



# The Newsletter

December 2021

 *Glorify God in all we do,  
Grow with Him daily &  
Go with Him to share His love.* 

## December at a Glance

- 1: 9:00 am Mothers Together
- 14: 6:00 pm Elder & Deacon Meetings  
New 2022 Elders/Deacons are invited to attend
  - 6:30 pm Consistory Supper followed by Full Consistory Meeting
  - 7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet
- 12: Sharing Christmas Family gifts are due at the church
- 13: 11:30 am Faith Bible Study Christmas Luncheon
- 15: 9:00 am Mothers Together
- 20: 3:00 pm Patience Bible Study Christmas Coffee
- 24: 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service
- 25: Merry Christmas!! Offices closed

### \*Sundays:

- 9:00 am Sunday School 4yrs - Adult
- Coffee Fellowship Time
- 10:00 am Praise and Worship Service

### \*Tuesdays:

- 8:30 am Quilting Chicks will meet

### \*Wednesday Evening Bible Classes and Youth Groups:

- 6:30 pm Bible Classes 1st-5th grades
- 6:30 pm MS Remnant Youth Group
- 7:30 pm HS Remnant Youth Group



**Operation  
Christmas  
Child**

## Way To Go First Reformed!!

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to pack **136 shoeboxes** this year!! Thank you for making 136 children's Christmases extra special!



CONTACT INFORMATION:  
712-754-2783

sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com



View our Website at: [sibleyfrc.org](http://sibleyfrc.org)



## Stewardship & Giving

### Offering Summary through November 22:

- **General Fund:** \$304,639.21  
Budget: \$299,173.35; 100.1% of budget
- **Benevolent Fund:** \$40,608.24  
Budget: \$71,025.61; 57% of budget
- **Building Fund offerings to date:** \$2405.70

# Faith In Action for December: Sharing Christmas Families



Gifts need to be brought to Church by:

## December 12

### Special offering for December:

**Bethany**<sup>®</sup>  
CHRISTIAN SERVICES

## Trivia Time

1. The three wise men were present at Jesus' birth. (True or False)
2. The story of the Little Drummer Boy is found in the book of Mark. (True or False)
3. Christmas wasn't celebrated for over 300 years after Jesus died. (True or False)
  4. Where did Jesus' family flee to from Bethlehem?
5. Who was the prophet that foretold a virgin shall give birth to a son called Immanuel?
  6. Where was Joseph originally from?
7. How far did Mary and Joseph have to travel to get to Bethlehem?
  8. How many angels spoke to the Shepherds?
  9. Where in the Bible do we read about the Birth of Jesus?
  10. How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?
11. What else did the wise men do aside from give Jesus gifts?

# Bible Study Opportunities

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us.  
And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait  
patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Romans 15:4



**Faith Bible Study**, will meet on the **SECOND** Monday of December, **Monday, December 13 at 11:30 am** at Lynn Schram's home for their annual Christmas Salad Luncheon. Please bring a small salad to share, the rolls and dessert have been assigned. Please let Lynn know if you are not planning to attend. Come for a morning of food, fun and fellowship.

**Patience Bible Study**, will meet on **Monday, December 20 at 3:00 pm** for a Christmas Coffee in the Fireside Room at church. Please bring a small plate of goodies to share. Hope to see you there!



If you have an address or phone number change please let the office know so

changes can be made to the directory prior to printing.

If those changes were communicated to LaDonn when you submitted your directory photo, the office has those changes.

Also, if you still need to turn in a picture for the directory please do so soon. Thanks!



## Mothers Together

With God in the Middle

Are you a mom of young children? Do you wish there was somewhere you could meet other moms who are facing the same daily challenges that you are? Then Mothers Together is the place for you. **Mothers Together is a non-denominational group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month during the school year from 9am-11am.** Quality child care is available so you can get that much needed "mom time".

"Motherhood is hard. One second, we think we're doing a good enough job; the next, we feel like the worst mom on the planet. which is why we need the refreshing truth of the gospel to be repeated over and over again, giving us hope in the everyday moments." -- Risen Motherhood: Gospel Hope for

Everyday Moments. Hope to see you there!!

