


# THE MESSENGER

## CARLOCK BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Steven Szetela, Pastor

Sunday School - 9 AM

Worship - 10:15 AM

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### DECEMBER CALENDAR

Wed, December 3 - Board Meeting 7PM

Fri, December 5 - Live Nativity 5-7PM

Sun, December 7 - Morning Worship, Guest  
Preacher Dan Baker

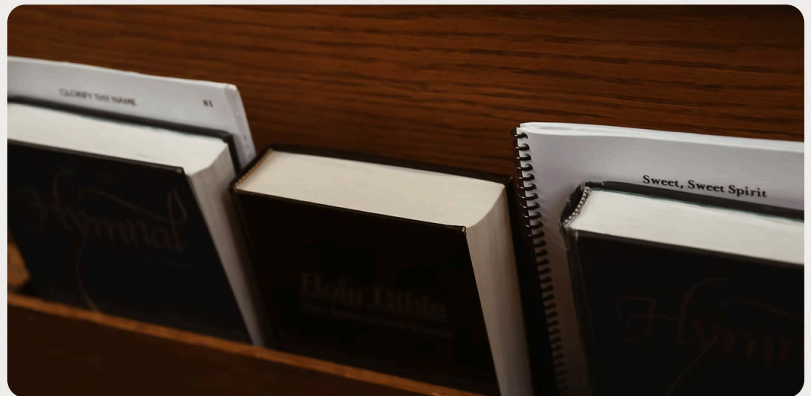
Mon, December 8 - MW Christmas Party 6PM

Sun, December 14 - Morning Worship

Fri, December 19 - Christmas Caroling 6PM

Sun, December 21 - Candlelight Service 6PM

Sun, December 28 - Morning Worship



### Updates from Your Church Board

The board met in November to review ministry updates and ongoing projects. Outreach has begun planning for Christmas giving, and preparations continue for the Live Nativity on December 5. With several families unable to participate, adults will help fill roles to ensure the program can continue smoothly. Trustees reported on several building needs, including bell tower and chimney repairs, Sunday School partitions, foyer door updates, and areas of exterior wood that need attention.

Additional projects being explored include attic insulation and a repair to the boiler pump.

Pastor Steven shared that the new Greeter schedule is going well and highlighted several upcoming guest speakers. He also encouraged the congregation to begin thinking about possibilities such as a Wednesday night service, adjustments to the Sunday School hour, and quarterly congregational meetings paired with fellowship time. The board also discussed organizing a church-wide Christmas caroling night in Carlock which will happen on the 19th at 6PM. Upcoming events include the Live Nativity and Soup Supper during the Carlock Tree Lighting on December 5.

## For December 2025

### Hospitality Committee

Emma Brandt

Danielle Otto

Barb Karr

### Sunday School

Noah's Ark – Abby Pyne

Lion's Den – Rene Atkinson

Jr/Sr High – Steven Szetela

### Food Pantry Item:

Meals

\*\*hamburger helper,  
canned spaghetti,  
beef stew, etc.



*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

–Isaiah 9:6 ESV

## A Note from the Pastor

As we enter the Christmas season, our hearts naturally turn toward the wonder of Christ's birth—the quiet manger, the angels' proclamation, and the fulfillment of God's long-awaited promises. Yet as we celebrate this beautiful moment in history, we are also invited to remember why He came.



The birth of Jesus was not only the fulfillment of prophecy, but the unfolding of God's eternal plan to redeem His people from sin. The Child in the manger was the Savior who would one day take our place on the Cross. This season, may we rejoice in the gift of Christ while also reflecting on the purpose of His coming. The light of Christmas shines brightest when we hold both the cradle and the Cross together. My hope is that our hearts will be filled not only with celebration, but with deep gratitude for the love that moved God to give His precious Son for us. May this truth shape our worship, our conversations, and the way we share His hope with others this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas,  
Pastor Steven

## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Mike Pyne

4 Ron Schieber

6 Tom & Sheri Floyd (A)

7 Ken & Annie Schwoerer (A)

10 Blake & Danielle Otto (A)

13 Orrin Hartter

13 Barb Karr

13 Kathy Schwoerer

13 Stephanie Staulcup

14 Micah & Amber Rhodes (A)

15 Mike Hartter

19 Emma Brandt

21 Olivia Brandt

21 Danielle Otto

21 Greg & Karen Otto (A)

22 Caleb Mohr

22 Avery Myers

23 Nick Moran

27 Kathy Moran

30 Jim & Roberta Bortell (A)

31 Micah Rhodes

