

# St. John's Journal

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## WHAT WILL BE CENTRAL IN YOUR CHRISTMAS?

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Some time ago I heard a conversation on a radio talk show that I thought was both interesting and sad. A man called in and expressed concern over what he considered a tense family situation. He had taught his young children that Santa Claus was real, but his step children, who were older, did not believe in him. So when the step children came to visit, it caused a problem, because they told their younger step siblings that Santa was fake. The father didn't know what to do about this.

To the credit of the radio show hostess, who isn't even a Christian, by the way, she suggested that the man not be concerned about Santa Claus, but that he refocus their attention on what Christmas is supposed to be about, namely, the birth of Jesus Christ. My reaction was obviously, "Well, of course! What else would be central in Christmas, if not the good news of our Savior's birth? What a foolish man to be so concerned about such petty nonsense, instead of the one important thing!"

But then I thought to myself, "Are we really all that much different?" Are *you* all that much different? No, you probably don't make a big issue about what your children or grandchildren think about Santa Claus. But is the birth of Jesus truly central in your Christmas observance?

It's a question worth pondering. Yes, we all know the main focus of Christmas: the glad tidings of great joy that unto us has been born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. But is that central Christmas truth a message to which we pay mere lip service, or is it good news that actually changes and orders our lives?

Ask yourself these questions: Will our family ar-

range our schedules around Christ this Advent and Christmas? Or will we simply try to "work Him in" whenever it's convenient? Will our conversations and activities reflect the value we place on Jesus? Or will they suggest that shopping and decorating and other activities have priority over Christ? In all honesty, what will be central in our Christmas?

This year's Advent midweek sermon series is titled, "Oh, Come." The sermons are based on Scriptures that gave rise to three liturgical verses for Advent called the "O Antiphons." Each antiphon addresses Jesus by a particular Messianic title from the Scriptures. The great Advent hymn, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" is based on these antiphons. The preaching of these Scriptures will most certainly direct our attention to Jesus Christ, to help prepare us for a Christmas that is truly centered on Him.

May we all show we truly believe what is central in Christmas by taking time to come to the Lord's house and listen to Jesus as He speaks to us through His word, and then respond to Him in prayer and praise. Otherwise we might as well worry about Santa Claus!

- Pastor Bishop

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

## Christian Education Sunday School

### Perfect Attendance October 2018

8th Grade  
Zachary Webb

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



### Dec 02

Tomi Pfanz

### Dec 04

Michelle Ferguson  
Eric Harley

### Dec 05

Richard Lohnes  
Stephen Sheckler  
Joyce Wertz

### Dec 06

Ronda Adkins  
Joe Canterbury

### Dec 07

Trevor Frankel  
Tyler Frankel  
Elisa Ziegenhorn

### Dec 09

Sofia Hicks  
David McCammon

### Dec 10

Owen Sumner  
Diane Webber

### Dec 11

Leslie Hauk  
Kathy Miller



### Dec 12

Louise Brickner  
Michael Gillespie  
Bradley Wilson

### Dec 13

Gage Dingerson

### Dec 14

Audrey Driskell  
Valerie Ferguson  
Alexander Jones  
Bryan Sego  
Michelle Watson  
Cora Wiker

### Dec 15

John Neumann

### Dec 16

Ace Dupent  
Lilly Hicks

### Dec 17

Tracy Dansby  
Christopher Dingerson  
Rebecca Worlow

### Dec 18

Derrick Schumm  
Sydney Webb

### Dec 19

Kim Gudzinkas  
Jeffrey Morrison

### Dec 20

Daniel Nafziger  
Cindy Smith

### Dec 21

Kyle Barth  
Peyton Edmiston  
Kevin Rockhold

### Dec 22

Timothy Althiser  
Darlene Meyer

### Dec 23

Jamie Driskell  
Nicholas Fornoff  
Amanda Memken

### Dec 24

Jeffrey Gauger  
Ryan Stoehr

### Dec 26

Zachary Allen  
Penny Hoover

### Dec 28

Marshall Edmiston  
Raymond Hall  
Noah Justi  
Donna Pool

### Dec 29

Jeffrey Turney  
Jeremy Turney

### Dec 30

Delores Rees

### Dec 31

Mackenzie Abatie  
Ricki Belcher  
Julie Hammond

Our apologies to Billie Jackson.  
We left her off the birthday list last  
month. Happy Belated Birthday,  
Billie.