**Mothers Together will be meeting on:**

**December 1 and 15**



## Praise and Worship Greeters

- 5: E: Brent and Brenda Wassman  
C: Paul and Phyllis Vander Linden  
W: Kody and Rachel Wills/family
- 12: E: LaVon Dykstra  
C: Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar  
W: Scott and Jamie Hulstein/family
- 19: E: Pam Kruger  
C: Chris and Teresa Hurlburt  
W: Arnie and Diane Langstraat
- 24: E: Joel and Kathy Verdoorn  
C: Jeannette Juffer  
W: Joanne Klaassen
- 26: E: Leona Meendering  
C: Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn  
W: Dick and Marcia Oldenkamp

## Nursery

The Nursery will be open for use,  
but unstaffed.

## Fellowship Coffee Servers



- 5: Harold and Luella Eggink  
12: Dr. Greg and Deb Kosters  
19: Jim and Pauline Van Engen  
26: Ken and Wilma Loerts

## Children & Worship



10:00 am during the service

### Leaders:

- 5: Jamie Hulstein  
12: Deb Kosters  
19: Karen Honken  
26: No C&W--Christmas Break

## Willing Hands Group



### Willing Hands Group #6

will be responsible for  
services during the month.

### Co-chairpersons are:

- Peg/Curt Van Kley
- Lois/John Van Diepen

## Library Volunteers



- 5: Janice Runia  
12: Jen Schram  
19: Pauline Van Engen  
26: Leanne Van Kley



# Consistory Meeting

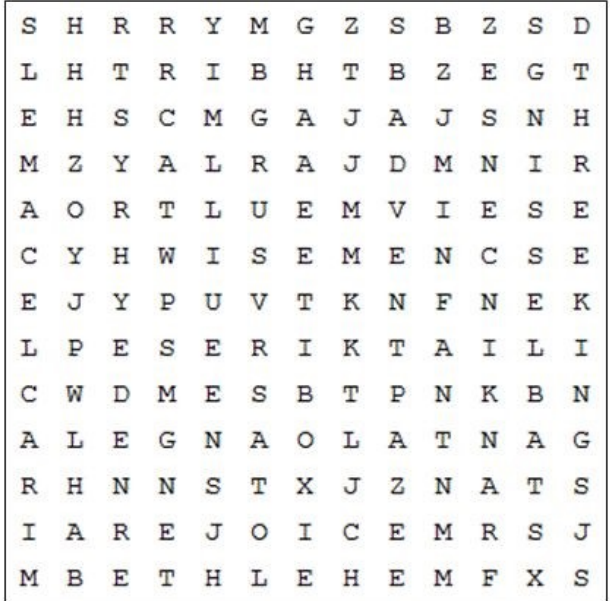
## Highlights

November 9, 2021

- MMSA for Arnie and Diane Langstraat to use the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall on November 25 for Thanksgiving
- MMSA for Cory and Anne Maxwell to use the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall on Saturday May 14 from 12pm-9pm for Kaden's Graduation Party
- MMSA for Ken and Wilma Loerts to use the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall on November 28th beginning at 1pm.
- MMSA to have Search Team pursue prospective Pastoral Candidate's references at this time.
- MMSA to keep, for the time being, One Sunday morning service, but will work on concerns expressed about service structure.



# Joy to the World



ADVENT

ANGEL

BETHLEHEM

BIRTH

BLESSINGS

CAMELS

FRANKINCENSE

INFANT

JESUS

JOSEPH

MAGI

MANGER

MARY

MIRACLE

MYRRH

NATIVITY

REJOICE

STABLE

STAR

THREE KINGS

WISE MEN





## Education Schedule:

Please remember the following Weather Cancellations Procedure:  
If there is NO school, or school is released early due to inclement weather, there will be NO WEDNESDAY Night activities.

