

**Northeast Kansas  
Lutheran Church Partnership  
\*LCMS\***

**JANUARY, 2022**

**January**

*From the Pastor's study  
Feast of Sainte Lucy, martyre*

**Spotlight on a Saint: John the Baptist**



Advent is a time in which much focus is put on Saint John the Baptist since he heralds the first advent of our Lord. John is one of the few people in the Bible whom we get to so much of his life. 400 years before he was born, his birth and ministry were prophesied (Mal 3:1). His nativity is announced by an archangel (Luke 1:5-15). He leaps for joy as an unborn child when he gets close to the unborn Jesus (Luke 1:39-45). We see his nativity and childhood (Luke 1:57-80), we see his ministry at the Jordan river (Mark 1. Matt 3, John 1), we have the account of his martyrdom (Matt 14, Luke 7) and we even have descriptions of the clothes he wore and the food he ate (Matt 3:4). No one in the bible gets that much attention besides Jesus. John is a huge deal.

But John worked no mighty miracles. He had neither wife no child nor a place he could call home. He lived in the desert and ate insects and honey. He dressed in rough fashion reminiscent of Elijah (in whose spirit he served Luke 1:17). His ministry only lasted a year and a half and he was jailed for criticizing King Herod calling him out for sin. After John was martyred, his disciples went to Jesus. Why? Because that is what John had taught them to do. To go to Jesus and to hear from Him the words that will sustain when all else fails. As the forerunner of Christ, when John died we must wonder if he went to the dead and proclaim to them "Fear not! The Death of death, the Lamb of God lives! For I have seen him and soon he will bring light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death. He will free us, raise us, and bring us into His Kingdom!"? One can only wonder.

Jesus says that John the Baptist was the greatest saint who ever lived. And John's preaching is summed up as he points his disciples and us to Jesus and cries out "Behold! The Lamb of God! Who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29), this preaching that still echoes through the church.

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In honor of John and for the edification of the congregations of the Northeast Kansas Partnership, I will be starting a publishing press and tract series named after him in which I will publish VBS material, Sunday school material, devotional aids, etc for the use of our churches. But the first order of business will be a series of tracts for households to take and read. This will aid in the catechesis and edification of the congregations and like John the Baptist, point us to the Lamb of God. Many of these will cover questions I have received or topics I want you all to know about. But if there is a particular topic you would like to see covered in a tract, please let me know. Why is this titled “Saint John the Baptist Press”? Saint John the Baptist is a man who encapsulates the names of all four congregations in the Partnership. He was the **First** man to point out the Lamb of God as **Immanuel** (John 1:29) of whom **Saint Paul** would preach about Christ and Him Crucified on Mount **Zion** (1 Cor 2:2).

Some of these tracts will be specific to certain churches so as to explain particular architecture or sacred art contained in a particular sanctuary but all will be available in every church. These will be posted at your sanctuary and will rotate new ones over time. Please take them as they come as I pray they will edify you, strengthen your faith, and point you to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Coming tracts include:

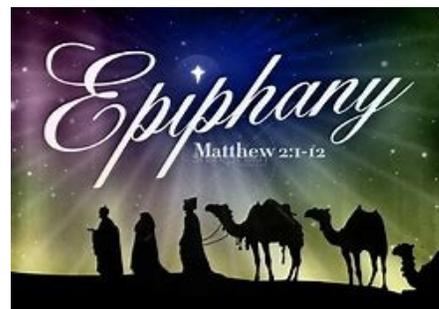
- Books of the Bible
- An explanation of the Stained Glass of Saint Paul Lutheran Church
- The Church Year
- Counsel of the Suffering
- The non -pagan origins of Christmas
- An explanation of the Stained Glass of Zion Lutheran Church
- Weekly Communion
- Infant baptism
- Private Confession
- The Saints
- Women’s Ordination
- Pastor Kinney’s Suggested Reading List
- Pastor Kinney’s Suggested Movie List
- Defending the Pro-Life Stance
- Prayers to Pray in the Divine Service
- And more!

### ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!***

On January 5th, 2022, we will have an Epiphany Eve Service.

This will be at 6:00pm at St. Paul.

We will have the Adult Bible Study following this service at 6:30pm in addition to Confirmation Class at 6:30pm.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Military:** (F) Liam Blum, Kelsey Blum, Aaron Foist; Allan Feek, Kevin Remmers; (I) Tristan Knott, Chad O'Brien, Daniel Wheeler, Paul Reynolds Jr.; (SP) Kyle Vanness, Mary Burkett, Spencer Ernst, Bert Ernst.

