

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 28, 2025





**DEAR FRIENDS,** Christ Jesus is Lord. May He rule your hearts with joy and peace as He fulfills the promise of eternal redemption. We welcome you in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Gracious heavenly Father, who sent Your Son into our world to redeem it from its sin, give us a mind that searches for Your revealed truth and a will to be continually about Your business for Your mercy in the gift of Christ to us requires no less from us; in Your name we pray. Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD and thank Him for all the blessings He has given us. We rejoice in the fellowship of the living saints at our church. We thank our Lord for His undeserved forgiveness and continuing love. We also pray for those with needs including Charmaine Stuewe, Phillip Theel, Larry Herbic, William Fritts, Tim Songs, Paula Moege, Earl Moege, Evelyn Schmidt, Ruth Tracy, Rev. Chris Kellogg, Rev. David Grouner, Joyce Mathies, Laurie Burbank, Joyce White, and shut-ins.



Worship Servants: <u>Sunday School Teachers</u>: Jim MacGregor, Phillip Theel, Traci Dickens, Lisa Thompson, Cheryl Buttenhoff; <u>Altar Guild</u>: Kathy Cox, Karen Herren, Debbie MacGregor; <u>Greeters</u>: Perry & Megan Piper, Mr. & Mrs. Jed Swicegood; <u>Acolytes</u>: Treyton Leonard, Berkli Wealthall; <u>Ushers</u>: Tim Songs, Charley Gann, Mike Savage, Don Snodgrass, Byron Wenderott, Caden Yonke; <u>Technicians</u>: Bruce Schultz, Whitney Howard; <u>Children's Message</u>: Harmon Butler.

## **OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK**

TODAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Worship Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
MONDAY	12:00pm	Pray for Missions Around the World
	7:00pm	No Choir
TUESDAY	6:15am	Bible Breakfast @ Frank's
THURSDAY	9:30am	No Bible Class
SATURDAY	6:05pm	Worship Service with Communion
SUNDAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Communion Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST		<b>DECEMBER 20 &amp; 21, 2025</b>			
Attendance:					
Advent	83	Livestream	10	Views	270
Saturday	22				
Sunday	110	Livestream	19	Views	442
Christmas Eve	315	Livestream	25	Views	571
Christmas Day		Livestream	11	Views	238
Sunday School	31				
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	\$30,485.72	Weekly Budg	et Needs	\$12,68	4.00

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are on the table outside the church office. They are in alphabetical order by last name and should be easier to find. Please feel free to pick them up after the service this morning.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY will close the books for 2025 on December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to make a contribution to be recorded for the 2025 tax year, please do so by year's end. Gifts received in 2026 will be recorded as such.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Ervan and Pam Stuewe invite family and friends to join them today as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The open house will be at St. John Lutheran Church, Memorial Hall, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ervan and Pam request no gifts.

**NEW YEAR'S BREAKFAST:** You are invited to Redeemer Lutheran Church at Lake Wabaunsee for a new year's breakfast on new year's day. It will be served at the Lake Wabaunsee fire station from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. You may eat in or carry out. A free will donation will be accepted to support their mission.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup> continuing the study of the Gospel of John.

LUNCH BUNCH will dine at the Friendly Cooker in Wamego at 11:00 a.m. on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Holy Family Catholic Church will host a Blood Drive Monday, January 12, 2026 from 12-6pm in the parish hall. All are welcome! You can sign up through the Red Cross or contact Louise Ronnau at 316-706-7060 (leave a message).

**BOOK STUDY:** The group will start "Faithful, Hopeful, and Bold" by R. Lee Hagan. They will meet January 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Schultz's home.

**JUBELLATION** will resume practices on January 21<sup>st</sup> in the balcony. They will be learning new music and will need one or two new players. If you are interested, contact one of the bell ringers or Kathy Schultz at 785-313-5175.

FREE HOT MEALS are open to the public at 5:00 p.m. December 30, 2025 at Wabaunsee Junior High Cafeteria in Paxico, 5:00 p.m. January 2, 2026 at the Maple Hill Senior Center, and 5:00 p.m. January 5, 2026 at the old school, Paxico Gym.

CALENDARS AND PORTALS OF PRAYER are still available and may be picked up at the table outside the church office.

**LIFE MESSAGE:** "Look back at how God changed you. Look ahead to what God promises for you. The future looks bright when you're connected to the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. May the Lord continue to strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life." *Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* 

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1	Dec. 28	Candy Stuewe
/		Earl & Jeannie Stuewe
9		Ervan & Pam Stuewe
6	Dec. 29	Alyssa Bierman
1		Izabella Wright
	Dec. 30	Angela Messer
	Dec. 31	Kyle & Kylie Savage
100		Richard & Linda Orton
þ	Jan. 1	Brandon Buchanan
9)	Jan. 2	Adalynn Miller
T	Jan. 3	Elton Maas
		Grace Zeller