### Dec 07

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Daryl & Laura Dagit

### Dec 10

Roy & Debra Dagit

### Dec 12

Denny & Carol Jones  
Richard & Kelley Ward

### Dec 26

Richard & Lois Jarvis

### Dec 16

Terry & Linda Norman

Anniversaries cont.

**Dec 17**

David & Lori Sego

**Dec 18**

Gregory & Carol Becker

**Dec 27**

Daniel & Karen Nafziger  
William & Dorothy Sidell

**Dec 30**

James & Barbara  
Thompson  
Harold & Susan Wertz

**Dec 31**

Ray & Joyce Barnes

**PARISH NOTES**

**Church Attendance**

Oct 2019 **533** - 12 services  
Oct 2018 **628** - 12 services  
Oct 2017 **811** - 15 services

**Sunday School Attendance**

Oct 2019: **1,774**  
Oct 2018: **1,900**  
Oct 2017: **2,161**

**Worship Chairman**

Diane Gould

**Videographers**

Jim Lonergan

Thrivent calendars are available to their policyholders. Go to <https://www.thrivent.com/offers/calendar-photo.html> to order.

**Elders Communion Assistance**

**Dec 01** 8:00 a.m. Dave Drockelman  
10:30 a.m. Aaron Miller  
**Dec 15** 8:00 a.m. Randy Couch  
10:30 a.m. Steve Depew  
**Dec 24** 7:00 p.m. Tom Ivey  
**Dec 25** 10:00 a.m. Randy Couch  
**Dec 29** 8:00 a.m. Joe Szadkowski  
10:30 a.m. Steve Depew

**Acolytes**

**Dec 01** 8:00 Bradley Hoover  
10:30 Ella Friedinger  
**Dec 04** 7:00 Bradley Hoover  
**Dec 08** 8:00 Zachary Webb  
10:30 Erin Wilson  
**Dec 11** 7:00 Zachary Webb  
**Dec 15** 8:00  
10:30 Ella Friedinger  
**Dec 18** 7:00 Ella Friedinger  
**Dec 22** 8:00 Alexis Daniels  
10:30 Lilly Daniels  
**Dec 24** 7:00  
**Dec 25** 10:00 Lilly Daniels  
**Dec 29** 8:00 Bradley Hoover  
10:30 Ella Friedinger  
**Dec 31** 7:00 Ava Friedinger

**Greeters**

**8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**

**Dec 1** 8:00 Jerry & Paul Norman  
10:30  
**Dec 8** 8:00  
10:30  
**Dec 15** 8:00  
10:30  
**Dec 22** 8:00  
10:30 Sandy & Valerie  
Ferguson  
**Dec 29** 8:00 Vince & Sandy  
Tennell  
10:30

Please consider being a Greeter at our morning services. It is always nice to walk in and have someone greet you. Thank you.

**Special Services for Advent and Christmas**

**Advent Vespers Services @ 7:00 p.m.:**

**Sermon Series:**

“Oh, Come”

Wednesday, Dec. 4 - “Oh, Come, Immanuel” Matthew 1:21-23

Wednesday, Dec. 11 - “Oh, Come, Wisdom from on High” Proverbs 8:32-35

Wednesday, Dec. 18 - “Oh, Come, Desire of Nations” Haggai 2:7, 9

A light supper is served in the church basement before each service, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**Christmas Services**

Sunday, Dec. 22 - 10:30 a.m. Children’s Christmas Service “From Heaven Above”

Tuesday, Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday, Dec. 25 - 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Festival Communion:

Tuesday, Dec. 31 - 7:00 p.m. New Year’s Eve Vespers

**Ushers**

<b><u>8:00</u></b>	<b><u>10:30</u></b>
Ray Barnes	Brian Lundeen
Daryl Dagit	Mike Nauth
Dave Kesselmayer	Dan Watson
Garret Kesselmayer	Mike Wilson
Daniel Rees	