**Care Facilities & Shut-Ins:** (F) Stan Kohlmeier, LaVonne Thieme, Gerrienne Heim, Rosemary Scher, Eldon Schwant; (I) Gene Rice, Emma Middendorf; (StP) Carol Bauer, Betty Allen; (Z) Judy Clay, Darlene Covert, Connie Kneisel, Lawrence Thonen, Jaynell & Donald Robidoux, Tom Hansen.

**Also in our prayers:** (F) Lori Feek, Julie Bauman, Darrell Schuette, Morgan Schuette, Mardell Duvel, Evelyn Goodman, Marcia Spellmeier, Fred Feek, Carla Bishop, Roger Riekenberg, Lisa Riekenberg, Curtis Cook, Sara Clements, Crystal Kinkler, Gabriel Cook, Melonie Creek, Darrel & Sharon Cohoon, Megan McConnahey; (IMM) Fred Meeks, Roger Pusch, Abigail McFall, Janice Backer; (St.P) Chris Torrey, Doug Barrett; (Z) Dale Strobel, Charles Fritz, Debbie & Andy Trent, Sherry Hartley.

**We Remember** the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord, (Vauncille Barrett, Don Heim) and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

*Jan 1-Carol Bauer, Jan 1-Ames Bosworth, Jan 2-Angelia Steiner, Jan 3-Diane Brockhoff, Jan 5-Quentin Edelman, Jan 6-Colby Rosenberger, Jan 6-Wade Council, Jan 8-Rebecca Nimz, Jan 11-Casey Zangaro, Jan 12-Regina Rygaard, Jan 12-Lori Feek, Jan 12-Brady Sullivan, Jan 13-Shane Schuette, Jan 14-Abby Rygaard, Jan 15-Bob Freese, Jan 16-Lois Voss, Jan 18-Liesl Gigstad, Jan 18-Penn Bachelor, Jan 18-Tiffany Tucker, Jan 19-Madison Bulk, Jan 19-Carl Swart, Jan 20-Keremy Bachelor, Jan 21-Megan Brockhoff, Jan 21-Lori Martinson, Jan 22-Sue Schuette, Jan 22-Cooper Frechette, Jan 25-Ed Hatheway, Jan 25-Brady Killman, Jan 25-Heath Ploeger, Jan 26-Leslie Brockhoff, Jan 27-Kendra Cook, Jan 28-Lynda Barrett, Jan 29-Alexander Hinton, Jan 29-Andy Trent, Jan 30-Taylor Rahe, Jan 30-Paul Reynolds, Jan 31-Matt Bosworth*

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

*Jan 4-Kurt & Sherry Killman, Jan 11-Donna & Mike Gormley, Jan 22-Ryan & Heaven Schuette*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**We invite all kids** to come and join us for Sunday School!  
Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at **9:15am** at **First and Zion**.  
Sunday School at **St. Paul** starts after the service at **9:30am**.  
**The Zion Adult Bible Class** and the **First Adult Bible Class** meet  
on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Please come join us!!

## MEETINGS

JOINT ELDERS – January 10th @ 7:00pm  
JOINT COUNCIL – January 17th @ 7:00pm

### PARTNERSHIP ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday nights at 6:30pm at  
St. Paul Lutheran in Fairview

Evening Prayer Service  
@6:00pm  
Adult Bible Study  
@6:30pm



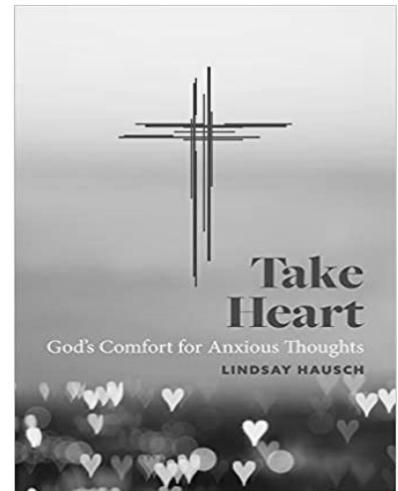
### Partnership Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study  
meets on  
Tuesday nights at 6:30pm  
at Zion Lutheran.  
Please join us!

## NEW BIBLE STUDY

The Partnership Ladies Bible Study has started a new Bible Study based on the book, "Take Heart—God's Comfort for Anxious Thoughts. Overcoming anxious thoughts is not as simple as having faith enough or praying enough. Instead, that struggle can be a training ground for spiritual growth, for a deeper understanding of God's love for you. So take heart. The Lord is with you in your struggle. He promises, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Cost of the book is \$15.00.

