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Monthly Newsletter | First Lutheran Church

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Poinsettias for Christmas 2021 To the Glory of God...



... in Memory of Vernon Rebensdorf. by Mort and Jackie Bigham

... in Thanksgiving for all our blessings. by Jim and Carol Bunge

... in Memory of Pastor Walter Burns, Ellen Wearing, and Eric Burns. by Nadine Burns

... in Celebration of the birth of Jesus. by Dan and Kathy Chladek

... in Honor of our children and grandson and in memory of our loved ones. by Dan and Kathy Chladek

... Happy Birthday Jesus! by Nathan, Karri & Brett Chladek

... in Memory of Laurie Farrell. by Jim and Pam Farrell

... in Memory of Edwin and Mary Lee Farris, Roy and Francis Goforth, and Royce Edwin Goforth.

by Carroll, Laurel & Zane Goforth

... in Thankfulness for our friends and family and the blessing of Brooklyn's first Christmas.

by Howard and Janice Harmsen

... in Thanks for the friends and families of First Lutheran Church, St. Joseph.

by Pastor Keith and Deb Hohly

... Joy to the World, the Lord Has come! In loving memory of my parents, Virginia and G. W. Deubler.

by Marilyn Hunt

... in Honor of my families. by Karen Jensen



... in Thanksgiving for family and friends. by Jeff and Kris Langdon

... To the glory of Christ's birth and the peace he brings to everyone by Roger and Randi Lenander

... in Honor of our children and granddaughters. by Phil and Nancy Lewis

... in Honor of my parents, Jerome and Dolores Nester. by Reed and Rita Nelson

... in Honor of our family and the birth of Christ Jesus. by David and Ann Newman

... in Thankfulness for His care and thanks to our First Lutheran family for their prayers.
by Gene and Dee Rasmussen

... in Honor of our children and grandchildren. by Miles and Joyce Stroud

... in Memory of my mom, Pat Wessler. by Kathy Wessler



News From The Altar Guild

The Altar Guild wishes to thank everyone who has provided flowers during the month of December. They add beauty and warmth during this special season of the year. Those who provided alter flowers are Juel Pierce, Jim and Carol Roever, Carroll and Laurel Goforth, Ron Starks, and Larry and Nancy Reder. Those who provided the poinsettias with their dedications are listed separately. **Poinsettias may be picked up after the 7:30 pm. service on Christmas Eve or after the Sunday morning service on December 26.**

As we look ahead to the new year, there are **three Sundays available** for flower reservations as of this writing: **January 9, January 30, and February 20.** If you are interested in any of these Sundays, please **sign on the flower chart** outside the sanctuary or **contact Janice Harmsen (816-390-3980) or Nancy Lewis (573-691-2970).** The cost of the 2 vases of flowers remains the same of **\$40.00** for 2022. Payment is appreciated before your flowers are on the altar and should be made to Pam Farrell, Alter Guild treasurer.



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| Kay & Nick Howard | 1/10 |
| Felicia & Eric Blanc | 1/17 |
| Jo Anne & Mel Eyberg | 1/26 |

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

— 1 Corinthians 13:4, 7 (RSV)



Bible Trivia

1. Who did the sons of Zebedee leave to follow Jesus?
2. In which book of the New Testament is Pentecost mentioned?
3. Which city was Saul near when he had his encounter with God?
4. Who went up the mountain with Jesus when he was transfigured?

Answers

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| 1. Their brother (Matthew 4:22) | 3. Damascus |
| 2. Acts 2:1 | 4. Peter, James, & John |



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| Philip Deng | 1/01 |
| Mary Hasan | 1/01 |
| Noah Coyle | 1/03 |
| Mike Hamlin | 1/04 |
| Marilyn Hunt | 1/04 |
| Shelby Coyle | 1/06 |
| James Bunge | 1/07 |
| Marissa Burns | 1/07 |
| Joyce Stroud | 1/09 |
| Akon Deng | 1/13 |
| Ashley Luthans | 1/13 |
| Linda Heeler | 1/14 |
| Brenda Bass | 1/17 |
| Jackson Knorr | 1/18 |
| Diana Schmidt | 1/18 |
| Laura Rivest | 1/19 |
| Ann Newman | 1/21 |
| Terry Cotton | 1/22 |
| Pamma Williams | 1/24 |
| Philip Lewis | 1/28 |



Urgent Need This Holiday Season

On the night of Dec. 10 and early morning of Dec. 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 94 people are reported dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. For those unaccounted for, search-and-rescue operations are underway. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery.

Your gifts to "U.S. Tornadoes" will be used in full (100%) to help people impacted by the tornadoes until the response is complete.

The season of Advent is a time of hope as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Right now, we have an opportunity to share hope with our neighbors in their time of need. Please be as generous as you can. Mail your financial donations to:



Lutheran World Relief
700 Light St
Baltimore, MD 21230



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