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December 5, 2021 – Second Sunday in Advent

Psalm 66:1-12; Malachi 3:1-7b; Luke 3:1-14

“Sharing the Word” - Sermon Text: Malachi 3:1-7b - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

December 12, 2021 – Third Sunday in Advent

Psalm 85; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-28

“The Lord is at Hand!” - Sermon Text: Philippians 4:4-7 - Rev. William Mueller

December 19, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Advent *The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day Observed

Psalm 2; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-14

“Hi God!” - Sermon Text: John 1:1, 14 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

December 26, 2021 – First Sunday after Christmas

Psalm 111; Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Luke 2:29-30

“Life After Christmas” - Sermon Text: Luke 2:22-40 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

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During the month of November, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **EDDIE MCCOY, DOTTIE KAHRE, RON, NANCY & TODD KORFF, MARTY KOCH, DORIS TURPIN, MICKIE ISAACS, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN and WANDA KAHRE.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, November 6.....	15
Sunday, November 7.....	63
Saturday, November 13.....	15
Sunday, November 14.....	50
Saturday, November 20.....	14
Sunday, November 21.....	61

BIBLE CLASS

18
7
Voter's Meeting

WHAT'S COMING UP

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20th of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20th. You can also submit items by emailing them to: trisha@tldarm.org

ADVENT MUSIC CONCERT AND DINNER: Join us as we celebrate Advent with a music concert and dinner on Sunday, December 19, beginning at 4:00 PM. Invite your friends and neighbors to hear and sing sacred music of the season with our choir, bells, and instrumentalists followed by a dinner in the parish hall. Pick up free tickets for your family and friends and sign up in the narthex to make reservations for the dinner.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Join us for caroling to our shut-ins and some of our elderly on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, AT 2:00 PM.** We will also distribute cheer baskets. Dress warm as we will remain outside when caroling.

CHEER BUCKETS FOR THE SHUT-INS: The Shut-ins genuinely enjoy receiving these buckets. We are not going to be able to put baked goodies in these buckets this year. If you would like to donate monetarily to these, please give it to Trisha in the office by December 5th. Thank you!

SCRIP CARDS: If you would like to order Scrip Cards for Christmas, please have all orders in by Monday, December 9th to ensure getting cards by Christmas. Thank you!

CONGREGATION HISTORY: For our 175th anniversary celebration next year, Pastor Temme has compiled the last 25 years of our church's history from 1997 to 2021. Congregation members are invited to review a draft of this document for completeness and correctness. They are also welcome to substitute better pictures. If you did not receive an email of this file, Pastor Temme would be glad to send you one, or you may pick up a hard copy in the narthex for review. The document goes to the printers on January 3.

LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY: Starting in October, the Lutheran Food Pantry will be open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We thank all those who served this past month in collecting, packing, and loading Christmas boxes for impoverished children in the world. We especially thank **PASTOR & SARA KNEA** for organizing the effort. We collected 32 boxes from Trinity, 305 boxes at our drop off location, 16695 boxes as the regional collection point for Southwest Indiana and 22 cartons full of filler items. We had 29 volunteers who worked 102.75 hours.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: All church officers and board members will be installed for the coming year during the Sunday morning service on January 9.

FOR SARAH'S AND ALL SARAH-ELIGIBLE LADIES: (that's, all of you LADIES) a RARE OPPORTUNITY – How often have you had made available an opportunity to study First & Second Chronicles? That is the next portion of Scripture planned for Sarah Bible Class sessions. Keep an eye on the bulletin for the exact start time. Class begins in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM on Thursdays. Coffee, Treats and Fellowship available at 9:00 AM.

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS OF SOUTHWEST INDIANA: **Wednesday, December 1, noon to 12:45 PM.** The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in the *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization* case that could possibly be the beginning of overturning *Roe v Wade* which has legalized the killing of preborn children for 48 years. Join us **at the Four Freedoms Monument located at 201 SE Riverside Drive**, to lift our voices in prayer for those who have no voice - the preborn children.

REV. ROBERT & BARBARA SCHNEIDER RETIREMENT: The members of Our Saviour cordially invite our members to join them in the retirement of Rev. Robert & Barbara Schneider's Retirement on Saturday, December 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Our Saviour Lutheran Church(6501 E. Madison Avenue). For more information call Lydi Ann Alldredge at 812/205-6891.



“CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to everyone who participated in **TRUNK OR TREAT**. It was a great success. We had 175 & 225 kids and parents.

Cheers to the **KNEAS** for taking care of Operation Christmas Child again this year.

Cheers to all who helped or participated in the **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES**.

Cheers to all the food provided by our members for the bereavement meal for Margaret Cheaney! The family truly appreciated all the tasty food!

Cheers to **WILMA FEHD**, who celebrated her 94th birthday on November 2nd.



Tears to the family and friends of **MARGARET CHEANEY**, who died on November 7th.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the many many prayers you have sent to our dear Lord during my recent illness. I truly believe all of the prayers is the reason I am still here. I guess the Lord has other plans for me to do on this earth. Could it be He wants Jim and I to change the date on the anniversary banner! Would also like to thank Pastor Temme for all of the visits. Thanks again church family for all of the prayers.

Dottie Kahre

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Dec. 4 - Help clean up after the Pancake Breakfast.

Dec. 12, noon – Creative Gingerbread House (or whatever) building includes pizza for lunch. Bring pre-made gingerbread walls or a box of graham crackers, a foil covered pan to build on & a bag of candy or whole grains to decorate with.

