

# Chrysalis

*Becoming in Christ*

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“For God's foolishness  
is wiser than human  
wisdom, and God's  
weakness is stronger  
than human strength.  
Consider your own call,  
brothers and sisters:  
not many of you were  
wise by human  
standards, not many  
were powerful, not many  
were of noble birth.  
But God chose what is  
foolish in the world to  
shame the wise; God  
chose what is weak in  
the world to shame the  
strong.”



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**January 22, 2012**

*between worship services*

An informational meeting regarding the proposed 2012 budget will be held **January 15**, between services. A packet will be provided at services the weekend of Jan 7/8.

Please plan to attend both meetings as we discuss the 2012 budget and other items.



“In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’” Matthew 2:1-2

I recently purchased an I-Pad and have been spending some time figuring out what kinds of things it will do. One of the reasons I bought the I-Pad and not the less expensive Kindle Fire is because of the opportunity to create images. David Hockney is a well-known English painter who has been using the I-Pad to make artwork which he sends to friends. He has also had shows of his electronic images. I managed to find out what app he was using, downloaded it and have been busy creating myself.



One area of interest for me in my work has been to explore dualisms; above and below, sky and ground, light and dark, the surface of water and what lies below the water. In particular I have been interested in the tension at that point where one space meets the other, whether it is a dis-

tant horizon line, a break in the surface of the water, or the way the surface of water changes how things below the water are seen.

Heaven and earth is a dualism that, as people of faith, we regularly encounter. God can, at times, seem wholly other. A force that is away, outside of our space and distant from our experience. As children we consider God to be above the clouds. In our own lives, there can certainly be times when God seems distant, absent from us.

This image, which I titled, “For we observed his star at its rising...” shows a star shining brightly over an Iowa landscape. God came into the world in the person of Jesus, and the star announced his presence to the wise men, who made their way to him from the east, guided by the star. This star shining over an

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# RLC COUNCIL

## Summary of the December Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Humpfer. Pastor Lisa led devotions focusing on the meaning of membership; how membership in RLC forms our life.

**Minutes from November 2011:** were reviewed and approved. **Financial Report:** December expenses/income and 2011 budget were reviewed. **President's Comments:** The letter brought both new commitments and increases in pledge amounts. **Pastor's report:** We have seen a very faithful response to the pledge letter that went out. Please welcome Juliet and Theo Becker. Juliet has indicated she would like to join RLC and plans to have Theo baptized. Also welcome Nancy Brinkman, Sherri and Frank Gustafson. An adult confirmation class is being planned for Jan/Feb. **Joint Ministries:** Thanksgiving service went well. All participants would be interested in doing it again. **Building Committee:** Story Construction has finished and will be paid. North room needs to be painted, seeding needs to be completed before spring. **Discovery Preschool:** Discovery raised \$1,287 selling coupons. 14 contacts have been received concerning enrollment in the 4 year old program. **Christian Ed:** Playground for Kids is being planned for January. **Property:** Matt updated the property board on the

plans for revitalizing the existing church sign. Work should take place early January. **E-Team:** We have decided to bring new in-town visitors a plate of cookies in addition to calling and welcoming them. **Social Ministry:** 1% Benevolence: the remaining balance to December 31, 2011 (aprx \$650) will be divided between LSI and DMARC. **Stewardship and Finance:** Todd provided an update on the construction load from Mission Investment Fund. **WELCA:** Amanda the Panda will be the guest speaker at the January 29 Winter WELCA meeting. **Worship and Music:** Need computer operators for services. **Youth Board:** The Youth will lead a service the first week in February. Kids have expressed an interest in a ski trip. We discussed a trip to Afton Alps or Welch village. This year's Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be a larger financial commitment than our mission trips have been in the past. Prayers and support are greatly appreciated. **Old Business:** The facility reserve fund and the 2012 budget were discussed. **New Business:** Synod assembly needs 2 voting members. It will be June 1 & 2 in Moline.

