

THE GUIDE +++

December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus
10:15 AM Worship Service

TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline

THU. 7:00 PM New Year's Eve Service at Grace

FRI. 9:00 AM New Year's Day Service at St. Paul's

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service - Officer installation
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus
10:15 AM Worship Service - Officer installation
11:00 AM Church Council meeting

December 20 8:30: 84 10:15: 45 Total 130 - Year Ago: 120 Advent: 51 Sunday School:53

Welcome Jesus, help us continue to celebrate your birth among us for the full 12 days and, indeed, all year. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Baptism Received into the Kingdom of God through the washing of Holy Baptism today after the 2nd service is Kolter Dale Smith, infant son of Kelsey Long of Toledo. Nichole Larvick, Tim Beals, Peyton Long and Weslyn Long are serving as sponsors. We welcome Kolter as a member of St. Paul's. As the Lord grants His blessing on this child, may He also continue to bless him in the years that lie ahead.

Thank You Thanks to all the caring people of St. Paul's congregation for your calls, visits, memorials and cards sent to me at the time of Carl's passing. He was so ready to be with his Lord and Savior. A special thanks to Pastor Cluver for his comforting service and many calls and visits. Also, a special thanks to the pall bearers, neighbors and cousins for all they've done for Carl and me at this time. God's blessings to all. Imogene Lading

New Year's Eve Service at Grace there will not be a New Year's Eve service at St. Paul's, but our members are invited to the New Year's Eve service at Grace starting at 7:00PM. Communion will be served. Any St. Paul's members planning to attend and take communion are asked to call the Grace church office to register. The number is 217-644-2452. Leave a message if no answer.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
December 20	\$ 3,214.00	\$7,036.84	\$ 3822.84
year-to-date	\$ 154,092.00	\$ 171,661.01	\$17,569.01
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
December 20	\$ 423.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 172.00
year-to-date	\$ 21,330.00	\$18,977.00	\$-2,525.00
<u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u>		Total to Date	\$7,535.00
Building \$455 Trinity \$75 Sem Students \$50		December 20	\$8,336.84
Lutheran Care \$100 Thanksgiving \$25			

1/5 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study

1/6 6:30 PM WDS

1/7 1:30 PM Ladies Aid meeting - Hostess Yvonne Pfeiffer

New Year's Day Service at St. Paul's there will be a New Year's Day service at St. Paul's at 9:00AM. Members of Grace have been invited to attend.

Church Council Meeting There will be a meeting of the church council following the 10:15AM service on January 3.

2021 Church Officer Installation The installation of new officers will take place on January 3, 2020 during both services.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. Since your offering box number will most likely change for 2021 please do not begin using them until January 2021 to ensure that your contribution is recorded correctly. If anyone would like to start using offering envelopes at any time during 2021 just contact the church office since extra unused boxes are available.

2020 Contribution Statements All envelope users will receive a copy of their 2020 contribution statement shortly after the first of the year.

Thanks from Neva Hagan thank you to all who helped Neva while she had COVID, especially Patsy and Larry Lenz, Pat Wallace and the Bob Schlechte family.

Seminary Students Please remember to support St. Paul's Adopted Seminary Students, Brian Homann and Mason Vieth this Christmas with your prayers, cards and notes of encouragement.

Thank You Thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Eve program. We especially thank Sheryl Vonderheide for many years of leading and directing. We thank the efforts of Courtney Wittenberg, Dee Dee Batson, Susie Allen, Mariah Tabbert, Autumn McCormick, Claire McCormick and Johnna Schultz. Marlene Wirth facilitated the pre-service music. Gary Wirth has worked for many years to set up the video and audio equipment and to record the service. Thanks to our Sunday School Superintendent Roger Kull and of course thanks to the children who participated. If you were unable to attend, the video is available to watch on the church website and on YouTube.



