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The Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome! *The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism.* The Baptism of our Lord is an "epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God's people to "bring forth justice to the nations" (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given "as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations" (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to "fulfill all righteousness" for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that "we will also live with him" (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

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

Aspen Loew-recovering (granddaughter of Marshall & Angela Schautschick)

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Keeley Schautschick-recovering

Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ruby Weiser-surgery

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)

Arthur Urban

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 Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)

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: 398, 406, 781 v. 1&2, 578, 537

Sermon Text: Romans 6:1-11

The Sermon: **“Life Changing”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Carie Oltmann’s birthday by Curtis Oltmann family
- † **Altar Flowers** are needed for Sunday, January 22nd. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Being Installed** today are the new Congregational Officers: Scott Jones – Chairman, Randy Becker – Vice Chairman, Daniel Krause – Secretary, Doug Hartfield – Board of Elders, Michael Krause – Board of Elders, Byron Kalbas – Board of Trustees, Curtis Oltmann – Board of Trustees, Jarrett Bise – Board of Christian Education, Craig Oltmann – Board of Christian Education, John Hinze – Finance, Payton Oltmann – Finance, Pablo Rodriguez – Finance, Tim Symm – Finance, Troy Menzel – Picnic Committee – General, Russell Kappler – Picnic Committee – BBQ, Bryan Gersch – Scholarship, Joyce Hinze– Scholarship.
- † **Voter’s Meeting.** The January Voter’s Meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is included in the bulletin. All voting members are encouraged to attend
- † **Confirmation Parents.** The parents of this year’s confirmation class will meet in the church on January 15th, following bible class.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department:** The annual membership meeting and election of officers of the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department is scheduled for Sunday, January 15th at the fire station in Northrup. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All area residents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments and a chili supper will be provided.
- † **Poinsettias.** The Poinsettias that were left in the Church after New Year have been moved to the church meeting room. Please pick them up by Friday, January 20th.
- † **2023 Board of Elder Assignments:**
Steven Schautschick – Chairman – A-F
Mark Jones – Secretary – S
Monroe Schatte, Jr. – Kf - Mie
Dwayne Schulze – G – Ke
Douglas Hartfield – Mit-R
Michael Krause – T-Z
- † **2023 Board of Trustee Assignments:**
Josh Droegemueller – Chairman - Land
Clyde Schimank – Secretary - Church
Chris Becker – ECC
Kyle Kasper – Busses
Byron Kalbas – School
Curtis Oltmann – Picnic Grounds
- † **Stew Luncheon Fundraiser for our 7th & 8th Graders going to Washington DC:** Sunday, February 5th at First National Bank Drive-Thru from 10:00-noon. \$12.00 a ticket which includes a cup of stew, cornbread, & drink. Tickets can be purchased after church on January 15, 22, 29 or by calling/texting Laurie Kasper at 979-540-9073. **We thank you in advance for supporting our children!**
- † **Wood Cutters for Picnic.** We will be cutting and hauling wood for the picnic on Saturday, February 4th. For more information or just to let us know that you will be there, please call Russell @ 979-540-0741 or Troy @ 979-412-0341. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.
- † **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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, January 15th, “**Gifts to Share**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A body of water becomes stagnant when there is no outflow. The same could be said of us. (Colossians 1:29). 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- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Maison Schautschick and Nathan 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- Rex Perry
Tim Symm, Chase Oltmann, Virgil Becker

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Voters’ Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Monday	No School Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Circuit Meeting @ St. Michaels, Winchester – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/ Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Rachel Schautschick and Benjamin Schonhoeft Greeter: Melodi Oltmann SLVVFD Annual Meeting

Birthdays: Today – John Tate, Lynette Wiederhold; 9th – Sharon Claxton; 10th – Bobbie Krause; 11th – Michelle Weiser; 12th – Zachary Weise; 13th – Anita Andrews, Bryan Gersch, Lilianne Gonzales, Mary Jatzlau, Karen Schmidt; 14th – Kaitlyn Behrend, David Michael. God’s Blessings to you.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

January 8 – Epiphany I/The Baptism of Our Lord

No conception – human or otherwise – comes about without God’s express will and Word (Psalm 29:9). He intentionally breathes life (Isaiah 42:5) and gives strength (Psalm 29:11) to every member of our race, including those whom others despise (Isaiah 42:3,7), How could we involve our bodies in death when Jesus has removed us from its dominion (Romans 6:9-11)?

ST. PAUL NOTES:**Attendance Last Week:** New Year's Eve Worship- 105**Offering Last Week:** \$69,688.15

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$52,430.15	Mission	\$625.00
New Year's Eve	\$15,533.00	Christmas Eve-1/2 Brail	\$12.50
ECC Operating	\$970.00	Christmas Day-1/2 LSS	\$5.00
Received 12/31/2022	\$68,933.15	Christmas Day-1/2 LBT	\$5.00
		Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Mission Total	\$672.50
Received MTD	\$167,952.75	Savings/Other:	
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Cemetery Fund	\$20.00
		Bus Replacement Fund	
		Christmas Eve	\$12.50
		Scholarship Fund	\$50.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$82.50
		Total	\$69,688.15

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Herb Roeber by C&B Masonry - \$100.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Herb Roeber by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$25.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Herman Symank by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Tamshaw Becker and Herb Roeber by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$50.00.

ST. PAUL NOTES:**Attendance Last Week:** New Year's Day Worship- 164, Communion- 100.**Offering Last Week:** \$8,099.00

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$5,295.00	Mission	\$275.00
New Year's Day	\$2,479.00	Mission Total	\$275.00
Received 1/1/2023	\$7,774.00	Savings/Other:	
		Building Fund	\$50.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$50.00
Received MTD	\$7,774.00		
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00	Total	\$8,099.00

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Lillian Wenke & Herb Roeber by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00.



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!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am.

End of Year Giving

Thank you for your support of Faith Lutheran High School during our End of Year giving. We were blessed through generous contributions from many of you. We are still accepting donations if you missed out but would like to support the ministry and growth of FLHS.

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!