The Council Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be January 10, 2012. We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

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### November Budget Information

	Nov. Actual	Nov. Budget	Nov. Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Income	\$18,104	19,688	(\$1,584)	\$210,810	\$216,565	(\$5,754)
Expense	\$16,474	\$19,771	(\$3,297)	\$208,349	\$217,481	(\$9,133)
Net Income	\$1,630	(\$83)	\$1,713	\$2,462	(\$917)	\$3,378

Our annual contributions through November were \$4,433.52 behind budget, but preliminary annual contributions through December indicate more than budgeted for 2011. RLC members have again extended God's blessings in support of our mission. Thanks be to GOD! I would like to remind everyone that if they have an upcoming project that will involve collection of money, contact either John Gilmore or Janice Stocker in advance so we can set up the process. Financial results are always available to any member of the church. You can contact the office at [rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org](mailto:rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org) or John Gilmore at [gilmorejs@q.com](mailto:gilmorejs@q.com), or call 515-290-0390. John Gilmore, Treasurer

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**The next council meeting is scheduled January 10** at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend. *If you would like to be informed with what the Council is doing*, email [rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org](mailto:rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org) to be put on a monthly emailing list; or request a copy by contacting the church office at 964-7392. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

# Youth Happenings

As the Advent season comes to a close, we start to look forward towards Lent. This past month the youth have been busy with a number of activities. On December 11th, as part of the church-wide effort to adopt families through the Ankeny Service Center, the youth were able to purchase Christmas presents for a family's four children (included a fleece blanket hand tied by two of the high school girls). The evening ended with a meal as we wrapped the presents. The youth were also able to put together treat bags for the younger kids for the Christmas program on December 18th. Pastor Lisa and I also got together with the senior year high school students to talk about college and enjoyed ice cream together.

For high school Sunday school in December we looked at a couple of different topics. We explored the beginning of Mark's Gospel and how Mark tells the story of Jesus without using a story about Jesus's birth. We also talked about looking back, and the reasons we continue to tell old stories. For one Sunday morning we watched Charles Schultz's classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas." We discussed how it was different from other "Christmas specials," and what

it means (and doesn't mean) for a movie to be "Christian."

With January quickly approaching and the end of the season of Advent, we move from a time of expectant waiting to the long road of the Cross. We have a number of fundraisers in the works for the ELCA Youth Gathering trip and a couple of other events as well. We are getting a ski trip to Minnesota organized and in February we will have an all youth-led service. In high school Sunday school we will continue with our *Feasting on the Word* curriculum as it follows the lectionary passages and will be exploring the stories of Creation, God's call, and the God's kingdom (a schedule for this winter/spring will be posted outside the Sunday school room).

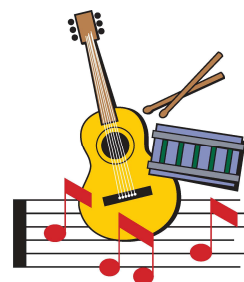
Peace in Christ,  
Michael DePue

## Youth Events

- Wii Wednesday Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25
- Encounter Jan. 8 & 15

## Jammin' Sunday

Join us for a jamming' Sunday January 22, at both services with music offered by Denny Lincicum, Rex Ratzlaff and Sean Califf.



## RLC Adult Confirmation Class

Did you miss out on the chance to go through confirmation when you were younger because you were in a different faith tradition, or because you came to faith as an adult? Did you go through confirmation, but feel like you forgot everything you ever learned? Would you like a refresher and a time of learning and fellowship with other RLC members? Pastor Lisa will be teaching a six-session adult confirmation class this winter on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30.

- January 8: Theology of the Cross
- January 15: The Sacraments
- January 22: The Living Word
- January 29: Law and Gospel
- February 12: The Small Catechism
- February 19: What's a Lutheran and Where Did We Come From?

Anyone is welcome, please sign up in the fellowship area so we have an idea of how many will attend.

## Volunteers

Congregational Life is in need of volunteers to provide treats and/or to help serve for fellowship after each Sunday service. The sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the kitchen, if you are interested in helping. Please contact Toni Humpfer, 515-289-4541, if you need training to help serve.