# **TREASURER'S REPORT** **OCTOBER 2019**



	<u>October</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<u><b>INCOME</b></u>	26,073.57	327,451.08
<u><b>EXPENSES</b></u>	29,568.23	321,276.29
<u><b>INCOME</b></u>		
<u><b>EXPENSES</b></u>	(\$3,494.66)	\$6,174.79
<u><b>General Fund Accounts</b></u>		
General Fund		-49,325.00
<b>General Fund Total</b>		<b>-49,325.00</b>
<u><b>Educational Fund Accounts</b></u>		
Educational Grant Fund Checking		4,727.56
Educational Grant Fund CD #1		103,371.18
Educational Grant Fund #2-Vanguard		69,956.76
<b>Educational Fund Total</b>		<b>178,055.50</b>
<u><b>East Bluff Property</b></u>		
East Bluff Property—Vanguard		42,610.52
East Bluff Property Fund CD		107,170.96
Cat Stock at FMV		50,849.20
<b>East Bluff Property Fund</b>		<b>200,630.68</b>
Building Fund Checking		50,079.30
Sunday School Fund Checking		11,270.24
Memorial Fund Checking		29,920.60
<u><b>TOTAL ASSETS</b></u>		<u><b>\$420,631.32</b></u>
Checking Account Balance		46,672.70
		<b>46,672.70</b>
<u><b>LIABILITIES</b></u>		
Note Payable		39,182.42
Payroll Liabilities		1,186.47
Misc LCMS Orgs Fund		(9.90)
<u><b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b></u>		<u><b>40,958.99</b></u>
<u><b>FUND BALANCE</b></u>		
Building Improvements		-299,680.34
Net Income (Loss)		6,174.79
Capital Accounts		673,177.88
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>379,672.33</b>
<u><b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE:</b></u>		<u><b>\$420,631.32</b></u>

# **HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY** **November 11, 2019**

President Ron Reising called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Pastor Bishop opened with devotions.

After review of the October 14, 2019 Minutes, John Neumann recommended the following changes. Under Board of Worship, the language should read...Then, Mike Nauth made a motion that Allison Harley be hired for the position of full-time organist. Howie Proehl seconded the motion. A discussion followed, Dave Drockelman made a motion to close the debate, which was seconded by Howie Proehl. Motion carried. A roll-call vote on the motion resulted in a tie; therefore the motion was defeated.

In addition, under the Board of Evangelism, Bob Oliverius made a motion to continue with the weekly radio broadcasts with WVLE through December, 2019 if they will accept a two month contract. Nancy Drockelman seconded the motion – motion carried. The station accepted the two month contract. Therefore, we will continue with the radio broadcasts until December 31, 2019.

A motion was made by Ross Gould, seconded by Bob Oliverius, to approve the October 2019 Minutes as amended – motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Drockelman presented the October 2019 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Gary Pool, seconded by Don Schoedel, to approve the October 2019 Treasurer's Report – motion carried.

Board of Trustees – Dave Kesselmayer reported that Kreilings Roofing recently fixed the leak in the bell tower. The lights in the sign have also been repaired. The furnaces were all checked, and the roof top unit for the new addition was repaired.

One of our church families would like to use their Memorial Money to purchase pew cushions and the family would cover the remaining costs of the cushions. Dave will have further discussion with the family.

The city was planning to start the drainage project today, but was unable to start due to the inclement weather. Plans are to complete the project within a month.

The Trustees are getting bids on flooring, lighting, and ceiling for the church basement, and are planning to remove the room-dividing curtains in the church basement.

The Trustees will be putting up the Nativity Scene on Saturday, November 30 at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to help with the set up.

Board of Elders – Randy Couch reported that the Elders will host a German Dinner on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. Attendees were reminded that the Elders were disappointed with some of the



attitudes at the last Voter's Meeting and that politeness and Christian love should always be practiced.

Board of Finance – Nancy Drockelman reported that the budget for 2020 will be presented under Unfinished Business.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Worship – Mike Nauth gave an update on the hiring of a new church organist. The Committee has interviewed Kevin Stark and is waiting for a final decision from Kevin. We will have pianists fill in under a final decision has been made.

The Worship Committee will decorate the Sanctuary at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. All volunteers are welcome.

Board of Evangelism – No report.

