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The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day

25 December 2022

Welcome! *The Light of Christ Shines Forth in the Darkness.* Heaven and earth rejoice on this night because the glory of the Holy Trinity is manifested in the human birth of "our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13), through whom the Father's grace and mercy permeate the world. Death's silence is nullified by this "good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10). And all we who have gone astray like lost and wandering sheep, who have "walked in darkness" of doubt, fear and sinful unbelief, behold "a great light" in the nativity of Jesus Christ (Is. 9:2). In Him, "the grace of God has appeared" (Titus 2:11). For this child of Mary who is born for us, this dear Son of God who is given to us, bears the burden of our sin and death in His own body on the cross. By initiating and fulfilling His earthly journey from nativity to crucifixion, Christ establishes a government of peace, "with justice and with righteousness," which shall have no end. This is not by any work of man, but "the zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this" (Is. 9:7). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Dylan Arldt-surgery
Gladys Arldt-recovering
Cynthia Boriack-recovering (mother of Antoinette Richardson)
Leroy Kalbas-hospitalized
Nancy Kasper
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ruby Weiser-recovering
Kenneth Weiser
Ralph Wenke-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)
Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Don Claxton (father of Jeff Claxton)
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)

Theresa Krause
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Ruby Maass (Mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA
Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York
Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Newport, Rhode Island
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning, Georgia

Those who mourn:

The family of Herb Roeber

Rain

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

The Order of Service– Worship Folder

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Herb Roeber. He fell asleep in Jesus Sunday, December 18, 2022. Funeral services for Mr. Roeber were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Thank You** for the many cards and gifts as we celebrated the birth of our Savior.
Pastor and Lisa Schmidt and family
- † **Thank you** to all who purchased poinsettias and the ladies of the LWML for beautifying the sanctuary by arranging the Poinsettias. If you would like, you may leave your poinsettias in the Church until January 1, 2023, otherwise you may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Day Service today and check your name off the list.
- † **November Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **January Calendar.** The January Calendar is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on December 12, 2021, the Voters set our 2022 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at **\$36,695.00**. We are **\$805.00** away from meeting our 2022 goal.
- † **Poinsettias.** An additional poinsettia was placed in loving memory of Barbara Symm by Michael Symm & family.
- † **Sunday School Teachers.** We are in need of 3 new Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Mike Symm
- † **Attention All Lutheran Ladies!** If you are interested in serving as a greeter for church services, please contact Melodi at 979-540-0039. No experience necessary and it's a great way to represent St. Paul to our visitors.
- † **2023 Offering Envelopes.** The **2023** adult offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the church office meeting room. The children's envelopes were sent home, with the children, on Friday. **Please continue to use the 2022 envelopes until the end of the year and then discard**, since offering envelope numbers often change from year to year. If you wish to give an offering to the 2022 church year, please give this before the New Year's Day service. If you failed to receive your 2023 envelopes or have any questions, please contact the church office.
- † **Annual Report.** Reports from various committees and organizations for our congregation's annual report are asked to be completed and turned in to the church office by January 23rd.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, January 1st, **“Out of Egypt”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr Anthony (Tony) Cook. “Out of Egypt I called my son.” With these words the Gospel of Matthew reveals the rich and interconnected history of the young nation, Israel, and the younger Savior, Jesus. Follow them on their journeys to discover the true Israel and what He means to your life today. (Matthew 2:13-23). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

Serving today: **Elders**– Monroe Schatte, Jr., and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Benjamin Schonhoeft and Grant Oltmann
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker
Ushers- Glen Albrecht, Wyatt Arldt, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Ethan Ray, Shane Ray, Shane Sander,
Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

December 25 – Nativity of Our Lord

The Lord bared His holy arm (Isaiah 52:10) not just by appearing in the form of a full-grown man. The Word became flesh (John 1:14) first as an embryo and a fetus. The clearest revelation of God’s glory (Hebrews 1:2-3) also designates every human life precious, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. We can no more keep quiet about the sanctity of life than we can leave out Christmas or Jesus from the gospel!

