

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

December 18, 2018

All
is
Calm

Worship at Lake Shore The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Worship of God
December 23, 2018

Sermon
Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture
Bathsheba

Missions Tree

We have had a generous response to the Missions Tree projects this year. If you took an ornament for Talitha Kou, The Cove, Meals & Wheels, or Mission Waco's Meyer Center, remember that your gifts for these places are due back at the church on Wednesday, December 19, because deliveries for them will begin on Thursday, December 20.



If you would like to help with another in-town project, we still have a few ornaments from Talitha Koum and Meals on Wheels. The global missions projects are all monetary ones; the checks for these need to be turned in by December 31. These projects include Christian Mission to Gaza, CBF projects for Chengdu, and the Lebanese Society for Social and Economic Development (LSESD). Even if you have not taken an ornament already, you may contribute to one of these. Contact Krysta for information.

We have gifts to deliver to Casa de Maria Y Marta in San Antonio. If you are traveling that way during the holidays and would like to deliver these gifts, please contact Ellen Brown.

We have also been contacted by the Brook Avenue Elementary to help with clothes for a family with eight children. If you would to help with this ministry, please contact sharlande@lsbcwaco.org.



Christmas Eve Service Monday, December 24 5:00 p.m.



Global Mission Offering Christmas Eve

Each year at our Christmas Eve Service, we take a special offering for a particularly vulnerable part of the world. This year the Global Missions Covenant Group has decided to designate our offering to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for its work in Yemen.

Why Yemen? Because four years of civil war have already caused about 85,000 young children to die, and now millions more are on the brink of famine. Although it is normally treatable, cholera has infected a staggering million people. Last week the United Nations reported that “immediate responses are required to save lives and livelihoods of millions” in Yemen.

Why the ICRC? Because it is the organization that seems to have the best organization on the ground in Yemen, and seems to be able to work most effectively with all sides in the conflict. The ICRC is working tirelessly to provide food, clean water, essential household items, and health services to the Yemeni population. In recent peace talks, the ICRC was designated to manage the exchange of more than 5,000 prisoners. Fabrizio Carboni, the regional director of the ICRC, expressed hope that the agreement would build confidence toward a political solution in the war, and added, “The Yemeni people can’t wait any longer for their ordeal to end.”

This Christmas Eve, as we take our Christmas Offering for Global Missions, we will remember the desperate needs of God’s children in Yemen. May our gifts and prayers support the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross under difficult conditions.

Welcome Sebastian, Anna, and Oliver Langdell



On Sunday, December 16 — the Advent Sunday of Joy — we were delighted to welcome the Langdell family to Lake Shore. They have been visiting on Sunday mornings this fall and have enjoyed the time they have spent with us. Now we will have the chance to joyfully walk alongside them and get to know them better in their new life in Waco.

Sebastian and Anna met in 2002, as incoming freshmen at Vassar College in New York, and they have been by each other's sides ever since. Traveling far and wide, they have lived in Brooklyn, Poughkeepsie, London, Oxford, Paris, Boston, and Austin. Anna is originally from the Boston area, and Sebastian grew up in the Los Angeles area.

Anna holds a BA in American Culture from Vassar, and an MPA in non-profit management from NYU. She devotes herself to arts education and is currently working remotely as Director of Development for a New York-based arts non-profit called The Art Effect.

Sebastian holds a BA in English from Vassar, and a master's and PhD in English from Oxford. He also has a creative writing master's (specializing in fiction) from UT Austin. His research focuses on later medieval poetry and religious writing. He is a new faculty member in the Baylor English Department, following in Tom Hanks' footsteps. Can you tell by the names of the courses in teaches? English Literature through the Sixteenth Century, Chaucer. Medieval Literature Graduate Seminar.

Anna and Sebastian have a 14-month-old son, Oliver, who loves playing with the family's exuberant labradoodle, Sadie, reading books, and pushing furniture around the house as he practices walking. He also loves singing, exploring outside, and making dinosaur noises. The Langdells love going for hikes and walks, camping (when the weather's right), cooking, visiting museums, and making art. Anna also loves doing yoga, and Sebastian is a runner (he ran his first marathon this year).

In response to the question “Why did you choose Lake Shore?” they told us: “We were drawn to the inviting and welcoming community at Lake Shore. We value the people we've met there, as well as the spirit of the church. Several aspects of the service also made us feel at home, including Kyndall's approach to sermons (and Oliver especially likes singing along to the music). We have tended to attend churches with warm, inclusive, diverse congregations; and we were so glad to find Lake Shore.”

Let us all joyfully welcome Sebastian, Anna, and Oliver Langdell. Their presence is a good gift to us during this season of the church year.

Children's Center Christmas Program

On Friday, December 14, dozens of babies, toddlers, and happy older preschoolers twinkled and sang and jingled their joy before a sanctuary full of proud parents and grandparents. The program was "just right." Imagine the wonder of bells and lights!



