

Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

December 7, 2025

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Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

SUNDAY 8:30 am - Adult Bible Study

9:30 am - Worship

9:45 am - Children's Sunday School during worship

10:30 am - Fellowship

MONDAY 9:00 am - Friendly Ties Quilters (1st and 3rd Mondays)

TUESDAY 11:00am - Bible Study

WEDNESDAY 1:00 pm - Book Club

THURSDAY 1:00 pm - Shepherding Bible Study Group – (3rd Thursday)

- Game Day – (1st Thursday)

1:00 pm - Movie Day – (4th Thursday) (canx this month)

6:30 pm - Church Council meeting – (2nd Thursday)

FRIDAY 8:00 pm - AA and Al Anon

SATURDAY 10:00am - WELCA Ladies (Last Saturday of the Month)



December Birthdays

Dee Brown	2
Don Brown	4
Anders Denniston	5
Keith Crater	9
Marc Hughes	14
Billie Petersen	19
Katie Young	19
Calvin Fields	26
Heaven Romero	26
Jamie McConnell	27
John Fritschle	29

Upcoming Events

Dec 14 – Annual Congregational Meeting after worship
Jan 10 – Women's Retreat





Flowers on the altar given by Mark and Christie Denniston in honor and celebration of Ander's 9th birthday!

Thank you so very much! To everyone that support this year's Holiday Bazaar. As I sit here writing this, the bazaar is tomorrow, but I know that it will be a great success. The community will have come to visit, done some shopping, and enjoyed a delicious treat and a hot beverage in the cafe.

We are grateful to each of you for whatever you have done to support this community ministry. Our set-up crew was awesome; there were so many fun/delicious/beautiful things made/donated for this event.
GLYASDW (God loves you and so do we)
Kim Engelby & Kelly Martin

Gloria Wurst from Elim and her friend Diane are looking for someone that could bring them to DanaLee's Women's Retreat on Jan 10th in Holladay. If you are attending and have room for 2 passengers, please talk to Kelly and she get you Gloria's contact info.

Food Donations Update

Just a short update to let you all know that for the past 3 weeks I have brought food donations to Utah Neighborhood Connection which is a non-profit after school program that serves youth who attend Highland Junior High. It is located right next door to our previous church home at 789 2nd Street. Along with this week's food donations, I also brought 5 cream pies and a fancier dessert that were left over from coffee hour and Thanksgiving. They were very happy & excited to receive it all!

THANK YOU for your continued support in bringing food donations! Let's keep the momentum going! PLEASE remember to bring one non-perishable or canned item (not expired) with you to church this Sunday! GLYASDI

Kim Engelby

Don't Forget... next Sunday right after worship we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting. The meeting has been moved to December to help facilitate the budgeting process. We will be electing council members, Synod Assembly voting members and other business items. Please plan on attending.

Need Your Help with a Few Small Projects

1. Looking for snow shovelers, if needed, who have the time and want the exercise who are available for

future storms, contact Pat Refsdal, 908-625-2039

- 2. Looking for someone to check-out the snowblower to ensure it is ready for winter.
- 3. If anyone has some spare time to string some Christmas lights in the church breezeway and arrange Poinsettias for Christmas, contact Pat Refsdal.
- 4. Also looking for additional counters to help lighten the load on our Counting Team.

Christmas Poinsettias

We will be collecting donations and dedications for Christmas Poinsettias to beautify our worship services in honor or memory of a loved one. The poinsettias will be used to decorate our sanctuary during worship on Christmas Eve. Each poinsettia donated costs \$10. You may pick up your donated poinsettia after the Christmas Eve worship service. Cash or checks (made out to Ascension Lutheran Church) may be given to Pat Refsdal, Arliss Zimmerman or put in the offering plate. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex – please include your name and your dedication



"Wise Women Also Came" by Jan Richardson

Wise Women Also Came – A Women's Christmas Retreat

Saturday, January 10, 2026 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Holladay, UT

Dear Utah Conference Churches,

My name is DanaLee Simon and I am a Pastor in the UT Conference of ELCA Churches. I am excited to lead our second annual Women's Christmas Retreat on Saturday, January 10, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will gather at Our Savior's Lutheran (2500 E 3900 S, Holladay, UT 84124) and I would love for you to come.

