

STEEPLE ECHOES

**JANUARY
2024**

*A Monthly Newsletter
of Evangelical Lutheran
Church
of Mount Horeb*



JANUARY BENEVOLENCE 2024
*Iglesia Luterana Del Divino Salvador
Cataño Puerto Rico*




EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
of Mount Horeb

*A family in faith,
reaching out to share God's love
with all people*

WELCOME

ELC of MOUNT HOREB

We welcome all to ELC. Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT ELC

Holy Communion Celebrated 1st & 3rd Sundays at all services.

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm- (in Chapel) Modified Traditional Worship

SUNDAY 9:00 am Blended Service

Pre-recorded online worship available:

www.elcmthoreb.org/home/worship/sermon-archive/

or listen to Sunday service "live" on your phone 855-514-2017

MORNING DEVOTIONS by Pastor John on the ELC Facebook page at 8am Monday through Saturday

ELC'S STAFF

Pastor John Twiton

Intern Zach Smirris

Accompanists: Ruth Heinecke, Barb Underwood

Agape Preschool Director: Amy Kellesvig

Bell Choir Director: Kristin Willcutt

Custodian: Brian Johnson

Junior Choir Director: Barb Underwood

Music Team Leader: Barb and Chris Underwood

Office Manager: Nancy Voss

Organist/Senior Choir Director: Diane Dangerfield

A Note from PASTOR JOHN

The Beginning of Our Story

*"The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."
-- Mark 1:1*

We read this first verse from Mark's gospel on the Second Sunday of Advent – but it sets the stage for the story as we read primarily from the Gospel of Mark for the start of the new year.

The good news of Jesus is why we gather. That is, the very presence of Jesus in our world and in our lives has marked the new era of life for all creation. It started in the wilderness along the Jordan River where John was baptizing – but what is equally as important is this – there is no end to this good news. It begins at the River Jordan, but it continues with us today. We are still a living, active part of the story of God's great love being brought to the world.

What chapter of this great story will we write in 2024? The history of this good news has seen many ups and downs throughout the years. The church has thrived in some eras, and struggled through others. But God has always remained faithful, and in every age has supplied in abundance all the gifts needed to proclaim the good news with confidence and joy.

God has been here in the midst of great celebrations, and in times of great hardship. God's Spirit has called, gathered, and empowered disciples in every age. God's presence is never lacking – but our awareness and willingness to serve sometimes runs short.

What will you as a disciple add to the story this year?

What will we, as God's church, do this year to bring the Good News to light in our community and in the world?

A new year lies before us, now is the time to resolve to bring our best compassion, creativity, and commitment to building up the Body of Christ in this year. As you look ahead, what small and big ideas and commitments can you make to let the Good News be shared?

God's Peace and Strength be with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor John Tushnet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Pastoral Intern – Happy Jubilee!

ZACH SMIRRIIS

“You shall hallow the fiftieth year, and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family.”

~~ Leviticus 25:10~~

Happy New Year, loved ones! I hope you all had a restful Christmas season and were able to rejoice with your loved ones the dawn of a new year. For those who experienced their first holidays after a loss, I pray that Christ may surround you with his comfort and the Spirit with her peace.

If you've been astutely studying the calendar, you may notice that we are not actually in a Jubilee year. These year-long celebrations are set to occur every fifty years- enough time for people to be lost, homes to be sold, and money to be cheated. Fifty years, a life time for the ancient Israelites, is a long time to suffer injustice. But then the jubilee comes and makes all well! All property is returned, those sold into slavery are liberated, and people can return to their families. A noble goal, and a bold assumption that God makes on our behalf. God commands us to make right our wrongs every fifty years and sets it into the holy law that connects the Israelites to God. Except, the Jubilee doesn't come until the baby Christ is born.

This new Year we can trust in Christ to be our Jubilee. We can rejoice knowing that the baby was born and we are free to love our neighbor as Christ loves us. We can feel the Spirit guiding us to Jubilee, into a right and comforting and loving relationship with our siblings. May we all feel the Jubilee this new year, and may 2024 prove to be a good year. Amen.

God's peace be with you all, my friends.

Zach Smirris
Pastoral Intern, ELC of Mt. Horeb
internzach@elcmthoreb.org

AGAPE

Happy New Year and Welcome 2024!

