

The birth of the King of kings epitomizes the love that bonds all heaven and earth together. God and sinners reconciled. Glad tidings of great joy that encompasses the forgiveness of sin, when Peace on earth was announced by the Angels to the Shepherds as they watched their flocks on that first Christmas Eve.

Christmas season, and in particular on this day of the circumcision of this very King of kings, the Lord of lords, who shed His blood for the first time in fulfillment/subject to the Law is celebrated by the true church, I pray that the Infant Son of Mary, yet Mary's Lord, repay you, my very faithful supporters with good health, peace in your heart, home, work, business, and day-to-day activities. Amen.

Thank you so very much from the bottom of my heart for your willingness to share your resources with others irrespective of who they are, and under any circumstance especially when it's for the good of JEM Lutheran Seminary in West Africa. Your sacrifices for others even if/when it hurts, cannot be forgotten for it is the true meaning of Christmas.

The reason for the birth of the Root of Jesse is to bestow on us the benefit of the ultimate sacrifice, the shedding of His blood on the cross of Calvary for the forgiveness of sin, reconciling you my faithful Supporters, to the triune God.

Lord, Thy mercy I adore; For the blessings You have bestowed on all my faithful supporters throughout the year 2021, for Thy care so deep and tender I give You Glory and Honor. I especially thank You for keeping them under Your wings in the raging tempest, rolling billow, and carrying them safely over, to this New Year - 2022. Lead them in like manner as they journey through this year and beyond. Lord, You exceed the bounds of time and see all things, past, present and future. Help them to embrace the future and graciously receive all the blessings You have in store for them this new year of 2022 and beyond. And as the true Church continue to Celebrate the first shedding of the King of kings' blood according to the subject of the Law; grant my faithful supporters the true circumcision of the Spirit that their hearts may forever be made pure. Amen.

Yet again, thank you so very much, my Dearly Beloved/faithful supporters, on behalf of the Seminary students here in Nigeria, West-Africa, and from the bottom of my heart.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year of 2022, to all of you. In the Name of the Babe of Bethlehem whose circumcision is celebrated today, eight days after His birth in Bethlehem of Judea, by the true church, and by you my Beloved faithful supporters. Amen.

Sincerely in-Christ,

Prof. Wokoma.

1 Tim. 1:15.



DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Once again, the Augsburg Confession speaks to the Lord's Supper, having previously done so in AC X, and XXII. Now in AC XXIV the Lutherans come to the heart of the issue surrounding the doctrine of the Lord's Supper, The sacrifice of the Mass.

The Romans spoke of the Lord's Supper as a sacrifice, which made Luther uneasy based on the clear witness of Hebrews 9:28, "Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many." This is why the Roman church calls the sacrifice of the mass an "unbloody sacrifice" since Christ is present but offered in an unbloody manner. While the Romans clearly stated that "the mass does not abolish sins" they also state that it "abolishes the punishment due sin, supplies satisfactions, and confers increase of grace and salutary protection of the living" (Roman Confutation to Article 24).

This sacrifice was beneficial not only for those who were alive, but also those who were dead, by making satisfaction for sin. The problem with this is that it turns this sacrament into a work of man, instead of a work of God as AC XXIV points out, "trust in Christ and true worship were forgotten."

There were a number of important issues that divided the Lutherans and Catholics on the doctrine of the Lord's Supper then and now. Mainly the doctrines of Transubstantiation, Concomitance and withholding the cup, and the sacrifice of the Mass as a satisfaction for sin. AC XXIV also discusses a few other areas of disagreement, such as: preparation for the Lord's Supper, the language used in the service, private masses for money, close communion, and how often communion should be received.

These points were very important in the time of Luther, and they are just as important in our time as well. As we consider these points in the next few articles, we will see their value and emphasis in our teaching still today.

AC XXIV begins: "Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence.... For ceremonies are needed for this reason alone, that the uneducated be taught what they need to know about Christ.... No one is admitted to the Sacrament without first being examined. The people are also advised about the dignity and use of the Sacrament, about how it brings great consolation to anxious consciences, so that they too may learn to believe God and to expect and ask from Him all that is good. This worship pleases God. Such use of the Sacrament nourishes true devotion toward God. Therefore, it does not appear that the Mass is more devoutly celebrated among our adversaries than among us."

