

St. Peters Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod

January 2024



316 S. Main Ave. / P.O. Box 125

Wentworth, SD 57075-0125

Office Phone: 605-483-3129

Pastor's cell: 307-221-1256

Church e-mail: stpeter@itctel.com

Pastor's e-mail: adwelton@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterswentworth.com

Our Mission Statement:

**"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done."**



Lutheran Hymns of the Church Year

Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered (LSB 404)

This year we are going to be looking at twelve different hymns throughout the year. The goal will be to see the wonderful proclamation of Law and Gospel in our hymns and to understand our hymnody a little better and come to enjoy the richness of it.

I will be writing a brief introduction on our hymns as they are printed in the LSB and looking at our first hymn. After that we are blessed to be having several guest writers throughout the year. I will give a brief introduction to each one when they write so you know who they are and where they are from.

When we look at our hymns in the LSB there is a plethora of information on each page. At the top of each page, you will find three things: Title of the Hymn, Hymn Number, and the Topical Suggestion for the Hymn. The hymn number needs no explanation. The Title of the hymn is normally the first line of the hymn but there is a number of hymns where this is not true i.e. On Eagles' Wings LSB 727 where the first line of the hymn is "You who dwell I the shelter of the Lord."

The suggested topic of the hymn is the opinion of the hymnal committee of how the hymn might be used best by the church. Some hymns fit well with a certain time in the church year, and others are good for giving thanks for God's blessings, and some bring us hope and comfort in times of spiritual distress.

At the bottom of the page in small type we have five additional pieces of information about the hymn. We have the text, tune, name of the tune, meter, and scripture the hymn is based on. The text tells us who the composer of the text of the hymn. You will have a birth and death date for the composer and if the hymn was translated into English, you will have the name of the translator.

The tune tells you the composer of the tune, if there is an alternate tune the composer of the alternate tune, and sometimes if it was taken from a specific place where it was taken from. An example is some hymn tunes come out of the old The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH).

The name of the tune can be found across the pages a good example is LSB 404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered tune name is "Mississippi." Some hymns will share tunes with other hymns, and you can find these hymns by the name of the tune in the index for hymn tunes.

Under the name of the tune is the meter of the hymn. How many syllables will be found in each line of the hymn. There is some common hymn meters like long meter (88 88) and short meter (66 86), because of the frequency of the use of these meters they have been given their own name.

Finally, you will find in very small print a list of Scripture passages the hymn was based off. Large portions of the hymn might come out of these text or just small section or even just some of the words. No matter the amount of the Biblical text used in the hymn the themes found in the hymn will derive from these texts listed. If you want to know more about the hymn read these texts and see what the hymn writer had in mind as he wrote these beautiful words.



Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered (LSB 404)

Hymn for the Season of Epiphany

Text: Stephen P. Starke, b 1955

Tune: William B. Roberts, b 1947

Tune Name: Mississippi

Meter: 87 87 D

Scripture: Is 53:12; Matt 3:13-17; John 1:29, 36; Gal. 4:4-5

In stanza one we learn Jesus has no sin to begin with and enters the waters to accomplish His work of salvation for the whole world. We also, learn this Jesus is the one whom God sent into the world, His own Son, as is testified to by the opening of the heavens and the descending of the dove (the Holy Spirit) upon Jesus. This stanza sets the tone for the rest of the hymn as being baptismal as it continues to talk about Jesus' baptism and also our righteousness as we will see in stanza four.

Stanza two we learn from John the Baptist Jesus is the sinless Lamb of God who comes with good news for all the world. We are hearing echoes of Isaiah 53:12, "because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many and makes intercession for the transgressors." We hear the news Jesus comes to proclaim to all the whole world the good news of salvation and it will come from the cross from which is preached the mercy of God's forgiveness for all people.

Stanza two also points us to the purpose of all preaching and preachers. They come with beautiful feet to proclaim mercy which is found on the cross in the salvation which Christ has won there by His death and resurrection. Also, if for some reason you did not hear this sweet news in the sermon you have now heard it in the hymn.

Stanza three teaches us the purpose for Jesus coming into the world. Jesus came into the world not to condemn sinners but to redeem the whole world from sin. The mission of Jesus goes out to the whole world, and should be proclaimed to the whole world because all can benefit from His wonderful work there on the cross

Stanza four tells us Jesus came to enter the waters of the Jordan to sanctify all waters for the use in Holy Baptism so in this washing in the blood of Christ the whole world would come to know of the love of God for the world. The lengthens God would go to save the world. And continue to tell us in our sin we are put to death with Jesus into baptism and raised to new life. Finally, it concludes by telling us we are under the cross and each day as we trace the cross upon us we are reminded of the mercy we have received in the waters of our baptism.