We meet on Tuesday nights at 6:30—come join us!



## ATTENTION ALL YOUTH:

LYF will meet on the first Sunday of the month  
unless otherwise posted.  
This will be at First Lutheran from 5:30-7:30pm.



## PLEASE HELP TO KEEP US UP TO DATE:

If you have a new phone number, address, or email address,  
please make sure you send it to the Partnership office.

You can e-mail the office at  
[office@NEKpartnership.org](mailto:office@NEKpartnership.org) or call 785-740-0268.  
The office would also like the names and addresses  
of any members who are at college. Thank You!

## SERVERS FOR JANUARY

### FIRST LUTHERAN

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Jan 2nd:** Elders–Kurt Detweiler & Patrick Cochran, Acolytes–Lily Pearson & Tinner Bachelor, Ushers–Shaun Pearson & Patrick Sheik, Greeters–Dwight & Vicki Edelman, Counters–Glenna Strahm & Allan Spellmeier

**Jan 9th:** Elders–Scott Schremmer & Kurt Detweiler, Acolytes–Chloe Detweiler & Paycen Schremmer, Ushers–Ken Meyer & Mike Bulk, Greeters–Bob & Kathy Steiner, Counters–Darrell Schuette & Heather Lehwald

**Jan 16th:** Elders–Dwight Edelman & Shane Schuette, Acolytes–Hadden Bachelor & Millie Stoller, Ushers–John Feek & Les Trentman, Greeters–Stan & Patty Remmers, Counters–Stan Remmers & Jason Steiner

**Jan 23rd:** Elders–Patrick Cochran & Kurt Detweiler, Acolytes–Naomi Pearson & Tyson Detweiler, Ushers–Bob Steiner & Paige Strahm, Greeters–Carl & Ruth Swart, Counters–Ken & Joyce Meyer

**Jan 30th:** Elders–Scott Schremmer & Patrick Cochran, Acolytes–Jethro Steiner & Chloe Detweiler, Ushers–Darrell Schuette & Shane Schuette, Greeters–Mike & Marlene Bosworth, Counters–Patty & Stan Remmers

Altar Guild for January: Karen Kohlmeier, Patty Remmers, Carole Feek

Trustees for January: John Feek & Stan Remmers

### ZION LUTHERAN

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Jan 2nd:** Elder–Kurt Killman, Acolyte–Corey Dunaway, Ushers–Bob Freese & Larry Walter, Greeters–Sue & Dwight Meyer, Lector–Kurt Killman, Sound System–Bob & Virginia Freese

**Jan 9th:** Elder–Leon Wissmann, Acolyte–Remington Killman, Ushers–Leon Wissmann & Richard Clay, Greeters–Sue & Dwight Meyer, Lector–Richard Clay, Sound System–Dwight Meyer

**Jan 16th:** Elder–Scott Gigstad, Acolyte–Brady Killman, Ushers–David Middendorf & Derrick VanDusen, Greeter–Donna Gormley & Barb Lay, Lector–Leon Wissmann, Sound System–Leon Wissmann

**Jan 23rd:** Elder–Leon Wissmann, Acolyte–Corey Dunaway, Ushers–Bob Freese & Larry Walter, Greeter– , Lector–David Middendorf, Sound System–David Middendorf

**Jan 30th:** Elder–Kurt Killman, Acolyte–Remington Killman, Ushers–Leon Wissmann & Richard Clay, Greeters–Donna Gormley & Barb Lay, Lector–Jessica Gigstad, Sound System–Derrick VanDusen

Altar Guild for January: Anne Arnesen, Deb Reschke

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Jan 2nd:** Greeters– Dwight & Charlotte Kruse

**Jan 9th:** Greeters– Milan Kleopfer & Ray Thieme

**Jan 16th:** Greeters– Wes & Linda Duesing

**Jan 23rd:** Greeters– Jeff & Leslie Brockhoff

**Jan 30th:** Greeters– Steve & Nancy Manche

Altar Committee for January: Charlotte Kruse, Cindy Manche, Doug Kleopfer

## ZION LWML

The regular meeting of Zion Lutheran LWML was called to order on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., by Lela Middendorf, President, with 5 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting and a special meeting were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was given.

A thank you note from Traci Rahe was shared in which she stated that travel was opening up and that she would hope be able to deliver eye glasses in the summer of 2022.

