



2026

Sharing the Joy

Mission Statement:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church celebrates with joy a life in Christ to be shared with others.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship

ELCA, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Pastor Sean Koos



PASTOR KOOS' REPORT

JANUARY 2026

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

The older I get, the less I like new things. Maybe it's because with new things there comes change. When we're young, we welcome new things. New things are invariably *better* things. New technology, new styles, new ways of thinking, new efficiencies, new relationships, they all seem to be "better" than old things. Maybe they save us time, connect us better, or simply bring us ever greater joy...eventually. We have to go through a whole lotta change first and with that change comes uncertainty. What if the changes don't make our lives "better?" What if our lives are worse off because of the changes? The changes might be good for some people but certainly not all people. No, the old things worked just fine, thank you very much! Unfortunately, change is inevitable in this world. The trick is to find the goodness in it. God wants us to know his goodness in all things. And God wants us to grow in our awareness of his goodness. You hear me say it all the time in the pulpit but that's all God really expects from us in this life—to grow. If we're not growing, then we're dying and our God is a God of life and love.

With the new year, there will be many changes, some "better" than others. God's goodness will be present in all the changes though. We must simply ask, "How is God's goodness revealed in these changes?" And joyfully give our thanks and praise. Thanks be to God!

Epiphany blessings,
Pastor Sean

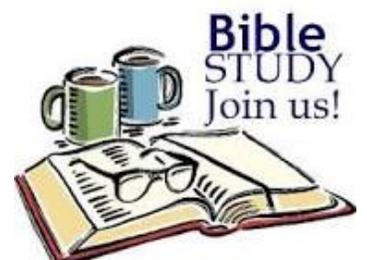
Bible Studies, pg 1, January 2026

Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am

01-07-26

John 2:1-11

1. Why did Jesus perform this miracle at a wedding, a common event, and why was it so crucial to have excess wine?
2. What does the quality of wine reveal about Jesus's generosity and nature?
3. What does Mary's instruction, "Whatever He says to you, do it," reveal about her faith and our role?
4. How does this miracle connect to the theological themes of John's Gospel (e.g., glory, new creation, fulfilling Jewish rites)?
5. Why does John call this a "sign" rather than a miracle, and what does it signify about Jesus's identity?
6. How does Jesus's obedience to His mother's request, despite saying "my hour has not yet come," relate to divine timing and human relationships?
7. What does the servants' obedience teach us about responding to Jesus's instructions?
8. What "purification" customs of today might Jesus be transforming in our lives?
9. How does the transformation from water to wine symbolize the new life in Christ?
10. What does the sheer abundance of the wine communicate about God's overflowing grace versus human scarcity?



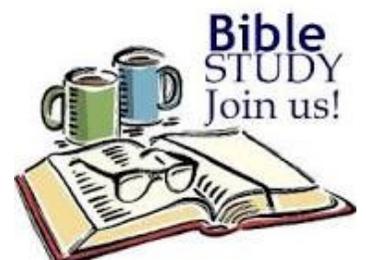
Bible Studies, pg 2, January 2026

Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am

01-14-26

John 2:13-25

1. What was happening in the temple court that provoked Jesus' anger? Why did selling animals and changing money there specifically anger Him?
2. How does Jesus' anger here differ from sinful rage? What can we learn about righteous indignation from this passage?
3. What modern-day activities or attitudes in churches/faith practices might resemble the "shoppers" Jesus confronted?
4. What might be the "tables" Jesus wants to overturn in your own life to make way for true connection with God?
5. Jesus says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." What did He mean, and how did the people misunderstand Him?
6. How does Jesus' statement reshape our understanding of where/how we meet God?
7. What does it mean that Jesus' body is the true temple, and what does that imply for our lives as believers?
8. Verses 23-25 mention people believing in Jesus because of His signs, but Jesus didn't entrust Himself to them. What does this teach us about the difference between superficial belief and saving faith?
9. How can we move from simply seeing Jesus as a miracle worker (like the crowd) to having an intimate, trusting relationship with Him (like the disciples)?
10. What challenges do we face in surrendering all areas of our lives to Jesus' authority?