## Computer Operators

The Worship and Music Board is in need of volunteers to operate the computer for the overhead projector for worship services. If you would be interested and able to do this, please contact Carly Montgomery or Pastor Lisa.

## Adult Education in January

### January 8 Iowa Advisor 529 Plans

Our children and grandchildren's futures depend to a significant degree on the plans we make today. A college education may be an important part of their futures, yet college costs are rising. John Strand will help us learn about Iowa Advisor 529 Plans, a tax advantaged way to save for any two or four year college, university, vocational/technical school, or institution of higher education around the country and abroad, not just Iowa. Designed to help families plan for their children's college expenses, the Iowa Advisor 529 Plan offers important tax advantages, flexible options, and access to 16 portfolios from leading investment managers. This will be a helpful class for all those with children, and especially for those with younger children.

### January 15 & 22 Bi-annual Meeting

January 15 will be a forum on the proposed budget for 2012 and January 22 will be our bi-annual meet-

ing. Both are important to the ongoing health and ministry of Resurrection. Please make plans to attend. Group Sunday school will be available so most teachers can attend.

### January 29 On Being an Equipping Congregation

For decades now, the church has talked about the importance of encouraging the ministry of all the baptized—in their daily lives. And yet for those same decades the church has often placed its emphasis on what members can and should do in and through the church. Sometimes it seems that what matters, are Sunday school teachers, committee members, worship attendees, and food pantry workers. The Rev. Dwight DuBois, Director of the Center for Renewal at Grand View University, will engage participants in a conversation about ministry in daily life and what the church can and should do to equip and empower members for ministry in the world.

## Staff Thank You

Many thanks from the RLC staff for your generosity this Christmas. We are blessed to serve such a wonderful congregation.

God's peace to you all in the new year, Pastor Lisa, Janice, Michael and Sherri.



## RLC Kids

We will be hosting annual Playground for Kids event January 27 from 5:30-7:30 pm. The address is 2401 SE Tones Dr # 7 Ankeny, IA. See you there!

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Iowa landscape speaks to the presence of Jesus in our lives and in our time.

Jesus is present for us in a way that is distinct from his physical presence 2,000 years ago. He is present for us know through his promises. "Where two or three are gathered..." In the bread and wine, "Do this, in remembrance of me..." In the water of baptism, "Go therefore and baptize..." Jesus is present for us when the word is spoken, whether through scripture, proclamation, or the consolation of one believer to another. Jesus is present as a light that continues to shine among us, over us and through us. Jesus is present, making the promises of God real in our world, today.

**Help keep the homeless warm...**Central Iowa Shelter and Services asked for the community's help in making quilts for their clients. Several decorated fabric squares were made. These squares were brought to RLC by Sharon Anderson. The ISBD group assembled and tied eight quilts. Enough material has been donated that we are going to create more quilts. The completed quilts are given to Shelter clients (the homeless in their community) to keep them warm this winter.

**Childserve Center** for children with special needs in Johnston...This service center has 150 permanent residents but serves thousands in a year's time. This place has been in business 85 years and is one of only 5 in the United States. They received 110 sewn dispensers for plastic bags and 20 comfort pillows.

Twelve comfort pillows were delivered to the John Stoddard Cancer Center, 30 went to Mercy Hospice Center and 2 quilts and 14 comfort pillows went to On With Life. Several fleece blankets were given to members of the congregation who have been ill and also a couple of "Prayer Shawls and Pocket Shawls" went out to members of our congregation.

The ISBD Group served the Christmas Party for the Penguin Group headed by Pearlyn Reitz. About 55 swimmers gathered for dinner and the afternoon was spent singing carols and socializing.

**Adopted family...**a family was adopted this Christmas season. Each member received a clothing item and a huge sack was filled with household necessities such as Kleenexes, TP, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap and the list goes on.

