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A newsletter of the
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DECEMBER 2015

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for all the cards, calls and food brought in. I'm doing okay - got a ways to go.

God Bless all of you, *Ruth Charlson*

We are so thankful for your support, prayers and thoughts. My grandma is so thankful for the prayer blanket - she put it on my grandpa's favorite chair. I know all the prayers have helped her in this difficult time. My family is blessed to have such a caring community in Eldon UMC.

Thank you again, *Lisa, Adam, and John Caine*

Thanks for your prayers, cards, and prayer blanket. *Paul Mosher*

We are so grateful for all the food donations the last 2 months - 120 pounds! God bless all of you. Also, a huge thanks to our UMC volunteers! They are great! *Eldon Food Pantry*

Thank you
Thank you for the Pastor Appreciation card and gift certificate to Vista Grande last month. You continue to make me and my family feel welcomed and appreciated here, and we enjoy serving Christ together with each of you.

Pastor Steve

Youth Sunday/Youth Christmas Program



Please join us at 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, December 20th to watch the Youth perform their Christmas program. The Youth will also be helping during the service that morning. Come help cheer them on!

Christmas Eve

We will have our traditional Candle-light Christmas Eve service again this year at 7 pm on Christmas Eve. This will be a special time of music, singing carols, and communion.

The church will also be open in the afternoon from 12 – 3 for communion for anyone who is unable to make the evening service.



POINSETTIAS



Once again the sanctuary will be decorated with the beautiful poinsettias purchased from a previous year. Your gift of \$10.00 will be used for our church's mission outreach through our apportionments. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, as well as special envelopes for your donation. Please give us your name and the name(s) of the people you are giving in memory or honor of. This list will be in our bulletin each Sunday of Advent. Please have your name and money in by December 13th to ensure it gets in the bulletin by the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20.



Join Us for
the Holidays!

Christmas Tour of Churches

On Wednesday, December 16th the Ministerial Alliance will host its annual Christmas Tour of Churches. The program will start at our church at 6:00 pm, where both the children's choir and the bell choir will perform.

Suggested ticket price is \$10 each, with a cap of \$20 per family. All money raised will go to supporting people in need in our community. Tickets can be purchased at our church on Sunday mornings or at any of the churches on the evening of the program.

The schedule is as follows:

United Methodist - 6:00 to 6:20

Sacred Heart - 6:30 to 6:50

1st Christian - 7:00 to 7:20

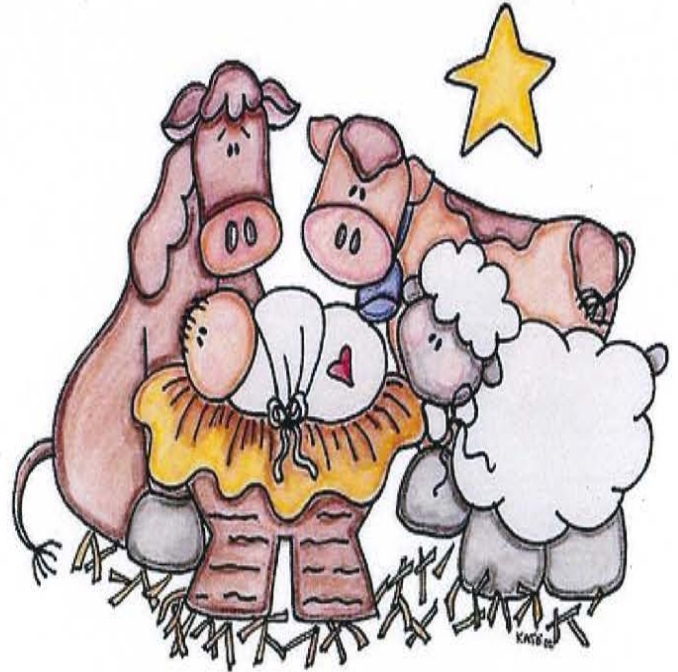
Bethany Lutheran - 7:30 to 7:50

Ninth Street - 8:00 to 8:20

1st Assembly of God - 8:30 to 8:50

First Baptist - 9:00 to 9:20, with refreshments at the end of the programs

Nazarene - Living Nativity during the entire evening



Men's Breakfast Fellowship



The men's fellowship breakfast will continue on the first and third Saturday of every month from 8:00 – 9:00 am at the Silver Dollar. This month's dates are December 5th and 19th. This is a time when we can come together as Christian men to eat, have a short devotion, fellowship, and to encourage each other in our faith. This is an informal group for MEN of all ages and no RSVP is required, just show up.