Board of Stewardship – Brian Ford reported that he and Pastor Bishop recently attended to district meeting in Washington regarding Stewardship Education. Plans are to utilize resources from the district here at St. John's. Bringing Giving Home is one of the programs that will be used next year. Districts are receiving less funds each year. There is hope that an African-American pastor will be called for Christ Lutheran Church in Peoria. With the help of volunteers, the Quad Cities and Jacksonville Circuits are ministering to the Hispanic communities.

Long Range Planning Committee – The Long Range Planning Committee did not meet in October.

Educational Grant Fund Committee – No report.

East Bluff Property Committee – No report.

Constitution By-laws Committee – No report.

Unfinished Business – Nancy Drockelman presented the proposed 2020 budget. The budget will be voted on at the December 2019 Voter's Meeting. Voter's Meeting.

Officers and Committee members need to be voted on at the December Voter's Meeting. Additional volunteers were received at the meeting and there is still a need to fill some open Committee positions.

Gary Pool reported that nine members completed the CPR/AED training.

New Business - No report.

Bob Oliverius made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Ivey, and the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Ivey  
Secretary

## 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2020 are being prepared. If you do not have envelopes and would like a box, phone the church office: **347-2136**. Envelopes will be available in the gym beginning **December 18th**.

Contributions for 2019 must be received by **Dec. 31st** in order to be

## Committees

The Board of Christian Education will meet on Sunday, December 1 after the 10:30 service.

The Worship Committee will be decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Join us at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, Nov. 30, if you would like to help.

The Trustees will be putting up the Nativity Scene on Saturday, November 30 at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to help with the set up.

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Viola Deppert says thank you to the Youth Group who worked in her yard on Sunday, November 17.



We received thank you letter from Lutheran For Life.

Thank you for your recent generous gift to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, given on 10/7/19. I am a second year deaconess student at the Seminary, and your gift is greatly appreciated. It is very helpful to our Seminary with fulfilling its mission for form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all. Thank you again! In Christ, Katie Aiello

Received a thank you letter from Concordia Seminary if St. Louis.

Received a thank you letter from Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

THANK YOU to everyone for your cards and prayers and to Pastor Bishop for his visits with Ed, from the **Knussman & Ellingworth Family**.



## DECEMBER LIBRARY CORNER

*By Eileen Tiona*

*This is the name by which He will be called:  
The Lord Our Righteousness." Jeremiah 23.6*

I haven't any new books to report on this month, but you are welcome to come into the Library and check out all the wonderful books that are available for your enjoyment.

*Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

## ORGANIZATIONS

### LWML

**LWML** will have their Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. in the church basement. Please bring a dish to pass and a friend. We will be coloring cards for philsfriends which gives out care packages to individuals with cancer. We will finish making up Baby Care packages.

philsfriends.org is a Christ-centered organization that give hope and support to those affected by cancer. Go to the website for more information on this matter.

St. John's Fellowship Club will be meeting December 14,

### FELLOWSHIP CLUB *By Veva Martin*

2019, at 5:00 pm at the church for our potluck. Chicken and potatoes will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass around. Tom & Cheryl Ivey will be hosting this event. We will have a gift exchange (not to exceed \$15). Hope to see you there!

The Youth Group will be serving cookies and drinks between services on Sunday, December 8.

### Youth Group

## WOMEN'S GUILD *By Leslie Hawk*

There is no December meeting for the Ladies Guild, but please join us for our next meeting will be Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30 pm in the church basement with Linda Norman and Jackie Nauth serving.

We hope to see all of the ladies of the congregation there! Merry Christmas!

## Young Adults

The Young Adults will not meet this month. Watch future bulletins for our next meeting.

**BELLS QUARTET:** The ladies have put together a bell quarter consisting of Cathy Smith, Amy Ashbaker, Jessica Madsen Ashbaker and Deanna Bishop. They will play at both morning services on December 22.

**HIGHER THINGS** – St. John's youth who are already confirmed (or will be by next summer) have an opportunity to attend the Higher Things Youth Conference in Maryville, Missouri, July 7-10, 2020. These conferences feature excellent teaching with numerous sectionals, solid worship services, and plenty of opportunity for recreation. If we have at least 2 youth who commit to attending, we will plan to go. Please contact Pastor Bishop by December 8.

## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:

If you are interested in providing a poinsettias for our Christmas service, please call Deanna Bishop 382-1106. Orders will need to be placed by Dec 1.

Cost is \$10.00 If you would like to bring your own poinsettias, please let Deanna know and have poinsettias at the church by Saturday, December 21. Thank you.





## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**Santa's Secret Worship** will be begins Dec. 4 to Dec. 11.

Early dismissal at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 13

**Preschool Christmas Program:** Join GSLS preschoolers for their Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 17th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Board Meeting** will be Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

**Christmas Experience:** The students in K-8th grades will have their Christmas program on Thursday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Join us for this Christmas experience.

**December 20:** We will enjoy a day of caroling and parties.

**December 20:** End of 2nd Quarter.

Christmas break will be from December 21 to January 5. School resumes on Monday, January 6, 2020.

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS

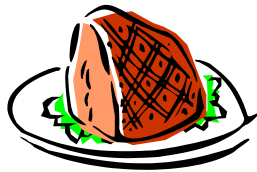
Pekin Township will be serving a ham dinner to anyone who would enjoy a Christmas meal.

Dinner will be served

Thursday, December 19, 2019

from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at

the Pekin Township Community Room, 420 Elizabeth St.



They will also do home delivery to shut-ins and handicapped only. If you know of anyone who may need a meal, please tell them about the Christmas Dinner. (Last day to call for home delivery is Wednesday, 12/16/19.)

### **In Our Prayers**

*If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.*

All our shut-ins

Adam Jackson - member of Armed Services  
(grand-nephew of Lila Lisenbee)

Pastor Niemann

Mark Reeder

Bob Watson

Bernice Mack

Stacie Kendall

Tim Johnston

Pat Proehl

Donna Corso

Flo McClure

Sam Kendall

Rick Jarvis

Jim Thompson

Ellen Morrison

Vince "Buzz" Oltman

Wilmadean Habberfield

Ray Pitchford

Christian Bouche

Carolyn Urish

Dee Rees

Ray Barnes

Larry Turner

Pastor Kesselmayr

Lois Becker

Cheryl Williams

Robert Scott

Bob Funk

Donna Bollinger

Billie Jackson

Lynda Adkins

Joe Goodin

Sandy Morgan

Rita Lakamp

Ken Beck

Herb Groenwald

Shirley Williamson

Debee Pitchford

Joyce Wertz

Peggy Patten

Mary Ashbaker

Daryl Dagit

Charles Diemer

Robert Gregory

Journey to the Manger

Sunday, December 8th

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church

311 Hershey Rd., Normal—309-452-5609

These FREE tours include: Live drama and animals; singing and music; indoor and outdoor scenes & hot chocolate and cookies.

Meal available for purchase from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**St. Luke Lutheran Church**, rural San Jose, will host its annual Chili and Oyster Stew Supper and Bazaar on Monday, December 2, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Chili, oyster stew, chicken salad, ham sandwiches, hot dogs, and a wide variety of desserts will be served for a donation. There will also be cards, attic treasures, baked goods, and candy for sale. The church is located at 15757 N. County Road 3600 E., San Jose. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship!

## RECYCLING GUIDE

**Appliances** - Allied Iron & Steel; Appliance Recycling; Ameren Illinois

**Batteries** - Check local auto parts stores; Batteries + Bulbs; Interstate All Battery Center

**Cell Phones** - Check local cell phone providers; Police Depts.; ATR; Behr; Best Buy; Target

**Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)** - Ace Hardware (8903 Knoxville Ave., Peoria); Bartonville Hardware; Batteries + Bulbs; Nena's Hardware (1415 W. Forrest Hill, Peoria)

**Electronics** - *(Televisions, computers and computer components, audio-visual components such as VCR/DVD/DVR equipment are banned from Illinois landfills. Please properly dispose of your items at an Illinois registered electronics recycler.)*

Advanced Technology Recycling (ATR) - computers & components; accepts TVs

Behr Peoria—computers and components, microwaves; no TV's.

Best Buy - computers and components; accepts TSs up to 32"

Goodwill Donation Centers - computers and components; no TVs

Kuusakoski - computers & components; A/V equipment; microwaves; accepts TVs.