**Mitten tree...**Did everyone notice how many gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, etc. covered the entire tree in the fellowship hall and the overflow that was heaped up in the basket? These items were divided and taken to Central Iowa Shelter & Services, The Neveln Center and Children and Families of Iowa. A **BIG** thank you goes out to all the members of RLC and students from our preschool who felt the needs of the more unfortunate and graciously gave to help these people stay warm.

The "It Shall Be Done" group meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. We have fun projects going all the time. The coffee pot is always on. Join Us!



## Amanda the Panda

You won't want to miss the **WELCA MEETING JANUARY 29**

Spend a cold January afternoon with the RLC women. Our winter meeting will be Sunday, January

29 at 1:30. Enjoy a presentation by a speaker from Amanda the Panda. There will be a short business meeting with time for socializing and refreshments. All women of RLC are invited.

## Woman's Retreat

Loving others, Loving yourself is Friday, January 13, 7-9 pm and Saturday, January 14, 9 am-3 pm at Ankeny Christian Church cost is \$20.00 per person snacks, continental breakfast and lunch included.

The best way we love others is to love ourselves, to take care of ourselves first - so how do we do that.

Keynoter: Suzanne Stout, Minister of Family Life at First Christian Church Des Moines  
Workshops presented by Hy-Vee Dietician, and Balance Yoga

Activities: Prayer stations, Mission project craft, displays by Mary Kay and Wild tree spices.  
Chair Massages available by license masseuse \$10 for 15 minute massage.

Come to get Spiritually Refreshed while strengthening bonds with your sisters in Christ.  
What a great way to start the New Year SEE YOU THERE!! Register at ACC or call 964-1083. Scholarships available if needed.

# Stories to Tell & Gifts to Share

As we begin a new year, and before winter weather finally shows up and the gloom of cabin fever sets in, make a stewardship resolution. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). Reflect on this. Think of what you should change or do with the gifts God bestowed on you. These changes can be simple or life-changing. Among the many choices, you can make an effort to study daily devotions, be a better neighbor, have less impact on the environment, or become more involved at church. Then resolve to make the change.

We recently made our financial commitments to church. Thank you for your generous response to the stewardship campaign and also to the letter sent out by the Congregational Council in November asking everyone to consider increasing their pledge. Your response was generous and coupled with cuts in projected spending a balanced budget is within sight. We now expect weekly giving to be slightly above 2011 levels.



Here are a few highlights of the draft 2012 budget:

We project total revenues of \$241,445, an increase of 2.2%. As a comparison, our total revenues in 2006 were \$148,515.

We plan to increase benevolence to Southeast Iowa Synod from 8% of our giving to 9% (\$21,252). In 2006, we contributed 3% (\$4,449).

We maintained our local benevolence of 1% (\$2,361). I will discuss our benevolent giving more next month.

The remaining \$217,832 is used for church operational expenses, which cover items from staff salaries to utilities to board expenditures.

Again, these are the current draft budget numbers. Please plan on attending the congregational meeting or meetings later this month to discuss and vote on the budget.

Remember the joy you felt from celebrating Jesus' birth with friends and family and carry that feeling into the new year. May God's grace abound with you in 2012.

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## Tai Chi for Health at RLC in 2012

It's New Year's Resolution time, time to discover a fun way to maintain and improve your health Tai Chi is a physical, mental, and spiritual exercise developed in ancient China. This tool helps cope with busy, modern-day life through appreciation of tranquility by developing the ability to focus, powerfully enhancing powers of relaxation and concentration.

New class members are welcome! Those interested may try one session for free.

Tai Chi classes will be offered at RLC from 9-10 am on Wednesday and Friday mornings. The first 6 week session will begin January 18. The cost is \$5 per class or \$25 for 6 classes. If you choose to attend both Wednesday and Friday (12 sessions), the prepay price will be \$40.

This form of tai chi was especially developed for

those with arthritis, so it is beneficial to those who have joint issues; however, It is appropriate for anyone interested in improving their health. Regular practice of tai chi has many health benefits, including: pain relief, especially arthritic and joint pain; improved balance, fall prevention, flexibility, muscular strength, circulation; and strengthening of heart and lungs.

