



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Friday, December 17

Opportunity Preschool Christmas Program @ **9:30am**

Sunday, December 19

Christmas Giving Tree gifts due at church.

Tuesday, December 21

Blue Christmas Service @ **7:00pm**

Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:30pm This service will include a children's special message.

8:00pm Candlelight Service



Sunday, December 26

One worship service @ **9:00am**

No Sunday School Classes

Church Office Closed

Monday, December 27—Friday, December 31

Welcome New SCC Members!

What a wonderful Advent season this has been. In addition to adding decorations all around the church, and preparing for the coming of the Christ child, we have also added several new members to the SCC family. Please continue to welcome these new sisters and brothers in Christ as their presence and commitment to Christ will no doubt be a blessing to us all!

Krista Hunter	9/19/2021—Transfer
Kyle Hunter	9/19/2021—Transfer
Jim Murley	10/24/2021—Confession of Faith
Ashleigh Oldfather	10/31/2021—Confession of Faith
Brett Oldfather	11/21/2021—Confession of Faith
Dakota Sanders	11/21/2021—Confession of Faith
Shelby Cesnik	11/21/2021—Confession of Faith
Verna King	11/21/2021—Confession of Faith
Holly Cecil	11/28/2021—Confession of Faith

May the Lord continue to bless and keep us all during this season of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Christmas Families

The Christmas Giving "Ornaments" can be found in the Hall of Light this year. The individual ornaments noting Christmas wishes of Speedway children will be hanging on strands of garland. To participate, select a gift you would like to provide, write your name on the tree-shaped portion of the ornament (leave the tree-shaped ornament on the garland), and take the corresponding gift tag with you to attach to the **wrapped** present you will return.



We will need all wrapped presents back at the church by Sunday, December 19. If instead you would like to participate by giving a monetary donation, please write "Giving Tree" in the memo of a check made payable to "Speedway Christian Church", and we will shop and wrap on your behalf.

Door Hangers

We have 400 door hangers to make it easy for you to invite friends and neighbors to experience the joy and meaning of Speedway Christian Church at Christmas time.

If you would like to distribute door hangers in your neighborhood, your apartment floor or any residential area, please pick up the door hangers you will need in the Hall of Light. There is also a sign-up sheet so you can say what area you plan to cover. Thank you for spreading the good news!

Please keep in Prayer

Barbara Golden Linda Baker
Bil Carter Betsy Enerson
Vicki Watts Ann Shutters
Noah Genung Jacki Pine
Sally Henzie
Sharon Loux (Rev. Kyle's grandmother)
Greg Littrell (Deanna Beaver's brother)
Becky Patterson (Andrea Baetsle's sister)
Linda Percy (Allen Percy's mother)
Diane Brooks (Don Brooks' wife)



Our Sympathy

To the family and friends of **LaVida Feucht** who passed away on December 4, 2021.

We express our condolences to Mindy Lewis-Hitch and family on the passing of her uncle, **Chester Lewis**, on Sunday, December 5.

To the family and friends of **Teri Planalp** who passed away on December 7, 2021.



Information Needs Updated?

Does the church office have your -

- ◆ Correct address?
- ◆ Correct telephone #?
- ◆ Correct email address?

If not, please let the church office know .

Thank you!

Stewardship/Finance

November 2021

Nov. 2021 Funds Received	\$	36,736
Nov. 2021 Expenses.....	\$	41,918
Nov. 2021	shortage	\$ 5,181

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Advent and Christmas blessings be with each of you!

Here are a few words about our Advent and Christmas season worship series that we have been using from *A Sanctified Art*.



When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. During the Advent and Christmas season, we journey through scriptures and rituals that are tender, heavy with emotion, and vulnerable. We carry the memories and truths of this season close to our hearts. The *Close to Home* theme acknowledges the "already but not yet" tension of our faith: Emmanuel is with us, and yet, God's promised day—our everlasting home—is not fully realized. It names our deep longing for God to come close to us.

The Advent and Christmas scriptures are rich with home metaphors and imagery. In these scriptures, home is both physical and metaphorical, something we seek and something we are called to build. In many ways, these scriptures are like blueprints—detailing the dreams of a God who makes a home with us. Ultimately, God is our home and resting place. God draws near and makes a home on earth; sacred ground is all around us.

This Advent, may we be comforted by the One who dwells intimately with us. May we expand safety and sanctuary for everyone wandering far from home. May we come home—wherever home is found—to live fully with joy, hope, and courage.