Unscramble these letters to get a clue about Santa Claus:
ISLUO ACAGRI

Celebrations...

Mikhayla Evans and her fiancé, Cody Gustavson, graduated from Texas Lutheran University this past weekend. They both graduated a semester early, Mikhaylah with a major in Social Entrepreneurship and Cody, in Computer Science. Her proud Lake Shore family members are Bruce, Terri, and Chandler Evans.



Prayers for...

Michelle Powell, whose mother, Margot Pettijohn, died on Sunday afternoon, in Potomac, Maryland. Andy and the girls flew to Washington early Wednesday morning to be there for the service on Friday. Our prayers are with Michelle, Andy, Maddy, and Kat; Michelle's father, Ken, and her sister, Cheryl.

Nathan Stone, who is in treatment for bladder cancer.

Linda Olson, who is Brazos Rehab. She would love visits and cards.

Tom Charlton, who is in hospice care in Fort Worth.

The Gift of Poinsettias

Given in memory of...

Alex Ware by *Pam Smallwood*

Cindy Dowies by
Angela Whorton

David Kopplin by
Bob and Alice Baird

David Kopplin by
Ellen and Brent Brown

David Kopplin by *Faith Kopplin*

Dorothy Clark by *Ellen Brown*

Glenda Hobbs Reynolds by *Willie, Barbara, and Gayl Hobbs*

Jacob Field by the *Rodaboughs*

Katherine Baird Darmer by *Bob and Alice Baird*

Minnie Herving by *Carolyn Plaa*

Nancie Wingo by *Sharlande Sledge*

Our parents and our grandson Evan McElroy by
Nancy and Fred Gehlbach

Oscar V. Hinojosa by *Carlos and Emily Hinojosa*

PM, Jeff, Jerry, and Jack by the *Johnstons and Mayfields*

Roy Smallwood by *Emily and Kate Smallwood*

Roy Smallwood by *Pam Smallwood*

Vernon Cole by the *Rodabough-Coles*

Zach Gordon by the *Rodaboughs*



Given in honor of...

Ann and J.L. Whorton by *Angela Whorton*

Annette Brister by *her children*

Annette Brister by *Tillman and Carolyn Rodabough*

Barbara Johnston by *Pam Smallwood*

Bill and Libby Bellinger by *Annette Brister*

Children's Center staff by *Naomi and John Fox*

Church staff by *Naomi and John Fox*

Carla Butler by *Sandy Londos*

Ellen Brown by *Ashley Thornton*

Honor Horn by the *Sunday School Class at The Delaney*

Joan Rectenwald by *Faith Kopplin*

Joan Rectenwald by *Helen Hastings*

Mary Meador by the *Sunday school Class at The Delaney*

Our children and grandsons:

Gretchen, Jeff, Eamonn Mc Elroy; and Mark, Christy, and Grant Gehlbach by *Nancy and Fred Gehlbach*

Our Geemi by *Jackson and Jojo*

Pam Smallwood by *Nathan and Pat Stone*

Rufus and Carol Spain by *Faith Kopplin*

Sharlande Sledge by *Helen Hastings*

Tillman and Carolyn Rodabough by *Nathan and Pat Stone*

Virginia Reichenbach by the *Sunday School Class at The Delaney*

Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian
 Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist
 Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
 Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC
 Krysta Pittman, Office Manager
 Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 23

9:30—Sunday School
 10:45—Worship
 4:00—Soulfriends

Monday, December 24

5:00—Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 24-January 1

Office Closed

Volunteers for

Sunday, December 23

Extended Care: Jen Bronson
 Ushers: Aaron Abels
 Andy Powell

No Wednesday Night Supper

December 26, January 2

Next newsletter January 3.

If you are planning to give to the 2018 budget, please do so by next week. Money given or postmarked on December 31, may not be deposited until next year.

Staff Notes

The church office will be closed Monday, December 24-January 1, for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Ross will be out December 30.
 Krysta will be out January 2.

Dianna Vitanza will lead the Metanoia Sunday school class in discussion of *Scenes of Clerical Life* by George Eliot beginning January 13.

Please contact Claudia Beal if you have questions."

Youth Update

This Week

December 19th
 Caroling w/ Church

Upcoming

January 11-13th
 Mid-Winter

Caroling and Chili Supper

Wednesday, December 19

Be here at 5:00.

We'll board the bus in the front of the church.

Bus leaves **promptly** at 5:15 p.m.

Email Sharlande@lsbcwaco.com to

let us know that you are coming for caroling and chili.

Chili *after* caroling

(so eat an appetizer before you board the bus if you're used to eating early!)

\$3 per person



Yes,
 Sunday School
 December 23.

No Sunday School
 on December 30.

Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2018 budget of \$486,000.00 are \$9,826.92. This week's budget receipts were \$51,416.00.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$491,346.00	\$449,442.05	(\$41,903.95)

To give online, please click [here](#).