Jennifer Loveday	Open
12/30	8:30	OPEN	Dave Kelso	OPEN	Diane Galla	Open
	10:30	OPEN	Joseph Estopinal	OPEN	Josh Eichelberger	Open

**If you have altar assistant duties, please contact one of the Elders to take your place.**

Wednesday Altar Assistant: Steve Gibson



<b>Wednesday Night Supper</b>	
12/5	Liz Cain
12/12	OPEN
12/19	OPEN
12/26	NO Dinner/No Service-(Christmas Holiday)

## December 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Church Decorating 8:30am AARP Safe Driving class 1-5pm
<b>2</b> Worship Service 8:30am SS/Adult Bible Class 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Adult Bible Study 1pm Contemporary Worship Dinner 5:45pm Worship Service 6:30pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>16</b> Worship Service 8:30am SS/Adult Bible Class 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Adult Bible Study 1pm Contemporary Worship Dinner 5:45pm Worship Service 6:30pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Winter Solstice	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Worship Service 8:30am SS/Adult Bible Class 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00pm	<b>25</b> Christmas Worship Service 10:00am	<b>26</b> No Bible Study No Contemporary Worship No Dinner	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Worship Service 8:30am SS/Adult Bible Class 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am	<b>31</b>					

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."  
John 1:14*

# December Message Board

If you have announcements or pictures for upcoming events or general messages for the congregation, be sure to let me know! You can text me at 985-788-2101, email me at [LMKingUSA@hotmail.com](mailto:LMKingUSA@hotmail.com), or leave me a note in the newsletter mailbox of Mrs. Liane's office!

Pastor Brock Cain is in the LCOP office on Tuesdays thru Fridays. If you would like to visit with him, please call his cell or the church or email him to set an appointment.

LCOP: 228-467-6771

Email: [lohengrin4001@yahoo.com](mailto:lohengrin4001@yahoo.com)

2018 Flower Chart!

Please sign up by the church office.



**ADVENT DECORATING**  
Saturday December 1

Starting at 8:30am

Come help put up the Advent decorations in the Church!

Poinsettias may be brought in to church in December.



**King's Kitchen**

Help to prepare and serve a meal  
Saturday Dec 15

9am - 1pm

Please see Hope if you'd like to help!

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES**

Invite your friends and neighbors!

**Mon Dec 24 - Candlelight service, 7pm**

**Tues Dec 25 - Christmas morning service, 10am**

Come let us

*Adore*

Him



**December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**AARP Safe Driving Class 1-5PM**  
For info contact John Carver at  
(985) 373-7314



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**Sent with love and a prayer for:**



**Worship Opportunities:**

Worship with Holy Communion	8:30am
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:15am
Worship with Holy Communion	10:30am
Wednesday Contemporary Service	6:30pm
(Contemporary Service with a light meal before at 5:45pm)	