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Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Article Deadline for the Shoreline:  
Wednesday morning by 9 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**L**earn CPR. Save a life. You can learn CPR in only two hours and become certified by the American Heart Association to perform this procedure. You will be prepared to make a difference whether at home, in the workplace, or anywhere when someone experiences cardiac arrest. Monday, December 5 from 9-11 a.m. at EMS Station - 982 N Townline Road in LaGrange.

**S**hine the Light Christmas Tree Festival December 10, 2022 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at LaGrange Church of God - 777 N Detroit Street. Tickets \$5. All proceeds will benefit a family from Elijah Haven, Lakeland School and Reason 4 Hope. If you or your business would like to have a tree in the festival contact Erica Cook at 260-585-0005 or [erica@lagrangechog.org](mailto:erica@lagrangechog.org).

**B**lood Drive - Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. 797 Detroit Street - Lagrange from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 1800-RED-Cross to schedule an appointment.



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# Shoreline

Loving God - Loving Others



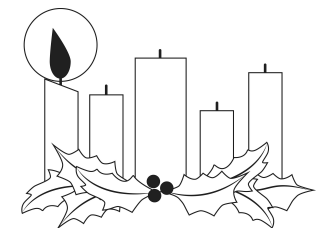
- **Pete Amstutz** - cancer - healing
- **Rod Bontrager** - cancer - healing
- **Billy Felder** - healing in his leg
- **Dorothy Hooley** - recovering from heart attack.
- **RYLM expansion project**
- **Search for Associate Pastor**

**Boldy proclaiming the  
Kingdom of God**

and teaching about the  
**Lord Jesus Christ**

And no one tried to  
**Stop Him**

Acts 28:31, NLT



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

**Stewardship Report  
November 20, 2022**

<b>General:</b>	<b>\$5210.25</b>
<b>Class #22</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Class #25</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Rent</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Sharing One Hope</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>

Attendance:	?
Primary Dept.	36
Adult SS:	97

**A GOOD CONTAGION**

**T**hanksgiving is key in Christian prayer, but often our requests outweigh our thanks. By contrast, 85% of prayers in the Jewish prayerbook are blessings of thanks according to Rabbi Evan Moffic. Noting that the Hebrew word for a Jewish person - Yehudah - means "one who is grateful," he states, "Gratitude is at the core of how Jews pray."

Someone once asked Moffic if he might know about a blessing he'd overheard at a restaurant. After a man proposed to his girlfriend and she said yes, he walked quietly to a corner, put on a yarmulke (a sacred Jewish head covering worn in prayer) and spoke a blessing. His fiancé' teared up. The rabbi said the prayer was surely this "Blessed are you, O God, sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this joy-filled moment"

Why was this person so interested? "I am planning to propose to my girlfriend," he shared with Muffin, "and I want to say this prayer with her." Unbeknown to the newly engaged pair, their gratitude transformed another couple's life. When we give thanks to God, not only is our faith strengthened but our thanksgiving may inspire others. Gratitude is contagious!

Heidi Hyland Mann

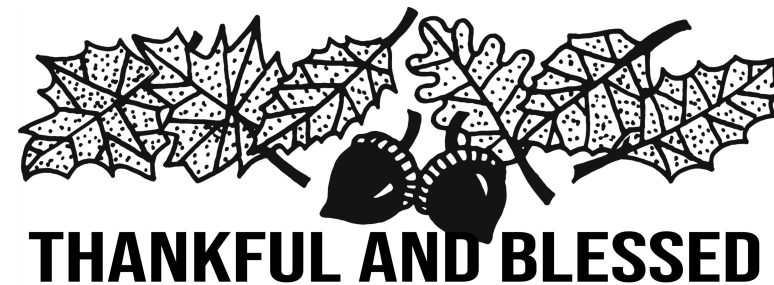


**T**hank you to everyone who took a mitten from the bulletin board. The residents of Infinity Waters will be so blessed by your thoughtfulness and graciousness. Shore Church is a very giving and caring community! If you are buying a gift please remember to put it in one gift bag with the residents number on the tag. There is a collection station in the library on top of the book shelf on the east wall. Please have the gifts here by December 11.



**L**ots of deliverers are needed for the 12 Days of Christmas project. Sign up today in the lobby. You would be required to make a delivery to homes of the members of our oldest class. You can deliver to a few or to all of them. Any questions please contact Kim Mishler.

**T**he Primary Department is collecting for the Blessing Box. See the wrapped box in the foyer for ideas of needed items and to drop your purchases off.



# West Entrance Changes



**T**he west door locking mechanism is now in place for Day Care Parent usage. They will be using this door now for entry to the building. As before, those doors will remain locked during Day Care hours. You can still use your key to enter the building on the door with the keyhole.

If you have an event or meeting where you need both doors to be open, please check with the church office, prior for instructions on how to do this. Thank you for your patience with all the new transitions.



**S**ince Christmas falls on a Sunday this year - we will be blessed with two services. We will have our traditional **Christmas Eve Service** on December 24 that will consist of performances by church members, our children and candlelight Christmas carols. Come at 7 p.m. and bring your family as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

On Sunday morning, December 25 at 9:15 a.m. we will have a **Christmas morning church service**. No Sunday school.

We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with you all!



**N**ew Offering Envelopes  
**O**ffering envelopes will be in your mailboxes soon. Those that used envelopes will receive year ending reports at the end of December.

*Thankfulness is a soil in which pride does not easily grow.*  
**Michael Ramsey**

## GRATITUDE GALORE

If you've ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they're fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: "I will thank God...for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children...for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love...for the leaves on the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of Thy riches!"

