



The **Red** Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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**DECEMBER 2024
NEWSLETTER**

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The below image is from last Sunday (12/8/24). Picture this same church family bringing red envelopes to the front of the church on December 22. Our dream is that God will use his Word and our prayers and gifts to change lives around the world for all eternity.



Jamie and I want to enjoy bringing our red envelope up front at church. So, we may circle around from our front pew and walk all the way up to the front on December 22.

Ten years ago, Tim Michalek and I would dream in my study about how the Michalek's might minister in the Far East. Humanly speaking -- it seemed so far away -- like we might as well try to swim to the other side of the world.

But ten years later, the Michalek's are actively being used in Thailand and our church is partnering with Word Partners to see people strengthened with God's life-giving Word. Shoot -- we are even starring in videos.

Where red envelopes are concerned, Jamie and I agreed this morning about the additional sacrificial gift that we will submit. If our church is to reach the goal we've set, then this will require many gifts of many different sizes: gifts of a few dollars from some, and thousands from others. *But matching gifts sure do help.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through November 30, 2024

Total Approved 2024 Budget = \$582,041

Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$11,193**

Budget Giving through Nov. 30\$526,076
Actual Giving through Nov. 30\$534,857
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving\$8,781
Actual Expenses through 11/30/24\$496,559
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses\$38,298



Please note that to be counted for 2024 tax purposes, all church contributions need to be **RECEIVED** by the church office no later than **DECEMBER 31st**. Any contributions received after that date, *regardless of check date or postmark*, will be counted as a 2025 contribution.

If anyone would like an update on what they have given, or has any questions at all, please contact either:

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AWANA

Wednesday, Dec. 11th

Dress Like Christmas Night

Wednesday, December 18th

AWANA Store.

Glow Night at Club!

Wednesday, December 25th

No Club on the 25th – Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

No club on the 1st – Happy New Year!

Wednesday, January 8th, 2025

M & M Night at club.

December Birthday's

- Dec. 3rd - Elise Bonne
- Dec. 5th - Zach Poliska, John Anderson
- Dec. 8th - Pete Mazanec, Nathan Dray
- Dec. 10th - Sally Johnson, Steve Peterson, Daniel Irish
- Dec. 11th - Lana Lamer
- Dec. 13th - Karen Hilliard
- Dec. 14th - Logan Peterson
- Dec. 15th - Kari Janoski
- Dec. 16th - Carl Kottke
- Dec. 18th - Laura Mennen
- Dec. 19th - Betts Carby
- Dec. 21st - Ryan Roberts, Jim Warner
- Dec. 23rd - Kendra Booker
- Dec. 26th - James Daniels, Meredith Jones, Steve Arnold
- Dec. 27th - Marybeth Brauns
- Dec. 28th - Natalie Haugse
- Dec. 29th - Matt Montgomery
- Dec. 30th - Cameron Wissinger
- Jan. 4th - Wren Hickey

December Anniversaries

- Dec. 8th - Zach and Mandy Poliska
- Dec. 16th - Dan and Marilyn Holsinger
- Dec. 30th - Stan and Elaine Dodds
- Dec. 31st - Carl and Karil Kottke

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will be taking down our Church Christmas Decorations on Sunday, December 29th immediately after the 9:00 am worship service. Please stay to help if you can.



YOUTH GROUP
Christmas Parties

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th

JR HIGH - 4:00 TO 6:00 PM
BRICK CENTER

SR HIGH - 6:00 TO 8:00 PM
THE STAHL'S
220 W PRAIRIE TRAIL, SV

Falala lala lala

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

JOIN US after the luncheon on the 22nd as we go and Christmas Carol and visit our shut-ins and others!

Falala lala lala

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Gift Exchange

Things to know about 12/22/24!

- * Get your name tags in back of church from Jana when you arrive.
- * Pick-up children from Children's Church /Nursery at 10:00 am.
- * 1st service is from 9:00 to 10:00 am. (No 10:30 am service today!)
- * Caroling and Gift Exchange starts at 10:00 am.
- * Italian Beef Luncheon following Gift Exchange.
- * All church caroling following lunch.

There will be gifts for everyone!

We will also be collecting our red WORD PARTNER envelopes. So, bring your gifts and envelopes with you to church on the 22nd. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch following the gift exchange. If you are planning on staying for lunch, please bring a dozed on your favorite Christmas cookies with you to share!

Red Brick Church High School Girls Bible Study

The study will meet on Saturday, Dec. 21st from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the Bogner House.

COMPARISON GIRL for Teens

THRIVING BEYOND
MEASURE IN A WORLD
THAT COMPARES

SHANNON POPKIN LEE NIENHUIS

All high school girls are invited to attend!

MEN'S MORTAR GROUP

MEN'S MINISTRY

DECEMBER 19

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Brick Center

Recipe

From the kitchen of: _____

Oven temp: _____ Serves: _____

Prep time: _____ Cook time: _____ Total time: _____

Ingredients: _____

Ladies!
Please leave completed recipe cards in the church office by Monday, December 30th.
Thank you!!



Word Partners exist to elevate God's life-giving Word in the hearts, lives and ministries of pastors and their people.

REMINDER:

We will be collecting the Word Partners Red Envelopes on Sunday, December 22nd. Extra envelopes are in the back of the church.

This Christmas Season we are partnering with Word Partners: a ministry that exists "to elevate God's life-giving Word in the hearts, lives, and ministries of pastors and their people." We are praying that "the Bricks" can be part of elevating God's life-giving Word even from our obscure place! Our celebration on December 22 will include receiving gifts for Word Partners. Bring your **red** envelopes to church!

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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****

Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 pm

**CHRISTMAS
EVE**

Candlelight

SERVICE