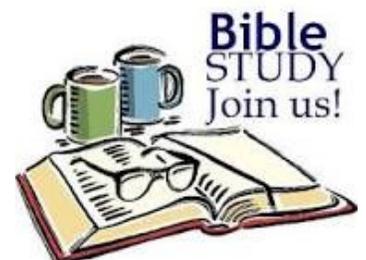


Bible Studies, pg3, January 2026
Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am

01-21-26

John 3:1-21

1. Why did a respected Pharisee visit Jesus at night? What does his secrecy suggest about his spiritual state or the religious climate?
2. How does Jesus's teaching challenge our typical understanding of "good" people or religious observance?
3. What does it mean to be "born of water and the Spirit"?
4. How does the analogy of the wind (invisible but its effects seen) explain the Spirit's work in regeneration?
5. What does "light" represent, and what does "darkness" represent in this passage?
6. Why do people "love" darkness more than light? What are the "works" that are done in the dark?
7. How is God calling us to bring light into dark situations in our lives or community?
8. What is the connection between Moses lifting the serpent in the wilderness and Jesus being lifted up on the cross?
9. What does this analogy teach about how people find eternal life through looking to Jesus?
10. How does Jesus's focus on spiritual truth challenge the world's emphasis on worldly success or reputation?

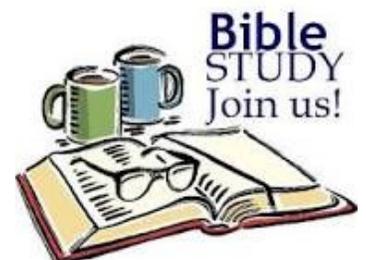


Bible Studies, pg4, January 2026
Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am

01-28-26

John 4:1-42

1. How does Jesus's willingness to go through Samaria and speak with this woman reveal His mission and character?
2. What does Jesus's request for water at the well reveal about His humanity and humility?
3. How does Jesus's interaction challenge the cultural norms between Jews and Samaritans?
4. Why was the woman surprised that Jesus spoke to her?
5. How does the woman try to deflect the conversation from her past, and what does Jesus reveal about her?
6. What does Jesus mean by "living water?"
7. How does her life change after meeting Jesus, moving from social out-cast to evangelist?
8. What does Jesus mean by worshipping "in spirit and truth" (v. 23-24)?
9. How does this passage challenge our ideas about where/how we should worship God?
10. What barriers do we put up today that prevent us from sharing the Gospel or connecting with others?





Sunday School starts back up on January 4th



The Christmas Program was a success! Most of the kids were sick, which was terrible, but it's that time of the year. However, Ella & Kinsley Kurtz were here and Ella recited the entire Christmas Story, with a little help from Pastor fixing the mics.



**Adult Education—Bible Study 10:30am on Wednesdays
NO Bible Study on December 31. Starts back up on Jan 7th.**



Confirmation

NO Confirmation on JAN 4th due to Pastor's vacation



**The MENTOR PROGRAM
for Confirmation students
had their first meeting.**

**Played some games and
decorated cookies.**



Baptism

We had a Baptism on December 7th after the service, Tatum Stack.



He is the son of Ryan Stack and the late Michela Meyers. His sponsors were Alex Baum and Mitchell Meyers.



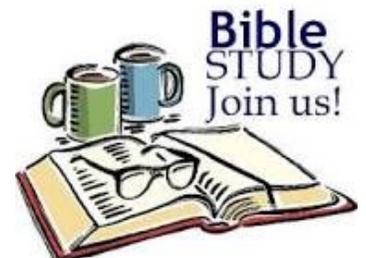
POINSETTIAS 2025

IN HONOR OF:

Lois Brager	From Kim & Jim Erickson
Pastor Sean Koos	From Bev Donaldson
My Family	From Pastor Koos
Madison & Jayden Fenner	From Jim & Cheri Splinter

IN MEMORY OF:

Jan Hendrickson	From Their Loving Children & Grandchildren
Russ Hendrickson	From Their Loving Children & Grandchildren
Pat Shaw	From Steve & Steph Shaw
Our Parents	From John and Carol Arthur
Tom Donaldson	From Bev Donaldson
Darlene Kringle	From David Kringle
Mae & Kenneth Jacobson	From Dwane & Delores Schultz
Helen & Wally Schultz	From Dwane & Delores Schultz
Virgil & Virginia Everson	From Their Children & Grandchildren
Our son, Thomas M Riedel	From Tom & Suzanne Riedel
Paul & Erik Narveson	From Their Loving Family
Kenneth & Lorraine Carlson	From Richard & Linda Gran
Our Parents	From Gene & Kandee Rosburg
My Husband, Carl Roberts	From Carol Roberts
My Son, Jonathan Roberts	From Carol Roberts
Bob & Ginny Gradin	From Jim & Cheri Splinter
Ray & Florence Splinter	From Jim & Cheri Splinter
Donald & Pat Hanson	From Dawn & John Heinen
Ralph & Marge	From Bill & Cheryl Braman
Eileen & Bill Braman	From Bill & Cheryl Braman
Mable & Harry Nummi	From Karen & Chuck Smith, Diane & Loren Erickson, Nancy & Jeff Ohvall, Dale & Sharon Nummi



Service Attendants for JANUARY

Steward: Carol Roberts

Deacon: Len Wicklund

Altar Guild: Audrey Larson & Marian Simon

Acolytes: Jamie K, Trevor D, Nelson N, Lincoln K

Narrative Lectionary for JANUARY

Jan 4: John 1:35-51 “Jesus Says Come and See”

Jan 11: John 2:1-11 “Wedding at Cana”

Jan 18: John 2:13-25 “Jesus Cleanses the Temple”

Jan 25: John 3:1-21 “Nicodemus”

**YOU CAN GIVE TO OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
by scanning either of the QR Codes below.**

General Fund

QR Code for
GENERAL OPERATING



Building Fund

QR Code for
BUILDING FUND





BIRTHDAYS

Judy Hack	01-Jan
Allen Knase	01-Jan
Matthew B Little	01-Jan
Doris Roeber	01-Jan
John Roeber	01-Jan
Mark Tomczak	01-Jan
Lauren Krob	03-Jan
Melissa Walrath	03-Jan
Patty Place	04-Jan
Bev Prescott	04-Jan
David Kringle	05-Jan
Neil Thompson	05-Jan
Liam Perrault	06-Jan
Alina Breitlow	08-Jan
Dean Wilner	08-Jan
Nicole Gregory	09-Jan
Bonny Cook	10-Jan
Alexis Johnson	10-Jan
Douglas Magdzas	10-Jan
Heather Thompson	12-Jan
Dawn Heinen	14-Jan
Craig Hanson	15-Jan
Maggie Mueller	15-Jan
Jacob Magdzas	17-Jan
Jordy Stank	17-Jan
Christa Diedrich	18-Jan
Joanne Emberson	18-Jan
Wes Morris	21-Jan
Tanner Dahl	23-Jan
Isabella Lisdahl	23-Jan
Matthew Netland	23-Jan
Clara Cody	25-Jan
Joyce Cortes	25-Jan
George Bennis	30-Jan
Owen Gran	30-Jan
Barbara Danielson	31-Jan

ANNIVERSARIES

None this month



MISSION AND OUTREACH FOR JANUARY
“Highlands Restoration and Wellness”

They are located at 2207 E 5th Street in Superior. They provide support for adults recovering from substance addiction, coming out of jail or leaving rehab. They are staffed with Licensed Clinical Social Workers and have a recovery residence and offer outpatient services also.

Jan 4: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss

Jan 11: Deodorant, shaving cream, loofahs, razors

Jan 18: Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion

Jan 25: Tampons and pads, wash clothes, hand towels, towels

Threads of Hope Children’s Clothes Closet

Thank you to all of you that help with keeping it organized and to all that donate clothing. Thank you to the congregation for their large number of donations. Also thanks to Thrivent for their donations.

97 items were given out in DECEMBER.

