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*From the pastor's study  
Sainte Lucy's Day, martyre*

Genealogies have gotten really popular over the past decade. There's *23 & me*, *genealogy.com*, *ancestry.com* and so many more. So many people are interested in their genealogy these days. They want to know from where they come because they know it will help them learn where they are going. Genealogies have become really popular, but at the same time, genealogies have to be the most boring part of the Bible, aren't they? Where we hear "this person was born of this person who was born of this person who was born of this person..." To mention a few examples, you have 4 chapters in Genesis of this, a whole chapter in Matthew, a whole chapter in Luke, not to mention several chapters in Numbers and Ezra, and Lord have mercy on us in the first 10 chapters of Chronicles. How. Boring! Why, O Pastor man, if God commands me to read Scripture, *why* would He put in these parts that are so boring?

Why genealogies? They are the inspired Word of God and part of Sacred Scripture. So we have to take them seriously, but *why*? Well, there are a few reasons.

First of all, God includes genealogies to remind us that our salvation happened in real time. Not in myth or fable but in real time. With real sinners who needed a real Savior. Second, the genealogies remind us of all the carnage that took place in history—carnage that is redeemed by Christ and used for His purposes. I mean look at what is recorded in any biblical genealogy list. Every time, all the bad stuff is not only *included* but even *highlighted*. Think about the genealogy in Matthew 1, what an embarrassing mess! Verse 2 mentions Abraham, who cheated on his wife, verse 3 mentions Judah who committed crimes against humanity, verse 6 mentions (very pointedly) that whole "wife of Uriah" deal which will definitely not be in a children's bible, and then 11-12 mention the exile to Babylon due to millennia of unfaithfulness and trying to imitate an unbelieving culture. What a mess. Why include all of this? Because it reminds us that God can redeem the bad, He can use the hard times, and He promises to work all things for the good of those who love Him (Rom 8:28). Because remember that Matthew's genealogy ends with these words: that all of this mess led to "Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ" (Matt 1:16). Genealogies remind us that God redeems the bad.

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Finally, the genealogies are to remind you that you have a new one. Whether your genealogy goes back to Germany, whether you can trace your heritage back a thousand years, whether you can track your ancestry back to lords and kings, your genealogy is faulty. You need a new one. My family can trace our ancestry back to lords and high kings of Ireland, but I count all of that as loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake, I would suffer the loss of all that Genealogy because He has given me a new one (Phil 3:8-10).

No matter your genealogy, you need a new one. You need Him to give you a righteousness that is not your own but one that comes from being found in Him (Phil 3:8-10). This is why the Bible has genealogies, to remind you that you need a new one. Your father was a sinner, so you need a new Father. This new genealogy is offered to you by Christ. The new genealogy that Jesus offers is one of “from of old, from ancient days” (Micah 5:2). The genealogy He offers is for you to be born from God (1 John 5:1). This is who you are. This is the genealogy that you need. Christ is born of Mary on Christmas, so that you can be born of God in eternity. So maybe reading genealogies are boring...maybe, but their meaning certainly isn't.

Pastor Kinney

### **SCHEDULE for Beginning of Year**

January 1<sup>st</sup> - St. Paul at 8:30am - First at 10:30am

**January 4th—Epiphany Service at 6:00pm @St. Paul**

January 8<sup>th</sup> – Zion at 8:30am – First at 10:30am

January 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Paul at 8:30am – First at 10:30am

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Zion at 8:30am – First at 10:30am

January 29<sup>th</sup> – St. Paul at 8:30am – First at 10:30am

February 5<sup>th</sup> – Zion at 8:30am – First at 10:30am

February 12<sup>th</sup> – St. Paul at 8:30am – First at 10:30am

February 19<sup>th</sup> – Zion at 8:30am – First at 10:30am

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Military:** (F) Cory Holsapple, Kelsey (Blum) Holsapple, Liam Blum, Aaron Foist, Allan Feek, Kevin Remmers; (IMM) Tristan Knott, Daniel Wheeler, Paul Reynolds Jr.; (SP) Mary Burkett, Spencer Ernst, Bert Ernst.

**College:** (F) Madisen Cochran, Paul Pearson; (IMM) Megan Brockhoff, Aydan Bass, (Z) Paige Stover, Gunner Smith.

**Care Facilities & Shut-Ins:** (F) Stan Kohlmeier, LaVonne Thieme; (Imm) Gene Rice; (StP) Betty Allen, Carol Bauer; (Z) Darlene Covert, Connie Kneisel, Jaynell Robidoux, Don Robidoux, Charles Fritz, Lois Voss, Tom Hansen.

