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Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

January 7, 2024

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Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

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| SUNDAY | 9:30 am | - | Worship
(Children's Sunday School during worship) |
| | 10:30 am | - | Fellowship |
| | 11:00 am | - | Adult Bible Study |
| MONDAY | 9:00 am | - | Friendly Ties Quilters (1 st & 3 rd Monday's) |
| TUESDAY | 11:00am | - | Bible Study |
| WEDNESDAY | 1:00 pm | - | Book Club |
| 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 |
| Saturday | 10:00am | - | WELCA Ladies (4 th Saturday) |

Baptism of Our Lord
Mark 1:4-11
An Attitude of Discipleship – Connected
Focus Question – How does baptism connect disciples with God and other disciples?

January Birthdays

Carol Jordan	5
Pam Gould	15
Debra Larsen	17
Anne Engelby	20
Pat Refsdal	22
Chase Rhees	24
Edith Cryts	31

Upcoming Events

Today - RIC Discussion following worship.

Jan 11 – Council Meeting 6:30

Jan 14 – VDC Ultreya @ Ascension 3-5pm

Jan 27 – WELCA @Golden Corral 10am

Feb 4 – Annual Congregational Meeting



Thank you to the Billy Peterson for providing treats for coffee hour this morning.

New Sign-Up Sheets

- We need families to sign up for Coffee Hour treats, the list is blank.
- The new Flower Chart for 2024 is available in the Narthex. Sign up - the two flower arrangements are \$30 total per Sunday.



Adult Sunday School is starting back up. They will meet in the Sunday School Room following Coffee and fellowship. Please make sure to join them as they continue their study of Paul's letter to the Romans.

Need Snow Shovelers and Those Who Can Use the Snowblower to Help

Looking for snow shovelers and someone who can use the snowblower who has the time and wants the exercise. This is needed during the week and on Sundays. Contact Pat Refsdal, 908-625-2039. This coming week will be a snowy forecast.....

WELCA - The next meeting will be Saturday, January 27th at 10 a.m. at Golden Corral. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to invite a friend to attend.

We will need four new church council members for this coming year. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with our Ascension family by becoming a church council member. Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions or want additional information, please see Eric Engelby, Pat Refsdal, Linda Fallat or Patti Hall.

How to Become Reconciling in Christ (RIC)

As we move toward voting to become a RIC congregation, we have schedule two meetings for you to share your thoughts or ask questions that you may have. We will meet today and Jan 7th following worship in the library.

These are the commitments we make as a RIC congregation:

RIC Partner Public Commitments

The purpose of the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program.

To be recognized as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Partner, your faith community will:

1. Clearly state a welcome to people of "***all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions***" or "***LGBTQIA+***" *and* name its commitment to "***racial equity***" or "***anti-racism***" in its welcome statement.
 1. Anything in bold and quotations above must be included in your RIC Partner Welcome Statement to meet Reconciling Works commitments.
 2. If your faith community has its own statement of racial equity or commitment to anti-racism, be it in public community documents or social statements, polities such as by-laws or constitutions, or in its Mission, Vision, or Value statements, this can also satisfy this RIC Partner commitment and a copy of this additional statement will need to be shared with Reconciling Works.
2. ***Be open to calling*** an LGBTQIA+ and Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) Rostered Leader.
 1. A Rostered Leader is any clergy/pastor or deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); this commitment extends to all areas of leadership within the life of your community.
3. Allow sanctuary/community space/ to be used for ***LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings.***
 1. If your faith community is looking for resources for wedding or blessing services to be more inclusive, see the [ELCA's Marriage Resource](#) or Reconciling Works [Worship, Liturgy, & Scripture](#) material.
4. ***Make a meaningful contribution annually*** to support the national RIC program.
 1. A ***meaningful*** contribution is determined by your faith community, its budget, and the understanding that your generosity funds the RIC Program. Meaningful contributions vary for each RIC partner.

Please Lift Up in Prayer:

- Bridgit Sloan, mother-in-law of Cindy and Alan's daughter
- Tracie Truitt, friend of Alyson's
- Cory, Nancy Gale's son
- Pam Burbank
- Jessica Stewart, Dick Graves's daughter
- Jefferson Barrett
- Maylan Chugg, Don & Dee's granddaughter
- Chris, friend of Alyson W.
- Judy Sherman
- Henry, Nancy G's grandson
- 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 Peterson
- Dee Brown
- Toni, Pastor Debra's Sister-in-Law
- Lynn and Carol
- Roxanne, David's sister
- 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.
- Alice, Anastasia, and all the people affected by the war
- Brian Washburn, Kamberlynn's dad
- Bob, friend of James
- Terry, Dee Brown's brother
- Charlie Tufts
- Jean Roberts
- Kim, Kelly's sister
- Carol, Sharen Kamp's cousin
- Judy, friend of Shellie
- Mary, Sharen's daughter-in-law
- Judy Sherman
- Bob Bezyack
- Ruth Dupee, friend of Maria
- Tanya, Friend of Pastor Debra's Daughter
- Dayle Young
- Lynn & Carol Benson
- Alan and Cindy Day
- Don Hughes
- Betsy Daley, friend of Nicole
- Sylvia Oliva, Nicole's Mom
- Carroll & Ken, Nicole's sister & BIL
- Pat Shane, Nicole's Brother-in-Law
- Diana Warkentin

†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

December/January
Ascension Ministries

 SUN	 WORSHIP ASST	 ALTAR GUILD	 USHERS	 GREETERS	 ANNOUNCEMENTS	 COUNTERS
Jan 7	Pat Refsdal	Kim Engelby	Todd & Renee Hart	John & Diana Warkentin	Kelly Martin	Renee Hart
Jan 14	Arless Zimmerman	Kim Engelby	Patti Hall & Stef Rhees	Joanna Wolf	Kelly Martin	Mark Denniston
Jan 21	Kim Engelby	Kim Engelby	Sharen Kamp	Stefani Rhees	Kelly Martin	Paula DelCarlo
Jan 28	Cindy Dat	Kim Engelby	James Jimenez	CJ Jordan	Kelly Martin	CJ Jordan