

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER:

December 31, 2023 is the last day that donations can be received as 2023 business. The only exception to this rule is donations that are mailed to the church on or before the 31st and postmarked no later than December 31, 2023. Donations thus postmarked may be received as December donations even though they may arrive in January. A check with a December date on it cannot be received as a December donation if it was given to the treasurer after December 31, 2023 or is postmarked in January, 2024. **Failure to abide by these IRS requirements could result in loss of the Church's tax deductible status as well as other penalties.**

NOURISH MARKETPLACE FREE DELIVERY: The Nourish Marketplace December free delivery run will be here at the Leach Church this Wednesday, December 20, at 12:45 pm. Don't forget to come and pick up your order!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS SABBATH POTLUCK: Next Sabbath, December 23 we will be having our Christmas Basket Fellowship/Potluck. We invite everyone to attend and help put together Christmas baskets for the needy and shut-ins in our community. We will be doing this immediately after our fellowship meal. Please place this event on your calendar and plan on spending some time visiting our recipients when you deliver our gifts of love and fellowship.

HEALTH MINISTRIES: The Health Ministries Department is encouraging everyone to read or reread our first "A" list book "Ministry of Healing". This book provides practical instructions for a healthy lifestyle. Pick up a copy today. A donation to offset the cost can be placed in your tithe envelope. Write on memo line: Book - "Ministry of Healing". Please see Heather Floyd or Sonia Baird for more details.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Our Women's Ministries is collecting household tips such as cooking, hygiene and home remedies. If you have any ideas for this you would like to pass along, please contact Lillie Jackson or Mary Fry.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AT 5:00 PM: We are having Bible Studies here at the Leach SDA Fellowship Hall every Wednesday evening beginning at 5:00 pm. For further information contact Heather Floyd at 731-415-6968 or Mary Fry at 731-307-1933, if no answer send text message. (ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED ON NEXT PANEL >)

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CARD MINISTRY: The Leach Seventh-day Adventist Church Greeting Card Ministry provides encouragement to our congregation and community by sending greeting cards to those in need. If you know of someone who needs extra encouragement, please notify Becky McMinn with name and address.

THE LEACH CHURCH FOOD PANTRY: Operates on a monetary donation basis only by marking the amount you want specified for this with "Community Service" on your tithe envelope under the Local Church Budget section. If you know of someone in need, contact Aaron Sirk.

COLLECTION: Sister Ola Twing of our church is collecting labels from vegetarian canned foods. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please include the entire label. For more information, contact Sister Ola.

DOWN ON YOUR KNEES

A SMALL CATHEDRAL outside Bethlehem marks the supposed birthplace of Jesus. Behind a high altar in the church is a cave, a little cavern lit by silver lamps. You can enter the main edifice and admire the ancient church. You can also enter the quiet cave, where a star embedded in the floor recognizes the birth of the King. There is one stipulation, however—you have to stoop. The door is so low you can't enter standing up.

The same is true of the Christ. You know, you can see the world standing tall, but to witness the Savior you have to get on your knees. So at the birth of Jesus, while the theologians were sleeping and the elite were dreaming and the successful were snoring, the meek were kneeling. They were kneeling before the One only the meek will see. They were kneeling in front of Jesus.

