

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The First Sunday after Christmas

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Welcome! *The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death.* When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for “the redemption of Jerusalem” and “the consolation of Israel” (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in “giving thanks to God the Father through him,” “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,” including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Adelia Becker
Cindy Becker-recovering
Pam Becker-recovering
Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)
Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Dorothy Kallaja-recovering (mother of Dorothy Schautschick)
Hildegard Krause-recovering
Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
Ruth Lorenz
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin-recovering
Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)
Calvin Robertson
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Kynlee Stewart-recovering
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Conway Whited-surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)
Joyce Bise
Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Ross Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Rev. Fred Krebs (friend of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker)
Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)
Carie Oltmann
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Schmidt
Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)
Barbara Symm
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 Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea

Those who mourn:

The family of Adele Schulze
The family of Phyllis Bradt (friend of Harold & Paula Krause)

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– 184 of the hymnal
The Hymns: 367, 386, 706, 358
Sermon Text: Luke 2:22-40
The Sermon: **“The Son of God Revealed”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Colton Early on his 9th birthday by his family.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for each Sunday, January 2nd, January 16th and January 23rd. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday’s please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Adele Schulze. She fell asleep in Jesus Thursday, December 23, 2021. Funeral services for Mrs. Schulze will be held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Monday, January 3, 2022. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Thank You.** The staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church, School and Early Childhood Center would like to thank the congregation for the Gift Cards at Christmas, and for your prayers and support as we work together for the ministry of the Church
- † **Installation of Officers.** Installation of the new congregational officers will be next Sunday, January 2, 2022.
- † **Thank You** for the many cards and gifts as we celebrated the birth of our Savior.
Pastor and Lisa Schmidt and family
- † **January Calendar.** The January Calendar is available in the church office.
- † **January–March Portals of Prayer.** The January-March Portals of Prayer are available in the church office.
- † **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on December 13, 2020, the Voters set our 2021 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$38,720.48.
- † **2022 Offering Envelopes.** The **2022** adult offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the church office meeting room. **Please continue to use the 2021 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 2021 church year, please give this before the New Year’s Day service. If you failed to receive your 2022 envelopes or have any questions, please contact the church office.
- † **The NEW Epiphany Lutheran Church of Bastrop:** The formation of an LCMS congregation in Bastrop has begun! If you are interested in being part of this exciting new venture, come join us as we gather to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. We will gather in the home of Paul and Barbara Hofmann, 711 Bluffview Dr. Bastrop, TX on Thursday, January 6th. From 6:00-7:00pm will be fellowship and refreshments, a prayer service at 7:00pm, and more fellowship time following the service. If you have a friend or relative in the Bastrop area who may benefit from this information, please share! Please RSVP to Barbara Hofmann at (830)377-2308 or barbpaul83@gmail.com.
- † **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 24th.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Mon. – Fri. **No School – Christmas Vacation**

Friday **New Year’s Eve Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**
Acolytes: Malynda Schautschick and Rachel Schautschick

Saturday **New Year’s Day Worship Service w/Communion – 9:00 a.m.**
Acolytes: Sharron Adair and Gabriel Bailey

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Brandon Burgdorf and Ayla Droegemueller
Install Congregational Officers
LAF-LYF Take down Christmas decorations – 2:00 p.m.

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

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Advent (12/15/21)- 191, Morning Worship- 219, Communion- 103, Bible Class- 28; Sunday School- 34, Banner Classes: Nursery 1, Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$24,644.27

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$13,245.56	Mission	\$1,164.00
Advent	\$1,189.50	Mission Total	\$1,164.00
Sunday School	\$22.00	Savings/Other:	
Lunch Room	\$460.00	School Oil & Gas	\$104.51
ECC Operating	\$4,169.50	Tuition Assistant Fund	\$500.00
LWML Quilting	\$20.00	Savings/Other Total	\$604.51
Use of Facility	\$1,500.00		
Tuition	\$2,269.20	Total	\$24,644.27
Received 12/19/2021	\$22,875.76		

Est. needed per week \$22,500.00
Received MTD \$92,712.76
Est. needed per month \$97,500.00

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Harvey Symm by M/M Herbert W. Zoch - \$100.00. In memory of Harold Mathena by Marilyn Miertschin and Shannon & Nicole Miertschin & family - \$100.00. In memory of Melvin & Dorothy Schautschick by Jerry & Karen Faske and Peggy Schautschick - \$50.00. In memory of William Johnson by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00. **LWML Quilting Group:** In memory of Ellen Schneider by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, January 2nd, **Gospel Power for Personal Patience**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. No one likes to wait! Hear God’s promises for impatient people. (Luke 2:40-52). 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 Michael
Acolytes- Lydia Schautschick and Maison Schautschick
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Johnathan Noack
Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht

Life Through the Church Year:

December 26 – St. Stephen, Martyr

Any message that only placates the culture cannot lay claim to the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 23:34). The power of His word will have consequences for us and stir up passionate reactions in those who hear it (Acts 6:54, 57). But our insistence that they know of His grace and forgiveness (Acts 6:60)—especially applied to life issues—will capture attention to how He loves and saves every human being.



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. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

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. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

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!

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!

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