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# Parish Notes

## Welcome to Worship

Jan 11, 2026

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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)
	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)



## January Birthdays

Chloe Covell	3
Sylvia Moffet	3
Carol Jordan	5
Nicole Hertel	10
Pam Gould	15
Debra Larsen	17
Chris Sherman	17
Anne Engelby	20
Perfeus Fields	20
Gabriel Valadez	20
Pat Refsdal	22
Chase Rhees	24
Bobby Cornell	30
Edith Cryts	31



Altar flowers this morning are given by Pastor Debra and James to send a happy heavenly birthday to Debra's mom, Gail and her sister, Jackie.



## Upcoming Events

**Jan 15** – Shepherding Group

**Jan 18** – Celebration of Life for Chris Refsdal

**Jan 18** – Via de Cristo Ultreya

**Jan 22** – Movie Day

**Jan 24** – Council and Transition Team meet with Pr Palacios

**Jan 25** – Congregational Meeting

**Feb 1** – Family Promise Volunteer Meeting @4



Thank you to Nancy and Lucie for providing delicious snacks for coffee hour this morning.

**Council Members Needed** – We still need up to 3 more volunteers to serve on the church council. A full council works better for us, more people=more ideas!



**Volunteer Meeting** - The move to the new building has created changes to the way we will host for Family Promise. If you are currently, or plan on helping with food and hosting in the future, please attend this very important meeting on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 4.



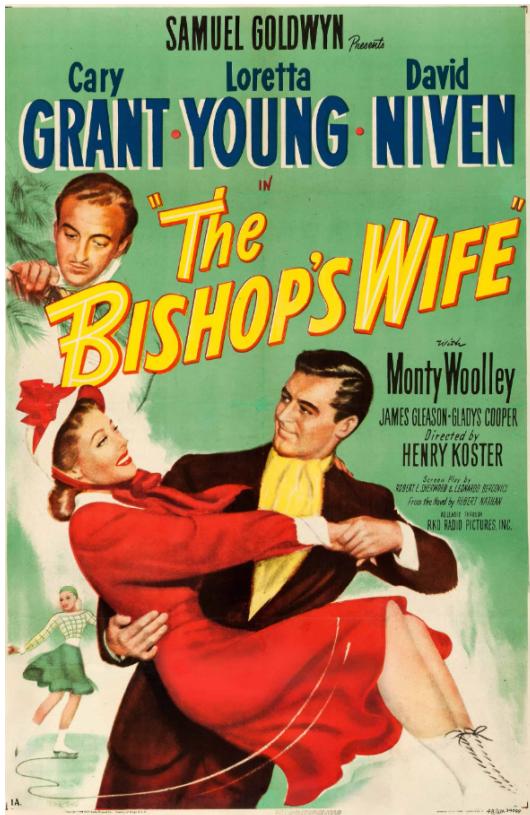
The Worship Team would like to thank everyone that helped make the Christmas Eve Service so very special. Whatever part you did, music, reading, ushering, helping with the kids, and the dozens of other things that happened because you showed up and helped wherever you could.

**2026 Pledges**- Thank you so much for your pledge for 2026. We received 34 pledges for \$146,790. These pledges, along with unpledged giving, and other category income equates to a balanced budget for 2026!! Yay!!

### **Transition Team Members**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve on the Transition Team; Jim Craig, Dorothy Harman, Shelie Ingram, Kelly Martin, Nancy Otto, Eric Refsdal, Russ Smith

**Proposed Budget and Constitution Changes** were emailed to you this week. If you did not receive them, see Sharen Kamp. She will have copies available today.



Movie Day is Thursday, Jan 22 @ 1. Come and see a classic, The Bishop's Wife.

