



IN NOMINE JESU CHRISTI

*“Glory to God in highest heav’n,
Who unto us his Son has giv’n
With angels sing in pious mirth:
A glad new year to all the earth!”*

I sat down at the computer screen on St. Stephen’s Day, 12/26/2024. The screen was blank. Nothing but a blinking cursor waiting for me to write something for my January 2025 message to you. And funny thing, that blank page gave me great joy! For it reminded me of our life in Christ Jesus our Lord, God’s own Son sent from heaven to be our Substitute and Savior.

You see dear friends, every minute of every hour of every day God gives us a blank page to write on. That’s His true glory. In His Son, Jesus Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem we live lives of repentance into the forgiveness of sins. Every minute our Father is forgiving our sins for the sake of Jesus. Every minute the Holy Spirit is working to convict us of our sinfulness and beggar status before God. Every minute the Holy Spirit is working to convince us that Jesus is our Savior and Lord. Every minute of our lives God is with us!

And it’s a blank page! The past is forgotten and the future is in God’s hands. Today, in the present tense we live out our lives together in our homes and church, in our work and relationships. And the question is: **“How shall we live?”** Shall we keep going back to the old frustrations and hurts of the past? Shall we keep on picking at the scab of memory and bleeding all over again? Shall we worry and fret about the days ahead and what they hold in store for us? I say, **“Bah! Humbug!”** I don’t have to do what the devil wants. I don’t have to worry as the world wants. I can forgive! I can live!” And so can we all, to the everlasting praise of God.

Some of you who read this letter have been long away from the grace of God in Word and Worship and Sacrament. Well, its today! Live in the present tense. Listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and get yourself to church this Sunday. I can assure you, the walls will not fall in. Not only so--you will be welcomed with open arms by your Holy Cross family. Some of you have dear loved ones that have purposely absented themselves from God’s grace in Christ. Well, its today! Live in the present tense. Invite them to worship with you this Sunday. I can assure you, God will bless your effort whether it succeeds or not.

Dear ones, live in the present tense—the forgiveness and love of God won for us on the Holy Cross. He gives you a blank page to write on. What shall we write this year of our Lord 2025? Please let Him bless you. Happy New Year! Pastor Loewe.

The Lutheran Hour is aired each Sunday at 7a.m. on WPOS-FM (102.3) or you can visit RealAudio on the Internet at www.lhm.org. Hear the broadcast available to our military at www.lutheranhour.org/AFN/listen.htm. For January we invite you to tune in and listen to hear Rev. Ken Klaus's message on the following topics:

January 5

"In the Beginning Was Dialogue"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ.

(John 1:1)

January 12

"What's This Neighborhood Coming To?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone.

(John 1:14)

January 19

"He Made Me a Believer"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God makes us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made--church, marriage, family, and work.

(John 2:11)

January 26

"An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

Like an overture that introduces a great musical work, John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation.

(John 3:26-36)

Altar Flowers Chart 2025

The flower chart has been posted for the coming year at the entrance to the fellowship hall..

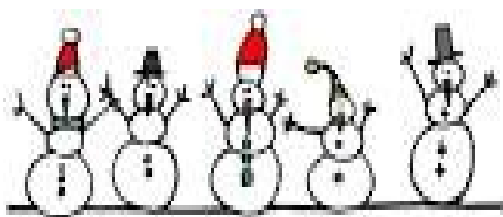
Be sure to indicate "in honor" or "in memory."

Payment can be made in advance or at the time you receive the flowers. Checks should be made out to Sisters in Christ and left in the church office'



JANUARY & FEBRUARY
COLLECTION

CEREAL



SERVICES

JANUARY 5

Music SOS
I-Tec Dave Mulligan
Deacons Jay Reaume & Dave Mulligan
Altar Care Lisa Fischer & Audra VanBrandt

JANUARY 12

Music SOS
I-Tec Dave Mulligan
Deacons Tom Miazgowiec & Keith Fischer
Altar Care Lisa Fischer & Audra VanBrandt

JANUARY 19

Music Reverend Ron Diener
I-Tec Dave Mulligan
Deacons Dave Mulligan & Jay Reaume
Altar Care Lisa Fischer & Audra VanBrandt

JANUARY 26

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BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

1	Jordan Haupt
5	LeAnn Vinecourt
8	David Mulligan, Jr.
9	Dottie Mulligan
11	Emily Mulligan
12	Dale & Beth Schmidt
13	Emma Diesing Boss
21	Christine Ost
25	Mabel Hollender
26	Mark & Jenny Prenkert
27	Jay Reaume
30	Brian Morton

