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# Parish Notes

## Welcome to Worship

### December 14, 2025

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*Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus*

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 am	-	Adult Bible Study
	9:30 am	-	Worship
	9:45 am	-	Children's Sunday School during worship
	10:30 am	-	Fellowship
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00 am	-	Friendly Ties Quilters (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:00am	-	Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1:00 pm	-	Book Club
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1:00 pm	-	Shepherding Bible Study Group – (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)
		-	Game Day – (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday)
	1:00 pm	-	Movie Day – (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday) (canx this month)
	6:30 pm	-	Church Council meeting – (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00 pm	-	AA and Al Anon
<b>SATURDAY</b>	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



Flowers on the altar given by Arliss & Roy Zimmerman in honor and celebration of Cassie Barker's and Callie Jo Simpson's baptism.

### Upcoming Events

**Dec 14** – Decorate the tree after worship

**Dec 24** – Christmas Eve Service @5:30

**Jan 10** – Women's Retreat

**Jan 25** – Annual Congregational Meeting



Thank You Russel and Lucie Smith  
for the yummy treats this morning!

### 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

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



Join us this Sunday after worship to decorate the Sanctuary Christmas Tree. No need to bring decorations, we'll be placing handmade Chrismon's on the tree.



**Thursday at 1 in the Fellowship Hall**

**Come for the fun and fellowship!  
Bring a friend!**

**Enjoy the popcorn, bring your own drink.**

***A Transition Update from the Church Council***

The council has met with Sara Wirth from the Rocky Mountain synod. She discussed with us the phases of transitioning a pastor. Pastor Sara Wirth and your council have determined we will use a consultant to help us successfully move through the phases. More information will be coming after Christmas.

We are very blessed that Pastor Debra and James will be with us until Easter.

## ***CHRISMON ORNAMENTS***

The Christmas tree in the sanctuary at Ascension Lutheran Church is decorated with handmade ornaments called Chrismons. “Chrismon” is a combination of the words “Christ” and “monogram,” and means “symbols of Christ.” Chrismons are gold and white, representing majesty and purity. They were first developed in 1957 by Frances Kipps Spencer of Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Va.

Early Christians often worshipped in secret to avoid possible persecution and death. They developed certain symbols that were used to communicate with fellow believers and direct Christians to secret places of worship. Symbols that signified the believers’ faith often adorned doors and buildings and were included on items such as jewelry and household utensils. These centuries-old symbols, and other pictorial representations from the Bible and church history, are the inspiration for Chrismons that adorn Chrismon trees in churches of different denominations throughout the country.

You are invited to spend a few moments this Advent season looking at the tree and reflecting on the Chrismons and their meaning. A few you will notice include:

- Butterfly: The butterfly is a symbol of Christ’s resurrection and eternal life. Just as the butterfly emerges from its cocoon and flies upward with a new body, the followers of Jesus Christ are reborn and given a new life.
- Chi Rho: The Chi Rho Chrismon is a monogram of the first two letters of the Greek word from Christ – Chi (X) and Rho (P).
- Fish: The fish is a popular symbol of Christianity today. It was a secret symbol used by the early persecuted Christians to signify their belief in Jesus.

If you are interested in learning about the other symbols, there is a printed sheet with the symbols and their meaning in the Narthex (Lobby).



“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](mailto: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, Kamberlynn'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)
- Patty Lighty, friend of Dick Graves
- Bill Britt, friend of Pastor Debra








### †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](mailto:jeffnkelly2@msn.com)



**December**  
**Ascension Ministries**

 <b>SUN</b>	 <b>WORSHIP ASST</b>	 <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	 <b>USHERS</b>	 <b>GREETERS</b>	 <b>ANNOUNCEMENT S</b>	 <b>COUNTERS</b>
Dec 7	Katie Young	Kim Engelby	Todd & Renee Hart	John & Diana Warkentin	Council Member	Renee Hart
Dec 14	Maria Schulte	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.