

# 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.**

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS SABBATH POTLUCK:** TODAY, 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 light fellowship meal.

**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 5:00pm. For further information contact Heather Floyd at 731-415-6968 or Mary Fry at 731-307-1933, if no answer send text message.

**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. *(Announcements continued on back panel)*

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**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.

## JUST THE BEGINNING

**I**N MATTHEW 1:23, God called Himself Immanuel, which means "God with us." Not just "God made us." Not just "God thinks about us." Not just "God above us." But God *with* us. God where we are. He breathed our air and walked this earth. God...with...us!

Bethlehem was just the beginning. Jesus has promised a repeat performance. Bethlehem, Act 2. No silent night this time, however. The skies will open and trumpets will blast and a new kingdom will begin. He will empty the tombs and melt the winter of death. Death, you die! Life, you reign! The manger dares us to believe the best is yet to be.

I love Christmas because it reminds us how "God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God" (*Romans 8:28*). ~Max Lucado

## HOUSEHOLD TIP OF THE WEEK

**To sanitize washed dishes:** soak in warm water with a teaspoon of bleach or in hot water (77° Celsius [≈170° F]).

Leach Seventh-day Adventist Church

*O holy night*  
the stars are brightly shining.  
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It is the night of the dear  
*Savior's birth;...*  
O night divine!  
O night,  
*O night divine!*

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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 23, 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 ..... Lillie Jackson
- 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. 122  
"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

## Worship in Tithes & Offerings

- Offertory ..... *Congregation: Please Be Seated*  
(KY-TN Advance)
- 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 ..... Heather Floyd

*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 ..... Leach Church Choir
- Scripture Reading ..... Matthew 2:1-3  
[King James Version]

*<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him. <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.*

## Message From God's Word

**~ WORSHIP, INDIFFERENCE, OR DEFIANCE? ~**  
**PASTOR TIM OSBORN**

*Congregation: Please Stand*

## Responding to God's Challenge

- Closing Hymn ..... No. 137  
"We Three Kings"

*Congregation: Please Remain Standing*

## Departing with Joy & Peace to Serve

- Benediction ..... Pastor Osborn

Pianist: Brittany Osborn

*"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; *Jimmie Eubanks*; 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 & Albertha Wilkerson*; Travis Williquette; Carolyn Willis; Our Church Family



Thanks be unto God  
for his  
*unspeakable* gift.  
- 2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

**GOD'S HOLY SABBATH CONCLUDES AT 4:44 TODAY AND BEGINS AGAIN NEXT FRIDAY AT 4:48**

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.