Luther and many others had seen the improper use of the Lord's Supper in the Roman Church. They understood the importance of instruction in preparation for receiving this sacrament and began educating the people accordingly.

Unfortunately, many within Lutheranism (and without) now neglect the instruction of individuals concerning the meaning, purpose and misuse of the Lord's Supper. But according to Scripture, we see that preparing individuals for worthy reception of the Lord's Supper has, from the very beginning, been an important characteristic of the Lutheran Church. It continues to be a hallmark of this church, and as long as faithful pastors continue to be called here, it will remain so.

The instruction of our youth and adults can not be underestimated and takes place in many ways, from Confirmation for our youth, adult instruction for new and seasoned members, Bible classes and Sunday school, to the liturgy and architecture, sermons and hymns, it all points to Christ. It is all catechetical, as it teaches young and old alike the truth of God's Word and the gifts He gives us through His means of Grace.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Pastor Krieg

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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:1-21

DEAR OSL MEMBERS,

It is amazing how quickly the days seem to fly as we begin the second half of the year. We concluded our first semester this month. We are thankful for our dedicated teachers and staff who work tirelessly to provide a quality Lutheran education to our members and to the community.

This January we were pleased to name Mrs. Lynette Cherington and Miss Jeanene Lunsford as our new assistant principals. These ladies have proven their dedication to OSL for several years. Their leadership as Early Childhood Director and Athletic Director, respectively, has been a blessing to our school and we are pleased they were both willing to take on this leadership role. We are now meeting every Friday morning to discuss school happenings. Upon our return to school in January, we met with each teacher group (ECE, K-2, 3-5, 6-8) to check in on how the first semester went, make any adjustments to maximize what we are doing, and set goals for the second semester. It is a great gift to have their experience and knowledge as they help in leading our school. This year they are both pursuing colloquy and have been recommended for SLED-22, an LCMS year-long school leadership training. I encourage you to congratulate these wonderful ladies and thank them for their leadership and service to OSL.

Tickets went on sale this week for the annual Eagle Evening on 2/18. We are thankful for our PTL board who have been preparing for this night since this summer. We hope you will honor us with your presence. It should be a wonderful evening. This year the event will be held at the Bell Tower. They raised a record amount for the Fall Raffle and Bid for Kids, too!

We are in re-enrollment season! All current families were welcome to begin re-enrolling their children on January 1. Our re-enrollment numbers have already exceeded last year's numbers at this time. Thank you to our current parents who have already taken the time to do this. The community may begin enrolling on February 1. It is exciting to see the number of families already touring our school in hopes to gain a seat in one (or more) of our classrooms. We are grateful to Mrs. Guevara for her leadership in this area.

We also have an annual Step-Up Day. The entire grade "steps up" to the next grade for 30 minutes and meets with that teacher in his/her classroom. This is an exciting day for our scholars and teachers. Each child receives a flyer from the next grade's teacher which gives more information about the upcoming year and introduces the teacher.

Our scholars take MAPS tests three times a year to monitor growth throughout the year and to identify any deficits we need to address. Our scholars took the second round of assessments the last week of January (24-28). The first round was given at the beginning of the year to give a baseline for each child. The last round will be given towards the end of the year. Our Logic School scholars in grades 6-8 are also taking the Classical Learning Test 8 (CLT8) in the Fall and 8th grade will again take the test in the Spring. The CLT8 is a national test like the PSAT or PACT but assesses our classical education along with giving us good data to compare our scholars with other young classical scholars around the nation. We are pleased to report that our grades 6-8 scholars performed better than the national average of 8th grade scholars!

Thank you again for your support of our school. We are grateful to be able to provide a quality classical Lutheran education to our members and the community. We are sharing Christ each day with these precious children and that is a true gift.

In His service, *Kate Thoelke* principal

"To the Glory of God and the Salvation of Man"



n January 8th, 2022, I and five other OSL high school and college age students attended a pro-life conference at Memorial Lutheran Church in Houston. The conference, "From Fertilization to Forever", covered multiple issues like abortion, love and marriage, and the end of life. These are all very important problems that we as Christians must be able to deal with in love. The primary speaker was Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life, a campus and youth outreach of Lutherans for Life.

