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CHRISTMAS EVE 2023

On Christmas Eve, the sanctuary of St. Johns was filled with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus! The four Advent candles and the Christ candle were lit and then the children, directed by the Board of Christian Education, performed:

“THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS”

Worship Leader: Melissa Hundley
Organist: Linda Burnett
Pianist: Abigail Pannell
Readers/Candlelighters: Kamrynn Hundley, Molly Rapp, Cate Smith, Cora Smith, Brooklynn Swalwell
Storyteller: Rhea Helmreich
Mary: Cayley Inskeep
Joseph: Andrew Inskeep
Baby Jesus: Casen Inskeep
Shepherds: Lachlen Alvis, Edgar Becker, Will Hackman, Derrick Hundley, Alex Rapp, Charles Vogel
Stable Animals: Kyler Alvis
Angels: Addison Hayward, Allie Hayward, Ayven Inskeep, Charlie Smith
Wise Men: Mason Hayward, Beau Rapp, Caleb Smith
Directors: Melissa Hundley & Tracy Pannell



Our Board of Christian Education would like to thank all the parents, Sunday School teachers and volunteers that helped with this year's program.

Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers, Board of Christian Education members, parents and children who helped make this an evening to remember!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 3: Men's Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am

Thursday, January 4: Friends, Fellowship and Fun at 1:00 pm

Sunday, January 7: Holy Communion during morning worship

Wednesday, January 10: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 14: Penny Sunday; Benevolence Offering

Thursday, January 18: Financial Reports due in the office

Sunday, January 21: Annual Congregational Meeting after Morning Worship; Committee #1 is in charge of the meal

Thursday, January 25: Newsletter articles due

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES December 6, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Jared Kueckelhan, Scott Grissum, Ed Schler, Linda Burnett and Vicki Hilden were present.

A thank you was received from the Conference for being a 5-5 Congregation.

Minutes of the 11-8-23 meeting were reviewed and approved. Treasurers' reports were reviewed, discussed and approved.

Being no other business, Scott made a motion to adjourn, second by Linda. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

HEALTH FACTS NAPPING

Napping isn't just for babies. Studies show that an afternoon nap is great for adults too. Naps can help you remember things and put together information. Naps can overcome daytime fatigue. Even if you don't fall asleep, relaxation is a mood booster. It can release stress and improve your immune health.

Normally a 30-minute nap or less is ideal and sleep between 2:00pm and 3:00pm is best.

Try napping and see if it can brighten your outlook as we enter 2024!

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

Thank You!

Thank you to Lauren Helmreich for her donation to the Cemetery Fund.

To Alan Ferguson & Cheryl Valiquette for their donation to the Cemetery Fund.

CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORIALS

Poinsettias

In memory of **Rowdy & Wilma Cary and Loved Ones** from Mike & Susan Hayes.

In memory of **Forrest & Kitty Kenney and other loved ones** - Barb & Doug Ayers and family, Steve & Sharon Smith and family.

In memory of **loved ones** by Jason, Melissa, Garrett, Kamrynn & Derrick Hundley.

In memory of **Bob Simmons** from Linda, Jamie, Shawn, Brooklyn, Kevin, Heather, Macsen, Remington, Lisa, Cedric, Lachlen & Kyler.

In memory of **Carla & Andrew Helmreich** and **Herb & Wilma Lou Helmreich** from Donnie, Lauren, Ember and Dorean.

In memory of **Brett Geiger, Charles Dorothea, & Anne Geiger and Ernest, Dennis, & Andy Herigon** by Bill & Marilyn Geiger.

In memory of our parents, **Marvin & Kathryn Schupp**, from Nancy Meyer and Shirley Schupp.

In loving memory of our parents, **August & Bernadine Wassmann** by Eddie, Brenda, Darlene and Families.

In loving memory of **Kent Kammerich** from Donna, Megan & Christian.

Cemetery Fund Donations

In memory of **Charles Schler** from Leola Schler and Family.

In memory of **Loved Ones** by the David Muntzel Family.

In loving memory of **Clinton & Helen Gerhardt McClary, August & Flora Stegner Gerhardt & Hubert Gerhardt** from Bert and Beth McClary.

In loving memory of **Carl and Irene Grathwohl** from John and Carole Cox

In loving memory of **Don Bail** by Mary Bail & Family.

In loving memory of **Don Burnett** by Susan & Eric Lidholm.