Sunday, Jan. 30, noon – Planning meeting with toasted ham & cheese sandwiches for lunch, followed by volleyball and then a devotion.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITY OPTIONS:

June 19 to July 2, 2022 2-week theology camp at CTS in Fort Wayne: Christ Academy for high school gentlemen, Phoebe Academy for high school ladies. \$650 is all-inclusive: tuition, housing, meals, and all off-campus activities. More info at <https://www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/christ-academy/phoebe-school/>

July 9-13, 2022 Houston, TX, LCMS National Youth Gathering – “In Him All Things” is a reminder from Col. 1:15-20 that the Christian story encompasses all things. Registration is \$395 till March 1. Hotel is \$180 + tax. Travel and meals are not included. <https://lcmmsgathering.com/>

July 26-29, 2022 Valparaiso University, IN, Higher Things conference - “F O R Y O U” 6 letters to explain the point of everything. . . to make crystal clear the entire Christian faith. Registration is \$435 till Jan. 31 for dorm room, meals, and travel with the **TEMMES**. <https://higherthings.org/conferences>

PRESCHOOL

Thank you to those that ordered wreaths from the preschool fundraiser. We were able to raise all the money needed to purchase the full little free library kit. We are so excited to be able to add our little free library to campus! Wreaths will arrive between December 6-9 and will be ready for pick up.

The preschool is in need of a couple assistant teachers. If you know anyone looking to work in childcare, please let them know we have flexible openings.

The preschool Christmas program is on December 15 at 6:30 PM. You will be able to watch it live through our Facebook page.

Our Little Ceasars Pizza Fundraiser will be back in January.

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NEWSLETTER

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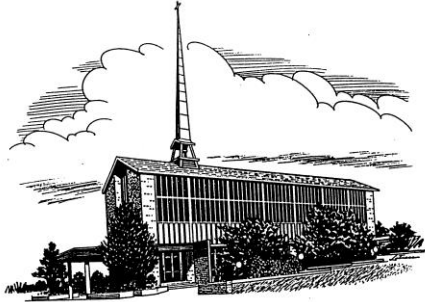
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THE OFFICES OF CHRIST – PRIEST AND KING

In our last newsletter we discussed the offices of Christ, particularly his office of prophet. But Jesus also holds two other offices as well for our salvation, that of priest and king. Jesus works in these offices to serve us and distribute God's blessings of forgiveness and eternal life.

In the Old Testament, Moses anointed Aaron to be the first high priest of the Israelites. One of the duties of a priest was to perform the sacrifices to make atonement for the sins of the people. This sacred act was an Old Testament sacrament. A person would bring an animal without defect for sacrifice. He would lay his hands on the head of the animal and transfer his sins to it. The priest would then sacrifice the animal as a substitute. The animal would die in place of the sinner. In this way, atonement was made for his sins, that is, satisfaction was made to God. One day a year on the Day of Atonement, the high priest would enter the most holy place of the Temple and sprinkle the blood of the sacrifice upon the Ark of the Covenant to make atonement or satisfaction for his sins and the sins of the people. Another duty of a priest was to act as mediator between God and the people. The priest would offer up prayers to God on behalf of the people. When the angel Gabriel appeared to the priest Zechariah, he was in the act of burning incense at the altar and offering up prayers to God while the people prayed outside.

In the same way, the Holy Spirit anointed Jesus Christ at his baptism to be our priest. As our priest, Jesus performed the sacrifice to make atonement for our sins. However, Jesus did not sacrifice an animal; he sacrificed himself. He was a lamb without blemish or sin. Jesus fulfilled the Law perfectly in our place. Then Jesus sacrificed himself for our sins. The author of Hebrews writes of Jesus, "Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself." (Hebrews 7:26-27) The apostle John writes, "He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2) And Jesus is still our priest today. He performs the New Testament Sacrament of giving us his body and blood in Holy Communion for the forgiveness of our sins. As our priest, he intercedes for us and pleads for us before his Father. The apostle Paul writes, "Christ is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." (Romans 8:34) And John writes again, "If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One." (1 John 2:1) As our priest, Jesus Christ is the mediator between us and the Father.

But Christ also holds the office of king. In the Old Testament, Samuel anointed Saul to be the first king of the Israelites. The duties of a king were to defend his people and fight for them in battle. King David led the Israelites in battle against the Philistines and protected their borders. The king also governed his people and acted as their judge. King Solomon ruled over his people with wisdom and from his throne pronounced judgments over civil cases.

In the same way, Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be our king. In the wilderness, Jesus defeated the devil in battle with his Word. He conquered sin and death when he rose from the grave. God the Father put all his enemies under his feet. And Christ is still our king today. As King, Christ rules with his almighty power over all his creation. All earthly rulers, good or bad, are subject to him. But as our king, Christ rules and governs especially his Church. Christ is the head of his Church on earth, not any pastor and certainly not the pope. Christ makes us citizens of his kingdom in Holy Baptism. He rules and governs us with his Word in Holy Scripture. Christ also protects his Church on earth in times of persecution. He protects us from our enemies, sin, death, and the devil. He leads his Church to glory in heaven. Finally, on the Last Day, Christ will sit on his throne and pronounce his judgment on all people. As citizens of his kingdom through faith in him, Christ pronounces us "not guilty." He will say, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world." As our King, Christ governs and protects us forever.

In all these offices of prophet, priest, and king, Christ works to serve us and distribute God's blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Pastor Temme