The first lecture was a broad overview of the whole conference, during which Mrs. Bauman introduced and talked a little bit about herself. She told us stories of people she had met in the past who had to deal with life problems like these, and she talked about what we can do to help women who are struggling with this difficult decision of life or death.

The first plenary session was all about abortion, in which Mrs. Bauman presented statistics of abortion and what we can do to help. She also talked about what a serious problem it is in the United States. Rev. Scott Licht from Lutherans for Life also talked during this lecture about the different kinds of abortions and their effects on women.

The next subject was about love and marriage. Mrs. Bauman talked about what love is, which is not what most of the world thinks it is. According to the Bible, love is the sacrificial love like that which Jesus showed us in his death. She also went over the roles of the husband and wife in a relationship and what to look for in a spouse.

The final subject was on the end of life. Rev. Scott presented on the sanctity of life, even near its end. He talked about physician assisted suicide and its effects on what people think life is worth. He finally talked about how we, even knowing that we are about to die, should keep doing things for our loved ones. And when we can't do those things, we should allow ourselves to be a burden on them.

The life conference was an extremely beneficial event to go to because it went over many of the problems that Christians must deal with in love. It had a lot of great things that I, as a young Christian, found extremely helpful. It was a helpful reminder of why and how the church values the life given to us through Christ.

In Christ,

Mitchell Stephens, OSL 4:12 - Vice President



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY BRISKET

All proceeds to benefit OSL LWML Ladies attending LWML Texas District Convention in Houston, June 16-18, 2022.

Your very own OSL Holy Smokers will be firing up the pit once again to prepare slow smoked brisket.

Pre-order your 100% cooked to perfection brisket at a low price of \$100.00. Briskets are approx. 12-15lbs each. **Deadline for ordering is Tuesday, February 8.** To reserve your brisket please complete the form below, pre-pay for your order and give to any member of the LWML or the Holy Smokers or drop in the collection plate.

All briskets must be picked up on Saturday, February 12 between the hours of 4 to 6 pm. A pickup station will be set up in the parking lot by the golf carts. Any brisket not picked up by 6pm will be left in the school cafeteria kitchen with your name on it.

Name			
Phone	Quantity:		
Cost is \$100.00 per brisket. Make checks pay	yable to OSL LWML.		
Pickup Date: Saturday, February 12, in the parking lot near the golf carts; 4pm - 6pm			
All proceeds benefit OSL LWML Cheerful Helpers attending Texas District convention.			
Thank you for your support!			

MEMORIALS AND HONORS:

Memorials are given in memory of our loved ones for the glory of God to the "Forward Faithfully Fund," unless otherwise noted.

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BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Elizabeth Tracey Cooper became a child of God in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, on January 9. Her parents are Robert & Audrey Cooper, and brother Anthony, pictured here with Pastor White.



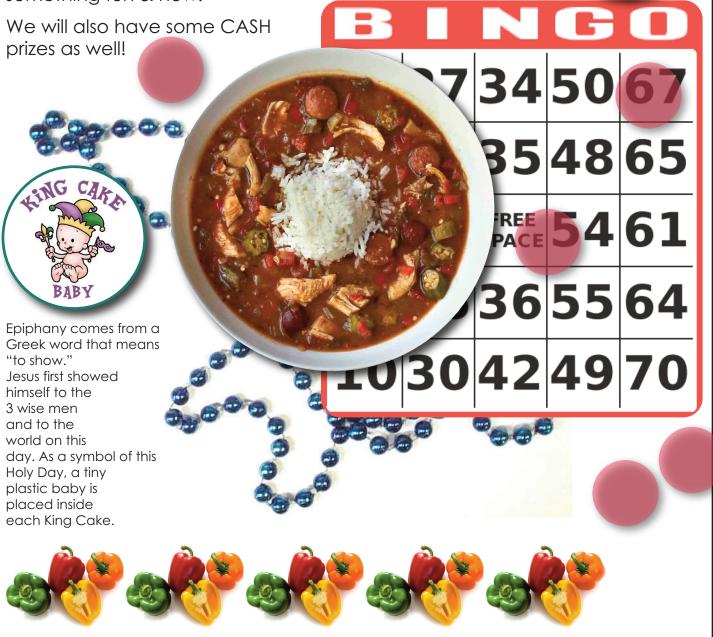
Mardi Gras BINGO!