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Classes & Youth Groups:**

There will be class on December 1, 8, 15, and 22

There will **NOT** be class on December 29 (Christmas Break)

- **Sunday School:** There will be class on December 5 & 19

There will **NOT** be class on: December 26 or January 2 (Christmas Break)

# College Addresses

**Hunter DeJong**

109 Wilder Place  
Ames, IA 50014

**Peyton Crichton**

2820 S. Duluth Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

**Kalie DeBoer**

815 8th Street  
Sibley, IA 51249

**Jaden Abels**

University of Sioux Falls  
1101 W 22nd Street  
Box 452  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

**Tanner Dykstra**

3029 N. 47th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68504

**Alyssa Wassman**

Foundation Residence  
Apartments 103  
1410 Birch Street  
Marshall, MN 56258

**Alex Mc Dougall**

2040 Hawthorn Ct. Drive  
#7122  
Ames, IA 50010-9169

**Grant Brouwer**

DU 2335  
707 7th Street NE  
Sioux Center, IA 51250

**Leah Ackerman**

503 10th Ave.  
Sibley, IA 51249

**Ryan Van Marel**

804 Medary Ave. South  
Brookings, SD 57006

**Ashilyn Hulstein**

Hyde-139B-A1  
1451 8th Street  
Brookings, SD 57007

**Hudson Feldkamp**

230 Dakota Trail  
Brookings, SD 57007

**Dalton Bremer**

100 Daum Hall  
Room #5407  
Iowa City, IA 52242

**Mariah Elser**

University Suites - 128A  
1780 R Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

**Austin Wassman**

1434 Tyler Ave  
Ocheyedan, IA 51354

**Carter Brouwer**

208 8th St SW  
Unit 122  
Orange City, IA 51041

**Wyatt Dykstra**

4647 Stone Ave  
Box #364 Prairie Place  
Sioux City, IA 51106

**Dahson DeJong**

810 Commons Circle SW  
#405  
Mt. Vernon, IA 52314-1000

**Andrea Leusink**

BVU Box 2461  
610 W. Fourth Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

If your student will have a different address for the 2021-2022 school year please let the office know.



# December Celebrations

## ~~Birthday's~~

- |                    |                     |                    |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Marlys Dykstra   | 10 Davis Beyer      | 19 Curt Van Kley   |
| 2 Trudy Dykstra    | Brysen Alexander    | Sarah Loerts       |
| Barb Fisher        | 11 Clint Henrichs   | 20 JoAnn Calsbeek  |
| Brent Wassman      | Zoe Ackerman        | Kay Jansen         |
| Michael Block Jr.  | 12 Wendy De Jong    | Jodene Kruse       |
| 3 Jamiey Daiker    | Ruth Dagal          | 21 Mike Hustoft    |
| Witten Julius      | 13 Meggan Block     | Dave Stofferan     |
| 4 Kaden Maxwell    | 14 Gracie Odens     | Alfreda Verdoorn   |
| 6 Marcia Van Ruler | 15 Marlys Pietz     | Tom Dagal          |
| Harold Eggink      | Richard Kruger      | 22 Gert Gaalswyk   |
| Reka Post          | Ella Bruxvoort      | Michelle Fox       |
| 8 Amelia Hoekstra  | 16 Easton Beyer     | Melissa Hisek      |
| 9 Laurel Klaassen  | 17 Merlin Doorenbos | 24 Glenn Doorenbos |
|                    | Chrissy Ackerman    | 29 Ryan Van Marel  |
|                    | Brynna Loerts       | 31 Deb Hulstein    |



*I have found*  
**THE ONE**  
*Whom my soul Loves*  
SONG OF SOLOMON 3:4

## ~~Anniversaries~~

- |                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| 15 Tom and Ruth Dagal        | 37 years |
| 18 Mike and Andrea Block     | 29 years |
| 19 Elesson and Kelsey Joseph | 6 years  |



## PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Garrett and Carly Sayler
2. Eric Schiphoff
3. Hugh Schiphoff
4. Pray for our College Students
5. Pray for our Church
6. Ellen Schram
7. Harold and Lynn Schram
8. Jennie Schram
9. Ted and Eileen Schutte
10. Verlyn and Donna Smidt
11. Pray for our College Students
12. Pray for our Church
13. Kevin and Nancy Soat
14. Donna Sterler
15. Le Roy and Karen Stevenson
16. Dave and Lesa Stofferan
17. Robert and Gladys Tiedeman
18. Pray for our College Students
19. Pray for our Church
20. Jenny Timmer;  
Andrew, Avery, Alex
21. Ken and Sharalyn Tjaden
22. Greg and Tami Tracy;  
Lindy
23. Chad and Megan Travaille;  
Lawrynn
24. Randy and Kelli Van De Berg
25. Pray for our College Students
26. Pray for our Church
27. Duane and Pam Vande Hoef
28. Paul and Phyllis Vander Linden
29. Harold and Shelia Van Der Sloot
30. Mark Van Der Sloot;  
Damian, Jackson, Keegan
31. Helen Vander Veen

### College Students:

Carter Brouwer  
Jayden De Boer  
Dahson De Jong  
Wyatt Dykstra  
Andrea Leusink  
Austin Wassman

Dalten Bremer  
Faye Carda  
Jennifer Cuadros  
Clint Henrichs  
Ashilyn Hulstein  
Natalie Klaassen

Leah Ackerman  
Grant Brouwer  
Tanner Dykstra  
Jagger Johnson  
Alex Mc Dougall  
Lane Tangeman  
Alyssa Wassman

Kaitlyn Bechler  
Kalie De Boer  
Jaden Abels  
Hunter DeJong  
Hunter Rockman  
Ryan Van Marel  
Mariah Elser

Peyton Crichton

Hannah Lucas



# PRAYER LIST

BE A  
*Prayer*  
WARRIOR  
Luke 21:36

## PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

### Assisted Living

Ethel Jurgens  
Geneva Wissink  
Larry & Alfreda Verdoorn  
Richard Kruger

### The Nursing Homes

Harold Schram  
Margaret Calsbeek  
Marlys Brink  
Donna Sterler

### Our Missionaries

Dr. Bernadeth Kelly &  
Adrian Bobb  
Sayuri Kist—Okazaki  
Brian & Donna Renes  
J.J. & Tim TenCley  
Rowland & Jan Van Es

### Christian Retirement Home

Helen Vander Veen

## PRAYER JOURNAL

Lined area for writing the prayer journal.



## The Christmas Rifle...The Best Present I Never Got

It was Christmas Eve 1881. I was fifteen years old and feeling like the world had caved in on me because there just hadn't been enough money to buy me the rifle that I'd wanted for Christmas.

We did the chores early that night for some reason. I just figured Pa wanted a little extra time so we could read in the Bible. After supper was over I took my boots off and stretched out in front of the fireplace and waited for Pa to get down the old Bible.

I was still feeling sorry for myself and, to be honest, I wasn't in much of a mood to read Scriptures. But Pa didn't get the Bible instead he bundled up again and went outside. I couldn't figure it out because we had already done all the chores. I didn't worry about it long though I was too busy wallowing in self-pity.

Soon he came back in. It was a cold clear night out and there was ice in his beard. "Come on, Matt," he said. I was really upset then. Not only wasn't I getting the rifle for Christmas, now he was dragging me out in the cold, and for no earthly reason that I could see. But I knew better than to drag my feet, so I got up and put my boots back on and got my coat.

Outside, I became even more dismayed. There in front of the house was the work team, already hitched to the big sled. Whatever it was we were going to do wasn't going to be a short, quick, little job. Pa was already up on the seat, reins in hand. I reluctantly climbed up beside him. I wasn't happy. When I was on, Pa pulled the sled around the house and stopped in front of the woodshed.

"I think we'll put on the high sideboards," he said. "Here, help me." Whatever it was we were going to do would be a lot bigger with the high side boards on.

Then Pa went into the woodshed and came out with an armload of wood - the wood I'd spent all summer hauling down from the mountain, and then all Fall sawing into blocks and splitting. "You been by the Widow Jensen's lately?" he asked. Mrs. Jensen lived about two miles down the road. Her husband had died a year or so before and left her with three children, the oldest being eight. Yeah," I said, "Why?"

