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The Second Sunday in Advent

5 December 2021

Welcome! *The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord.* The preaching and Baptism “of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “see the salvation of God” (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3–4).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Adelia Becker
Cindy Becker-recovering
Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)
Delvin Boriack-recovering
Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)
Gracelyn Kalbas-recovering
Hildegard Krause-recovering
Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
Ruth Lorenz
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin-recovering
Leonard Mitschke-recovering
Kathy Mumm-recovering
Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)
Calvin Robertson
Katie Schmidt-recovering (mother of Pastor Schmidt)
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Kynlee Stewart-recovering
Josie Symm-recovering (sister-in-law of Mike & Barbara Symm)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Sean Weiser-recovering (grandson of Ken & Ruby Weiser)
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:

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: 349, 344, 331, 816, 359, 921
Sermon Text: Malachi 3:1-7b
The Sermon: **“The Day is Coming”**
Adult Choir Anthem: 🎵“Faith of Our Fathers”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God for His years of blessings on the 150th anniversary of the Stone Church by Jack & Marian Wiederhold.
- † **Altar stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Martha Lorenz’s birthday by Kenneth Lorenz & family.
- † **Congratulations** to Troy and Chelsea Wiederhold on the birth of a son, Travis William Wiederhold. He was born November 24th in Austin, TX. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **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 \$35,553.48. We are **\$1,446.52** away from meeting our 2021 goal.
- † **Trustees** will meet this Monday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet to set the agenda for the December 12th Voter’s meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the Church Council.
- † **Scrip Program.** Getting ready to do your holiday shopping, or giving gift cards as gifts? You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards. Order forms are available on the table at the back of the church.
- † **Ebenezer Lutheran Church of Manheim**, will be having a German Hymn Song Service - December 15th @ 7 pm. Please join us for this celebration of Christ's birth in German.
- † **LWML.** The LWML is again selling Christmas Cards. They are \$4/box. Contact Doris Fritsche at 979-212-1886.
- † **Poinsettias:** The LWML will be selling Poinsettias for \$10.00 each to be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To order please fill out the order form in the bulletin this morning, and return it to the Church Office or put it in the collection plate. Orders are due by Thursday, December 16th. **Please note that due to availability no orders will be accepted after December 16th.** If you need further information, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **The LAF will meet** at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 12th to set up and decorate the trees.
- † **Wreaths Across America.** Thank you to everyone who purchased wreaths this year. We met our goal, so every veteran grave will receive a wreath. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 18th at 9:00 a.m., at the cemetery.
- † **Voyager View.** The Voyager View Newsletter is available in the church office.
- † **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 \$80.00 for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$3,466.10.
- † **2022 Offering Envelopes.** The **2022** adult and children 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 2020 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.
- † **A Bark & Shop event** is being planned for Sunday, December 19th, from 10pm-4pm at Holy Cross, Warda Picnic grounds. This event is to help raise funds for Brisyn Dixon and his service dog as Brisyn battles autism spectrum disorder. For information contact Bianka Vanicek 979-505-0354, Lisa Brugger 979-966-8403 or Tiffany Noack 979-540-7117. Brisyn is the nephew of Mike and Tara Pietsch.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Girls Basketball @ St. Paul Brenham – 4:00 p.m.
 JV Boys Basketball @ St. Paul Brenham – 5:00 p.m.
 Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Advent Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.
 Acolytes: Ayla Droegemueller and Trey Fritsche
 Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 JV Boys Basketball @ Immanuel, Giddings – 3:00 p.m.
 Girls Basketball @ Immanuel Giddings – 4:00 p.m.
 V Boys Basketball @ Immanuel Giddings – 5:00 p.m.
 Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 ECC Christmas Program – 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday **English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Kaden Kasper and Brandon Burgdorf
 LAF Set up Christmas Trees – 1:00 p.m.
 4-H Caroling – 2:00 p.m.
 Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Kristina Kanevsky; 6th – Cody Mertink; 8th – Michele Fritsche, Cherie Oltmann; 9th – Judith Pike, Jeffrey Robertson, Reagan Zoch; 11th – Emily Eindorf, Brooke Lehmann, Gloria Smith. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Thanksgiving- 182, Morning Worship- 222, Bible Class- 15; Sunday School- 29, Offering- \$18.50.

Offering Last Week: \$27,416.90

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$16,510.65	Mission	\$1,987.00
Thanksgiving	\$7,091.75	Lutheran Hour	\$75.00
Sunday School	\$18.50	Mission Total	\$2,062.00
ECC Operating	\$1,654.00	Savings/Other:	
Received 11/28/2021	\$25,274.90	Building Fund	\$80.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$80.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$107,409.51	Total	\$27,416.90
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Steven Lorenz by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00. In memory of Clarence Schulze by Daniel & Ruby Schulze - \$20.00. In memory of Diane Biehle by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Diane Biehle by Gladys Arldt & Raymond - \$25.00; by Delbert & Mary Ann Prellop - \$25.00. In memory of Evelyn Gersch by Delbert & Mary Ann Prellop - \$25.00. **LWML Quilting Group:** In memory of Diane Biehle by Delvin & Judy Boriack - \$20.00; by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, December 12th, “**When You’re Expecting**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The season of Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come. (Luke 1:20-89) 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- Gabriel Bailey and Brooke Lehmann
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Pablo Rodriguez, Tommy Miertschin

**Life Through the Church Year:
December 5 – Advent II**

God’s deeds give every member of our race a right to life (Psalm 66:5, 9). He creates us in our mother’s womb. He redeems us even as embryos. He calls us all into His everlasting family. Our life is a masterpiece He Himself commences and completes (Philippians 1:6). No sizes, skills, or circumstances on our part can impair or improve the value He has invested in us and our neighbors.

2021 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Advent Services	Wed	Dec. 8	7:00 p.m.	Communion December 1	General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wed	Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sun	Dec. 19	8:30 a.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Fri	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Sat	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/ German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year’s Eve	Fri	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year’s Day	Sat	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General



“Faith at Christmas” Program

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, “Faith at Christmas,” on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm at FLHS. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please join us!!!

*This event will also be live streamed on Facebook, for those who would prefer to view the sounds of Christmas from home.

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!

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.