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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements Praise Singing

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Hymn #137

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Hymn #132 "Go, Tell It on the Mountains" Hymn #139

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message - Keith Loomans

Message – Heaven Meets Earth Scripture – Genesis 3:1-24, Luke 2:1-21, Revelation 5:1-14

We Respond to God

Prayer Special Music – Libbi Campbell "Hold Onto Me"

Blessing

Memory Verse for Jan 5th

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. -Romans 6:23



Sermon Notes: Heaven Meets Earth

Key Scriptures: Genesis 3:1-24, Luke 2:1-21, Revelation 5:1-14
The Story: Why do we celebrate the coming of Jesus anyway?

- 1. God is outside of space and time and is in control of a plan bigger than any one of us that we cannot see.
- 2. God created The Heavens, Earth, and Man.
- 3. Man was separated from God.
- 4. A perfect sacrifice was needed to redeem mankind and restore that relationship.
- 5. Only God, Himself, could fulfill the requirement necessary to become that perfect sacrifice.
- 6. He sent His only Son, to become that sacrifice.
- At the end of the story, God shows us in the spiritual realm why a perfect sacrifice was necessary...Only a perfect sacrifice was worthy to open the scroll.

My Story: Heaven Meets Earth

What's your story?

Application:

- 1. Read and reflect on the "Key Scriptures" listed in the bulletin.
- 2. Take time to journal the times in your life where you know that you know, that Heaven came to Earth.

Upcoming Events

Dec 26 8:30am – Prayer Meeting

9:30am - Pastor Doug, Special Music - Libbi Campbell

Dec 27 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
Dec 28 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
Jan 2 8:30am – Prayer Meeting

9:30am - Pastor Doug, Men's Chorus

Youth News

High School youth group will resume January 5th.

Middle School youth group will resume January 9th.

Soda donations – The youth groups are looking for people to donate soda during this semester of youth group. If you're interested in helping out in this way, please check out the sign up on the information desk. Thanks!

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 12/26 Christian Radio, 1/2 Regular Benevolence, 1/9 Missionary Salary, 1/16 Union.

AMEN articles are due today.

2022 Offering Envelopes – Members, please take your offering envelopes from the table in the lobby.

P - praise R - repent A - ask Y - yield

Praise: Heavenly Father, I praise you for...

Repent: Please, forgive me for...

Ask: I pray that you would intervene in our world...

- Revive our faith by inspiring us to study your Word and to pray without ceasing.
- Renew our passion for your mission and help us reach the lost.
- Heal and strengthen those listed below as they face challenges each day.
- I specifically ask that you...

Yield: I surrender this coming year to you, Lord. Help me honor you.

THIS WEEK... Praise! Scott and Mel Bruins had a baby girl, Nova Beth. Praise that Harlan & Judy Bossenbroek are out of the hospital and are currently at the Lutheran Home in FDL.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Ashley Bruins, Betty Daane, Dusty Deming, Paul Elenius, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Annice Hopp, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jessica Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico;
Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;
Mitch Miller, stationed in the South China Sea

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: Anchor Communities (Brandon): Dale Kastein Barrett House: Lowell Glewen Charleston House: Brian & Cora Hemp *Christian* Home: Sharon Harmsen, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande Christian Homestead: Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen**: Glen Loomans *Hillside Manor:* Harvey Daane *Home:* Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest Maple Meadows: Arlene Henning Marvin's Manor: Eleanor Loomans *Prairie Ridge:* Annice Hopp

Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