"I rode by just today," he said. "Little Jakey was out digging around in the woodpile trying to find a few chips. They're out of wood, Matt." That was all he said and then he turned and went back into the woodshed for another armload of wood. We loaded the sled so high that I began to wonder if the horses would be able to pull it. Then he went to the smoke house and he took down a big ham and a side of bacon. He handed them to me and told me to put them in the sled and wait. When he returned he was carrying a sack of flour over his right shoulder and a smaller sack of something in his left hand.

"What's in the little sack?" I asked. "Shoes, they're out of shoes. Little Jakey just had gunny sacks wrapped around his feet when he was out in the woodpile this morning. I got the children a little candy too. It just wouldn't be Christmas without a little candy."

We rode the two miles to Mrs. Jensen's pretty much in silence. I tried to think through what Pa was doing. We didn't have much by worldly standards. Of course, we did have a big woodpile, though most of what was left now was still in the form of logs that I would have to saw into blocks and split before we could use it. We also had meat and flour, so we could spare that, but I knew we didn't have any money, so why was he buying them shoes and candy? Really, why was he doing any of this? Widow Jensen had closer neighbors than us; it shouldn't have been our concern.

We came to the Jensen house and unloaded the wood as quietly as possible then we took the meat and flour and shoes to the door. We knocked. The door opened a crack and a timid voice said, "Who is it?" "Lucas Miles, Ma'am, and my son, Matt, could we come in for a bit?"

Mrs. Jensen opened the door and let us in. She had a blanket wrapped around her shoulders. The children were wrapped in another and were sitting in front of the fireplace by a very small fire.

"We brought you a few things, Ma'am," Pa said and set down the sack of flour. I put the meat on the table. Then he handed her the sack that had the shoes in it. She opened it hesitantly and took the shoes out one pair at a time. There was a pair for her and one for each of the children. She bit her lower lip to keep it from trembling and then tears filled her eyes and started running down her cheeks.

"We brought a load of wood too, Ma'am," he said. "Matt, go bring in enough to last awhile. Let's get that fire up to size and heat this place up. I had a big lump in my throat and tears in my eyes as I did. In my mind I kept seeing those three kids huddled around the fireplace and their mother standing there with tears running down her cheeks with so much gratitude in her heart that she couldn't speak.

I had given at Christmas many times before, but never when it had made so much difference. I could see we were literally saving the lives of these people.

I soon had the fire blazing and everyone's spirits soared. The kids started giggling when Pa handed them each a piece of candy and Mrs. Jensen looked on with a smile that probably hadn't crossed her face for a long time. "God bless you," she said. "I know the Lord has sent you. The children and I have been praying that he would send one of his angels to spare us."

I was sure that a better man than Pa had never walked the earth. I started remembering all the times he had gone out of his way for Ma and me, and many others. The list seemed endless as I thought on it.

Pa insisted that everyone try on the shoes before we left. I was amazed when they all fit and I wondered how he had known what sizes to get. Then I guessed that if he was on an errand for the Lord that the Lord would make sure he got the right sizes.

At the door, as we turned to leave he said, "The Mrs. wanted me to invite you and the children over for Christmas dinner tomorrow. The turkey will be more than the three of us can eat, and a man can get can-tankerous if he has to eat turkey for too many meals. We'll be by to get you about eleven. It'll be nice to have some little ones around again. Matt, here, hasn't been little for quite a spell."

Mrs. Jensen nodded and said, "Thank you, Brother Miles. I don't have to say, May the Lord bless you, I know for certain that He will."

Out on the sled I felt a warmth that came from deep within and I didn't even notice the cold. Pa turned to me and said, "Matt, I want you to know something. Your Ma and me have been tucking a little money away here and there all year so we could buy that rifle for you, but we didn't have quite enough.

Then yesterday a man who owed me a little money from years back came by to make things square. Your Ma and me were real excited, thinking that now we could get you that rifle, and I started into town this morning to do just that, but on the way I saw little Jakey out scratching in the woodpile with his feet wrapped in those gunny sacks and I knew what I had to do. Son, I spent the money for shoes and a little candy for those children. I hope you understand."