Contact Diane (715-817-8180) or Carol (218-940-0073) if you are willing to help them. Even if you can only give a few hours, we would love the help.

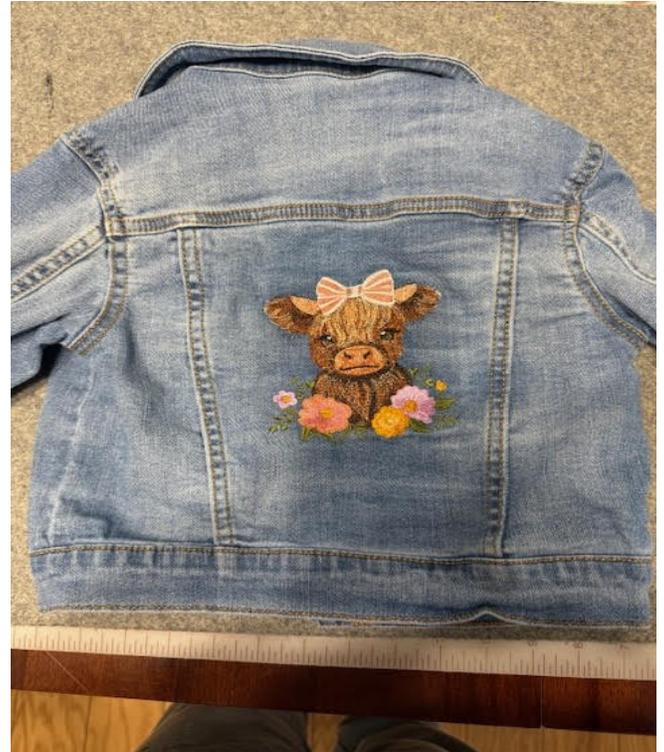
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A FEW OF OUR VENDORS DISPLAYS.....



