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Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

January 19, 2025

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Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

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| SUNDAY | 8:30 am | - | Adult Bible Study |
| | 9:30 am | - | Worship
(Children's Sunday School during worship) |
| | 10:30 am | - | Fellowship |
| MONDAY | 9:00 am | - | Friendly Ties Quilters (1 st and 3 rd Mondays) |
| TUESDAY | 11:00am | - | Bible Study |
| WEDNESDAY | 1:00 pm | - | Book Club |
| THURSDAY | 1:00 pm | - | Shepherding Bible Study Group – (3 rd Thursday) |
| | | - | Game Day – (1 st Thursday) |
| | 1:00 pm | - | Movie Day – (4 th 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) |



January Birthdays

Sylvia Moffet	3
CJ Jordan	5
Pam Gould	15
Debra Larsen	17
Anne Engelby	20
Pat Refsdal	22
Chase Rhees	24
Bobby Cornell	30
Edith Cryts	31



Ascension Lutheran Annual Report

Upcoming Events

Jan 24 – Lifeline Screening

Feb 10 – Interfaith Day at the Capitol



Thanks to Renee for providing treats for coffee hour this morning

NOISY OFFERING

Thank you for your generous giving for the Noisy Offering collected each week by our youth. For the 4th Quarter of 2024, just over \$490.00 was donated, including change collected during the Christmas Eve Worship Service. With each gift, you have an opportunity to make a widespread impact, reaching far and wide to share God's love. The children in Sunday School selected the following gifts from the ELCA Good Gifts Program:

* Three chicks, Two goats, Two water purifiers, Seven blankets, Five bibles, ten vaccinations.

Annual Giving Statements

Annual Giving Statements are available in the Narthex. If you have questions about your statement, please speak to Pat Refsdal. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

Utah Conference Interfaith Day at the State Capitol

February 10, 2025 9-11 AM

Join your voice with siblings of diverse faith traditions to demand justice and love during the Utah Legislative Session, on Feb. 10, 2025, 9-11 AM in the Seagull Room of the Senate Building at the Utah State Capitol: 350 N State St. SLC, 84112.

We will have a brief advocacy training, discuss important legislation, and have an opportunity to meet with legislators. This is for everyone, of every comfort/experience level of advocacy, lay folks and clergy.

Contact Pastor Brigette Weier at weierbridgetter@gmail.com for more information or to **RSVP by Feb. 5.**



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

**Where: Ascension Lutheran Church
Ogden, UG**

When: January 24th, 2025

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

Trusted by over 10 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend:

Anyone over the **age of 40**

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- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
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Text the word **"circle"** to **216-279-1607**

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

Pastor Debra has two complimentary screening vouchers. If you would like one, please let her know.

Dear friends in Christ,

Two Sundays ago, I worshiped with the people of Union Church in San Juan, Puerto Rico as part of the ELCA Bishops' Academy, a continuing education event that introduced us to the rich history, theological contributions, ongoing ministries, and diverse cultures of Puerto Rican Lutherans and their neighbors. January 5 was *Domingo de los tres Reyes Magos* (Three Kings'/Magi Sunday), a joyful Epiphany celebration with deep significance for Christians in Puerto Rico who honor the tradition of the magi and share gifts with others. Less than a week later, Gabi and I were at lunch with Bishop Brenda Bos from the Southwest California Synod and her wife, Janis, when they received news that their house in Altadena had been destroyed in the Los Angeles wildfires, along with the homes and businesses of so many of their neighbors. Bereft of any wise words or useful gifts to share, we offered what we could: presence, prayers, and love (and chocolate).

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7) In this new year, the call to love sounds out again in the midst of wildfires and storms, grief and change, and joys and celebrations too. Love can be both the simplest and the most difficult thing to find, express, or receive. Yet we have the promise that "love is from God," and "God is love." May this love sustain and strengthen all of us and our neighbors in this season—and let us love one another, in word and deed.

In love, Bishop Meghan

Key updates from the Office of the Bishop:

- **Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)** is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod, Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires and will work with them to provide for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction. Find more information, prayer resources, and ways to donate to LDR efforts at <https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response/our-impact/us-wildfires>. Gifts to "U.S. Wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete.
- **The Synod staffing process continues** in the new year with ongoing interviews for open positions. We are excited to have received so much interest from gifted candidates throughout the synod, and we will share updates as positions are filled.
- **Interim staffing support in some ministry areas** is being provided by Pr. Will Johnson (Transition Coach and Pastor of Nativity, Commerce City) for transitions; and Rebecca Burris, Director of Communications at Abiding Hope, Littleton, for communications. Thank you, Pr. Will and Rebecca! And thank you to the people of the RMS for reaching out to the Office of the Bishop with your needs, questions, and concerns. *We are grateful for your continued patience and grace in this time of transition, and as some plans and communications may take longer in this season than in typical years.*
- **Synod Assembly plans are underway!** Our 2025 Synod Assembly will be held May 22-24 at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque, New Mexico. More information, including registration, will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Please Lift Up in Prayer:

- The Family of Heidi Schultz
- 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.
- Henry, Nancy G's grandson
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Dick Graves
- Jack, Pastor Debra's nephew
- Suzy and her family
- Bill, Linda's brother
- Alice, Anastasia, and all the people affected by the war in Ukraine
- Brian Washburn, Kamberlynn's dad
- Terry, Dee Brown's brother
- Charlie Tufts
- Kim, Kelly's sister
- Judy, friend of Shellie
- Mary, Sharen's daughter-in-law
- Ruth Dupee, friend of Maria
- Lynn & Carol Benson
- Don Hughes
- Betsy Daley, friend of Nicole
- Lara and her husband, Nicole's sister and brother-in-law
- 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
- Ann Shane
- Jed M, a cadet at Kelly's school
- Chelsea, Nancy's niece
- Calvin Schalk Jr, his wife Janel and Calvin Sr, and Diana
- Glenn and Tonya, Shelie's brother and his wife
- Paula
- Babs
- Anne E.
- Sara, friend of Sharen
- Baylee Rose and family, Danette's granddaughter
- Stef Rhees
- Judy Neilsen, Carolyn's Aunt in law
- Bill Niemann, Arliss' brother

†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

Jan Ministries
Ascension Ministries

 SUN	 WORSHIP ASST	 ALTAR GUILD	 USHERS	 GREETERS	 ANNOUNCEMENTS	 COUNTERS
Jan 5	Kim Engelby	Kim Engelby	Todd & Renee Hart	John & Diana Warkentin	Cindy Day	Renee Hart
Jan 12	Mark Denniston	Kim Engelby	Patti Hall & Stefani Rhees	Joanna Wolf	Cindy Day	Mark Denniston
Jan 19	Arless Zimmerman	Kim Engelby	Sharen Kamp	Stefani Rhees	Cindy Day	Paula Del Carlo
Jan 26	Edith Cryts	Kim Engelby	James Jimenez	CJ Jordan	Cindy Day	CJ Jordan

If you have articles or information for the parish notes, please send them to Kelly by Friday afternoon.