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Christmas Day Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.**
Monday ECC Closed
Mon. – Fri. No School – Christmas Vacation
Wednesday Wax Gym Floors
Saturday **New Year’s Eve Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**
Acolytes: Grant Oltmann and Elizabeth Richardson
Greeter: Theresa Krause
Next Sunday **New Year’s Day Worship Service w/Communion – 9:00 a.m.**
Acolytes: Kenedy Schatte and Malynda Schautschick
Greeter: Deanna Miertschin

Birthdays: Today – Michelle Gonzales, Ruby Schulze; 26th – Colton Early, Ludwig Krause; 27th – Luke Adair, Carrie Gonzales; 28th – Marcia Wenke; 29th – Kevin Kunkel; 30th – Allen Perry. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Advent (12/14)- 114, Morning Worship- 279, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 37, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Grade 1, Offering- \$29.00.

Offering Last Week: \$31,782.25

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$14,243.00	Mission	\$694.00
Advent	\$735.00	Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
Sunday School	\$29.00	Mission Total	\$719.00
Lunch Room	\$1,077.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$7,337.25	Building Fund	\$50.00
Tuition	\$7,437.00	Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Received 12/18/2022	\$30,858.25	Bus Replacement Fund	\$55.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$205.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$82,488.12	Total	\$31,782.25
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Nathan Wachsmann by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00. In honor of Alene Elliotte for her 90th birthday by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. In memory of Sandy Zettel by Doris Fritsche - \$25.00. In memory of Robert Grimm by Eldor & Lori Becker & Jeremy - \$20.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Sandra Zettel by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Melvin & Dorothy Schautschick by Jerry & Karen Faske - \$100.00.



Merry Christmas!!

Faith Lutheran High School wishes you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We pray God would shower blessings upon you this holiday season and in the year ahead! Thank you for being a blessing to FLHS!

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to Friday, March 10, 2023 will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

Raffle Items

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

End of Year Giving

In Proverbs 2:6, God's Word promises: "The LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Faith Lutheran High School exists to instill Christ's wisdom in His Word to prepare faithful leaders for tomorrow. Thank you for being a part of this mission through your prayers and financial support. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to further Lutheran education in our area. Matching funds are currently available to us from some gracious private donors, so please help us take full advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

Thank you!

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!

Thank you to everyone who purchased Poinsettias and to the ladies of the LWML for beautifying the sanctuary with the Poinsettias.

Christmas Poinsettias placed to the Glory of God:

