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# THE BRETHREN BUGLE

News & updates for the Goshen First Brethren Church



#### INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

WORSHIP NIGHT Nov 15th, 6:30PM

#### **COMING IN DECEMBER**

ADVENT SERIES IN LUKE: A Family Christmas

PASTOR'S OPEN HOUSE: Sat Dec 7th, 3-6PM

CAROLING: Dec 18th, 6PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Dec 24th, 7PM

## For the Sake of the World

#### **BY PASTOR CORY**

There's a lot I'm celebrating and thanking God for this season for our church. At our congregational meeting in October, I was tickled by our ability to navigate proposals for changes with graciousness toward one another. Even when we do not agree on everything, there is a definite desire and willingness to make changes if they will serve the Gospel and keep us unified. Even having the conversation well is something to celebrate!

More than that, we were able to hear and affirm a proposal to grant use of our facility to a group that feeds the homeless on the weekends. Beginning November 16th, Operation Treehouse will serve meals provided by The Window on Saturdays and Sundays 4-5PM in our Fellowship Hall. Understanding we may have much to learn, our congregation is demonstrating that we are willing to give of our resources and comfort for the sake of the world. May God guide us on the way!

### *LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH*

Life Group service projects continue to offer creative ways to bless people both locally and globally. In October, our group was able to provide dinner for teachers and staff at Chandler Elementary for their parent-teacher conferences AND to split firewood at the Metzlers' house to sell as a fundraiser for our annual mission trips to the Dominican Republic. (We fed 40+ teachers, and almost all the firewood has already been sold!) At 6:30PM on November 20th, we'll be hosting a box packing night for Operation Christmas Child. Come out and join us!



"The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service. The greatest form of praise is the sound of consecrated feet seeking out the lost and helpless." - Billy Graham



Looking for ways to serve? We can help connect you to several opportunities to use your gifts to bless folks inside and outside our congregation:

- Life Group Service Projects
- Thrift Store Ministry
- Youth and Kids ministry
- Hospitality & Outreach
- Weekend Meals for Homeless
- Visits to Shut-ins
- Transportation Help
- Handyman Projects

Contact office and pastoral staff for more information.

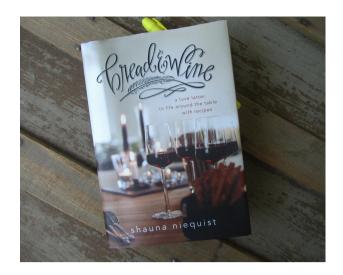
### GO DEEP IN FAITH & Community

We believe THE most important thing you can do for your spiritual growth is to gather regularly with other believers to share life together. Beyond Sunday morning worship, we encourage you to find opportunities to learn, pray, laugh, serve, and share with other believers. If you are searching for a place to grow with others, let us help you get connected!

"ADORNED" WOMEN'S GROUP is starting a new study in the book Bread and Wine by Shauna Niequist. Each meeting involes sharing insights and a meal around a recipe from the book. They meet Tuesdays 5:30-6:30PM.

**Marked Men** meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday 6:30-8:30PM. Contact Jeff Parker or Pastor Cory for info on how to get connected.





*"If the home is a body, the table is the heart, the beating center, the sustainer of life and health."* - Shauna Niequist

### ADVENT SERIES IN GOSPEL OF LUKE

Treasured moments, visits home, great music, flurry of activities - Jesus knows what Christmas with family is like. Invite folks this advent season to experience what it means to find family with Jesus this Christmas!

- 12/1 "The Hope of a Child," Lk 1:25, 38
- 12/8 "His Name is John," Lk 1:57-66
- 12/15 "Encouraging Words," Lk 1:39-45
- 12/22 "Home for Christmas," Lk 2:1-7
- 12/24 "Treasured Memories," Lk 2:8-20



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Office Hours | Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-11:30 AM Thrift Store Hours | Wed-Fri 9 AM-5 PM, Sat 10 AM-3 PM

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