**Also in our prayers:** (F) Sierra Perry, Brett Trentman, John Perry, Joyce Paulsen, Evelyn Goodman, Karen Aeschliman, Grayson Unruh, Carla Bishop, Roger Riekenberg, Curtis Cook, Lisa Riekenberg, Crystal Kinkler; (IMM) David Brockhoff, Doris Rice, Traci Rahe, Fred Meeks; (St.P) Wanda Barrett, Wes Duesing, Deb Bailey, Chris Torrey; (Z) Mike Ogden, Dale Mueller, Mark Mueller, Carl Mueller, Sherry Hartley.



**We Remember** the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord, 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-Ames Bosworth, Jan 1-Carol Bauer, Jan 2-Angelia Steiner, Jan 3-Diane Brockhoff, Jan 5-Quentin Edelman, Jan 6-Wade Council, Jan 8-Rebecca Nimz, Jan 11-Casey Zangaro, Jan 12-Regina Rygaard, Jan 12-Lori Feek, Jan 12-Brady Sullivan, Jann 13-Shane Schuette, Jan 14-Abby Rygaard, Jan 15-Bob Freese, Jan 16-Lois Voss, Jan 18-Liesl Gigstad, Jan 18-Penn Bachelor, 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 25-Brady Killman, Jan 25-Ed Hatheway, Jan 25-Heath Ploeger, Jan 26-Leslie Brockhoff, Jan 27-Kendra Cook, Jan 28-Lynda Barrett, Jan 29-Kristina Costlow, 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,*

## MEETINGS

JOINT ELDERS – January 9th @ 7:00pm

JOINT COUNCIL – January 16th @ 6:30pm

### PARTNERSHIP ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday nights at 6:30pm  
at St. Paul, following  
Evening Prayer Service which  
starts at 6:00pm.



### Partnership Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday nights at 6:30pm  
at Zion Lutheran.  
Please join us!

### 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 future events.

**Special announcements are also placed on the website.**

New pictures are added frequently.

It has past copies of the newsletters and the calendar for you to reference.

Go to [www.neklutherans.org](http://www.neklutherans.org).



### 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**.

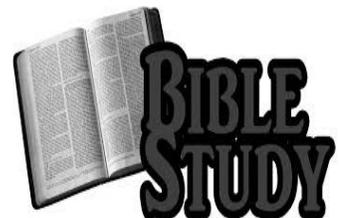
Sunday School at **St. Paul** starts after the service at **9:30am**.

**The Zion Adult Bible Class** and  
**the First Adult Bible Class** meet  
on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

**St. Paul Adult Bible Study**

meet after worship.

Please come join us!!



## SERVERS FOR JANUARY

### FIRST LUTHERAN

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

**Jan 1st:** Elders–Kurt Detweiler & John Feek, Acolytes–Lily Pearson & Tinner Bachelor, Ushers–Shaun Pearson & Patrick Sheik, Greeters–Dwight & Vicki Edelman, Counters–Glenna Strahm & Allan Spellmeier

**Jan 8th:** Elders–Scott Schremmer & Allan Spellmeier, Acolytes–Paycen Schremmer & Jethro Steiner, Ushers–Ken Meyer & Mike Bulk, Greeters–Bob & Kathy Steiner, Counters–Darrell Schuette & Heather Lehwald

**Jan 15th:** Elders–Dwight Edelman & Michael Bachelor, Acolytes–Hadden Bachelor & Mille Stoller, Ushers–John Feek & Les Trentman, Greeters–Stan & Patty Remmers, Counters–Stan Remmers & Jason Steiner

**Jan 22nd:** Elders–John Feek & Kurt Detweiler, Acolytes–Tyson Detweiler & Lily Pearson, Ushers–Bob Steiner & Paige Strahm, Greeters–Carl & Ruth Swart, Counters–Ken & Joyce Meyer

**Jan 29th:** Elders–Allan Spellmeier & Scott Schremmer, Acolytes–Jethro Steiner & Chaize Hunt, Ushers–Darrell Schuette & Shane Schuette, Greeters–Mike & Marlene Bosworth, Counters–Patty & Stan Remmers