M&M Recycling - computers and components; no TVs

Waste Management Transfer Station - computers & Components; TVs

**Furniture & Mattresses** - can be disposed of at Peoria City/County Landfill in Edwards

**Medications/Prescriptions** - Police Stations in Bartonville, Chillicothe, Peoria, & Peoria Heights; Peoria County Jail; Peoria County Courthouse (check with Pekin Police)

**Metals** - A. Miller Co; Alter Recycling; Behr Peoria; Midland Davis

**Tires** - Check local tire service centers

## COOKIE WALK AT LUTHERAN HILLSIDE VILLAGE -

Friday, December 13, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Christmas cookies, anyone?** Fudge, Christmas cut outs, Thumbprints, Chocolate Covered Popcorn, Peanut Brittle, No Bake Cookies, Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter Blossoms, Springerle Cookies, holiday treats by the dozen. That's what you will find at the Annual Cookie Walk at **Lutheran Hillside Village**. Stop by between 8-11 am on **Fri, Dec 13th**. Located in the main lobby/front entrance to LHV, 6901 North Galena Road, Peoria. Public welcome! Proceeds benefit LHV's Benevolent Fund for those residents that outlive their resources.

**Do you like to bake?** If you are willing to bake prior to Thurs, Dec 12th we need you! We are asking for sweet treats, specifically cookies and candies, for the annual Cookie Walk at **Lutheran Hillside Village**. Please put your items in a container that you do not need back. They can be delivered prior to 11 am to the main entrance at LHV, 6901 N. Galena Road, Peoria. Marked "For Cookie Walk". The residents will be delighted with your efforts of making homemade goodies. Proceeds benefit LHV's Benevolent Fund. Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria say **THANK YOU!!**

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### Change to Address Directory

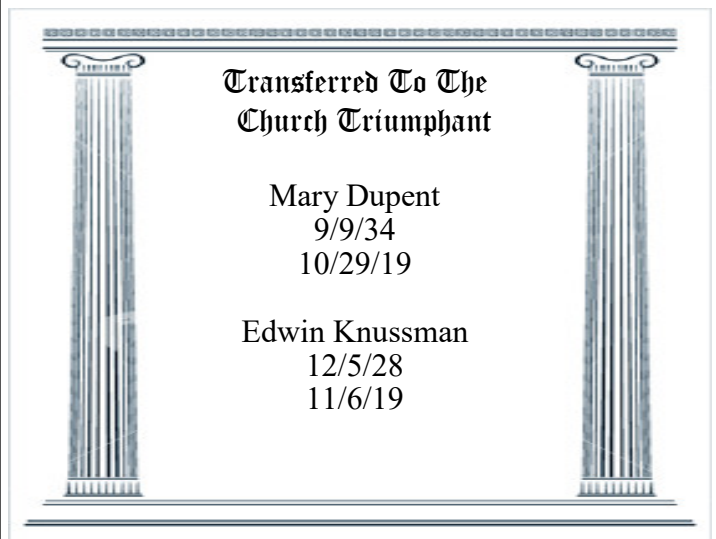
Address/Phone Changes:

- Carl Cox, Autumn Accolade, 13516 Townline Rd., Room 207, Green Valley, IL
- Eric & Amanda Ferguson, 2010 Liams Way, Dunlap, 61525-8734

Add:

- Logan Schoch, 31 Country Hill Rd., St. Peters, MO 53365

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## Bible Wordsearch



Wordsearch 231

Matt. 1:16 - 2:5

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### Birth of Jesus

AFRAID	APPEARED
ANGEL	CONCEIVED
BIRTH	CHRIST
CHILD	DIVORCE
DAVID	FATHER
DREAM	FULFILL
EXILE	HEROD
HOLY	HUSBAND
JESUS	IMMANUEL
JEWS	JOSEPH
JUDEA	MATTHEW
KING	MOTHER
LORD	PEOPLE
MAGI	PLEDGED
MARY	PRIESTS
STAR	PROPHET
UNION	WORSHIP
VIRGIN	PUBLIC
WIFE	SPIRIT
WOKE	WRITTEN

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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