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Tupperware®

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

\$11
\$22-
CrystalWave® PLUS
Soup Mugs

\$10 \$15-
CrystalWave® PLUS
Rectangular 4-cup

\$15 \$30- 16oz
Tupperware Eco Reusable
Water Bottles Set of 5

\$15
\$20-
CrystalWave® PLUS Lunch
'N Dish with Cold Cup

\$14 \$29-
Snack-Stor® Large

Serving
Cups **\$14**
\$15-

Large Carry-All®
Container

SUPPORT
SMALL
BUSINESS

Tupperware
Rock On

Set of 4
\$120 \$212
3 1/4 gal
\$40 \$53
Single

Small Carry-All®
Container
Single **\$20** \$27
1.5 gal

Set of 8
\$125 \$216

BIG
DEALS

Large Storage Tote
Set of 6
\$150 \$270-
Single
\$33 \$45-

5.5 gal

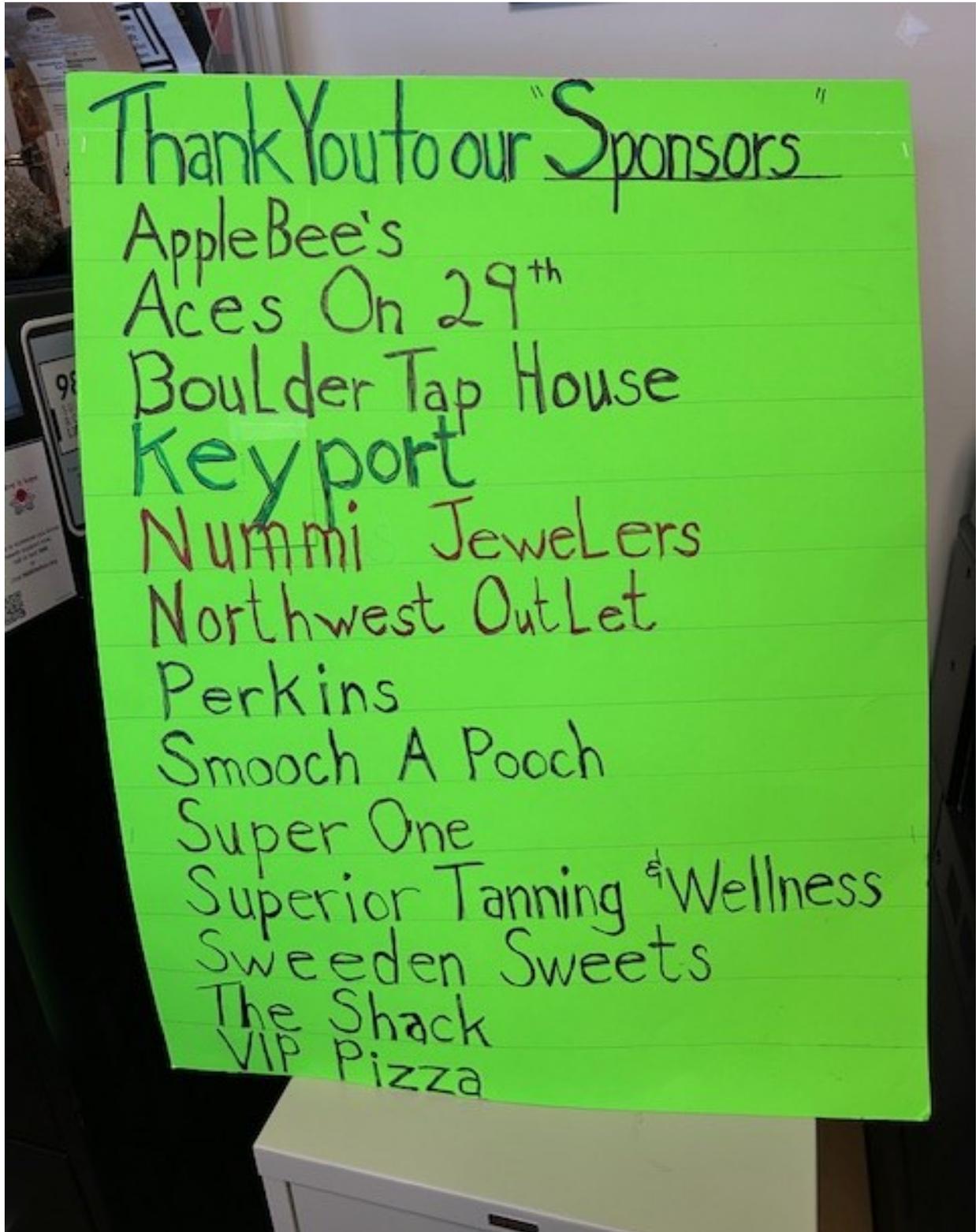
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A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We couldn't do it without them!!



The CHANCE TICKET tables



AND OUR WINNER OF THE VENDOR BASKET IS KANDEE ROSBURG...

Every vendor donates one item from their table so we can sell chances to raise funds for a special project or charity.



SCRIPTS CARDS

NEXT Scripts order will go in on
JANUARY 18th.



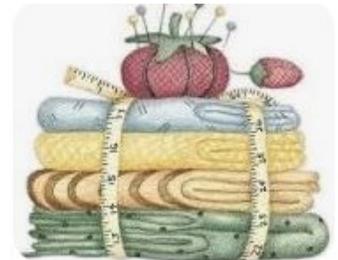
The church's profit for 2025 is \$ 2,162.17.
Halleluiah!!! The 2 & 3%'s add up over a year. And when
there is bonuses, it could go up to 10%.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

Using the Kwik Trip gas & grocery cards, Walmart,
Walgreens, Dominos, Ace Hardware, Marcus Theater,
Superior Meats, add up when using for every day
purchases. (Wish we could get Super One cards)

From the Quilters

Thank you to everyone who took home the blanket
bags to sew.



**WE WERE ABLE TO BLESS ALL THE QUILTS AND BLANKETS ON
DECEMBER 14TH.**

**37 QUILTS, 45 YOUTH BLANKETS and
24 TODDLER BLANKETS**

These were donated to:

**Ruth House &
Faith United Methodist Church**



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those serving in the military, those returning home with mental and physical scars, and for all military veterans. For the health of all unborn children and grandchildren, all those recovering or in nursing-home care, and for those struggling with addiction.