The first day back to school will be January 2nd and we are excited to start off the new year with lots of fun together. The students will learn about winter animals and their habitats, all things snow, ice, and winter. We will also keep practicing how to put on our winter gear for our outside playtime. Maybe we will have some snow for them to play in?? I am looking forward to starting off 2024 with these fantastic ladies - Cathy Fountas, Megan Kelly, Jenelle Ollendick, Wendy Rasmussen, Katy Seibel and Anita Symons. These women go above and beyond to serve the children, families, and ministry of Agape Christian Preschool and I am blessed to work with them every day!

Blessings to you all and enjoy the season of winter!

Amy Kellesvig, director
Agape Christian Preschool

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, January 2: 4K AM/PM, Red & Purple Classes resume

Thursday, January 4: 3K Yellow Class resumes

Friday, January 5: Toddler Time resumes

Friday, January 19: No 3K or 4K Classes; end of first semester

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 - 11 am (3 years old - 8th grade) - Sunday School resumes on January 7th. Join us for Bible stories, music, games, and snacks. We begin weekly in the chapel.

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION- No class on January 3rd. Confirmation classes resume on January 10th, 7 pm. We will be learning about the Sacraments this winter/spring.

CONFIRMATION BOWLING NIGHT - We will have a bowling night on January 31st at Norsk Bowl. Please bring \$5. Drop off youth (and pick up) at Norsk Bowling. Pizza will be provided.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT/GAMES & CRAFTS AT ELC -

January 12th, 5:30 pm -8:00 pm at ELC:

Our experienced high school youth will be offering a night of games, crafts, and treats for youth ages 3 years through 5th grade at ELC.

Donation: \$10 per child and \$5 for additional children (family rate). Funds raised will support our youth to attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024.

January Parent's Night Out
Register Here



Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend. Sign up with the link/QR code.

<https://forms.gle/aqG4aNyLckWxUafH8>



FUSE NIGHTS (Youth Gathering Edition) –

8th 12th graders are welcome to join us on **Jan 14 & 28th, 7 pm** in the youth room. We will focus on discovering more about the Youth Gathering theme, "Created to Be: Disruptive".

Youth attending the Gathering are expected to attend.

THANK YOU - As we say hello to a new year, I want to thank everyone who has helped, supported, and participated in our youth programs this past year, including our many fundraisers. We look forward to 2024.

Blessings & Peace,
Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director
brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org

YOUTH FUNDRAISING:

TROLL WAY PIZZA (TIME TO ORDER) - Our youth are taking orders for our delicious "church-made" pizzas after worship services Dec 17th - Jan 14th. Orders may

be placed online, using the link below or the QR Code. Pick up day for these unforgettable pizzas will be on February 4th, in Fellowship Hall. (After worship service) One great way to stock up on pizzas before the Super Bowl. Funds raised will support the youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2024.

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TROLL WAY PIZZA
ORDER HERE



TREASURER'S REPORT

Prepared 12/11/23.

We continue to run small but persistent operating deficits, and the general fund deficit has grown to \$7,258. At the end of the month, we had \$7,410 in the bank (including a \$492 surplus from the mortgage fund) and \$8,720 in outstanding checks, for an asset total of -\$1,010. That deficit combined with \$6,248 in outstanding liabilities (mostly payroll tax) resulted in that end-of-month general fund balance of -\$7,258. Although we've been in the red for a while, this is the first time that the asset total was negative and our "float" depended on uncashed checks rather than accounts payable.

As a result, on December 11 Nancy transferred \$5,000 from the unspecified designated fund to the general fund. This transfer, along with \$8,969 in giving for the second Sunday in December brings the current (December 11) bank balance \$12,286. The unspecified designated fund stands at \$20,191, and the total designated funds at \$109,314.

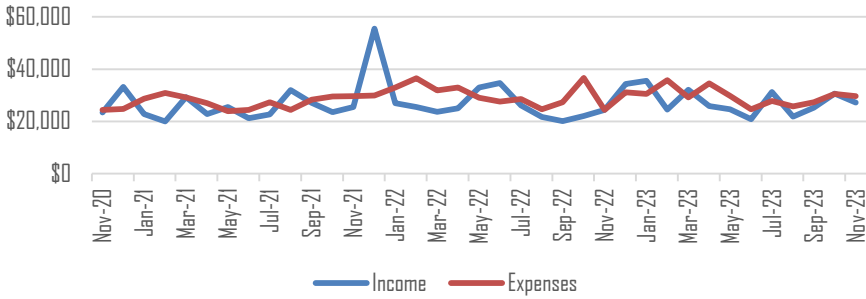
November expenses from designated funds include \$456 for our youth programs, and \$1,307 for the internship program. The internship designated fund is now at -\$4,212. Designated fund income included \$192 for youth, \$130 for landscaping, \$120 for internship, \$50 for music, \$25 for Neighbors Heling Neighbors, and \$99 unspecified.

