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**Announcements**

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 12:45 p.m. The snow date is set for Sun., Feb. 2nd at the same time.

**2025 VBS Dates:** Mark your Calendars – The Dates for VBS will be May 26-30, 2025, with the Program on Sunday, June 1st. We are looking for VBS Directors! Please contact the church office if you are interested. We have already ordered the VBS Kit for next year!

**Inclement Weather:** We are coming to the time of year when weather conditions may affect our ability to have worship services. If services need to be canceled, we will attempt to notify the congregation through the Prayer Chain, the Sunday School Phone Tree, and the Church Website. If you have questions, please contact the church or Pastor Mike’s cell phone. Thanks!

**Carmen Taylor Deployment:** Her Address is:

 332 AEW/WSA/HC Unit 61801

 APO, AE 09321-1801

**Trevor Bertsch Deployment:** His Temporary Address is:

1251 Tavern Rd, Room 133

Alpine, CA 91901

**Logan Schmidt’s Address, in the Navy:**

 Note: Please send cards to Logan’s Parents Address

219 S. Alfalfa Street Menno, SD 57045

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

**\*Bill Headley,** as he was transferred to the M/OCC and has been placed on Hospice Care.

**\*Karen Baker,** as she is scheduled for heart surgery at the Mayo Clinic on December 30th. To remove a benign tumor from her heart.

**\*Ray Gossen,** as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

**\*Robbie Ness,** as he continues to recover from a brain surgery to remove a tumor a couple of weeks ago.

**\***We pray for all of our **Care Center Residents and Assisted Living Residents** as well as the **Staff**who work so hard in caring for them.

We also pray for **\*Tiffany Pommerville, \*Barb Ulmer, \*Phil Crick, \*Jennifer Bierle, \*Corey Kubal, \*Dustin Christensen, \*Kobee Sherman,**as these individuals are in various stages in their battle against cancer and/or other health struggles.  We praise the Lord for His Power that is mightily at work within each one, and giving them strength!

**\*Carmen Taylor** (Deployed, Air National Guard)**, \*Travis Gramkow**(U.S. Navy - Virginia), **\*Trevor Bertsch** (Deployed, Army National Guard)**, \*Parker Schultz** (U.S. Air Force – Texas), **\*Aaron Helgerson**(U.S. Navy - Rhode Island), **\*Katie (Schultz) Paulsen**(U.S. Air Force -Germany), **Tyler J. Brandt**(U.S. Army - Georgia), **\*Logan Schmidt**(U.S. Navy - Ft. Travis, CA), **\*Troy Heckenlaible, Derek Fischer, Dan Wonnenberg, Katie Huber, Chad Boettcher**(Army National Guard), **\*Lee Heckenlaible, Brett Andersen, Evan Wintersteen**(Air National Guard), **\*Travis Brandt, \*Jayme Schaaf**(U.S. Army)**, \*Jake Haider**(U.S. Army - Florida),  **\*Alex Olson** (U.S. Navy),**\*Alex Ulmer**(U.S. Marines), **Cameron Christensen** (U.S. Army - Belgium, Germany) **- we pray for God's protection over all who serve in our Military!**

**“FROM THE HIGHEST HIGH TO THE LOWEST LOW”**

**Text: Luke 2:1-7**

**NOTE:** **Luke uses the word *Firstborn*: #4416 *‘protokon’***

He does not use the word ***‘monogens’***  which means only son.

**Mt. 13:55,56 –** speaks of Jesus’ brothers and sister.

**I. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ EMPIRE**

**Luke 2:1-3**

 **A. Caesar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

- his given name was Gaius Octavius

 - Caesar: simply a title like King, Emperor, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 - Augustus: an adjective meaning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ One!

 - He ruled the Roman Empire for \_\_\_\_\_\_ years!

 **B. Quirinius, Governor of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

We know there was a Census taken in 6 AD, and they

 were taken in 14 year intervals. So the 1st one spoken

 of here would have been in 8 BC.

 Jesus’ birth was likely in the year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BC.

**II. THE LAND OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Luke 2:4,5**

**NOTE:** The prophecy made in Micah 5:2 would have been \_\_\_\_\_ years before Christ was born!

 **KJV – *“. . . whose goings forth have been from old,***

 ***from everlasting.”***

This verse is quoted exactly in Matthew 2:6!

**III. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Luke 2:6,7**

 **A. Placed Him in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*From the highest of the high, To the lowest of the low,*

*That Stable tells the story of the distance You will go!*

*For the lonely and the lost,*

*There’s no sinner too far gone to find a Savior,*

*Lyin’ in the Manger!*