Our theme this year, *Wise Women Also Came*, will once again be based on a resource by pastor, poet and author, Jan Richardson. I love her explanation of what a Women's Christmas celebration is all about. "There is a custom, rooted in Ireland, of celebrating Epiphany (January 6, which brings the Christ-mas season to a close) as Women's Christmas. (It) originated as a day when the women, who often carried the domestic responsibilities all year, took Epiphany as an occasion to celebrate together at the end of the holidays. . . , Whether your domestic commitments are many or few, Women's Christmas offers an opportunity to pause and step back from whatever has kept you busy and hurried in the past weeks or months. As the Christmas season ends, this is an occasion both to celebrate with friends and also to spend time in reflection before diving into what this new year will hold."

It is in this spirit that we will come together. We will begin by sharing brunch, and then dive more deeply into our theme, together, through art, poetry, music, prayer, and connective conversation. I look forward to seeing you and connecting us all together in this fun and meaningful gathering.

The registration fee for this retreat is \$30. Scholarships are available. Please let Pastor DanaLee know if you are in need of one. Payment will be taken on the day of the retreat via cash, check or Venmo. Please register and reserve your spot by e-mailing DanaLee and letting her know you will be attending. Include your name, phone number and congregation. Her e-mail address is sagehillwisdom@gmail.com.

Questions? Do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor DanaLee at the e-mail address above. Or, reach out to your congregational contact for this event.

Please Lift Up in Prayer

- Pat & Eric Refsdal and Family
- Tracie Truitt, friend of Alyson's
- Cory, Nancy Gale's son
- Jessica Stewart, Dick Graves's daughter
- Jefferson Barrett
- Maylan Chugg, Don & Dee's granddaughter
- Chris, friend of Alyson W.
- Henry, Nancy G's grandson
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Dick Graves
- Suzy and her family
- Alice, Anastasia, and all the people affected by the war in Ukraine
- Brian Washburn, Kamberlynne's dad
- Terry, Dee Brown's brother
- Ruth Dupee, friend of Maria
- Lynn & Carol Benson
- Don Hughes
- Don and Dee Brown
- Sue, Sharen's sister
- Dean and Val, Mike's brother and sister-in-law
- Steve Morlan
- Diana Warkentin
- David Stuart
- Sharen's Mahjong Group
- Babs B.
- Anne E.
- Baylee Rose, Danette's grandbaby

- Judy Neilsen, Carolyn's Aunt in law
- Michelle, friend of Pastor Debra
- Paula Del Carlo
- Casey, friend of Dick Graves
- Pam Burbank
- Steve, Pastor & James' son-in-law
- Judy P.
- Patti, Shari's daughter
- John Warkentin
- Frank, Diana Warkentin's brother
- Laura V, friend of Dana
- Rodney, Rhonda Joa's brother
- Lisa Samples, friend of Kelly
- Grace Bowen (Scothern)

†Praying for Loved Ones in the Military or deployed:

- Steve Johnson
- Kaleb Tarr, Ethan Lee, Michael Connelly (deployed 13 July 17, 2021)
- Dariyan Edsinger
- Mason Bushey and his wife Ida, and family
- Brody Wilcock
- Renee Kiel
- Justin Kiel
- Kris Kiel
- Matt Malde
- Jason Chugg
- Alex Treadway

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, or would like to be added to our Prayer Warrior email group, please send Kelly an email jeffnkelly2@msn.com

<u>December</u> <u>Ascension Ministries</u>

SUN	WORSHIP ASST	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	ANNOUNCEMENT S	Stewardship For Gods Gory COUNTERS
Dec 7	Katie Young	Kim Engelby	Todd & Renee Hart	John & Diana Warkentin	Council Member	Renee Hart
Dec 14	Maria Sculte	Kim Engelby	Patti Hall & Stefani Rhees	CJ Jordan	Council Member	CJ Jordan
Dec 21	Kim Engelby	Kim Engelby	Sharen Kamp	Stefani Rhees	Council Member	Paula Del Carlo
Dec 28	Kelly Martin	Kim Engelby	James Jimenez	Joanna Wolf	Council Member	Joanna Wolf

If you have articles or information for the parish notes this week, they need to be to Kelly by 5pm this Friday.