
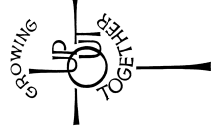


ACOLYTE
 2 Nickolas Watson / Cassidy Filbert
 9 Herman Griese / Allie Jensen
 16 Levi Holz / Dylan Matthews
 23 Dalton Johnston / Dylan Newell
 29 Jessie Fortin 30 Nickolas Watson / Andrew Rogers

October 2011

OFFERING COUNTING COMMITTEE

2 Schierkolk / Tackett
 9 Gil / D. Rand
 16 DeWitt / Koelling
 23 Bush / von Seggern
 30 Adeock / McNeerney

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>USHERS Saturday—Roy & Susan Hatfield Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Ken Roberts, Casey Roberts, Carolyn Gil Sunday, 10:30—Dale Gier, Dave Mack, John & Dee Schierkolk</p> <p>GREETERS Saturday—Lana Lindhorst Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Nina Walsh Sunday, 10:30—Leota Figge</p>	<p>3 1:00p.m. Mexican Train Dominos—<i>Fellowship Hall</i></p> <p>6:00p.m. Cub Scout Meeting <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i></p> <p>6:30 Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 10:00a.m. Bible study—<i>F.H.</i></p> <p>5:30p.m. 6th grade Catechism 6:00 5th grade Catechism 6:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 1:30p.m. LWML Executive Board Planning Mtg—<i>F.H.</i></p> <p>6:15p.m. Praise Practice</p>	<p>7 9:00a.m.—Noon LWR pick up at Christ Lutheran, Topeka</p> <p>KS District LCMS Outreach Conference—Wichita</p> <p>3:30p.m. <i>Rombeck-Taylor Wedding</i></p>	<p>1 8:30a.m. Andrea's toning class—<i>Fellowship Hall</i></p> <p>6:00p.m. Worship</p>
<p>2  LWML SUNDAY</p> <p>4:00p.m. Adult Information Class—<i>Fellowship Hall</i> 5:00-7:00 <i>Ingalsbe Fundraiser at First Baptist Church, Wamego</i> 6:30 Highland Bible study—<i>F.H.</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00p.m. Cub Scout Mtg—<i>F.H.</i> 6:30 Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>11 9AM-2PM Nimble Fingers—<i>F.H.</i> Noon—Sing at Valley Vista</p>	<p>12 10:00a.m. Bible study—<i>F.H.</i></p> <p>5:30p.m. 6th grade Catechism 6:00 5th grade Catechism 6:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:15p.m. Praise Practice 7:00 LWML Meeting—<i>F.H.</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>_____p.m. Church reserved for Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 8:30a.m. Andrea's toning class—<i>Fellowship Hall</i> 9:00 Zone LWML Workshop @ Manhattan</p> <p>3:30p.m. <i>Hafield Wedding</i></p> <p>6:00p.m. Worship 7:00 M.S. trip to Gary's Pumpkin Patch—<i>north of Topeka</i></p>
<p>16 9:15a.m. NEW Women's Bible study "LifeLight Foundations-Worship" 3:30p.m. Father-Son Flag Football game 4:00p.m. Adult Information Class—<i>Fellowship Hall</i> 6:30 Highland Bible study— <i>Fellowship Hall</i></p>	<p>17 1:00p.m. Mexican Train Dominos—<i>F.H.</i></p> <p>6:00p.m. Cub Scout Mtg-<i>F.H.</i> 6:30 Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>18 </p>	<p>19 10:00a.m. Bible study—<i>F.H.</i></p> <p>5:30p.m. 6th grade Catechism 6:00 5th grade Catechism 6:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>20 2:00p.m. LWML hosting Valley Vista Birthday Party 4:00 S.O.S. Meeting—<i>F.H.</i> 6:15 Praise Practice</p>	<p>21</p> <p>_____p.m. Church reserved for Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>5:30p.m. Fellowship Progressive Supper</p>	<p>22 8:30a.m. Andrea's toning class—<i>F.H.</i> 2-4pm <i>Fellowship Hall reserved for Bana Stutzman</i></p> <p>6:00p.m. Worship</p>
<p>23 9:15a.m. Women's study 4:00p.m. Adult Info Class 6:30 Highland Bible study—<i>F.H.</i> 7:00 Sunday Night Live!</p>	<p>24 6:30p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00p.m. Church Council Meeting—<i>F.H.</i></p>	<p>25 Noon—Sing at Valley Vista</p>	<p>26 10:00a.m. Bible study—<i>F.H.</i></p> <p>5:30p.m. 6th grade Catechism 6:00 5th grade Catechism 6:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:15 Praise Practice</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Jr. High Rally, Williamsburg "Agua de Vida—Water of Life"</p>	<p>29 8:30a.m. Andrea's toning class—<i>F.H.</i></p> <p>6:00p.m. Worship</p>
<p>30 Reformation Sunday 9:15a.m. Women's study 4:00p.m. Adult Info Class-<i>F.H.</i> 5:00-7:00p.m. <i>Fellowship Hall reserved for Thrivent supper/mtg</i></p>	<p>31 6:30 Bell Choir Practice</p>		<p>5:30p.m. 6th grade Catechism 6:00 5th grade Catechism 6:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>6:15p.m. Praise Practice</p>		<p>6:00p.m. Worship</p>

