

Parish Notes

Welcome to Worship

February 2, 2025

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Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

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 (1st and 3rd Mondays)

TUESDAY 11:00am - Bible Study

WEDNESDAY 1:00 pm - Book Club

THURSDAY 1:00 pm - Shepherding Bible Study Group – (3rd Thursday)

- Game Day – (1st Thursday)

1:00 pm - Movie Day – (4th Thursday)

6:30 pm - Church Council meeting – (2nd Thursday)

FRIDAY 8:00 pm - AA and Al Anon

SATURDAY 10:00am - WELCA Ladies (4th Saturday)



February Birthdays

Diane Schultz	3
Savannah Hughes	8
Orv Engelby	14
Robert Cornell	15
Greg Butler	16
Debbye Boe	17
Nate Schulte	21
Jaycee Durrant	22
Diane Baird	23
Mark Denniston	25
David Schulte	29

This Week

Tuesday – Bible Study @11

Wed - Book Club @ 1

Thurs – Game Day @ 1

Upcoming Events

Feb 9-16 - Family Promise Host Week

Feb 13 - Council Meeting @6:30

Feb 10 – Interfaith Day at the Capitol



Thanks to Kelly Martin for proving treats for coffee hour this morning

A Message from the Bishop

Dear friends,

Last weekend in worship, many of us heard a reading from 1 Corinthians about Paul's metaphor of the body of Christ: a unified body of diverse members with different gifts and roles, all important, intended to work in mutuality and harmony. This image of human community, both within the church and in general, is simple and profound—yet seems impossible in practice! Still, I return to it again and again, as I ask the question: how am I, and how are we, called to be and to live in these times? An answer: we are called as a body to live in community, in love and care for one another.

Paul wrote of the body, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it" (1 Cor. 12:26). I am mindful of this call this week as we hear news about a tragic loss of life in the plane and helicopter crash in Washington, D.C.; as ministries and programs of support for immigrants and refugees receive "stop work" orders that withhold funding; as people of color, LGBTQIA+ people, disabled people, and others receive news of a concerted effort to dismantle work that educates and advocates for diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; as grief and anxiety overwhelm so many, from a global scale to a personal one: in our families, among our loved ones and neighbors. Can we be bold in Christ to proclaim that where one member suffers, we all suffer?

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At the same time, God remains present and active in ways that invite us to rejoice! Last week, seven lay members of St. Paul, Calhan (CO) were commissioned as synodically authorized ministers to preach, preside, and offer pastoral care and leadership as a team in their congregation—only one example of many places where God is "doing a new thing" in our church. Congregations and ministries are welcoming new rostered ministers, working on call processes, having Spirit-led discernment conversations about your futures, and continuing to faithfully love and serve God and your neighbors through worship, service, and community. So many in the Rocky Mountain Synod, by the grace of God, are choosing mercy, kindness, justice, and hope, in ways big and small. Can we be bold in Christ to proclaim that where one member rejoices, we all rejoice?

I know, too, that many of us likely feel in-between: perhaps not suffering, perhaps not rejoicing, but wondering—worrying—questioning—waiting. In this, too, the spirit of Paul's words applies. And it is worth saying that people don't fit absolutely into these or any categories of experience. Sometimes suffering and joy coexist. Sometimes we are able to give help and support, and sometimes we need to receive it. The body of Christ also exists for that reason: to allow for the ebbs and flows of human life and need.

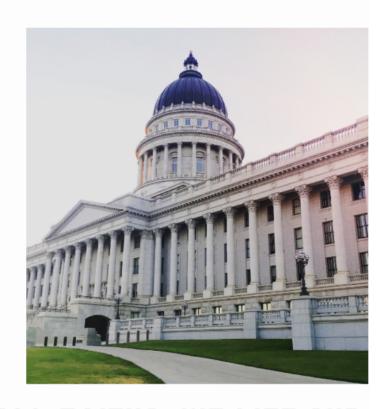
Dear RMS community, my prayer this week is that God's grace continues to renew and sustain the body of Christ: for all that we face and all that we strive for; for all who suffer and all who rejoice; for our calling and purpose as Jesus' body in the world for such a time as this. May you know that God is with you, God is with us, and God is with our neighbors. And may the church continue to be re-formed into the body we were meant to be: a body that truly makes God's presence and love known.

In Christ, Bishop Meghan



INTERFAITH DAY AT THE CAPITOL

ALL ARE
INVITED FOR A
MORNING OF
LEARNING,
LISTENING,
ADVOCATING
AND
COMMUNITY.



AS PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS, WE LIFT OUR VOICES FOR JUSTICE AND LOVE!

CONTACT PASTOR BRIGETTE WEIER FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RSVP BY FEB 5: WEIERBRIGETTER@GMAIL.COM

FEB

10 th

9 AM

Utah State Capitol-Seagull Room, Senate Building 350 N State Street, SLC 84112



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, Kamberlynne'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
- Jack, Pastor Debra's nephew

†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

<u>Feb Ministries</u> <u>Ascension Ministries</u>

SUN	WORSHIP ASST	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	ANNOUNCEMENT S	Stewardship For Goods Giory COUNTERS
Feb 2	Katie Young	Kim Engelby	Todd & Renee Hart	John & Diana Warkentin	Edith Cryts	Renee Hart
Feb 9	Kim Engelby	Kim Engelby	Patti Hall & Stefani Rhees	Joanna Wolf	Edith Cryts	CJ Jordan
Feb 16	Arliss Zimmerman	Kim Engelby	Sharen Kamp	Stefani Rhees	Edith Cryts	Paula Del Carlo
Feb 23	Kelly Martin	Kim Engelby	James Jimenez	Dave Filanda	Edith Cryts	Deb Larsen

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