November building fund expenses included \$8,889 to A+ Plumbing for emergency hot-water repair, \$2,000 to Boley for tree removal, \$1,169 for elevator maintenance, and \$887 for telephone updates. The building fund stands at \$9,319, with little margin for safety should additional emergencies arise.

As the year comes to an end, it's worth taking stock of what our giving looks like. There are 250 giving units, and the average (mean) donation is \$150 per month. Our budget shortfall is about 15%. Increasing the average donation by only \$20 a month would fix our deficit and put us on a stable financial footing. \$20 is not a lot, but small amounts in large numbers make an appreciable difference.

Respectfully submitted by Ben Brothers, December 11, 2023

General Fund Income Versus Expenses, Previous 36 Months



BALANCE SHEET	11/30/23	10/31/23	12/31/22
General Fund	\$ (7,258)	\$ (4,854)	\$ 18,205
Mortgage Fund	\$ -	\$ 359	\$ 4,566
Building Capital Fund	\$ 9,319	\$ 21,392	\$ 23,201
Designated Funds	\$ 113,760	\$ 114,888	\$ 134,727
Mortgage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (41,933)
TOTAL	\$ 115,821	\$ 131,785	\$ 138,766

CASH FLOW	November 2023	YTD 2023
General Fund Income	\$ 27,229	\$ 300,103
General Fund Expenses		
Personnel	\$ 22,097	\$ 218,516
Mission and Outreach	\$ 1,775	\$ 22,044
Congregational Life	\$ 1,008	\$ 16,780
Facilities and Administration	\$ 4,761	\$ 68,227
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 29,641	\$ 325,567
Net General Fund Gain (Loss)	\$ (2,412)	\$ (25,464)
Other Income		
Benevolence	\$ 811	\$ 12,042
Building Capital Fund	\$ 873	\$ 10,504
Designated Funds	\$ 616	\$ 19,419
Mortgage Fund	\$ (492)	\$ 38,214
Total Other Income	\$ 1,808	\$ 80,179
Other Expenses		
Benevolence	\$ 792	\$ 8,165
Building Capital Expenses	\$ 12,945	\$ 24,386
Designated Fund Expenses	\$ 1,763	\$ 41,708
Mortgage Repayment	\$ 10	\$ 38,491
Total Other Expenses	\$ 15,510	\$ 112,750
Net Gain (Loss) from Other Expenses	\$ (13,702)	\$ (32,571)
NET GAIN (LOSS)	\$ (16,114)	\$ (58,035)

BENEVOLENCE

Divine Savior

It's intentionally symbolic that we begin this year's Benevolence lineup the same way we've started most of the 12 years since ELC initiated the program.

Our commitment to support Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Cataño, Puerto Rico has been at the forefront of our giving efforts through the years - a partnership rather than just a financial relationship. Many members of our congregation have visited through the years, and their leadership has visited Mount Horeb, too.

Several years ago, we decided to double down on that commitment – and demonstrate that Divine Savior is on our minds year-round – by not only raising funds during a dedicated month but also allocating 10% of proceeds in the other months toward our partner congregation.

During times of intense strife on the island, our congregation has held additional fundraisers to help Divine Savior rebuild after hurricanes and meet the modest needs of parishioners and neighbors in the surrounding community.

Here's what you can do to support Divine Savior throughout January:

Pray: Support the work of our partner church by keeping their congregation and the community of Cataño in your prayers.

Give: You can donate financially by:

- Mail: Send a check to ELC and note "Benevolence" in the memo
- Online: Visit the ELC website and click "Give"
- Digitally: Download the ***VANCO MOBIL FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP***, or text "Benevolence" to 608-400-0183 with the amount you wish to give.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz
adammertz2@gmail.com

BENEVOLENCE Cont.

