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The Epiphany of Our Lord

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Welcome! *The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son.* The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11)

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gladys Arldt-hospitalized

Adelia Becker

Cindy Becker-recovering

Pam Becker-recovering

Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)

Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and

Kathy Kalbas)

Hildegard Krause-recovering

Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)

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 Ruth Lorenz

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: 601, 406, 441, 722
Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12
The Sermon: **“The Light Has Come”**

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

We welcome to God’s people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Liliana Martha Sanchez

Liliana is the daughter of Jorge and Kristina Sanchez.

Her baptismal witnesses are Antonio Sanchez and Ashley Steinbach

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Lynette Wiederhold on her birthday by her husband, children and grandchildren.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God by Donnie and Bobbie Krause on their 40th wedding anniversary.
- ✠ **The Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Liliana Sanchez on her baptism by Richard and Linda Schonhoeft.
- ✠ **Window Flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Ruth Lorenz funeral.
- ✠ **Altar Flowers** are needed for Sunday, January 16th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094
- ✠ **We express our sympathy** to the family of Ruth Lorenz. She fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday, January 2, 2022. Funeral services for Mrs. Lorenz were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, January 6, 2022. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- ✠ **Poinsettias.** The Poinsettias that were left in the Church after New Year have been moved to the church meeting room.
- ✠ **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 next Sunday, January 16st following bible class.
- ✠ **2022 Board of Trustee Assignments:**
 - Wesley Burgdorf – Chairman - Picnic Grounds/Parsonage
 - Conner Stewart – Secretary - School
 - Josh Droegemueller – Land
 - Clyde Schimank - Church
 - Chris Becker – ECC
 - Kyle Kasper – Busses
- ✠ **Wreaths Across America.** Clean-up of the wreaths is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11th. If anyone would like to have the wreath(s) they purchased, they need to be picked up on Monday January 10th.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **2022 Offering Envelopes.** There are still some 2022 offering envelopes in the church office meeting room. If you have not picked up your 2022 envelopes, please do so.
- ✠ **Voyager View.** The Voyager View newsletter is available in the church office.
- ✠ **Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Fundraiser** - The Wendish Society will again have its annual Scholarship Fundraiser Drive-Thru meal on January 23 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. This year the menu with will be grilled boneless chicken thighs, noodles, corn, green beans and pickles along with a bowl of Wendish Bird Wedding Soup. The cost is \$12. Pre sales only by Tuesday, January 18th. Advance tickets may be reserved by calling the museum at 979-366-2441 or emailing Museum@TexasWendish.org. Tickets are also available after church. Drive through to – go only. Pick up 10:00am – 12:30pm at the St. Paul picnic grounds. Proceeds benefit the TWHS Scholarship Program. In 2021 there were thirteen Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship recipients. A total of \$15,000 was awarded. Thank you for supporting our Wendish students!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, January 16th. **“Hazed and Confused”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God is against our pride because He wants to give Himself to us. (Luke 4:1-17). 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**– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Trey Fritsche and Brandon Burgdorf
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas, Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, David Michael, Nathan Michael, Bradly Schautschick, Austin Schmidt, Benjamin Symm, Sebastian Symm
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.
 Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Circuit Meeting @ Ebenezer, Manheim – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 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: Brooke Lehmann and Grant Oltmann
 SLCVFD Annual Meeting

Birthdays: Today – 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; 15th – Wesley Burgdorf. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: New Year’s Eve- 84

Offering Last Week: \$6,013.00

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$1,950.00	Mission	\$20.00
New Year’s Eve	\$3,943.00	LSS	\$50.00
Received 12/31/2021	\$5,893.00	LBT	\$50.00
		Mission Total	\$120.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Savings/Other Total	
Received MTD	\$198,072.25		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Total	\$6,013.00

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of our parents, Erwin & Adelia Lorenz and Emil & Freida Albrecht and brothers Wilbert and Dennis Lorenz by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$300.00. In memory of Ellen Schneider by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00. In memory of Frances Roeber by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00. In memory of Hattie Mutschink by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00. In memory of Adele Schulze by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$40.00.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: New Year's Day- 82, Communion- 37, Morning Worship- 146, Communion- 64, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School- 36,
Banner Classes: Nursery III, Offering- \$14.

Offering Last Week: \$6,245.06

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$3,722.06	Mission	\$375.00
New Year's Day	\$950.00	Mission Total	\$375.00
Sunday School	\$14.00	Savings/Other:	
LWML Quilting	\$20.00	Savings/Other Total	
ECC Operating	\$1,164.00		
Received 1/2/2022	\$5,870.06	Total	\$6,245.06
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$5,870.06		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Adele Schulze by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00. **LWML Quilting:** In memory of Adele Schulze by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00.



New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS by March 11, 2021 will have registration fees waived for the 2022-2023 school year. 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.

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.

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.

Would you like to be a Substitute Teacher?

We are looking for people to add to our substitute list. We are willing to consider anyone that enjoys working with students and also has the patience to do so. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Kueck at (979)242-2889 or kueckn@flhstx.org.

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! Thank you.