I understood very well, and I was so glad Pa had done it. Now the rifle seemed very low on my list of priorities. He had given me a lot more. He had given me the look on Mrs. Jensen's face and the radiant smiles of her three children. He had given me the best Christmas of my life.

~~Author Unknown





# Adopt a Family

FOR CHRISTMAS

Our Church has once again adopted 4 larger families for the Christmas Season. Families are posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to check which items you would be willing to provide for these families in need. All items will need to be wrapped, tagged with Family number and recipient (ex. Child age 1) and dropped off at church no later than December 12th. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Lets make these families' Christmas celebrations just a little extra special this year.

## Family #3

**Adult Male:** size 3XL Clothing  
Gift Cards

**Adult Female:** size 2XL Clothing  
Gift Cards

**15 year old Girl:** 3XL Shirts, Size 22 Pants,  
Twin Bedding, Clothes

**8 year old Girl:** size 7/8 Shirts and Pants, loves  
anything Unicorn

**7 year old Girl:** size 7/8 Shirts and Pants, Toys  
and loves anything Mermaid

## Family #4

**Adult Male:** size 2X, Shoe size 18.5

**Adult Female:** size 1XL Clothing, needs a Coat,  
shoe size 10.5

**2 year old boy:** enjoys Cars, Trucks & Books

**4 year old Boy:** enjoys Cars, Trucks & Books

**6 year old Girl:** size 7/8 Clothing  
Baby Dolls, Peppa Pig, Coloring Books

**7 year old Girl:** size 7/8 Clothing  
Ponies and Horses and Books

## Family #7

**Adult Female:** size Large Clothing, Grocery Gift  
card, Ankle socks, bath towels, drinking glasses,  
Measuring cups and candles.

**Adult Female:** size Medium clothing, Bath and  
Body essentials, perfume, candles, Gift card

**17 year old Boy:** size XL clothing, Athletic  
socks, size 11 shoe, Solid colored joggers,  
cologne, gift cards

**14 year old Girl:** size Medium clothing, shirts,  
Bath and Body essentials, perfume, gift cards

## Family #14

**Adult Male:** size Medium clothing

**Adult Female:** Medium clothing

**7 year old Girl:** size 8 clothing. Likes Barbies  
doll clothes and books

**5 year old Girl:** size 5T clothing. Likes Barbies  
doll clothes, and books

**1.5 year old Boy:** size 2T clothes and would  
like educational toys and books

# A Fun Family Alternative to Traditional Advent Calendars.

## Advent Food Collection Calendar

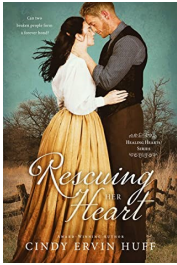
We encourage you this Christmas to read each day's devotion and collect the food item for that day. By the time you get to Christmas you will have a full box of groceries to either donate to someone who is in need or drop off at church. Boxes will be delivered to a local food pantry. Thanks for participating!!