2023 RE-CAP

January: Lutheran World Relief & Lutheran Disaster Response (\$702.00)

February: Compassion International (\$646.42)

March: ELC youth and summer programming (\$1485.32)

April: Reconciliation in Christ (RIC) social justice programming (\$1083.92)

May: Divine Savior, our sister church in Puerto Rico (\$995.35)

June: Neighbors Helping Neighbors (\$930.92)

July: Young Adults in Global Mission (\$1317.92)

August: Lutherans United Against Disasters (\$827.41)

September: Saba, International (\$1209.01)

October: Accessible local health care: Our Lady of Hope Clinic in Middleton & Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville (\$706.00)

November: Lutheran Disaster Response (730.00)

December: Madison Area Jail Ministry (TBD)

YAGM SENEGAL ONCE AGAIN

Cecilia Hook- *From my journal*

October 2nd, 2023

Today I found myself wishing my adventures were smaller, I was missing going out to eat with friends, picnics, games, and camp exploration. But as that thought passed through my mind I was reminded, that although this adventure is big in the way I am using a new language and a language I have not mastered, and I am across the ocean in a place and family new to me, this big adventure truly is made out of little adventures, walking around the neighborhood, car rides with Mytch and the other YAGMs, or just like today sitting with Maman Clotilde and eating a pomegranate from the tree in the back yard.



A Visit to Puerto Rico?

Our January benevolence goes to our partner in ministry at Divine Savior Lutheran in Puerto Rico. We would like to travel to present this gift at the end of January or early February. If you are interested in accompanying Pastor John on this visit, contact him by January 7th.

COUNCIL NEWS

As we begin a new year I would like to offer a word of thanks to all the people who make ELC such a great worship community. From the employees to the volunteers, we have a large number who work tirelessly to keep the worship a truly remarkable experience, the building in great shape, and the communications current and informative.

As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation do we strive to make our church as welcoming as possible? Is each and every one of us talking to those around us, and especially are we talking to those we do not recognize or know? In the past I introduced myself to a father and daughter who I thought were visiting, only to find out they have attended, and are and have been members for years. We simply attend worship at different times and days. Was I embarrassed, yes, but hopefully this encounter helped us both to know the importance of talking to each other and growing as a community of faith working together to grow God's grace and forgiveness.

And finally, the importance of ELC remaining vital and, an important part of the Mt Horeb community, is that we are financially sound. For those who didn't receive or read Pastor John's note in the last Steeple Echoes, I would like to reiterate and copy those words of wisdom.

"Multiple news sources estimated that last year Americans spent an average of between \$1000 and \$1500 on Christmas, with total spending approaching one trillion dollars. It is a long way from a quiet manger in Bethlehem, accompanied by a few shepherds. For perspective, while we spend freely for a holiday named for Christ's birth, according to our annual report, more than half of our givers share less than \$750 all year for the ongoing work of Christ's church in the world?

Let each of us review our giving and see if we can all do a little more, as we are able, to increase our sharing of what God has freely given us. Thank you,

Mark Mostrom
Council President
Mark Mostrom

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregations strive to be beacons of inclusivity and compassion, embodying the spirit of acceptance and love that is at the core of Christian teachings. At ELC Mount Horeb, the message is clear: all are welcome, “regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles”, or any other characteristic that might divide us. By embracing diversity, we work to create a space where individuals can fully express their faith without fear of judgment, fostering a sense of belonging and unity.

In the journey towards reconciliation, ELC can lead by example, demonstrating that love transcends boundaries and that everyone is a cherished child of God. The commitment to inclusivity extends beyond mere acceptance; it involves active advocacy for justice, challenging societal norms that perpetuate discrimination. By standing in solidarity with marginalized communities, ELC Mount Horeb will become an agent of positive change, promoting a Christianity that reflects the teachings of love, compassion, and understanding.

In January, the RIC committee will join Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church for worship and meet with the Honorable Rev. Everett Mitchell to discuss our reconciling work. Additionally, we will celebrate RIC Sunday at ELC January 28, 2024.

Ultimately, reconciling in Christ congregations offer a powerful testament to the transformative power of embracing diversity within the Christian faith. In a world often marked by division, RIC congregations shine as beacons of hope, showing that reconciliation is not just a concept but a lived reality. As we open our arms to all, we inspire others to follow suit, fostering a more inclusive and compassionate interpretation of Christianity that truly reflects the teachings of Jesus Christ.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

Thank you for supporting NHN

The Giving Tree of Mt Horeb and Neighbors Helping Neighbors held a blanket and gift drive this holiday season. Our church collected and donated 31 throw blankets. Numerous gifts were also given.

Thank you so much for your generous support. Your donations have provided comfort and joy to folks right here in the Mt Horeb community.