General Fund Donations

In loving memory of **August & Bernadine Wassmann** by Eddie & Linda Wassmann

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DECEMBER STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
03	\$2863	\$70	50
10	\$1261	\$355 Penny Sun: \$50.80	39
17	\$1223	\$0	54
24	\$283	Christmas Fund: \$437	109
31	\$926	\$25	28



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Our Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21. There will be a carry-in dinner following morning worship and preceding the meeting.

Committee #1 is in charge of the meal: Carson Bail, Mary Bail, Keith & Cathy Bail, Landon Bail, Jim & Sonya Farris, Bill & Marilyn Geiger, Nick Grathwohl, Thomas Grathwohl, Jake & Corissa Hayward, Donna Kammerich, Angie Hackman, Nancy Meyer, Kenneth & Janet Stegner

Linda Burnett & Scott Grissum are up for re-election to the Church Council.

Cathy Bail is up for re-election to the Board of Christian Education.

Kenneth Stegner is up for re-election to the Cemetery Board.

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
07	Julie Kueckelhan	Kenneth & Janet Stegner	Rev. Andy Mockridge
Communion Prep: Scott		Communion Cleanup: Volunteers	
14	Jason Hundley	Wayne & Rita Kanenbley	Rev. Andy Mockridge
21	Janet Stegner	Donna Kammerich & Abigail Pannell	Lisa Street
28	Angie Hackman	Wayne & Rita Kanenbley	Kurt Grathwohl

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marty Eastman	01
Max Rapp	04
Thomas Grathwohl	06
Linda Potter	08
Holly Hughes	10
Daniel Viertel	11
Marilyn Geiger	12
Terry Schler	12
Greg Friedrich	18
Derrick Hundley	22
Ayven Inskeep	22
Melinda Richardson	22
Cora Louise Wisdom	22
Mark Dick	25
Pat Friedrich	25
Lynndora Schler	25
Melanie Scalia	30
Jenea Smith	31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Cedric & Lisa Alvis	01
Jim & Sonya Farris	21

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Jason Wayne Gerhardt	18
Kevin Dale Simmons	24
Charla Jenae Fowler Smith	28

In Christian Sympathy

Laura's father, Robert Lyndell Galloway, passed away Wednesday, December 20. Our deepest sympathies to Laura, Jerred, Tricia, Devin & Tyson, Thomas, Jessica, and all of Laura's family.

Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.

Arlene & Sonny Friedrich

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Ruth Searfoss

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

PRAYER CHAIN

Avery Beach, brain cancer
 Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Jim & Sharon Elliott
 John Ferguson, heart issues
 Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
 Family of Lyndell Galloway
 Dalton Hazlett, recovering from TBI
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Family of Roger Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 Don & Mary Neckermann
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
 Clifford Richey (Charles' friend), moved to Katy Manor
 Karen Schnetzler
 Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
 Vicki Simmons, cancer
 Carol Snyder, lung cancer
 Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues
 Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident
 Darin Walker, cancer
 Cora Louise Wisdom

Serving in our military:

Landon Bail	Jeff Burgoyne	Tony Davis
Natalie Meng	Blayne Vickery	James Walker

FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will meet Thursday, January 4 from 1:00-3:30 in Fellowship Hall for refreshments, games, cards, and visiting. You may bring a snack to share and any game you would like to play. We will have cards, Scrabble, Rummikube, Sequence, and dominoes, plus we will provide water, tea, plates, cups, napkins and utensils.

Snowman

Word Search



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PLAY

WINTER

LECTIONARY READINGS				
	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
1st Sunday after the Epiphany January 7, 2024	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany January 14, 2024	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2024	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
4th Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2024	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Andrew and Cayley (Schler) Inskeep on the birth of their son, Casen Lee Inskeep, born September 17. Proud grandparents are Terry & Linda Schler and proud great-grandmother is Leola Schler!

Congratulations to Andrew and Clarissa Cauthorn on the birth of their daughter, Carter Sue Cauthorn. Proud grandparents are Paul and Teresa (Kueckelhan) Carlson and proud great-grandmother is Birdie Kueckelhan!

Tony and Hayley Davis of Fort Moore, GA, had a baby girl on Nov. 30, 2023, Violet Sue Davis! She was welcomed by big sister Valerye, and by grandparents Rhea and Bobbie Vickery, and great-grandmother Rhea Helmreich.

Joe and Sarah Barbi of Amherst, New York, had a baby boy on Dec. 5, 2023, Sebastian James Barbi. He was welcomed by big sister Azile Barbi, and by grandmother, Rhea Helmreich.

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