Shalom,

Rev. Kyle



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for joining me for my first recital at Speedway this past Sunday! It was a joy to share some of my favorite Advent and Christmas tunes with you. Musically speaking, the season of Advent is the richest of the year for a church musician. Organists for the last 500 years have been improvising and composing pieces on Advent and Christmas tunes. A large portion of Bach's surviving organ music is preludes on Advent hymns from the Lutheran tradition. My favorite, and the piece I started my recital with, is a prelude on the hymn *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (Savior of the Nations Come). This hymn was sung the first Sunday of Advent in German churches during the 18th century and Bach wrote 4 different organ settings of it. We think of his organ compositions today as "concert" music, but they were really improvisations. Bach improvised on hymn tunes every Sunday at his church in Leipzig – many of his organ pieces are simply written down improvisations. I've tried to model my approach to church music in this way.



I look forward to beginning the new year in ministry at Speedway. This community is already special to me in many ways, but it is now the first church that my husband and I attend together as a married couple, and I could not think of a better place to serve. I wish you all a joy-filled Christmas and a happy new year!

Sincerely,
Travis

2022 Church Calendar

Please make sure the church office is notified of the dates and times for your event, meeting, etc. This will ensure that the office has an updated church calendar for the year. **We need to hear from all groups (old and new) confirming dates and times.**

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study group meet on **Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Bethany Room.**

A Zoom link is also available. Please contact Bob Parke at rparkeatt.net or Art Vermillion at artpaulinev@sbcglobal.net they will send the zoom link to you prior to starting the group study.

Please join us!



Two New Ministry Teams for 2022

Pastor Relations Committees (PRC) are being formed for Rev. Kyle & Rev. Katie. What is a PRC? A PRC is a small group of persons who provide support for pastors and provide a regular channel of communication between the pastor and congregation. The PRC functions to augment and enhance the variety of informal and formal means of communication in the congregation. PRC's are based on three principles, confidentiality, acceptance, and trust and is not the go to team with complaints. Members of these teams are encouraged to direct any and all feedback or concerns directly to the ministers to encourage open and honest communication.

Chili Cook-Off 2021

We had 16 entries this year! Spicy, mild, traditional, medium hot, white, bean less, and last but not least we had a "good" chili entry. They were all great! Congratulations to Mike Hitch, the winner this year and the new owner of the first Chili Cook-Off apron. The apron was made by Rev. Kyle's mother, Kari Hunter. It was a fun night for all, we had a great crowd, good fellowship and lots of laughter! Our SCC youth did a fantastic job of making sure we all had what we needed. Thank you to Susan Pirtle, who always does an outstanding job of making sure everything is purchased, set up and ready to go. Thank you also to Don Heller and Susie Bishop for all their help.

The chili cook-off raised \$457.60 for the youth mission trip. Thank you to all those that attended and that brought their favorite chili for us all to enjoy!



Lunch & Learn

Please join Rev. Kyle each Monday at noon in the Bethany Room. Currently the Advent Devotional "Close to Home" is being discussed. The Advent Devotional can be found the Hall of Light and Narthex.



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Foster Children Outreach

Once again we will be collecting toys for foster children aged 0-16 for the Adult and Child Foster Care organization. If you would like to participate, please drop off a new, unwrapped gift at the church. While there are no restrictions on price or kind of toy, the foster care agency is encouraging donations geared toward teenagers. This may include: Bluetooth earbuds, Bluetooth speakers, coloring books and markers, board or card games, LED strip lights for their bedroom, etc. You also are welcome to contribute money, which Rev. Katie will use to buy toys. If you have any questions, please email her at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.



Thanks to Opportunity Day Pre-school we have a new ice machine. The old ice machine stopped working a few months ago, it was 9 years old and in need of a lot of costly repairs. Opportunity Day purchased the new ice maker for the church's use and theirs. Opportunity Day is always looking for ways to help SCC and we are so grateful!



*So Do Not Fear for I am with you;
Do Not Be Dismayed,
for I am your God.
Isaiah 41:10*

Approved 2022 Slate Speedway Christian Church

Moderator:	Heather Dietzer
Vice-Moderator:	Jim Murley
Secretary:	Rose Hunter
Treasurer Co-Chairs:	1) Rich Hoerger 2) Open Position
Trustee:	Jason DeLisle
Christian Education:	Karen Edmiston
Membership & Evangelism Co-Chairs:	1) Dick Schrock 2) Ashleigh Oldfather
Stewardship & Finance:	Co-Chairs: 1) Matt Golden 2) Sharon Golden
World Outreach:	Megan Hoerger
Public Relations Co-Chairs:	1) Marilyn Shank 2) Christy Morris
Personnel:	Sandy Hostrawser
Property:	Jeff Hammer
Worship & Fine Arts Co-Chairs:	1) Laura Tice 2) Susie Bishop
Senior Elder:	Jerry Walthall
Senior Deacon Co-Chairs:	1) Angie Smith 2) Amy DeLisle
Perpetual Fund Trustee:	Bill Harding