SCHOLARSHIP \$ FOR YOUTH



I praise God for the enthusiasm of our Youth to go to the WOW Youth Conference. They are excited about it, and many are wanting to bring friends. Last year one of the youth who went with our group became a Christian and committed her life to Christ at the conference. That is what it is all about! \$125 is a lot for some to pay, so once again I would like to provide scholarships for the youth who need it. If you would like to make a donation towards the scholarships, simply write WOW YOUTH on the memo line of your check or envelope. Thank you, Pastor Steve.

Men's Annual Christmas Breakfast & Worship

Once again the First Christian Church will host the Men's Annual Christmas Breakfast & Worship. This ecumenical breakfast and worship time is for all men from Eldon and the surrounding community. Worship begins at 7:00 am and is followed by a hot breakfast.



This year our church is scheduled to lead worship on Thursday, December 17th. I am not allowed to lead or participate in the worship service, as tradition is for the worship time to be planned and led by the members of the churches and not by the pastors.

Therefore, our church needs 2 or 3 men to help plan and lead the service. We need to pick out 2 or 3 Christmas Hymns, a Scripture passage, and have someone give a short devotional message and someone to pray. If you are able/willing to help with the service please email or call me and I will talk about the details with you. I have 1 volunteer already but it would be nice to have 2 or 3 more. We need to plan this soon, so let me know soon.

Those of us who have gone in the past know that this is a good time of worship and fellowship, and the breakfast is always great. If you are interested in heading this up or in helping us make breakfast on that Thursday, contact Pastor Steve. The schedule for this year is as follows:

Wednesday December 16, 2014

First Baptist Church – Worship
Ninth St. Christian Church – Breakfast

Thursday December 17, 2014

United Methodist Church – Worship
Bethany Lutheran Church – Breakfast

Friday December 18, 2014

Sacred Heart Catholic Church – Worship
First Christian Church – Breakfast

During the Christmas season, it has been our custom to donate something extra to our staff. This includes our pastor, nursery attendant, and secretary. If you would like to show your appreciation for these people, please mark your donation, "Staff Christmas" and place it in the collection plate. Make checks out to the Eldon UMC and have your donation in by December 13th. Our financial secretary will take care of the rest. Thank you and have a Blessed Christmas.

Christmas Wish List



If you are upgrading your TV this Christmas and are looking for a place to donate your old one (LCD or LED TVs only please), I would like to upgrade our old TVs at the church.

Please considering donating your TV to one of our Sunday school rooms rather than sticking it in a closet or the garage. Please call Pastor Steve before bringing your TV to the church!

Also, we are needing a wireless repeater that will work with wireless N networks. Most wireless N routers can act as a repeater, so if you are buying one of the new wireless routers with the extra-long range for Christmas, we can use your old one.

WOW YOUTH CONFERENCE



What: WOW (Weekend Of Worship)

When: January 23-24. Leave Eldon at 8:00 am on Saturday and return at 3:00 pm on Sunday

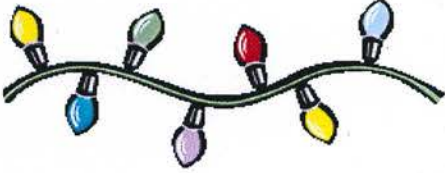

Where: Springfield Expo Center

Who: Youth, grades 6-12

How Much: \$125 (Includes registration, travel, hotel, and all meals)

WOW is a youth conference where teens hear nationally known Christian speakers, bands and comedians who talk about relevant issues that Christian teens face today. There is also a lot of fun and fellowship in a Christ-centered environment. Partial or full scholarships are available if needed. To sign up, or for more information, call or email Pastor Steve George at 573-286-6782 or pastorsteve@eldonumc.org

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:00 pm UMW	3	4	5 8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Silver Dollar Rest.
6 9:15 am Flames practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Evening Service 7:00 pm Youth Group	7	8	9 6:30 pm Church Council meeting	10	11	12 10:00 am DAR
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