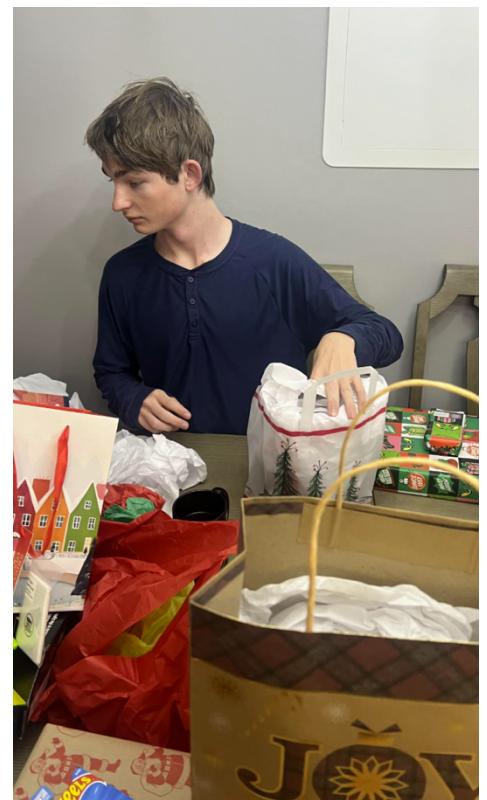


Ascension's Yard sale will return later this year. If you are downsizing, decluttering, or buying something new to replace what you currently have, we will take your gently used stuff.

Contact Kelly for more information.

## **A Thank you from the Spencer Family**

To the amazing congregation at Ascension, I don't know where to begin. As the year 2025 progressed, our lives were a whirlwind of formidable challenges, surgeries, and doctor's appointments that tested our resilience. We were blessed with the arrival of two precious baby girls, growing our vibrant family from eight to ten at home. Following months of medical struggles and surgeries, my husband was finally cleared to return to work. Although the job search was arduous and bills mounted as the holiday season approached, our worry and stress seemed insurmountable, but then my sister Katie called with the incredible news that her church had chosen our family to receive a special blessing. The spark of hope we felt ignited a renewed sense of possibility, reminding us that even in the darkest moments, there's always hope and faith or in our case, a Christmas miracle. Your kindness and generosity gave us hope when all seemed lost. The smiles, giggles, and gasps of amazement truly made it the biggest and best Christmas. From the bottom of our hearts, we extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone who helped and supported us; we couldn't be more grateful for your kindness and generosity. With all the love The Spencer's



These are a few of the pictures from the Spencer Family. Thank you for giving them such a special Christmas.



Join us for a Celebration of Life  
and Reception remembering

*Christopher Lee Refsdal*

*August 9, 1985 - November 29, 2025*

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**1:00 pm at**

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

**1105 N Washington Blvd**

**Ogden, Utah 84404**

**Bring your stories and memories to  
share as we celebrate Chris' life  
and accomplishments...**



## Celebrate your Rector(a)!

A new year / A new theme

Think back to the time when you first experienced Via de Cristo

Recall the excitement of that first weekend!

*Thank God for the difference*

*Via de Cristo has made in your life.*

AND NOW

**You are invited to a special Ultreya:**

The secretariat hopes to bring together many of the men and women who had the honor of leading one of the 71 Utah VdC weekends.

**Let's celebrate those God-given**

**72-hour courses in Christianity!**

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**

2500 E 3900 S in Holladay

**Sunday, January 18, 2026 3-5 PM**

Spread the Word     Bring a potluck item     Wear your name tags  
Bring clearly labeled reminders from those first Via de Cristo  
weekends for a display table.

### Please Lift Up in Prayer

- Pat & Eric Refsdal and Family
- The Family of Lucas Sweatman
- 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)
- Patty Lighty, friend of Dick Graves
- Bill Britt, friend of Pastor Debra
- Cindy Cutlip

### †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)

**January**  
**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>
Jan 4	Russ Smith	Kim Engelby	Todd & Renee Hart	John & Diana Warkentin	Council Member	Renee Hart
Jan 11	Arliss Zimmerman	Kim Engelby	Sharen Kamp & Ada Ingram	CJ Jordan	Council Member	CJ Jordan
Jan 18	Andee Engelby	Kim Engelby	Patti Hall & Stefani Rhee	Stefani Rhee	Council Member	Paula Del Carlo
Jan 25	Russ Smith	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.