PRAYER list

PLEASE PRAY FOR Paul Baum, Ingrid Hoerz, Dolores Kahl, Sara Kittleson, Helen Ladwig, Terri Naylor(Dennis & Mary Lokken's daughter), Mary Greenlaw-Meyer (Vicky Rosenbaum's friend), John Scheele & family (Char Smith's Brother in Law) Linda Stoenner, Betty Tharp(Katie Zelle's grandmother), Ken Rabideau (Helen Ladwig's Brother in Law), Nick O'Connell, Paul Kerscher (Amy Thompson's Dad), Steve Mueller, Joyce Fargo, Alycen McKinney, Rick Gullickson (Brother of Mary Krantz), Cara Mavis, Amy Hall, Joan Schraepfer (Rita Schraepfer-Derke's Sister in Law), Todd Collins, Norm Hefty, Lincoln Kuhn, Brooklynn Kreul, Mary Jane Ellis (friend of Bonny Kellogg), Connie Peterson, Bonnie Bender, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, Shirley Thompson, Brock Howe, Jeannie U'Ren, Mike Olson, Grace Aavang, Carol Johnson.

Our partner congregation IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño, P.R

MEMORIALS

Given in Memory of:

David Field

Irene Field

Bev Schwierske

Heinecke

Given By:

Mary Curtis

Norm & Rita Hefty

Paul & Dawn Kellesvig

Paul & Ruth

Schwierske Family

Bob & Sharon Schiefelbein

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Can You Help?

A group of ELC members is giving rides to Sara Kittleson who requires dialysis in Dodgeville 3 times a week. Sara and Kendall are extremely grateful for these drivers. We could use a few more volunteers. It's about an hour and a half round trip to Dodgeville, no more often than twice a month. With a few more drivers it would be once a month. No medical experience is required, but the ability to push a wheelchair is necessary. Call or text Helen Kahl if you have questions or to volunteer. 608-577-4379. Thanks for considering.

Volunteers Needed at the Clothes Closet

ELC is partnering with Neighbors Helping Neighbors of Mt. Horeb during January. Please consider signing up to help support this important community organization. Folks are needed to help sort, fold, and organize donated clothing. We also need people to work during open hours at the Clothes Closet. The specific dates and times for the open hours are from 950 to 1145 am on Jan 13th and 27th. Time slots for sorting clothing during off hours have been set for Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings, however these time slots can be adjusted to almost any time that works for you.

A link to the Sign Up to volunteer is below. As mentioned above, additional dates and times are available, please call the church office if you don't see a slot that fits your schedule.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BAEAE22A1F85-46921150-elcclothes>

LEAD 2024 - February 17 - Register Today!

LEAD 2024 will be held on Saturday, February 17, at St. John's Lutheran Church (100 Oak St., Prairie du Sac, WI) from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

LEAD is an annual event presented by the synod for rostered and lay leaders to gather for worship, learning, and fellowship. For more information and registration see the synod web page: <https://scsw-elca.org/lead2024/>



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BABY CAPS MAKERS - a slight change to our January schedule. This month we will meet on Tuesday, Jan 9 and 23 at 9:30 am in the Faith Room. Contact ruthheinecke@gmail.com with questions.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10 am on January 16th doing Chapter 7 from Bad Girls of the Bible. Linda Wahlgren will bring treats and Judy Steinhauer beverages.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, January 16th, 7 pm in the Matthew Room at church. We will do the January Bible study from "Gather" magazine. Contact Connie Curran (curranconnie@hotmail.com) with any questions about the study materials or meeting details. Always welcoming new participants as well as those we haven't seen recently.

ELC SEWING GROUP is beginning its new year of quilt production. We meet every Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to see how those beautiful quilts are made, please stop by. We'll be happy to show you how it's done. We also invite anyone interested in joining our group for the fun of fellowship and working on this stewardship project. All equipment and supplies are provided so come as you are.



MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 am on Zoom. Contact Pastor John for the link.



ELC COFFEE TIME Wednesdays at 10am in Fellowship Hall. A great time to connect with our church family!



MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - NOON & 1 PM-4 PM
FRIDAY 9 AM - NOON

Nancy will be away from the office on Wednesday, January 3rd

STEEPLE ECHOES ARTICLES DUE BY
Thursday, January 25th for the February issue.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Tuesday, January, 30th
to assemble the January newsletter. *Newcomers are welcome.* The assembly process usually takes about
2 hours. Please, come and enjoy the fellowship



OFFERING ENVELOPES -AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

Please be sure to pick up your envelopes! Some of your numbers have changed. If you are not using the envelopes you have likely been assigned a higher number. If you are using them your number may have moved to a lower number. We were able to reduce our expenses by consolidating the numbers. Thanks so much for your help & understanding!!!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS -2023 contribution statements will be mailed by the second week of January. If your number has changed your previous contributions will be reflected on your statement. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Nancy in the church office.

