

THE LOVE IS STILL "in the aire" ... on this annual
"LOW – KEY SUNDAY" ... December 27, 2009

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Sunday School & Breakfast Club, 9:45 Adult Choir, 9:30

(adjourned 'til January 10)

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Worship in this humble temple is a moment laced with quiet & joy.

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us this morning.

We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy & disruptive, we ask you please to respect the quiet and dignity --- both of our worship service and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under, and our moderately festive and always highly paid & humble staff is anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the staff. Most of all --- Merry-after-Christmas. Some of the finest holiday coffee in the "southland" awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome and announcements

opening prayer

It's over, but it's not.

The needles drop ... the red leaves from the poinsettias grace the carpet.

Reminders: in a moment of time, the finish-line can be there.

I sometimes worry about the "ultimate finish line" ... I know it will come someday. In the meantime ... there are these "little finish lines" ... and, too often, I never get there.

The deadlines ... the bills ... "paying it off" ... the thank-you's and phone calls ... the good intentions, new year's resolutions ... changes needing to be made ... honoring my debts, keeping my promises ...

Lord ----- can you help me? ... can you help me to help me???

I need to be "fried-off" dead-center.

I need to move ahead let it go ... get going ... and be the kind of person others can look-up-to and trust.

I know, Lord ... life is full of finish-lines ... some I'll reach, some I won't.

But like we say a lot around here ----- it's in the "journey towards the line" that I find the miracle of your presence. It's in the detours and unexpected turns ... that I find forgiveness & courage & un-tapped strength.

It's over ... but it's not. The stars ... the angel ... the message ...
they know no season.

Today ... the "season of love" continues ... and I'm grateful. Amen.

opening song

"O come, all ye faithful" 45

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

"will my younger friends come forward?" ... kids' time

song

"The bells of Christmas" 62 vv. 1-4

meditation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

prayers and sharing the Lord's supper

Communion songs: 67, 54, 55 (green book)

"alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

closing song

"Silent Night" 65

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

As always ... we have beautiful altar flowers gracing our church ...

from Rob and Shannon Schwieger, in honor of their 4th anniversary.

Happy #4 ... and thanks for sharing this gift with us.

The eternal light shines brightly ...

**from the Nelson family, in honor of Gaylord's birthday.*

**from the Kuehn family ... in honor of the 5th anniversary of Nathan surviving the fire ---- good stuff.*

Happy b-day, Gaylord ... Nathan --- GLAD YOU ARE HERE!!

A FEW HUMBLE HAPPENINGS

A couple youth-related things.

**Confirmation resumes on Monday, January 11, 7:15

*Youth breakfast club resumes, Sunday, January 10 ---- off to
"team connect" at Sunrise.

*YOUTH BOWLING ... Sunday, January 24 at the Orland Bowl.
You can begin signing up today.

SPEAKING OF BOWLING ... it's adult bowling on Sunday, January 31,
4-7 ... at the ever festive FRANKFORT BOWL. You can begin buying tickets
this Sunday or next ... not sure, as this is being written!@!!

OUR ANNUAL MEETING ... adopting budget, electing council members ----
is Sunday, January 31 after the 2nd service.

SUPER BOWL PARTY (another non-Bears event!!) is Sunday,
Feb. 7. Stay tuned!!

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SPIRITUAL, EMOTIONAL, AND FINANCIAL
SUPPORT ... it all keeps us going.**

*Financial commitment forms are in the narthex.

*Offering envelopes are just outside the gym ... please fill out the form on the
table if you would like envelopes, but don't have any yet.

THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLE YEAR ... WHEN IT COMES TO OUTREACH.

*In the midst of the many struggles some of you face ... we were able to help a
whole lot of people ---- not just financially ... but with lots of love, prayers,
and moral support.*

*THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO ... each of you ... is at the very
heart-and-soul of what it means to be the church,.*

your humble, loving, festive staff

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Kathy Klang, comptroller

Linda McAlley, custodian Mike Hefter, organist

Mark Nussle, choir director Craig Nelson, pastoral support

Kathy Ruiter, Sunday School Superintendent