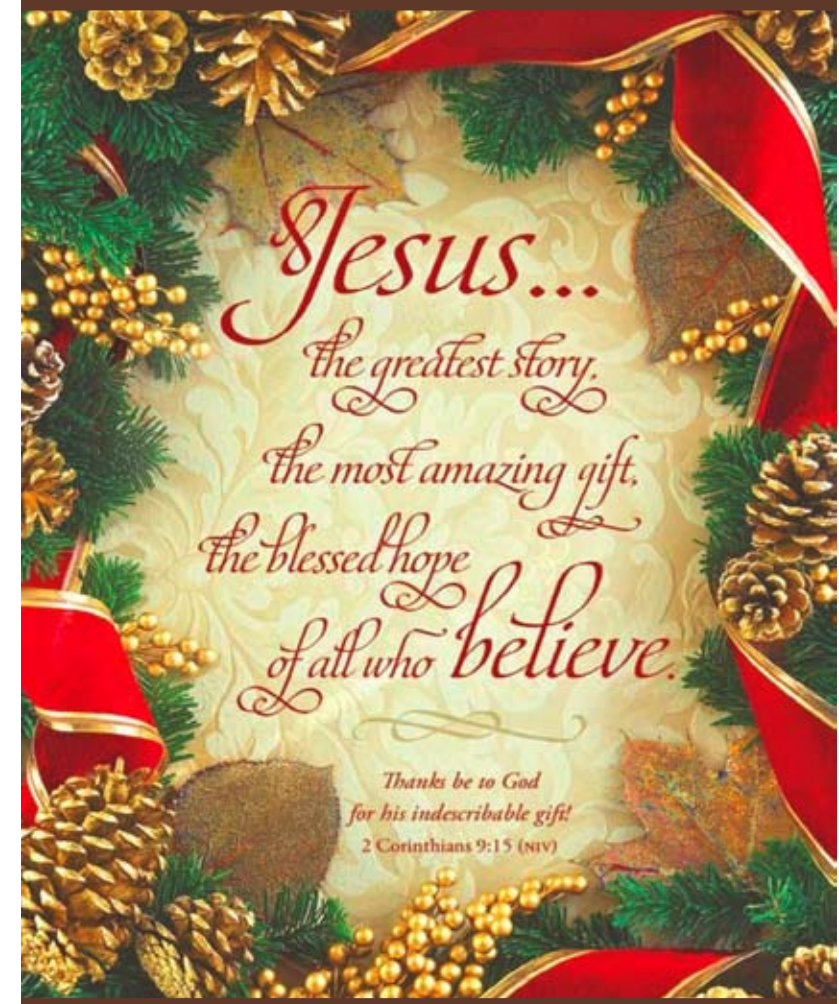
~Max Lucado

HOUSEHOLD TIP OF THE WEEK

Safely kill rodents by mixing 1 cup Jiffy corn muffin mix and equal part baking soda. Stir in enough water to make stick together. Put spoonfuls in lids. They love the taste and can't digest the baking soda.



Leach Seventh-day Adventist Church



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Worship and Sabbath School classes every Saturday morning:

- 9:15-9:30—Sabbath School Song Service
- 9:30-9:40—Sabbath School Mission Spotlight
- 9:40-10:30—Sabbath School classes
- 10:40-11:00—Health Spotlight, Song Service, Announcements, etc...
- 11:00—Worship Service Begins

Pastor: **Tim Osborn 518-802-8451**
Head Elder: **Aaron Sirk 731-614-6543**



ORDER OF WORSHIP ~ DECEMBER 16, 2023



Welcome!

to our visitors and members who are worshipping with us today. *This is the day that the Lord hath made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!* We welcome you in Christian fellowship and hope you will return to worship with us again. We give thanks to God for your presence and prayer. As we rejoice together, He fills us with renewed strength to face another week.

Gathering For Worship

- Song Service & Announcements, 10:40 a.m. & Health Spotlight Heather Floyd
- Worship Service Begins 11:00 a.m.
- Prelude Elders Enter
- Introit *Congregation: Please Stand*
"Amazing Grace" (#108 in Hymnal)
- Invocation *(Please Remain Standing)*

Praising Our God With Music

- Opening Hymn No. 115
"O Come, O Come Immanuel"

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

- Offertory *Congregation: Please Be Seated*
(Leach Church Budget)
- Doxology *Congregation: Please Stand*
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Rejoicing With God's Little Ones

Congregation: Please Be Seated

- Lamb's Offering Our Children
- Children's Story

She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus...

Praising Our God In Prayer

Congregation: All Who Are Able, Please Kneel

- Pastoral Prayer
- Prayer Response
Hear our prayer, Oh Lord; Hear our prayer, Oh Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and Grant us Thy peace. ~A-men.

Turning Our Thoughts Heavenward

Congregation: Please Be Seated

- Worship in Special Music Kloie & Bob Williquette
- Scripture Reading **Revelation 22:12-14**
[King James Version]

¹²And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. ¹³I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. ¹⁴Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Message From God's Word

~ **WHEN MICHAEL STANDS UP** ~
ELDER BRIAN BAIRD

Congregation: Please Stand

Responding to God's Challenge

- Closing Hymn No. 121
"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Congregation: Please Remain Standing

Departing with Joy & Peace to Serve

- Benediction

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
Matthew 28:19



CHURCH AT STUDY

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Song Service 9:15 a.m.
- Mission Spotlight 9:30 a.m.
- Sabbath School Classes 9:40-10:30 a.m.
- Closing Prayer

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO JOIN US EACH WEEK IN SABBATH SCHOOL

Why Celebrate Sabbath School? - - -

Because God's Work and His Will is Being Done • Because God's Love is Being Shared
Because God's Word is Being Studied and Taught! • Because the Sabbath Day is Being Observed



OUR PRAYER LIST ...PLEASE REMEMBER WITH SPECIAL PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Baumgardners; Joann Bell; James & Tina Boals; Travis Bray; Ronnie Clark Family; Bill Davis; Marie Fry; Mary Fry; Sandy Gentry; Eddie Haley; Vance Harrington; Kimberly Hartville Family; Glen & June Huey; *Cynthia Johnson*; Becky McMinn; Montrell Neely Family; Rosalind Powers; Matt Rosenthal Family; Ransel Sirk; Shauna Sirk; Sue Thomsen; Ola Twing; Andre Wilkerson; Travis Williquette; Carolyn Willis; Debbie Yates; Our Church Family



God's Holy Sabbath Concludes at 4:41 Today AND BEGINS AGAIN NEXT FRIDAY AT 4:44

Any information for publication in the bulletin must be submitted *no later than Thursdays at 6:00 pm.* to: rogabert@gmail.com, or by phone/text to: Robert Williquette at 731-358-8152.