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

COUNCIL	JAN 6 & 7	JAN 13 & 14	JAN 20 & 21	JAN 27 & 28
ACOLYTES	Claire Hurda Mara Parks	Landon Kahl Drake Ploessl	Josie Sailor Vanessa Rameker	Skyler Schulenberg Adelie Zwolanek
COMM ASSIST	Diane Bartz Helen Kahl	n/c		n/c
READERS	Helen Kahl	Diane Bartz	Paul Heinecke Chris Coffin	Bonny Kellogg Barb Underwood
USHERS	Team 1 Jim Cook John Rosenbaum	Team 2 Mary & Wayne Knudson	Team 3 Dennis Lokken Irv Steinhauer	Team 4 Doug Nesheim Gerald Stamm
ALTAR GUILD	Cathie Field, Sara Hellenbrand, Laura Miller, Sharon Schiefelbein, Amy Kellesvig			
COUNCIL DUTIES	Mark Mostrom			



JANUARY

Birthdays

1	Pat	12	Mae Jean	23	Alexa
Boettcher		Zelle		Vesely	
	Jayne Martinson	13	Devin	24	Samantha
		Kahl		Bower	
	Debby Schneider		Kim Kelliher		Morgan Monroe
3	Jim		Breanna Nesheim	25	Sarah
Iverson				Brothers	
	James Morey	14	Steve		Kelly Doty
		Hall			
	Michael Powell		Pamela Larson		Robin Paske
4	Sandra		Kathy O'Donnell		Aaron Schmidt
Cannon					
	Zach Klassy	15	Skylaar	26	Larry
		Killinger		Jenkins	
5	Amanda		Christine Rinabarger		LeAnn Klaetsch
Field					
	Ross Nesheim	16	Helen		Stacy Kreul
		Kahl			
	Matthew Nielsen		Renee Littel	27	Tim
				Anderson	
	Colin Schulz		Bob Schiefelbein		Megan Ferrell
	Amber Schulz	17	Nancy		Gabriel Guenther
		Breed			
6	Kaylie		John Rosenbaum		Hadley Kahl
Appleby					
	Gordy Kahl	18	Jaclyn		Graham Schloesser
		Errthum			
	Ethan Wittman		Erik Iverson	28	Kari
				Hustad	
7	Grace		Ashley Segebrecht		Michael Miller
Hanson					
	Andrew Knudson		Kevin Thorsen		David Powell
	Kristina Nielsen	19	Ingrid		Owen Rothamer
		Malin			
8	Daniel		Cord Spellman	29	Valerie
Edwards				Fischer	
	Ken Schulenberg	20	Beverly		Rodney Fisher
		Jewell			
9	Leah	18	Ann McCue		Logan Heiting

Gaulke		
Stacy LaBorde	Conner McCue	30 Kristine Aeschlimann
10 Lydia Martin	Evelyn Rameker	31 Theresa Bender
Amy Mertz	Karen Stamm	Deb Dangerfield
Mack Racklin	21 Paul Heinecke	Jenafer Festge
Ethan Stange	Ethan Sutter	Tim Killinger
11 Matt Anderson	Kristin Willcutt	Jeff Rasmussen
Patricia Ellestad	Franklin Willcutt	Kimberly Sailor
Lisbeth Gibney	22 Chloe John	Allie Slocum
	Diane Mueller	Sara Thompson
	Sonja Rosborough	
	Karen Tetzlaff	
If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.		



HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.









JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 God	2 night	3 word	4 in	5 love	6 Jesus
7 glory	8 therefore	9 speak	10 give	11 light	12 Christ	13 a
14 saw	15 beginning	16 anyone	17 waters	18 help	19 is	20 many
21 he	22 again	23 through	24 earth	25 made	26 while	27 back
28 new	29 if	30 and	31 creation			

- The second Monday _ _ _ _ _
The last Monday _ _
The 16th _ _ _ _ _
One day before the 20th _ _
The day before the first Friday _ _
The last weekday of the second week _ _ _ _ _
The day after the 20th _ _
The day after 18th _ _
The first day of the second weekend _
The last Sunday _ _ _
The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _

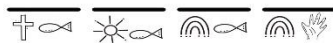
Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

Puzzle!

Use the grid to discover what James 5:13-18 advises when challenges loom.

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Answers: Pray in faith. Pray for each other. Pray earnestly.