Stanza four teaches us why we make the sign of the cross. It is to remind us daily of the gifts God has given to us in baptism, and each day we need to drown the Old Adam in the waters of Baptism and rise to new life before God.

Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered is an Epiphany hymn not only revealing the true identity of Jesus as the Son of God but also the work Christ came to do of redeeming us from our sins and then how God gives that redemption, salvation to us in the waters of our own baptism.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor



These are the unapproved minutes from the October Voters Meeting

St. Peters Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Voter's meeting minutes

October 15, 2023

President Shawn Martin called to order the Voters meeting of St. Peters LCMS at 10:35 am on October 15, 2023, at St. Peters fellowship hall.

Attendance: Loren Lindholm, Dan Alfson, Matt Tweet, Casey Gehrels, Gaylen Backus, Remington Miller, Michael Tammen, Mike Tammen, Austin Tammen, Jon Gehrels, Todd Keupp, Jerry Gehrels, Shawn Martin, Mark Limmer, Eric Milbrandt, Gale Maas, Terry Reck, Josh Bonstead, Jessie Baumberger, Corey Reck, Pastor Welton, Logan Reck, Drew Hemmer.

Shawn Martin called to order at 10:35

Pastor Welton opened with Devotion and Prayer.

Minutes were read by Dan Alfson, approved as read.

Elders Report; Presented by Mark Limmer.

Motion by Loren Lindholm, 2nd by Corey Reck to approve the transfer out of David and Kim Berg. Motion Carries.

Pastor's Report, Presented by Pastor Welton. Pastor discussed the Vacancies in Madison and Howard.

Treasurers Report, Presented by Todd Keupp

Financial Report, presented by Todd Keupp. Todd mentioned that we have prepaid on propane for 90% compared to last year's usage.

Trustee's Report; Presented by Matt Tweet. Matt mentioned that a plumber is needed for the downstairs drinking fountain.

Board of Stewardship; presented by Jon Gehrels. Jon mentioned that the new sign on Highway 34 is in place.

Board of Education; Presented by Eric Milbrandt. Erick mentioned that the Sunday school is still looking for someone to step in as music director.

Old Business.

Discussed landscaping project around the church. Terry Reck mentioned that he contacted Tom Graff to move the granite bench by the north doors to make snow removal easier.

Pastor Welton's 10th anniversary of ordination service is scheduled for November 5th. Pastor Matt Worm and Pastor Tom Christensen will be conducting the service with Kayla Augustine as Organist.

New Business:

Motion by Terry Reck, 2nd by Jerry Gehrels to cast our ballot as a YES to rescind the 1976 District Convention resolution (3-03) blanket subscription to the Lutheran Witness magazine. Motion Carries.

Motion by Loren Lindholm 2nd by Gale Maas to vote YES in support of the Together in Missions (TIM) resolution to support additional Missionaries. Motion Carries.

Motion by Jason Fisher, 2nd by Loren Lindholm to accept Logan Reck as a voting member. Motion Carries. Logan signed the member voting log.

Officer Elections.

Board of Elders: Mark Limmer nominated. 3 calls for additional nominations, none offered. Motion by Casey Gehrels, 2^{nds} by Remington Miller Nominations cease. Motion Carries. Motion by Gaylen Backus, 2nd by Loren Lindholm to cast unanimous ballot, Motion carries. Mark Limmer Elected.

President: Shawn Martin nominated. Call 3 times for additional nominations, None offered. Motion by Jerry Gehrels, 2nd by Corey Reck for nominations to cease and Cast unanimous. Motion Carries, Shawn Martin Elected.

Secretary, Dan Alfson nominated. Call 3 times for additional nominations, none offered. Motion by Gale Maas, 2nd by Eric Melbrant for nominations to cease and cast unanimous ballot. Motion Carries.

Treasurer, Dave Beeck nominated. Call 3 times for additional nominations, none offered. Motion by Gaylen Backus 2nd by Remington Miller for nominations to cease and cast unanimous ballot. Motion Carries.

Usher: Austin Tammen nominated. Call 3 times for additional nominations, none offered. Motion by Casey Gehrels, 2nd by Gale Maas for Nominations to cease, and case a unanimous ballot. Motion Carries.

Trustee: Remington Miller, Jessie Baumberger, Josh Bonstead Nominated. Motion by Remington Miller, 2nd by Terry Reck for Nomination to Cease. Motion Carried. Remington Miller elected by Paper Ballot.

Board Of Stewardship: Nominations are Drew Hemmer, Josh Bonstead, Jessie Baumberger. Motion by Gale Maas, 2nd by Remington Miller for nominations to cease, Motion Carries. Drew Hemmer elected by paper ballot.

Board Of Education: Nominee's are Loren Lindholm, Jessie Baumberger. Motion by Terry Reck, 2nd by Gale Maas for nominations to cease. Motion Carries. Jessie Baumberger elected by paper ballot.

