



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday, January 5

Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

This morning we extend a welcome to Pastor Mark Luepke.

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Steven Julifs, Phyllis Jacobson, JoAnn Garcia, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Sandy Julifs, and Lila Edeus.

Placing our confidence in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our loved ones, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Bobby McElhinney. Bobby passed away on Thursday morning in Rockford. Bobby is a brother to Janie Billings.

May God’s presence bring you comfort and peace.

During this time of transition if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

Church De-Decorating

After our worship service this morning your help is needed taking the Christmas tree and decorations down. Many hands make light work!

Offering envelopes for 2025 are on the cart at the back of the sanctuary. Please dispose of 2024 envelopes as your number for 2025 may be different. If you cannot find your envelopes or you would like some, please contact the church office.

Contribution Statements will be mailed toward the end of January. If you need yours sooner, please call the office.

Mark your calendar

The Annual Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19, immediately following worship.

Council Committee members

Your annual business reports are due into the church office no later than January 8.

Church Council meets monthly, serving the church through leadership. People of God, the nominating committee will soon be seeking nominees for council. You have two options: Option #1 – Prayerfully consider serving on Church Council in 2025; Option #2 – Pray that God will raise up leaders in our congregation willing to serve on Church Council. NOW is the time to be choosing and enacting option 1 or option 2. **Thank you for your diligence in this!**

Children’s Offering

The January children’s offering will be for the Twin Cities Pads Homeless Shelter in Sterling. They are experiencing high numbers of people seeking shelter and are seeking physical and/or monetary donations. Click [HERE](#) to see what physical items they are in need of.

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 6

Menz Group will meet at St. John’s – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 9

Council meeting – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 10

Office closed

Next Sunday, January 12

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Tri-Confirmation class at St. Paul – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Next week’s Worship Assistants

Presider: Pastor Kathy Burkheimer

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Stacey Avelar

Acolytes – Avelar family

Greeters – Audrey & Cathy Cox

Ushers – Diane Yoeckel, Mel Johnson

Reader – Bev Julien

Sound – Bradyn Arians

Altar Guild – Audrey & Cathy Cox

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*