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The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

New Year's Day

1 January 2023

Welcome! *Jesus Blesses Us with His Name and Saves Us with His Blood*

Our newborn God keeps the Law for us and brings Abraham's promises to their fulfillment when He is circumcised. It is there that the name above all names is "bestowed on him" (Phil. 2:9), "the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb": Jesus, which means "the Lord saves" (Luke 2:21). He sheds the first drops of His precious blood in accordance with this name and in anticipation of His cross, "for he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). The law's captivity gives way to the freedom of faith in Christ Jesus, who cuts a new covenant in His blood to be received by faith, whether male or female, Jew or Greek (Gal. 3:23-28). His name is given to us in Holy Baptism, and we are made sons of God and "heirs according to promise," true offspring of Abraham by faith (Gal. 3:29). Eight days after the celebration of our Lord's birth, a new "Year of our Lord" is begun in Jesus' holy name and with His benediction. Jesus is the Lord, and by this name we are blessed (Num. 6:22-27). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Dylan Arldt-recovering

Gladys Arldt-recovering

Cynthia Boriack-recovering (mother of Antoinette Richardson)

Irene Hempel-awaiting surgery

Leroy Kalbas-recovering

Nancy Kasper-recovering

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Keeley Schautschick-recovering

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

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— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 900, 524, 781 v. 1&2, 725, 588, 549, 922

Sermon Text: Luke 2:21

The Sermon: **“For Us”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- † **Altar Flowers** are needed for every Sunday in January. If you would like to place flowers in January, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Correction to Poinsettia List.** In loving memory of Royce Noack and Elbert & Adelia Becker by Chris & Connie Becker, Mason Becker, Carson Becker & Courtney Koehne (2)
- † **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 **\$38,386.00.**
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, January 5th at 7:00 p.m. the church council will meet to set the agenda for the January 8th voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the church council
- † **LAF.** The LAF will take down all decorations and the trees On Saturday, January 7th at 10:00 a.m.
- † **LYF.** The LYF will take down the outside decorations and clean up the wreaths from the cemetery on Friday, January 6th 2:00 p.m. If anyone would like to have the wreath(s) they purchased, they need to be picked up before the 6th.
- † **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.
- † **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.
- † **2023 Offering Envelopes.** There are still some 2023 offering envelopes in the church office meeting room. If you have not picked up your 2023 envelopes, please do so.
- † **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$53.10 for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$3,626.70.
- † **Epiphany Lutheran Church.** Join us for a Thursday evening Epiphany service! Epiphany Lutheran Church would like to invite you to join us for our Epiphany service on Thursday, January 5th at 7:00pm. We are located on the campus of the Seventh Day Adventist Church – 3300 TX-21 Bastrop, TX. We hope to see you there!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, January 8th, **“Gifted”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What if we learned to see this world and everyone in it as gifts from God? (Colossians 1:16). 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**– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Susan Michale
Acolytes- Kenedy Schatte and Malynda Schautschick
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Trey Fritsche, Mike Krause, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm, John Tate
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin, Brooks Kasper

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 9:00 a.m.**
New Year’s Day
Monday ECC Closed
Mon. – Fri. No School – Christmas Vacation
Monday Board of Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Install Congregational Officers
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Maison Schautschick and Nathan Schautschick
Greeter: Dianna Noack
Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays: 3rd – Hudson Short; 4th – Shane Ray; 5th – Averie Miertschin, Marissa Ruiz; 7th – Dianna Noack, Carie Oltmann, Zeld Richards. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Advent (12/21)- 160, Christmas Eve- 467, Christmas Day- 155.

Offering Last Week: \$24,473.58

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$14,298.48	Mission	\$1,691.00
Advent (12/21)	\$1,288.00	Christmas Eve-1/2 Brail	\$1,471.00
ECC Operating	\$945.00	Christmas Day-1/2 LSS	\$1,480.50
Received 12/25/2022	\$16,531.48	Christmas Day-1/2 LBT	\$1,480.50
		Lutheran Hour	\$200.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Mission Total	\$6,323.00
Received MTD	\$99,019.60	Savings/Other:	
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	School Fund	\$50.00
		Building Fund	\$98.10
		Bus Replacement Fund	
		Christmas Eve	\$1,471.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$1,619.10
		Total	\$24,473.58

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Herb Roeber by M/M Doug Alexander - \$100.00; by David & Michele Fritsche - \$20.00; by M/M/ Martin Werchan - \$100.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00. In memory of Tamshaw Becker, Lillian Wenke and Herb Roeber by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00. In memory of our parents, Emil & Fredia Albrecht, Ervin & Adelia Lorenz, brothers Wilbert and Dennis by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$500.00. In memory of Tamshaw Becker by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00; by Lois & John Kalbas - \$75.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by Marilyn Miertschin - \$25.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Gladys Mathena - \$40.00; by Wayne Becker - \$250.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Herb Roeber by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00; by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. In memory of Lillian Wenke by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt – \$35.00. In memory of Clarence Pietsch by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. In memory of Tamshaw Becker by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt – \$35.00. In memory of Nathan Wachsmann by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. **Mission:** In memory of Lillian Wenke by Herman Gersch - \$40.00. In memory of Herb Roeber by Marvin Lorenz - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Herb Roeber by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$20.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00. **Building:** In memory of Herb Roeber by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. In memory of Lillian Wenke by Herman Gersch - \$25.00.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

January 1 – Christmas 1/Circumcision and name of Jesus

Our Lord became incarnate to give all humankind the privileges of His name (Numbers 6:27). He means to make the littlest of us into His sons and daughters (Galatians 3:26). The designation of baby Jesus as divine Child demonstrates the Father's delight in declaring infants (Psalm 8:2), eight-day-olds, and even unborn ones (Luke 2:21) as infinitely precious. Receiving them as gifts celebrates Him as God!