Questions? contact Deanna Jens, certified Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention Instructor (TCA is endorsed by the Arthritis Association) and certified Tai Chi for Diabetes Instructor at 289-2575 or DeannaTC4U@aol.com

*Note: Classes taught by Deanna are not official church functions and she pays a property use fee for use of the building.*

## January Birthdays

If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please contact the office.

1—Dustin Reed	16—Tiffany Ratzlaff
4—Christina Donaghy	18—Jon Bellis
4—Evelyn McClure	18—Alex Thousand
6—Aaron Gwennap	19—Cameron Leisinger
7—Rod Hanze	19—Nicholas Reed
10—Jennifer Bolles	23—Pearlyn Reitz
10—Ann Lazear	25—Justin Carleton
12—David Foster	26—Marissa Shriver
15—Chris Jens	27—Anita Betz
	28—Earl Dunsbergen
	28—Jessica Humpfer
	30—Lucas Bellis

## In the mail

*In a Christmas letter ...*  
 Thank you for sending us e-mail and newsletters. The remodeling sounds wonderful. We are looking forward to seeing you in the spring.

Ken and Evie Gregersen

*In a letter...*

Dear members of RLC,  
 I am fine hope you guys are as well. Well I hope all of you had a very merry Christmas and I did everything I could to enjoy Christmas. Well take care and I hope all of you have a Happy New Year as well.

God Bless, Stefan Strand

## Christmas with a Cause

Christmas with a cause was a great success. We had a great number of shoppers drawn in from the Des Moines register and some who noticed our renovations. We raised money for several organizations. Women of RLC raised \$222.50, LWR received \$213.60, Women of Hope—\$640.50, and SERRV received \$630.50. The SERRV items were provided by Larry Hahr, owner of Wonder this World in the East Village. He donated a portion of his profit to the E-Team. We want to thank everyone who donated baked goods and help make this event so great.

## Small Groups

**The Book Club** had a nice dinner at Tasteful Dinners last week. We discussed lots of possible books and selected the January and February books. In January we will read *Cane River* by Lalita Tademy. We will meet at Shirley Gilmore's house on January 26 at 7:00 pm to discuss. In February we will read *Snow Flower* and the *Secret Fan* by Lisa See. We will meet at Wanda Miller's house on February 23 at 7 pm to discuss. Newcomers always welcome!!

**The Card Club** will meet on January 17 from 6:30-8 pm at RLC. Everyone is welcome!!!

Children's Sermon		Accompanists	Liturgists
January 1	Sandy Barton	Dec. 31	Kendra Leisinger N/A
January 8	Sarah Bates	Jan. 1 9:00	Kendra Leisinger N/A
January 15	Tim Rupert	Jan. 7	Open N/A
January 22	Cheryl Hamilton	Jan. 8 8:15	Praise Band N/A
January 29	Andi Donaghy	Jan. 8 10:45	Praise Band N/A
<b>Cinnamon Roll Sunday—January 8, 2011</b>		Jan. 14	Diane Rauser N/A
<b>8:15 Service</b>	<b>10:45 Service</b>	Jan. 15 8:15	Diane Rauser Open
Shari Fieser	Tim Rupert	Jan. 15 10:45	Diane Rauser Sean Califf
Emma Potter	Aaron Vagts	Jan. 21	Deanna Jens N/A
Marissa Shriver	Hannah Vagts	Jan. 22 8:15	Open Open
<b>Snow Removal</b>		Jan. 22 10:45	Open Open
Week of January 2	Bob Frazier	Jan. 28	Open N/A
Week of January 9	Jeff Ollie	Jan. 29 8:15	Open Open
Week of January 16	Dale Shriver	Jan. 29 10:45	Open Sean Califf
Week of January 23	Open		
Week of January 30	Bret Wram		

# Greetings from Wartburg Seminary!

As I wrap up my first semester of seminary, I'm amazed by the incredible journey I've taken this year at Wartburg. This may sound a bit strange, but attending classes in this place has not only pushed me into being a better theologian, but it has also made me work on my whole self, and I'm a much healthier person for it! Here is a little taste of what I've come to know and understand about God and myself these last few months.