Altar Guild for January: Patty Remmers & Carole Feek

Trustees for January: Matt Bosworth & Stan Remmers

### ZION LUTHERAN

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

**Jan 1st:** Church at St. Paul at 8:30am

**Jan 8th:** Elder–Kurt Killman, Acolyte–Brady Killman, Ushers–Bob Freese & Larry Walter, Greeters–Tim & Jackie Bianchi, Lector–Travis Hampl, Sound System–David Middendorf

**Jan 15th:** Church at St. Paul at 8:30am

**Jan 22nd:** Elder–Leon Wissmann, Acolyte–Saige Stover, Ushers–Leon Wissmann & Richard Clay, Greeters–Hampl Family, Lector–Richard Clay, Sound System–Derrick VanDusen

**Jan 29th:** Church at St. Paul at 8:30am

Altar Guild for January: Donna Gormley, Jessica Gigstad, Lela Middendorf

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

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

**Jan 1st:** Greeters– Dwight & Charlotte Kruse

**Jan 8th:** Greeters– Church at Zion at 8:30am

**Jan 15th:** Greeters– Jeff & Leslie Brockhoff

**Jan 22nd:** Greeters– Church at Zion at 8:30am

**Jan 29th:** Greeters– Steve & Nancy Manche

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

### **ZION LWML**

The regular meeting of the Zion Lutheran LWML was called to order by Lela Middendorf on December 13, 2022 with 3 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Anne Arnesen and approved. The treasurer's report was provided by Diane Davis. Lela announced that Judy Clay's memorial will go to LWML Endowment Fund at the request of her family.

We filled 10 gift bags to be distributed to our shut ins next week. Discussion was held on the future endeavors of the Zion LWML.

Lela closed with devotions base on Deuteronomy 3:6: Life Happens and Change Continues.

Anne Arnesen  
Secretary

### **ST. PAUL DORCAS**

The St. Paul Dorcas ladies traveled to Kirkwood's in Highland for their Christmas meeting on Sunday, December 4th after church. They all had a wonderful time.

There will be NO Dorcas meeting in January.

### **FIRST LWML**

Nine LWML members met at the lovely farm home of Karen Aeschliman for their annual Christmas lunch, Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

At each placemat was a Christmas magnet, compliments of Karen. Delicious baked potato soup (Tami Rutten), tasty ham/cheese sandwiches (Kathy Stener), dessert of cherry cheesecake (Carole Feek). Thank you, ladies!

Carole read a Christmas story that a former member, Charlotte Carpenter, wrote. Ruth Swart passed snapshots taken at past Christmas parties, bringing many memories. Brenda Meyer had the devotions.

Tami, President, reviewed the coming year. It was decided to have Bible study in January and February, depending on the weather. Carole passed sheets of the treasurer report and a list of donations we gave, and we had discussion on each. Baby shower gifts are to be brought to the January meeting. Mites were collected. Kathy would check at the A.C. Home to see if it would be possible to have a meeting there so that several members could attend.

Lorene Strahm gave Karen a host/hostess gift. Karen sent home with each lady a sack of "goodies". Thank you for hosting !

A Merry Christmas and Blessings to all!

Ruth Swart, secretary

## 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.

The kids always look forward to recess each day, but they REALLY like playing on the new play set! A big thank you to the crew who finished closing the fence around the playground.

A highlight of this month was our Christmas program held at the church on December 8<sup>th</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!



## NEK LUTHERAN CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> Circumcision and Name of Jesus 9:15 Bible Study @First 9:30 Bible Study @StP	<b>2</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off	<b>3</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>4</b> 10:30 Ministerial Alliance 6:00 Epiphany service 6:30 Confirmation	<b>5</b> Week 1 visits	<b>6</b> <i>The Epiphany of Our Lord</i>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:15 Bible Study @First 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	<b>9</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off Pre-Lent Conference	<b>10</b> Pre-Lent Conference 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:30 Zion LWML	<b>11</b> 6:30 Confirmation	<b>12</b> Week 2 visits 6:15 AHG Troop Mtg.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:00 Zion – take decorations down
<b>15</b> <i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:15 Bible Study @First 9:30 Bible Study @StP 7:00 First Men's Group	<b>16</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off	<b>17</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>18</b> 6:30 Confirmation	<b>19</b> Week 3 visits	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>3rd Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:15 Bible Study @First 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	<b>23</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off	<b>24</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>25</b> 6:30 Confirmation	<b>26</b> Week 4 visits 6:15 AHG Troop Mtg.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>4th Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:15 Bible Study & Potluck @First 9:30 Bible Study @StP	<b>30</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off	<b>31</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study				