Join Us for a Fellowship Mardi Gras Pot-Luck & BINGO Party Saturday, February 26, at 6:00 pm, in the Cafeteria!

Bring the family and your favorite pot of New Orleans' style/Cajun dish to share, and we will provide the King Cake and drinks!

Remember your white-elephant gifts for the BINGO prizes!

Good time to clean out your CDs, toys & books, or bring something fun & new.



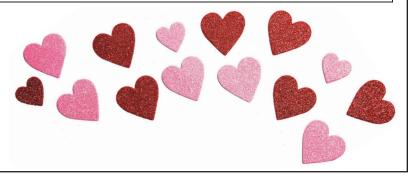


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13 8:15 AM Bible Class 9:30 AM Communion 10:45 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Laudate 4:30 PM Middle School Youth Meeting	9:00 AM Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML Happy Valentine's Day!	Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM Trustees 7:00 PM Elders mtg-BC 7:00 PM Night Circle-FR	16 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00 AM Bible Class-BC 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline	17 3:00 PM Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00 PM Evangelism Meeting - BC 6:15 PM Carillon Ringers 7:00 PM Jubilate Choir	18 12:00 PM Young at Heart-BC	9:00 AM LWML - BC
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THOSE TO SERVE IN February 2022

Acolytes	02/06/22	9:30 AM	August Baughman / Nathan Russ
Carts	02/06/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Elders	02/06/22	9:30 AM	Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Mel Derong / Channing Wood
Evangelism	02/06/22	9:30 AM	Team 2 Ken
Greeters	1	9:30 AM	Team 2 Ken
	02/06/22		Diales
Sound	02/06/22	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	02/06/22	9:30 AM	Lehr Team
Acolytes	02/13/22	9:30 AM	Sam Adams / Cade Witt
Altar Guild	02/13/22	9:30 AM	Glenda Cochran Team
Carts	02/13/22	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
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Comm Asst.	02/13/22	9:30 AM	Channing Wood
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Evangelism	02/13/22	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	02/13/22	9:30 AM	
Sound	02/13/22	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	02/13/22	9:30 AM	Hall Team
Acolytes	02/20/22	9:30 AM	Emma Guevara / Toni Willis
Carts	02/20/22	9:30 AM	Gerard Team
Elders	02/20/22	9:30 AM	Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Mel Derong / Channing Wood
Evangelism	02/20/22	9:30 AM	Team 4 Karl
Greeters	02/20/22	9:30 AM	
Sound	02/20/22	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	02/20/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	02/27/22	9:30 AM	Anthony Cooper / Jacob Pampell
Altar Guild	02/27/22	9:30 AM	Diana Stephens Team
Carts	02/27/22	9:30 AM	Adams Team
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- 02 Bella Jewell Morgan Musgrove
- 03 Emily Cezeaux Hannah Pampell
- 04 Melissa Armstrong
- 05 Katherine Johnson
 Deborah Lazenby
 David Marburger
 Erik Morrissey
 Scott Nitsch
 Kathleen Taylor
 Marisol Vasquez
- 06 Bryce Cooper Emma Guevara Kaden Resendez
- 07 Tess Colborn Kat Hooper Zach Manriquez Craig Martens
- 08 Sue Fischer Mary Johnson Elena Martens Jody Valentine
- 09 Joni Noble Chuck Resendez Cade Witt Emma Witt

- 10 Gladys Farley
 Kenneth Homfeld
 Aryana Reyes
 Tammi Wright
- 11 Ashley Curtin
 Madison Hess
 Michaela Hess
 Jani Hughes Overgoner
 Vivian Jewell
- 12 Claire Coon
- 13 Sydney Valentine
- 14 Lisa Ward
- 15 Eddie Meyer
- 16 Gerald Hooper Michael Lawder
- 17 Amy Derong
 Sheryl Henson
 Lee Nino
 Maja Stephens
- 18 Justin Jones Summer Morrissey
- 19 Tim Fenneberg Jeanelle Lee Terry Moore
- 20 Ken Bartelt Alexander Hope John Wilbanks
- 21 Elaine Cox Byron Martens

- 22 Travis Eckert Martha Glammeyer Jim McNutt
- 23 Jordyn Boundy Carlton Homfeld Julie Lierbo Rebekah Listi Faye Spencer Timothy Witt Keira Wright
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