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Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

January 1, 2023

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Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

SUNDAY	9:30 am	-	Worship
	10:30 am	-	Fellowship
	11:00 am	-	Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	-	Teen Sunday School
MONDAY	9:00 am	-	Friendly Ties Quilters (1 st & 3 rd Monday's)
WEDNESDAY	1:00 pm	-	Book Club
	4:45 pm	-	Confirmation
THURSDAY	1:00 pm	-	Shepherding Bible Study Group – (3 rd Thursday)
	6:30 pm	-	Church Council meeting – (2 nd Thursday)
FRIDAY	8:00 pm	-	AA and Al Anon



December 30, 2022

Dear Friends,

Where has the time gone! It is impossible that this is my third message to you as one year comes to a close and we welcome with faith all that the New Year holds. This past year has been filled with the grief of loved ones who are no longer with us and with the joy of new birth, marriages, and strengthened relationships. Through the waters of baptism, we have welcomed people into God's family.

This year you've continued to keep this building filled with activity. The quilters meet regularly sharing their talents and time to make beautiful gifts for our sisters and brothers in their time of need. Your finance and audit teams, church council, altar guild, musicians, gardeners, and a myriad of other ministries continue to bring life, love, and light to the faith you have claimed. In addition to these, this place is a continuing place of welcome and shelter for families experiencing homelessness. Each week, you open wide the doors of this place for our AA and AL-ANON neighbors. Twice each month girl scouts come through our doors to laugh, play, and to discover who they are, what they love and how they make a difference in the world.

Throughout Advent, we have turned our thoughts to Reflecting the Sacred in our lives and in our world. You do this beautifully in the ways I've already mentioned and in a thousand other ways. You take to heart the mission statement of this congregation. "Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus." You live this mission. It isn't just a statement; it is a way of being - of "doing." You continue to open the doors of your hearts to declare, "Everyone is welcome here!"

Please know that I give thanks to God for you. It continues to be my earnest prayer that each of you know how much God loves you – just as you are! To our teenagers and young adults, I pray you know that in the middle of your trials, identity questions, betrayals by friends, times of loneliness, finding your way and wondering just what life holds for you, wondering do you dare chase your dreams, Jesus came for you! Jesus loves you!

This message of hope and love is also for those just starting out in life; those single or single once again. It is for newlyweds and families with children or families

without children. It is for empty nesters, for those who've retired and those who long for just a moment's peace and rest. For those who are suffering illness; for those who are grieving the death of loved ones. Jesus offers you strength, hope, love, and peace.

This year I want to offer my deep gratitude to those who send cards, share meals, who make calls just to say hello, to offer their time. Thank you to those of you who pull weeds, shovel snow, plant flowers, trim hedges, decorate the sanctuary, and..... and and.....

If I haven't told you lately, I love you! You are God's hands and feet reflecting the Sacred. As we step across the threshold into a New Year, may we continue to be a beacon of wide-welcome reflecting Christ's light in the world.

*In the love and peace of Christ,
Pastor Debra*

January Birthdays

CJ Jordan	6
Anne Engelby	20
Pat Refsdal	22
Chase Rhees	24
Peter Gorsline	26
Robby Cornell	30

Upcoming Events

Jan 4 – Book Club @1PM

Jan 5 – Council Meeting @6:30

Jan 7 – Ministry Reports Due

Feb 5 – Annual Congregational Meeting



Coffee hour this morning is hosted by
Babs Beyzack.

Happy New Year, here are just a few reminders
as we finish out the business of 2022

- If you have receipts for “In-Kind” gifts that you would like added to your giving record, please make sure you get those turned in to Pat Refsdal as soon as possible.
- Annual Ministry reports of 2022 are due by the end of this week. Email them to p.refsdal@comcast.net

Our Giving Tree will stay up through the winter. We are collecting new or gently used hats, scarves, gloves to take to the Rescue Mission.

If you purchased a poinsettia, you can take them home today. Pat has saved the sleeves to make them easier to transport.

We need members for the 2023 church council. If you are interested in serving as a member of council, please contact Tood or Renee Hart or a current member of council.



†Please Lift Up in Prayer:

- The Family of Scott Warkentin
- Tracie Truitt, friend of Alyson's
- Kristy - Shari Morosky's daughter
- Bruce & Joan Marlow
- Cory, Nancy Gale's son
- Pam Burbank
- Jessica Stewart, Dick Graves's daughter
- Rebecca Rens and the Eyre Families
- Jefferson Barrett
- Mark Baird
- Maylan Chugg, Don & Dee's granddaughter
- Chris, friend of Alyson W.
- Judy Sherman
- Henry, Nancy G's grandson
- Lynn Copper and her family
- Sean Zeller, Pastor Gene's nephew
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Erik Thompson
- Heidi, Diane Shultz' sister-in-law
- Dick Graves
- Bob P.
- Dee Brown
- Toni, Pastor Debra's Sister-in-Law
- Lynn and Carol
- Roxanne, David's sister
- Carol and Jean, friends of Sharen
- Cindy C.
- Carol Reopelle
- Kim, friend of Bob
- Jack, Pastor Debra's nephew
- Suzy and her family
- Bill, Linda's brother
- Scott Chapan, friend of Dick G.
- Linda, John, Jeff, Pr Gordon's sister and her family

- Alice, Anastasia, and all of the people affected by the war
- Levi
- Brian Washburn, Kamberlynn's dad
- Jeni, friend of Nancy O
- Kallee, Rachel's sister-in-law
- Bob, Rachel's uncle
- Bob, friend of James
- Terry, Dee Brown's brother
- Heidi, Linda Fallat's daughter
- Carla, friend of Don Hughes
- Jamie, friend of Nancy Otto
- Charlie Tufts
- Jean Roberts
- Kim, Kelly's sister
- Cindy Day
- Cameron R., friend of Mark Baird
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†Praying for Loved Ones in the Military:

- 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

January
Ascension Ministries

 SUN	 WORSHIP ASST	 ALTAR GUILD	 USHERS	 GREETERS	 ANNOUNCEMENTS	 COUNTERS
Jan 1	Mike Hughes	Kim Engelby	Todd & Renee Hart	John & Diana Warkentin	Pat Refsdal	Renee Hart
Jan 8	Patti Hall	Kim Engelby	Patti Hall & Stef Rhees	Joanna Wolf	Pat Refsdal	Paula DelCarlo
Jan 15	Connie Larsen	Kim Engelby	Sharen Kamp	Stefani Rhees	Pat Refsdal	Keith Sorbo
Jan 22	?	Kim Engelby	James Jimenez	CJ Jordan	Pat Refsdal	CJ Jordan
Jan 29	Rachel Funk	Kim Engelby	Pat Refsdal	Pat Refsdal	Pat Refsdal	Pat Refsdal