Salary's

Organist Salary: Motion by Casey Gehrels, 2nd by Gaylen Backus for salary to remain as is. Motion Carries.

Janitors Salary: Motion by Loren Lindholm, 2nd by Mark Limmer for Salary to remain as is. Motion Carries.

Secretary's Salary: Motion by Casey Gehrels, 2nd by Corey Reck to increase the secretary's salary to \$600.00 per pay period. Motion Carries.

Pastor's Salary: Motion by Loren Lindholm, 2nd by Gaylen Backus leave as is. No vote.

Motion by Loren Lindholm 2nd by Mike Tammen to amend the previous motion. Motion Carries.

Motion by Loren Lindholm, 2nd by Gaylen Backus to leave Pastor's base salary as is. Motion carries. Pastor's base salary to remain at \$50,231.00 and total with benefits increasing to \$105,599.

Motion by Casey Gehrels, 2nd by Remington Miller to designate ½ of pastor's salary as housing allowance. Motion Carries.

There was discussion on the Thanksgiving dinner. The planned date would be November 19.

Terry Reck mentioned that the Church building, and the fellowship hall still have water issues that will need to be dealt with in the future.

Motion by Corey Reck, 2nd by Gale Maas to destroy the paper ballots. Motion Carries.

Notion by Gale Maas, 2nd by Jessie Baumberger to adjourn, Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted, Dan Alfson

-Workshop on Understanding and Ministering to Those Struggling with Substance Abuse

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church -

Brookings, SD

Saturday, January 20th, 2024

Registration 8:30-9:00am

Workshop 9:00am-4:00pm

Catered lunch included.

No cost to attend.

Target audience for the workshop is Pastors and Elders. Lay leaders and congregation members are also invited to attend.

RSVP by January 6, 2024 by emailing pastormicahbauer@gmail.com.



The presenter for the workshop will be Toni Larson from Lutheran Family Service. For more than a century, Lutheran Family Service has been there for people in their time of need providing a variety of services including unplanned pregnancy support, marriage counseling, mental health counseling, adoption services, church worker wellness, and youth and elderly outreach. Lutheran Family Services also offers a number of congregational outreach programs designed to equip people with what they need to successfully manage life challenges before they become a crisis.

Lutheran Family Service mission is simple: We walk with people who are experiencing hard times and are there for them just as God has been there for us.

Lutheran Family Service values are clear: Grace, Life, Family, Compassion, Accountability and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came into this world to redeem us. Jesus is the cornerstone of our ministry and the focus of all that we do in serving people.

Join us for a Youth Trip!

Destination: Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in Kentucky

Additional Stops: Concordia University Wisconsin

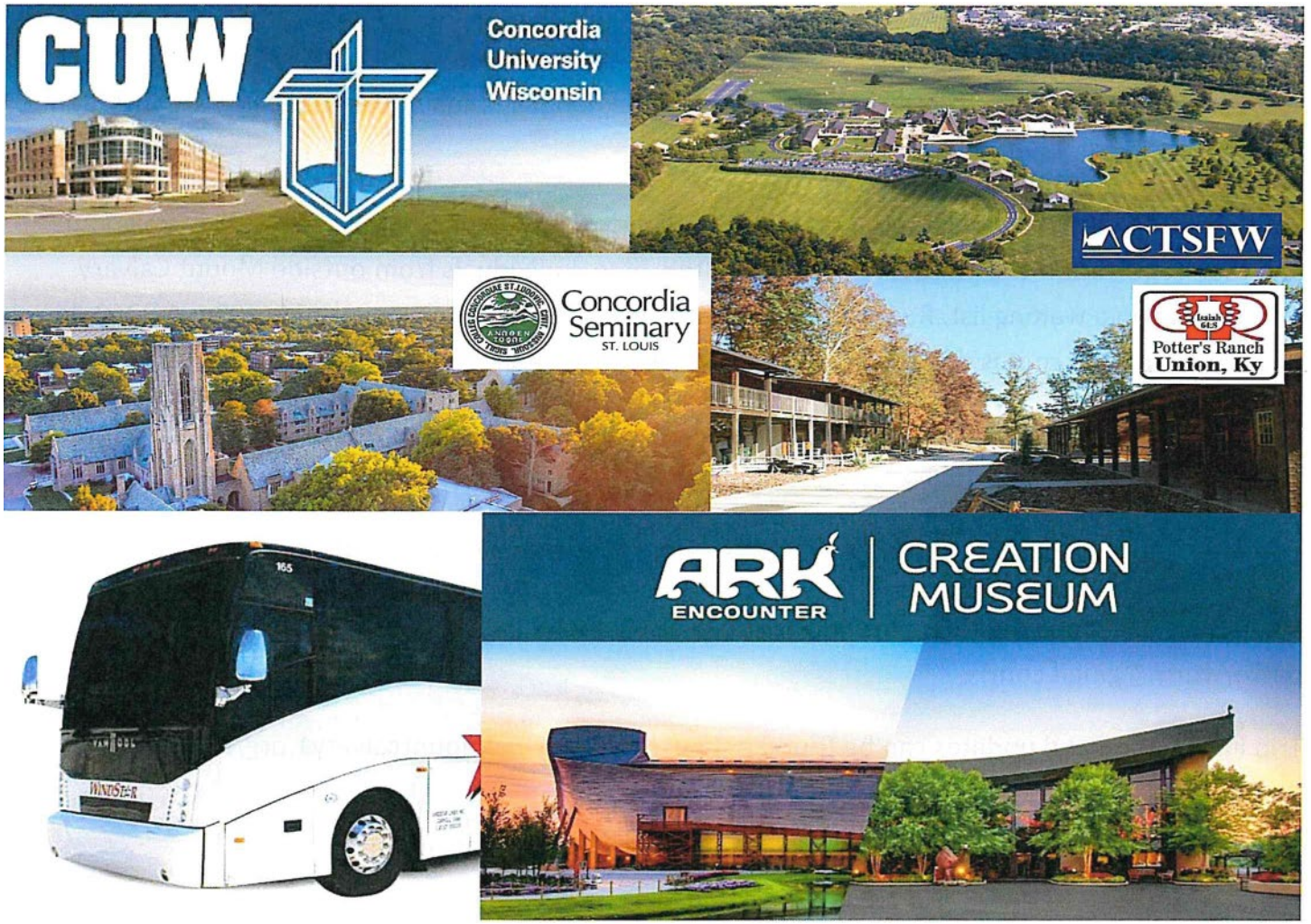
Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Concordia Seminary St. Louis