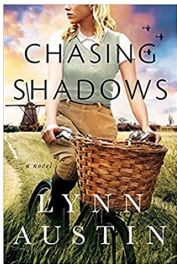
| Sunday   | Monday                                       | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| <b>28</b> A Favorite Cereal  | <b>29</b> Instant Potatoes                   | <b>30</b> Spaghetti Sauce   | <b>1</b> Rice Krispies                              | <b>2</b> Dish Soap   | <b>3</b> Green Beans  | <b>4</b> Mac & Cheese                                  |
| <i>Matt. 2:1</i>   | <i>Luke 2:4</i>                              | <i>Psalm 100: 1-2</i>   | <i>John 3:16</i>                                    | <i>Luke 1:26-33</i>  | <i>Isa 7:14 &amp; Matt. 1:23</i>  | <i>Matt. 1:18-21</i>                                   |
| What are Magi?   | Where did Joseph & Mary go to be registered? | What is your favorite Christmas Carol?                                    | Why did Jesus come to earth?                        | Who told Mary that she would have a baby?                                | How did Isaiah know what would happen? Why is it important that he did? | Why did Mary & Joseph name the baby Jesus?             |
| <b>5</b> Pancake Mix   | <b>6</b> Pancake Syrup                       | <b>7</b> Corn   | <b>8</b> Cheerios                                   | <b>9</b> Corn or Rice Chex   | <b>10</b> Spaghetti Pasta   | <b>11</b> Granola Bars                                 |
| <i>Luke 1:36</i>   | <i>Luke 2:1-6</i>                            | <i>Micah 5:2</i>  | <i>Luke 2:7</i>                                     | <i>Matt. 2:13-15</i>   | <i>Isa. 1:18 &amp; Rev. 3:5</i>   | <i>John 1:1-5</i>                                      |
| How were Mary & Elizabeth related? Who is older, John the Baptist or Jesus?          | Why did Mary & Joseph go to Bethlehem?       | What does this verse foretell about Bethlehem?                            | Why did Mary lay baby Jesus in a manger?            | Why did Joseph take Mary & Jesus to Egypt?                               | What does snow have to do with the real meaning of Christmas?           | Why do you think we decorate with lights at Christmas? |
| <b>12</b> Hamburger Helper   | <b>13</b> Family Choice                      | <b>14</b> Pudding Cups  | <b>15</b> Family Choice                             | <b>16</b> Toilet Paper   | <b>17</b> Peanut Butter   | <b>18</b> Microwave Popcorn                            |
| <i>John 8:12</i>   | <i>Isaiah 9:6</i>                            | <i>Isaiah 61:1-3</i>  | <i>Psalm 95:1-5</i>                                 | <i>Luke 2</i>  | <i>Luke 2:3-11</i>  | <i>Luke 2:13-14</i>                                    |
| Christ is the light of the world. What do Christmas candles and lights remind us of? | What are some of the names of Christ?        | Bows "bind up the broken hearted". How can we serve Jesus this Christmas? | What is God doing? How should we show thankfulness? | What is your favorite part of the Christmas Story?                       | How do Candy Canes remind us of our Savior who is the "Good Shepherd".  | Who joined the angel in praising God?                  |
| <b>19</b> Jelly  | <b>20</b> Tuna Packets/cans                  | <b>21</b> Macaroni  | <b>22</b> Applesauce                                | <b>23</b> Can of Peaches   | <b>24</b> Family Choice   | <b>25</b> Your Box is full!                            |
| <i>Luke 2:15-17</i>  | <i>Psalm 66:1-2</i>                          | <i>Matt. 2:1-2</i>  | <i>Matt 2:7-10</i>                                  | <i>Matt 2:11</i>   | <i>Matt 2:11 &amp; 25:40</i>  | <i>Job 19:25</i>                                       |
| Where did the shepherds go after the angels left?                                    | Why do we ring Christmas bells?              | How did the Wise Men know that Jesus had been born?                       | Where did Herod send the Wise Men?                  | How did the Wise Men show that they knew the young child was the Savior? | Why do we give each other gifts at Christmas?                           | Merry Christmas and give thanks for His Goodness!!     |

## From the library--

Here are synopses from four new books that have been added to the library. Make it a point to visit the library soon.



A new author to our shelves is Cindy Ervin Huff. She had written *RESCUING HER HEART*, book #1 of the "Healing Hearts" series. "On visitation rounds as a lay preacher, the last thing rancher Jed Holt expects is to be shot at from the barn next to a burned-down house. But the soot covered woman hiding inside needs protecting, and Jed is the man to do it whether she likes it or not. Delilah James' nightmares began when she came to Kansas as a mail-order bride. Her husband was nothing like his letters. Now that he is dead, she can't shake his abuse from her heart nor keep his bank-robbing gang from tracking her done. As she tries to stay hidden, trusting men tops her never-again list and taking a job on the Holt ranch as a housekeeper is a means to save money and bring her parents west. But her attraction to the compassionate former chaplain both angers and confuses her. Soon, she finds her heart and herself in danger. Jed has his own nightmares from a POW camp and understands Delilah better than she knows. Can two broken people form a forever bond? Can he save her from her past?"

