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OUR SUMMER HOURS:

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Sunday Worship: 10 am

Our Mission Statement

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need, while giving glory to God.

TO OUR GUESTS: Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card to place in the offering plate.

“Christmas in July”

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2014 – 10:00 am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome, Guest Recognition, Announcements

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-20

Opening Hymn

“Joy to the World”

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The Invocation (Please rise)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

People: Amen!

Pastor: At Christmas God became a child.

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: As we kneel beside your manger, Lord Jesus, assure us of your continuing love and support.

All: And let us experience a new birth of HOPE in our lives.

Pastor: At Christmas God became a child.

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: As we kneel beside your manger, Lord Jesus, cause us to be more genuine in our worship, our service, and our witness.

People: And let us experience a new birth of FAITH in our lives.

Pastor: At Christmas God became a child.

All: Alleluia!

Pastor: As we kneel beside your manger, Lord Jesus, teach us to share our gifts and our love with others as freely as you have shared with us.

All: And let us experience a new birth of GRATITUDE in our lives

Pastor: At Christmas God became a child.

All: Alleluia!

Pastor: As we kneel beside your manger, Lord Jesus, challenge us to let your light shine through our sharing and our support of others.

All: And let us experience a new birth of WITNESS in our lives. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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The Prayer for Today

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us pray... “Heavenly Father, we recall today the joy of Jesus’ Birth in Bethlehem Help us everyday to live knowing your love to us in the Christchild in the manger.

People: Amen.

✠ *Please be seated*

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (Bible Page 193)

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other

people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:28-39(Bible Page 1,201)

²⁸ We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ who came from Heaven, we rise to sing*

The Holy Gospel**Matthew 13:44-52**(Bible Page 1,041)*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.***All: Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

*Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.***All: Praise to You, O Christ.** (spoken)**The Greeting***(please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)***The Children's Talk***As the children go to the CLC, the congregation sings:*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
 Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
 I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
 It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
 To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

The Sermon Hymn*"Silent Night, Holy Night"***363**

The Sermon:

“The Beatitudes III”
“Blessed are the Meek” **Matthew 5:5**(Bible page 1,029)

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The Apostle’s Creed (Please rise)

(back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings *(Please be seated)*

✠ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation will rise to sing:*

✠ **The Offertory**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with *“Lord, in your mercy ...”* and the congregation will respond with **“hear our prayer.”**)

Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Responsive Proclamation

Pastor: What time is it?

People: Christmas is a time of sharing.

Pastor: So we share with you the good news of Jesus’ coming to be our Savior.

Pastor: What time is it?

People: Christmas is a time of faith.

Pastor: So we invite you to trust Jesus as your Savior.

Pastor: What time is it?

People: Christmas is a time for family.

Pastor: So we gather together at Jesus’ manger to honor our Lord and Savior.

The Closing Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

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Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

Duty Elder	Larry Roach
Acolyte	Brittany Morrison
Altar Care	Sandi Leenhouts & Rose Wegner
Lay Reader	Renell Book
Audio Assistant	Rose Wegner
Video Assistant	Tim & Yvonne Burkee
Ushers	Kenny Korstuck, Ruth Bolduc, Sue Leader, Mary Cazel.
Altar flowers	Given by Carole Cupp to the Glory of God in honor of the blessing of 37 years of marriage to Michael. Also by Bea Schurkus in thanksgiving to God for husband Bob on his 90 th birthday (7/29).
Flower Angel(s)	Sue Leader
Fellowship Cards	Nancy Brendel & Carole Veleber

Stewardship Sentence: Since God never goes on vacation and stops providing for you, be sure to maintain your weekly offering to the Lord this summer when on your vacation.

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Sunday, July 27	9:30 am	Sunday School classes
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	"Coffee and"
Monday, July 28	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Board of Properties
Wednesday, July 30	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Thursday, July 31	6:30 pm	N/A meeting in the Good Samaritan Hall
Friday, August 1	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Saturday, August 2	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study at The Oasis

A Measure of Our Devotion

July 20, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (10 am)	119
Worship Attendance 2013 (10 am)	125
Sunday School / Confirmation	11/2
Receipts for July 20, 2014	\$2,511.77

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- **THANK YOU** to Pastor Kuehn, Elders Bob and Larry for all their visits, and to my friends at Faith for all their prayers and cards during Jerry's illness, and his passing. I hope to see all of you soon. Ginny Brown.
- **MISSION STATEMENT** The council has worked on an update that will be easier to remember and share. Our proposed Mission Statement is: "***Loving Jesus and making His love known.***" This will be coming to a vote at our next Congregational Meeting with the date to be determined.
- **VISION STATEMENT** The Council will be developing a Vision Statement which says what our church is to look like. For example: "people who are growing and are actively demonstrating that love in their lives." We would appreciate your ideas. Blank forms are in Narthex II by the coffee pot. Print your ideas neatly and place in the collection plate by August 3rd. Thank you.
- **HELP NEEDED** Sunday School is still in need of teachers for the fall quarter. Teachers are needed for 1st – 3rd grades, and 5th – 6th grades. If you are not comfortable being a "head teacher", then perhaps you would consider being a helper? Please consider if God is calling you to this ministry. See Sharon Rubia.



- **VACATIONING?** Don't let your giving go on vacation. Let's not forget that giving is not an obligation, but rather an act of obedience. It is our way of thanking God for what He has already given us. May God bless you as you obey.

➤ **BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(1) Corinne Bagaerd; Yvonne Burkee

There are no members that are celebrating anniversaries this week.

➤ **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- **Health/Unspoken:** Gary Ahl, Robbie Baumgartner, Emma Beck, Joanne Bellone, Sydney Birmingham, Mary Crane, Robert Engle, Bob Gould, James Ketner, Jimmy Keogh, **Stew Mallinson**, Peter Mohler, Pat Noll, Dory Nussbacher, Joyce Pankner, Peter Pinaud, Michael Prater, Connie Roach, Francisco Sabo, **Ardys Schoebel**, Pat Steinbach, Tom Springer, John Stevenson, Jean Terkowski, Mike Terkowski, Chris Van Ess, Harry Van Ess, Pat Van Ess, Karen Young.
- **Military:** Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Andrew Murphy, Richard Phernetton, Steve Roy, Jr., Andrew Springer, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew St. John, Alan Stackpoole, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson, all veterans, and all servicemen and women in VA hospitals.
- **Homebound:** Irene Berlin, Richard Brown, Florine Catt, Marilyn Eggert, Fran Fuller, Vera Grondahl, Bobbie Hain, Pat Hartwell, Selta Heintz, Baxter Holland, Maria Hulyk, James Ketner, Mona Krupicka, Mildred Jeffers, Marge LaVallee, Dottie Maslowski, Evelyn Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dave Noll, John & Lucille Noveck, Ginny Pohlman, Carl Schoebel, Brenda Serena, Hank & Jan Whitt.

Food Pantry Item for the month of July	<i>Cans of Tuna or Boxes of Tuna Helper</i>
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➤ **BLESS A SCHOOL** The Sunday School is once again collecting school supplies for a local school. If you are unable to shop for the items, or if you would prefer to give us a donation, please put it in an offering envelope and mark it "school supplies". We are collecting the following supplies:

Spiral notebooks

Pencils

Small pencil sharpeners

Glue

Colored pencils

Erasers

Markers

Notebook paper

Scissors

Folders

Questions? See Sharon Rubia, or call her at (727)376-5338. Drop off your items in the CLC **no later than Sunday, August 10th.**