PART OF GOD'S PLAN

"In those days..." So begins a well-known passage of Scripture. Do you know what comes next? "In those days, Caesar Augustus issued a decree..." (Luke 2:1). Some of us can quote the whole story by heart. Even though we've heard it year after year, some of us for many years, the story is still precious to hear, still warms our souls, still excites our minds, still calms our fears.

Two seemingly inconsequential people of little means obeyed that decree and traveled to the town of Bethlehem to register for the census. The woman, Mary, was about to have a child. She knew that her child was the Son of God, a child to be named Jesus. Joseph, her husband, knew he was not the father of the child, although that was how the world saw him. These were two of God's faithful. They knew the prophecies regarding the Messiah. They had been visited by the angel and learned that they were to be part of the fulfillment of those prophecies. They didn't know how things would turn out. They didn't know all that God had in store for them. They just "obey[ed their] rulers and submitted to their authority" (Hebrews 13:17) as they trusted God to guide and protect them and His Son each step they took on His path.

Of course, God did just that. He provided a place for the Child to be born (Luke 2:7). He sent angels to announce the birth of the King and moved the shepherds to respond to the joyful news and go to worship the new Baby (Luke 2:8-20). He sent "Magi from the East" who brought "gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh" and then believed the warning God gave them in a dream and avoided the evil King Herod on their return trip (Matthew 2:1-12).

How many of these people involved in this most wondrous story realized the important and memorable parts they played? We cannot say for sure but surmise none could really comprehend the eternal significance of the events as they unfolded.

We, too, are involved in God's plans. Certainly none can equal in importance of the birth of Christ, but nothing God does is without purpose. Are we listening for the voice of the Spirit as He speaks to us through God's Word? Are we, as we go about our daily routines, obeying our rulers, cognizant of being God's feet and hands and voice to carry out His plan? Do we bring our gifts, aware that God may use them according to a purpose we can't even imagine? How exciting it is to think and know that we are God's instruments! What a loss of blessing to us if we refuse to let God use us and another gets the opportunity instead (Esther 4:14)!

As we live out our daily lives as stewards, "let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...so that we will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:2-3), but instead look forward with eagerness and anticipation toward the unfolding of God's plan in our lives.

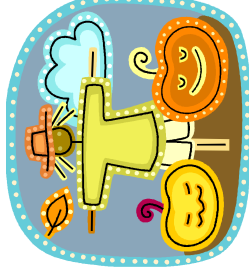
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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jacob Valdez
- 2 Dean Jackson
- Jean Northrup
- Keith Zerbe
- 3 Nicholas Clark
- 4 Linda Highland
- 6 Dawn Julian
- Kaleb Winter
- 7 Tom Beem
- Tanner King
- 8 Arionna Davies
- 9 Maureen Griese
- 10 Megan Brooks
- Nathan Clark
- Levi Holz
- 11 Tara Baggett
- 12 Joshua Hahn
- Christine Wilson
- 14 Reed McDiffett
- 15 Amanda von Seggern
- 17 Aaron Fritz
- 20 Kelsie Winter
- 22 Cassidy Filbert
- Tim Winter
- 23 James Wahl
- 25 Jared Schierkolk
- 27 Steven Holz
- 28 Mary O'Donnell
- Dale Gier
- 30 Zachary Beck
- Doris Zerbe
- 31 John Schierkolk

BAPTISMS

- 2 Kaden Winter
- 6 Barb Abitz
- 7 Ashley King
- Jeremiah Speier
- 8 Allie Jensen
- 9 Chris Beem
- 11 Carol Brase
- 13 Logan Jensen
- 14 Kate Peterson
- Molly Shreve
- 16 Elsie Stutzman
- 18 Annie Janitz
- 19 Dustin Hatfield
- Aaron Matthews
- Keith Zerbe
- 22 Lyle Figge
- Brittney Price
- 23 Nathan Clark
- 25 Bethany Jones
- Evan Coates
- 29 Delverna Wahl



Happy Anniversary to...

- 5 Chris & Misty Schultz - 1991
- 10 Ben & Angie Matthews - 1998
- 14 Tanner & Ashley King - 2006
- 20 Dean & Gina Jackson - 1984
- 22 George & Carolyn Stutzman - 1966
- 25 Rick & Brenda Steele - 1980
- 27 Curtis & Meri Thompson—1979

PLEASE NOTE: If any of the names or dates listed are incorrect, or if any name has been omitted, please let the Church office or Dolores Schierkolk know.
Thank You.