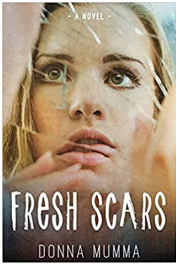


On a much different note is *CHASING SHADOWS* by Lynn Austin. "The lives of three women change instantly when the Nazis invade the neutral Netherlands, forcing them into a complicated dance of choice and consequence. Lena is a wife and mother who farms alongside her husband in the tranquil countryside. Her faith has always been her compass, but can she remain steadfast when the questions grow increasingly complex and the answers could mean the difference between life and death. Lena's daughter, Ans, has recently moved to the bustling city of Leiden, filled with romantic notions of her new job and a young Dutch police officer. But when she is drawn into the Resistance work, her idealism collides with the dangerous reality that comes with fighting the enemy. Miriam is a young Jewish violinist who immigrated for the safety Holland offered. She finds love in her new country, but as her family settles in Leiden, the events that follow will test them in ways she never imagined."



"'Stop worrying. Lilliana York will be taken care of tonight, PERMANENTLY, just as you instructed.' Elise Carmichael is a court sign language interpreter who reads lips all the time. As a widow with a young deaf son, lip reading is simply second nature until the day she reads the lips of someone on the phone discussing an attempt to be made on the life of Lilliana York, a senator who just happens to be her mother-in-law. Before Elise can decide what to do about what she just witnessed, she gets a call that her son is being rushed to the ER and she must leave. Then later she sees the news report that her mother-in-law has been shot and killed. But when she comes forward, her life, as well as her son's life, may now be in the crosshairs of the assassin. " Robin Carroll's *DEAD SILENCE* is an exciting difficult to put down book.

## From the Library Continued...



**FRESH SCARS** by Donna Mumma is interesting but different. "Time heals all wounds...or does it?" Asia Butler and her sister, Ivy Butler Morelli, have not spoken in fifteen years. As children, they endured brutal emotional abuse from their mother, Veronica, and want only to forget the past and each other. But the past comes calling when they each receive a letter from Veronica's attorney promising much-needed cash if they will fulfill her dying wish and consent to cleaning out their childhood home. Asia and Ivy reluctantly return to their hometown of Emerson, Florida, only to discover that the house is a hoarder's nightmare filled with strange mementos and clues hinting that they were not the only victims of Veronica's sadistic nature. Can this new pain be the path to their healing? Will they be able to choose forgiveness over resentment?"

~~Jeannette Juffer

## My Wish For This Christmas--JAMIE A. CIRELLO

*In Memory of all those we have loved and lost  
this year and in the past.*

Christmas is a happy time  
for friends and family.  
The children are excited  
as they unwrap presents around the tree.

Carols are sung and  
lights twinkle in the night.  
Jack Frost glistens on the windows,  
and the snow sparkles from the winter moonlight.

Christmas is such a joyous time  
to appreciate the ones we love.  
This Christmas I want to send wishes  
to those we lost up above.

To some, Christmas is not the same  
because a loved one passed away,  
And the grief is overwhelming  
each and every day.

When the holidays approach,  
we miss them even more,  
Traditions never feel the same,  
and memories are all we have left to adore.

We will always remember their name  
and never forget their faces,  
And as long as we keep them in our hearts,  
they can never be erased.

So this Christmas, my wish is for everyone  
who is feeling a little blue  
To find some peace, joy, and comfort  
with everything you do.

Christmas isn't just a season;  
it's a feeling, and the magic never ends.  
One of its greatest gifts  
is to cherish family and friends.

Merry Christmas to all our special angels up above.  
Merry Christmas to you all. I send you all my love.



### Trivia Time Answers!!!

**1.** False (They visited Jesus as an infant) **2.** False (the drummer boy is fictional) **3.** True (December 25<sup>th</sup>, 336AD) **4.** Egypt **5.** Prophet Isaiah **6.** Bethlehem **7.** 80 miles **8.** 1 **9.** Luke 2 **10.** The Bible doesn't say **11.** They knelt down and worshipped him

# Remnant Food Find



**900 lbs. of food items collected!!!**



**Thank you for your donations!!**