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Tonight's service: Join us tonight for our annual Christmas Eve program at 7 p.m. The children will perform and there will be a time of Candlelight caroling.

Installation Service: We will have an installation service for Pastor Lance Miller on January 14. We will celebrate with a fellowship meal together after Sunday School. Please bring a dish or two to share for the meal.

Staff vacation time: Kim will be taking some vacation time over the holidays and will be in the office only on December 29 of Christmas week. Pastor Lance and family will be away visiting his family January 1-8.



Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Article Deadline for the Shoreline:
Wednesday morning by 9 a.m.



Shoreline

Loving God - Loving Others

The True Light

which enlightens everyone ...



- **Rod Bontrager** - continued healing
- **Jordan Brown DiPinto** - healing from brain bleed.
- **Johnetta Henard** - waiting for lung transplant
- **Karson Hochstetler** - health issues
- **Betty Jackson** - Friend of Austin - healing
- **Mark Mishler** - healing- chemo
- **Bob Schrock** - cancer, chemo
- **Christopher & Rachel Sherck** family (Rick's nephew) death of their son Malachi.

*Like a child excited for Christmas morning,
may I always be eager to receive the gift of your love, O Lord.*

Stewardship Report December 17, 2023	
General:	\$7889.00
Class #18	\$200.00
Class #19	\$50.00
Class #23	\$600.00
Class #25	\$80.00
Pilgrim's Class	\$50.00
Sharing One Hope	\$37.00
Rent	\$300.00



Who's New in the Pew?

Our 2023 theme, "He Went First" served us well. We learned much about Jesus' faithfulness to us.

As we quickly approach 2024, we start fresh with a new theme for the year. REFINED! This year we will focus on people of the Bible who have gone through refinement. We will venture into the stories of Abraham, Elijah, Daniel, Peter, and Paul, just in the first 6 weeks.

The new series will begin January 7. We plan to have new t-shirts for each of you that bear the REFINED logo. When you wear them, be reminded of the refining work Jesus has done and is doing in your life.

Someone left a book and CD on my desk entitled **Created To Be**. Please let me know what you'd like for me to do with it or whom I'm to give it to. Thanks Kim

Leann Slabach and her three children have been attending Shore for about a month now.

Christopher is 12, Bethany is 8 and Kyle is 5. Sadly, Leann's first husband of twelve years passed away last March in a car accident.

Leann works in the cafeteria at Shiphewana Scott Elementary School. She enjoys baking and they all enjoy being outdoors.

She and the children love coming to Shore Church. We're so happy you're here Leann, Christopher, Bethany, and Kyle. Blessings to you in the year ahead.

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

In the introduction to his book *For All God's Worth*, theologian NT Wright says, "Christmas is God lighting a candle, and you don't light a candle in a room that's already full of sunlight. You light a candle in a room that's so murky that the candle, when lit, reveals just how bad things are. The light shines in the darkness, says St. John, and the darkness has not overcome it."

For that reason, Wright explains, Christmas isn't a dream or a momentary escape but reality. And the same is true for Christianity. "Either Jesus is the Lord of the world and all reality makes sense in his life, or he is dangerously irrelevant to the problems and possibilities of today's world," he adds. "There is no middle ground. Either Jesus was, and is the Word of God, or he, and the stories Christians tell about him, are lies."

December 17, 2023	
Attendance:	248
Adult Sunday School:	120
Primary Sunday School:	70



If you signed up for the Marriage

Retreat taking place on January 26 and 27, please place your \$50.00 per couple payment in the locked box, labeled as such, on the signup table. Please make sure your payment is labeled with your name. Also, we have space for three more couples. The signup sheet is on the signup table as well.