The first fact I learned about myself here is that I do not know the Bible nearly as well as I thought I did. We, as Lutherans and Christians in general, carry some very deep-seated beliefs, but not everything we believe is actually based in scripture. Therefore, I have been working this semester on examining my core beliefs and determining whether there is a scriptural basis for them. This has been the most enlightening, and frustrating, part of seminary, and I wish everyone could experience it. Learning to read the New Testament in Greek has also been eye-opening and enhanced my understanding of the gospels. To take a text back to the Greek means to explore more fully the true depth of what is written, and that's exciting! I was excited to see that you were using Mark Allen Powell for the adult education classes as he is the author of my Jesus and the Gospels textbook, and I love the way he writes.

For my Religion and Anthropology class, we were asked to write a paper addressing questions about our interests, future plans, beliefs about Jesus, etc. Here are a few pieces that I included in that paper. One of my understandings has deepened is, "It is Christ's words, the Living Word that provides our lives with meaning. It is our source of consolation and our reason for being. When we hear the Word, nothing is ever the same again." As a result of this understanding I have been able to continue my exploration of what being a pastor will mean for me. Right now, "As a pastor, I hope to proclaim the Word, deepen understanding of God and how God relates to the world, and work with whole families to

nurture faith and be God's hands and feet in this world in a tangible way." This is a bit daunting to say the least, but I have the next three and a half years to prepare me!

In November, I had the opportunity to work as a small group leader for the Conference on Ministry, which allowed me to walk with potential seminarians through their discernment process. During those 20 hours, I felt like a pastor and that was affirming for me. Everything fell into place, and I realized that I am in the right place and following God's call. I'd like to thank you, as a congregation, for supporting me in this call. Your monetary support this semester has allowed me to be able to avoid having to work out-

side the seminary, and has allowed me to spend a little more time with my daughter. I would ask as the next semester begins that you keep Emma and me in your prayers. We enjoy hearing how things are going in your lives as well, so cards, letters, and email are welcomed!



One of my favorite Bible verses has always been Philippians 4.13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me", and that continues to be true. I finished the semester strong with good grades and, more importantly, a whole lot of worthwhile learning and am now looking forward to my J-term. As I travel to Taize, France, The World Federation of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, and a couple places in southern Germany and Paris, I hope to add to my experience of church and what it means to be a Christian outside the United States. This trip will meet my cross-cultural requirement.

Finally, for those of you who have not heard, I am extremely excited to report that I will be doing my CPE (clinical pastoral education) this summer at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. This will allow me to worship once again with you on a regular basis. I have missed the community at Resurrection and welcome a chance to once again be a part of it! We love and miss you!

Blessings and peace, Jenni Dahle



# Worship Assistants

Thank you for helping make our Worship Service a meaningful experience for RLC. Please review the schedule on page 11. If you find your assigned service time conflicts with your schedule, please contact another member to cover for you and then contact the office at 964-7392 or email [rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org](mailto:rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org) with the date, time and name of your replacement in order to make sure the bulletin is accurate. Thank you! Please let Janice Stocker know if you have future plans to be out of town or on vacation so accommodations can be made, prior to the newsletter scheduling. **PLEASE KEEP THIS SCHEDULE AS YOUR REMINDER.** Thank You For Sharing Your Talents With RLC!