Discussion was held on holding the soup luncheon for the General Assembly meeting to be held in late January, 2022. We also talked about the possibility of hosting a casserole potluck and serving pastries and/or coffee on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. The matters were all tabled until the January meeting.

Twenty-six quilts were delivered to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Wichita. Goody bags and small quilts will be distributed sometime before Christmas to our shut-ins. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 9.

Anne Arnesen, Secretary

## ST. PAUL DORCAS

### December St. Paul Dorcas Meeting

The St. Paul Dorcas Society held their December meeting Dec. 5, 2021 at 2pm at the home of Linda Duesing. There were 12 ladies in attendance. President Nancy Manche read the devotion from LWML entitled "Be Still," based on Psalm 46:10. Nancy also read the Christmas story with a twist. Every time she said, "Left or Right," we passed a bag that direction. Nancy prepared bags with assorted gifts for all of us. We all enjoyed various goodies provided by Nancy, Kathy, and Cindy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Manche

## *VISIT THE PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE*

Our website, ([www.neklutherans.org](http://www.neklutherans.org)), contains the history of the partnership and partnership churches, a calendar of events, recent happenings and a hint of what will be happening in the future.

There is an activity page to look at and new pictures are added frequently. It has past copies of the newsletters and the calendar for you to reference. Special announcements are also placed on the website.



## St. Paul Preschool

The students are extremely excited this month. We have been learning about the birth of Jesus and preparing for his arrival. The students have been busy making gifts for their parents and keeping secrets. Our new classroom and playground have been arriving in bits and pieces and that has been adding to all the excitement.

Friday before break we are having a pajama and book day and eating donuts and having hot chocolate. It will be a nice break from the crazy month. We will relax and spend the day reading. Monday the 20th will be our Christmas party as well as our last day of school until January.

Pastor came and participated in some of our fun and talked to us about Daniel and the Lions Den.

Thank you everyone again for your continued support. We have a wonderful program.

Merry Christmas and blessings for a great new year.



## First Preschool

The preschoolers had a busy month getting ready for Christmas. Our Bible stories and songs focused on the birth of Jesus. We also made fun projects to decorate our classroom.

A highlight of this month was our Christmas program held at the church on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for our families. The kids did a wonderful job singing songs to remind those in attendance about the meaning of Christmas. Following the program, everyone enjoyed cookies and punch provided by the preschool board.

We are very thankful and blessed by the generous donations to our school during the Give to Grow Challenge Week.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Preschool!

Denise Huning  
Keremy Bachelor





### ***NATIVITY AND ANGEL DISPLAY***

*Thank you to all who helped and to those who let us display their nativity scenes and angels for the Nativity and Angel Display which was held at the Fairview Community Bldg. on December 9th.*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday a. Christmas 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First Elder's mtg. @First 5:30 LYF mtg.	<b>3</b> 9:00 Staff meeting	<b>4</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>5</b> 10:30 Ministerial Alliance 1:30 First LWML 6:00 Epiphany Eve 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study	<b>6</b> Week 1 visits	<b>7</b> Pr. Dunaway Day Off	<b>1</b> New Year's Day Pr. Kinney Day Off
<b>9</b> Baptism of Our Lord 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 10:00 Zion LWML	<b>10</b> 9:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Joint Elders	<b>11</b> 9:00 Circuit 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>12</b> 1:30 First LWML 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study	<b>13</b> Week 2 visits	<b>14</b> Pr. Dunaway Day Off	<b>15</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off 9:00 Private Confession
<b>16</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday a. Epiphany 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First Zion Elder's mtg. 7:00 First Men's Group	<b>17</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Articles Due for Newsletter 9:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Joint Council	<b>18</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 Zion Council	<b>19</b> 1:30 First LWML 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study	<b>20</b> Week 3 visits	<b>21</b> Pr. Dunaway Day Off	<b>22</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off 9:00 Private Confession
<b>23</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday a. Epiphany 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Fellowship Pre-Lent Conference	<b>24</b> 9:00 Staff meeting Pre-Lent Conference	<b>25</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>26</b> 1:30 First LWML 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bible Study	<b>27</b> Week 4 visits	<b>28</b> Pr. Dunaway Day Off	<b>29</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off 8:00 Zion Men's Group 9:00 Private Confession
<b>30</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday a. Epiphany 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First Breakfast @First	<b>31</b> 9:00 Staff meeting 11:00 Vintage Park service					