ANNIVERSARIES

29 - Gary and Mary Lou Brehmer
30 - Jesse and Rachel Wallin
1 - Brendon and Renea Bowers

BIRTHDAYS

27 - Don Doehring, Brett Kull (60)
28 - Noah Vonderheide
29 - Mariah Tabbert, Stephanie Tracy

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Eric & Valerie Reed, Jeremy Reel,
John & Cathy Reel, Richard Reel,
Rich & Keri Reel, Dean & Karen
Rentfro, Mark & Deb Richards, Chris &
Nicole Rincker, Deb Rincker, Doug &
Marla Rincker,

ADOPTED SEMINARY STUDENTS 2020-2021

Sem. Brian Homann
Concordia Theological Seminary
6600 N Clinton St.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825

Sem. Mason Vieth
Concordia Seminary
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HEALING

Brett Kull	Jackie Stodden
Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Ken Hagan
Mary Rincker	Carolyn Stremming
Merle Ragan	Shirley Stremming
Sue Bowers	Rosemary Sporleder

LIMITED MOBILITY

Noma Rose Huddleston - Lakeland NH
Imogene Lading - Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Ken Hagan - Lakeland Effingham
Mildred Rincker - Brookstone Suites
Larry Storm - Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming - Brookstone Suites
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
Mattoon
Brett Kull- Shelbyville

FRIENDS & FAMILY (non-members)

Jean Lowe (Hip Replacement-Susan
Hanfland Friend)
Erica Stollard (cancer)
Matt Durbin
Melissa Wirth
Family of Crewe Jones
Rhiannon (Wallace) Klier (surgery)
Colin Kinkelaar (car accident)
Dennis Ogle (cancer, Mac & Lois
Ogle's son)
Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda
Oakley' daughter)
Madonna Nichols (liver cancer)
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's
uncle)
Karl Zalman (cancer)
Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth's brother,
health)
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer,
undergoing treatments)
Dave Polk (cancer, Virginia Vogel)
Dennis Noffke (Stage IV bone cancer)
Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis &
Nitelle Lading's gson.)

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PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME

Opening Hymn In His Temple Now Behold Him (Tune of TLH 50)

TLH 139

- 1 In His Temple now behold Him, See the long expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him-- God has now fulfilled His word.
Now, to praise Him, His redeemed, Shall break forth with one accord.

 - 2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Virgin pure, behold Him lie,
While his aged saints adore Him, Ere in faith and hope they die.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Lo, th'incarnate God most high.

 - 3 Jesus, by Thy presentation, Thou, who didst for us endure,
Make us see our great salvation, Seal us with Thy promise sure.
And present us in Thy glory, To Thy Father, cleansed and pure.

 - 4 Prince and Author of salvation, Be Thy boundless love our theme!
Jesus, praise to Thee be given, By the world Thou didst redeem.
With the Father and the Spirit, Lord of majesty supreme! Text: Public domain
- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please be Seated

Epistle

Galatians 4:4–7

The Epistle is read

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Gospel is read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be Seated

Sermon Hymn Thou Light of Gentile Nations (Sung to Tune of TLH 473) *TLH 138*

- 1** Thou Light of Gentile nations, Thou Savior from above,
Drawn by Thy Spirit's leading, We come with joy and love
Into Thy holy temple, And wait with earnest mind
As Simeon had waited, His God and Lord to find.
- 2** Yea, Lord, Thy servants meet Thee, In ev'ry holy place
Where Thy true Word has promised, That we should see Thy face.
Today Thou still dost grant us, Who gather round Thee here
In arms of faith to bear Thee, As did that aged seer.
- 3** Be Thou our Joy and Brightness, Our Cheer in pain and loss,
Our Sun in darkest terror, The Glory round our cross,
A Star for sinking spirits, A Beacon in distress,
Physician, Friend, in sickness, In death our Happiness.

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Sermon "What eyes of faith see in baby Jesus" Luke 2:25-32

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

LSB 202

C And with thy spirit.

A Bless we the Lord.

LSB 202

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn Thou Light of Gentile Nations (Sung to Tune of TLH 473) *TLH 138*

4 Let us, O Lord, be faithful, Like Simeon to the end,
So that his prayer exultant, May from our hearts ascend:

"O Lord, now let Thy servant, Depart in peace, I pray,
Since I have seen my Savior, And here beheld His day."

5 My Savior, I behold Thee, With faith's enlightened eye;
Of Thee no foe can rob me, His threats I can defy.

Within Thy heart abiding, As Thou, O Lord, in me,
Death can no longer frighten, Nor part my soul from Thee.

6 Lord, here on earth Thou seemest, At times to frown on me,
And through my tears I often, Can scarce distinguish Thee;
But in the heavenly mansions, Shall nothing dim my sight;
There shall I see Thy glory, In never-changing light..

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