



*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." - John 1:1*

John's Gospel hands us a very different Christmas story. You won't find any shepherds or angels or even a manger. But you will find a unique perspective on the birth of Jesus. In this Christmas story, we are presented with the eternal Word of God who becomes a human being in first century Palestine.

Here Jesus's identity is wrapped up intimately with a perfect communication of the Creator's heart. Jesus becomes the message of good news that transforms our hearts today. It is the word that spoke all of creation into being. And it is the same powerful word that can make a new creation out of us.

So my invitation to you this Christmas, in the midst of celebrating with family and friends, is to purposely open yourself to the Creative Word of encouragement, joy, new life and abundance this Christmas season!

Your Friend in Jesus,  
*Scott* ❤️  
**Zephaniah 3: 17**

### KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **SERVICE of CAROLS & CANDLES: Christmas Eve, 7pm.** Bring the whole family to this joyous celebration of Jesus' birth!
- **Dec. 14 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**
  - **1:15 pm: Drummond Island Lutheran Church**
  - **4 pm: Performing Arts Bldg., Detour Village**
- **SOUP SUPPER** on Friday night, **Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, @ 6 pm.** at Steve & Jenny's house (35663 E Johnswood Rd. Big boulder at the end of the driveway with

- a sign on it; Jenny's cell: (941) 661-2285). And invite a friend!
- **THANK YOU** to all of you who helped make [Operation Christmas Child](#) a true success! (Almost 3 dozen boxes!)



Our **Fourth Quarter Mission's giving** focuses on **international outreach:** A 2026 mission to rural **Romania** through [Perspective Danes](#)

and the lifesaving medical outreach to **Kenya** through [Love Matters Most](#). Please be generous in supporting Jesus' outreach of love! Collection is **Sunday, Dec. 28.**



*Derek, the owner of Biblesocks, shared this in his weekly walk blog:*

In a Sunday School class I taught a while back, we were talking about Jesus — His goodness, His mercy, and how He always shows up for us. In the middle of our discussion, one of the teenage boys (the kind you never quite know what he's going to say!) raised his hand.

"Derek," he said, "can I tell you one thing Jesus is really bad at?"

Every head snapped toward him. I took a breath, braced myself, and said, "All right... I'll allow it. But be careful."

He grinned. "Oh, trust me. Stay with me." Then he said: "Jesus is really bad at hide and seek."

Before I could respond, he continued: "The worst hide-and-seek strategy ever is: 'I'll tell you exactly where I am... come find Me.' And that's what Jesus does over and over again."

(Cont.)



He started quoting scriptures:

- "Ask, and ye shall receive..."
- "Knock, and it shall be opened..."
- "Seek me diligently, and ye shall find me..."

Then he said, "Jesus isn't trying to hide from us. He wants us to find Him."

I loved that. This young man preached a full sermon in 30 seconds.

Jesus doesn't hide.

He invites.

He reveals.

He makes Himself findable.

And the more intentionally we look for Him — in scripture, in prayer, in small miracles, in daily moments — the more we see Him everywhere.

- submitted by Greg Yarmoluk

(from:

<https://www.biblesocks.com/blogs/news/jesus-is-really-bad-at-hide-seek> )

## Pearls Of Wisdom

"Our True Identity In Christ"

We are set free from the law of sin that leads to death.

See: Romans 8:2

- Ruth Wise

## December Birthdays

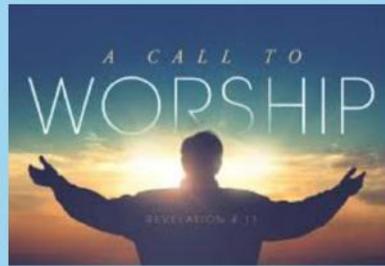
- 3. Carol Webber
- 24. Angela Danforth
- 25. **JESUS**
- 30. Kirk Tyler

## December Anniversaries

- 29. Scott & Angela Danforth

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, PLEASE let us know!)

### A night of worship and prayer



**When:**

Friday Night  
January 23, 2026  
6:00 PM

**Location:**

Lighthouse Church on  
Drummond Island

### A night of worship and prayer

**The Plan:**

The focus will be on worship and prayer together.

- We'd like to encourage folks from all the churches on Drummond Island (and beyond!) to come.
- We hope that a few people from every Church will come lead a few songs and/or prayers. Or, join the Lighthouse worship team if you play an instrument or like to sing.
- Contact for Questions
- John Grefer, 513-379-9963, Diane Grefer, 513-850-8712

ARTICLES FOR THE **JANUARY** NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY: **TUESDAY, DEC. 16<sup>TH</sup>** (Email, if possible)



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