- † In loving memory of Charles and Eunice Arldt by Gladys Arldt & family (1)
- † In loving memory of Royce Noack by Chris & Connie Becker, Mason Becker, Carson Becker & Courtney Koehne (2)
- † In loving memory of Melvin & Dorothy Schautschick, Elbert & Adelia Becker and Melissa Lehmann by Gary & Cindy Becker, Kristin Becker and Jason Lehmann and Kelly & Matt Neal (1)
- † In loving memory of my husband Otto Becker, Jr. by Janiece Becker (1)
- † In loving memory of Verna Mae Becker by Monroe Becker (1)
- † In loving memory of Joyce Bise by Jarrett, Stephanie, Jace and Levi Bise (1)
- † In loving memory of Alfred Buscha by Irene, Robin & Sherri Buscha (1)
- † In loving memory of Linda Kappler, Willard Burgdorf and Leroy Kappler by M/M Wesley Burgdorf & family (1)
- † In thankfulness for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, by Paul & Wilma Droegemueller (1)
- † In loving memory of our fathers, Otto Becker, Jr. and Rev. Paul Hartfield by Douglas & Debra Hartfield (1)
- † In loving memory of our grandpa's, Otto Becker, Jr. and Rev. Paul Hartfield by Heather Hartfield and Haley & Dan Marak (1)
- † In loving memory of Jack Jones by Linda Jones (1)
- † In loving memory of Johnny and Hattie Mutschink by Linda Jones (1)
- † In loving memory of Linda Kappler and Milton Mersiovsky by Russell, Kari and Reileigh Kappler (1)
- † In loving memory of Linda Kappler by William & Tina Kappler (1)
- † In loving memory of our grandparents Monroe Bittner, Charles Blasig, Louis Blasig, Milton & Edna Kasper, Curtis Moerbe and Eldie & Edna Voight by Kyle, Laurie and Kaden Kasper (4)
- † In loving memory of Albert & Beatrice Krause by Billy & Theresa M. Krause (1)
- † In honor of Edgar & Donna Arldt by Billy & Theresa M. Krause (1)
- † In loving memory of Rex Paskett and Edna Krause by Curtis & Lyndy Krause (2)
- † In loving memory of mom Edna Krause by Daniel & Pam Krause (1)
- † In loving memory of dad Doyle Hembry by Daniel & Pam Krause (1)
- † In loving memory of Elbert & Adelia Becker by Michael & Teresa Krause & family (1)
- † In loving memory of Edna Krause and in honor of Ludwig Krause by Michael & Teresa Krause & family (1)
- † In loving memory of Ruth and our son Stephen and our dear parents by Marvin A. Lorenz (2)
- † In loving memory of Milton Mersiovsky by Elaine Mersiovsky (1)
- † In loving memory of our parents Johnnie & Frieda Noack and Ernest & Edna Oltmann by Arthur & Dianna Noack (1)
- † In honor of our children and grandchildren James & Tristan Noack, Sandi, Dwain, Luke & Andrew Coufal and Johnathan, Amy, Emma & Ava Noack, by Arthur & Dianna Noack. (1)
- † In loving memory of my husband Royce Noack by Carolyn Noack (1)
- † In loving memory of my parents Carl & Bernell Mertink by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. (1)
- † In loving memory of our parents Louis & Bernice Malke by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack (1)
- † In loving memory of our parents Johnnie & Frieda Noack by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack (1)
- † In loving memory of Herman & Ruth Mittasch by Dianna Mitschke (1)
- † In loving memory of Minnie Mae Schulze by Robert & Brenda Muniz (1)
- † In loving memory of Louis Muniz, Jr. by Robert & Brenda Muniz (1)
- † In loving memory of Rex Paskett and Steve & Susan Clausen, and in honor of Glenda Paskett and Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann by Craig & Melodi Oltmann & boys (4)
- † In loving memory of my husband Calvin Robertson, parents Albert & Beatrice Krause and Melvin & Onita Bellon by Lil Robertson (2)
- † In loving memory of Albert, Evelyn, Ronnie and Gary Schautschick by Steven & Dorothy Schautschick and Bradley Schautschick (2)
- † In loving memory of Ronnie Schautschick by Nancy Schautschick, Marshall & Angela Schautschick, Randolph & Sonya Schautschick, Susan & Ryan Sweeney, Stacy Schautschick, grandchildren and great grandchildren (1)
- † In loving memory of Albert & Evelyn Schautschick, Gary Schautschick, David Richardson and James Wenke by Nancy Schautschick (1)
- † In loving memory of John, Theresia, Elsie, Lillian, Mary, Reinhold and Willie Ziehr, Nancy's parents Herbert & Esther Brade by Nancy Schautschick (1)
- † In loving memory of Elbert Becker & Adelia Becker by David & Karen Schmidt (1)
- † In loving memory of Edwin, Sr. and Gertrude Schmidt by David & Karen Schmidt (1)

- † In loving memory of Larry Schmidt and Doyle Hembry and in thanksgiving for the many blessings at St. Paul by Pastor & Lisa Schmidt (1)
- † In loving memory of Granny & Grandpa Becker by Max & Macy Sommerfield (1)
- † In loving memory of our son-in-law Gus Schramm by Arthur & LaVerne Urban (1)
- † In memory of Karl & Clara Weiser and Alfred & Wilma Massengale by Alton Weiser (1)
- † In loving memory of Paula Weiser by Alton Weiser (1)
- † In loving memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Lynette Wiederhold (1)
- † In loving memory of Adele Schulze by Lynette Wiederhold (1)
- † In loving memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Jan Wiederhold, Troy, Chelsea, Levi and Travis Wiederhold (1)
- † In loving memory of James Wenke and Albert & Evelyn Schautschick by Bonnie, Marcie, Jennifer, Jenna Wenke and Jaimie & Derek Jordan (1)
- † In loving memory of Chuck Fulghum and Amanda Whited by Marcia Wenke (1)
- † In loving memory of Albert & Evelyn Schautschick and James Wenke by Marcia Wenke (1)
- † In loving memory of Gary and Ronnie Schautschick by Marcia Wenke (1)

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