Worship Support Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, Steve & Amanda Shaw, Ralph Rolson, Gary & Sandy Garlie

Family Member: Dorothy Huffman, Cathy Carlson, Mickie Cooke, James Wermter, Barb Gudowski

Friend/neighbor: Sue Weber

(Keeping Names on for 4 weeks. Let the office know if you want them put back on.)

Call the church office 715-394-3472 to add, or remove, individuals to the prayer list.

OSLC Council Meeting
December 18, 2025
5:20

Present: Steve Shaw, Bonnie Wentzel, Kandee Rosburg, Stephanie Shaw, Donna Liebaert, Dianne Tomczak, Jim Erickson, Ben Gaard, Jeff Skrenes, Dawn Wicklund, Gary, Cheryl Jones, Pastor Sean Koos

The Board meeting started at 5:15 and opened with our Mission Statement and prayer.

Secretary's Report: as written in the board reports. Motion to approve the minutes, second and passed (M/S/P).

Treasurer's Report: Income was \$14,050.98 expenditures are \$18,641.23 for a loss of \$4,590.25. The additional expenses were from the rest of the parking lot lighting (\$60000,) Motion to approve the treasurer's report (M/S/P)

Board Reports:

Board of Education

Did not meet. Focus on the Christmas Program

Deacons

Deacons had a tree raising party.

Mission and Outreach

We gave 405 items out in the clothes closet in November.

Items this month go to the Ruth House. We are giving to Highlands Restoration and Wellness next month. (Faith-based program helping women with addiction problems.)

We will be giving \$300 to ELCA World Hunger.

We are collecting hats, mittens, and gloves on the small tree.

We donated 37 quilts, 45 youth blankets and 24 toddler blankets this month.

Stewardship – Did not meet this month.

Trustees – Report as written.

Old Business:

Worked with the snow plowing group to give them our expectation of areas to be plowed.

Worked on the budget. (To be discussed later in meeting.)

Working on updating the split of pastor's benefit package with Concordia. Current contract is through April.

Day Care update – nothing this month.

New Business:

Heat tapes in the valleys of the roof. Have the usual ice dams on the roof.

Staff support meetings went well. Time to review expectations and address any concerns.

Have each board approve their duties and update the job descriptions.
M/S/P to accept the board reports.

Pastors Report:

Pastor is on vacation December 30 – January 4. Jeff will lead the service.

Luther Point's director Marilyn Crossfield asked Pastor Koos to be on the Luther Point Bible Camp board.

Good mentoring session with the confirmands. Did not go to Bentleyville due to the cold temperatures.

Vision Victories:

Vendor Fair.

Clothes Closet with high usage.

The quilt/blanket delivery.

Jeff had his hat returned after being taken with his jacket while shoveling. (Feel free to ask Jeff about the story.)

Ongoing Business:

Budget – will review updates at next meeting.

Annual increase of 3% for salary adjustment.

Reviewed the budget for the boards.

Check on the storm water abatement cost.

Bring back to January meeting after review by the individual boards.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Service at 3:00pm and 10:00 pm

Jeff is leading the service on January 4th while pastor is on vacation.

Blue Christmas service is at Zion on December 21st at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

All Boards meeting on January 13th.

Annual reports need to be in the office by January 13th.

Council meeting is on January 20th.

Annual meeting will be on January 25th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 (M/S/P) and ended with the Lord's Prayer.

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Eve Pastor Vac	1 OFFICE CLOSED Vac	2 Vac	3 Vac
4 9:30am Service 10:30am Sun Sch Fellowship Pastor Vac	5 9am Quilting	6	7 9am NP Service 10:30am Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Practice 5:30PM Music Comm	8	9	10
11 8:45am Choir Practice 9:30am Service 10:30am Sunday Sch Fellowship 4pm Possible Mentor Mtg 5pm Confirmation	12 9am Quilting	13 ALL REPORTS DUE TO OFFICE 4:30pm Trustees 5:15pm All Boards Meet	14 9am NP Service 10:30am Bible Study 4:30pm Choir	15	16	17
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