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January	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Counters	Reader	Communion Assistant	Nursery
7 5:00 pm	Bob Slipka				Shaun Miller	Vickie Boelman	
8 8:15 am	Earl & Vivian Dunsbergen	Brennan Cleveland	Emma Califf		Renata Eustice Cleveland	Sharon Anderson	
8 10:45 am	Mike & Marge Rupert	Tim Rupert	Maggie Potter	Jean Turner Gwen Luloff	Gina Rooney	Bob Frazier	Sarah Bates Kaylinn Willson
14 5:00 pm	Mary Penning				Karen Wignes	Judy Schnurstein	
15 8:15 am	John & Shirley Gilmore	Shannon Boevers	Mikala Oehler		Helen Johnson	Joe Johnson	
15 10:45 am	Bob Frazier Dan Brazelton	Lois Porth	Isabel Ollie	Gerald Fieser Nancy Carlson	Andi Donaghy	Marge Rupert	Janel Jones Catie Wram
21 5:00 pm	Marion Polzin				Judy Schnurstein	Sonya Miller	
22 8:15 am	Bill & Wanda Miller	Janel Jones	Anneliese Barton		Sandy Barton	Shirley Gilmore	
22 10:45 am	Bret Wram Kevin Petersburg	Vali Potter	Maggie Potter	Dave Potter Bill Burma	Diane Simonson	Becky Wram	Kristi Burma Maddi Burma
28 5:00 pm	Gerri McCurdy				Linda Baker	Bob Slipka	
29 8:15 am	Kathy Storch Evelyn McClure	Joan Keifer	Emma Califf		John Strand	Joan Strand	
29 10:45 am	Gwen Luloff Nick Turner	Terry Luloff	Mikala Oehler	Andi Donaghy Jean Turner	Shari Jane Fieser	Bob Frazier	Sandy Vagts Hannah Vagts
February	Ushers	Greeter	Acolyte	Counters	Reader	Communion Assistant	Nursery
4 5:00 pm	Mary Penning				Judy Schnurstein	Sonya Miller	
5 8:15 am	Youth Led Services						
5 10:45 am	Youth Led Services			Gerald Fieser Dave Potter	Youth Led Services		Janel Jones Shari Fieser
11 5:00 pm	Bob Slipka				Jane McCurdy	Linda Baker	
12 8:15 am	Earl & Vivian Dunsbergen	Evelyn McClure	Anneliese Barton		Sandy Barton	Sharon Anderson	
12 10:45 am	Bill & Wanda Miller	Diane Simonson	Maggie Potter	Bill Burma Nancy Carlson	Shari Fieser	Kevin Petersburg	Sarah Bates Catie Wram
18 5:00 pm	Marion Polzin				Karen Wignes	Sonya Miller	
19 8:15 am	Tom & Renee Connolly	Gina Rooney	Isabel Ollie		Helen Johnson	Joe Johnson	
19 10:45 am	Gwen Luloff Lois Porth	Terry Luloff	Emma Califf	Jean Turner Andi Donaghy	Nick Turner	Marge Rupert	Cheryl Hamilton Kaylinn Willson
25 5:00 pm	Gerri McCurdy				Jane McCurdy	Judy Schnurstein	
26 8:15 am	Doug & Joan Keifer	Kathy Storch	Mikala Oehler		John Strand	Joan Strand	
26 10:45 am	Dan Brazelton Bob Frazier	Nick Turner	Maggie Potter	Gwen Luloff Dave Potter	Dave Potter	Vali Potter	Kristi Burma Maddi Burma



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**Worship**  
**Saturday 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 am**

### **January Highlights**

*(See inside for more events and details)*

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29	6:00 pm	Adult Confirmation Class
Jan. 8	5:00 pm	Encounter
Jan. 10	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Jan. 14	6:00 pm	Luau Progressive Dinner
Jan. 15	9:30 am	Informational meeting regarding annual meeting
Jan. 15	3:00 pm	Encounter
Jan. 17	6:30 pm	Card Club
Jan. 22	9:30 am	Congregational Meeting
Jan. 26	7:00 pm	Book Club
Jan. 29	1:30 pm	WELCA Winter Event Amanda the Panda

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We nurture all souls through Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

We are an exciting, spiritual, vibrant Lutheran Church  
in a dynamic community.

We beckon *everyone* to know Jesus Christ  
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