Date: June 2-7, 2024

Who: Youth who will have completed 7th grade through those who have completed 12th grade in 2024 & chaperones

Cost: \$850 per person (everything included except 5 meals)

Deposit: \$250/person by February 28, 2024 (Checks payable to Mt. Calvary LYF)



We will travel by luxury motorcoach leaving Sioux Falls on Sunday at 1pm to our first stop, **Concordia University Wisconsin**. The group will stay in the dorms on campus at CUW. On Monday morning, the group will start the day with devotions, tour CUW and visit the shores of Lake Michigan!

We will depart CUW and travel to **Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne**. We will stay on campus at CSTFW Monday evening. We will tour campus and attend Chapel services on Tuesday morning. After Chapel we will depart for Potter's Ranch in Union, Kentucky.

Upon arrival at **Potter's Ranch**, the group may participate in activities such as ziplining and paintball. The group will stay in the Pioneer Cabins at Potter's Ranch Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

On Wednesday we will visit the **Creation Museum**. We will return to Potter's Ranch for supper and activities such as hiking trails, bouncy inflatables, 9 square, and a campfire.

Thursday morning we will depart Potter's Ranch and spend the day visiting the **Ark Encounter**. We will travel Thursday evening to St. Louis where we will stay at **Concordia Seminary St. Louis** or in a hotel nearby. Friday morning we will tour campus and attend Chapel services before traveling home to Sioux Falls. We anticipate arrival in Sioux Falls around 10pm.

The trip is intended for youth who have completed 7th grade through those who completed 12th grade in 2024. Chaperones at a ratio of 5:1.

With the exception of 5 meals, all costs (transportation, lodging, meals, entrance fees) are included in the trip price of \$850/person.

Youth from Mount Calvary Lutheran Church (Brookings, SD) have until January 28, 2024 to sign up and then registration will be open to others. At this time, individuals from outside Mount Calvary may sign up on a waiting list. Registration will then be confirmed after January 31, 2024. A \$250 deposit to secure the spot is due by February 28, 2024. The balance is due by April 14, 2024.

Partial reimbursement from the SD District LCMS may be available upon submission of receipts to Chad Zinnel at the district office.

Contact Jessie Kuechenmeister (605-692-2678 or mountcalvary@swiftel.net) to sign up.

If you have questions regarding the trip you may also contact Pastor Wurm (605-692-2678 or pastorwurm@gmail.com).

Trip information and updates can be found online: <https://www.mountcalvaryl.org/kentuckytrip>

2024 GREETER SCHEDULE

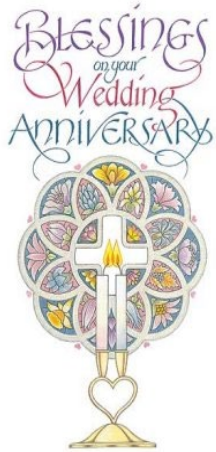
January	07	Erik & Lisa Lindholm Family; Kenneth Lindholm
	14	Jeremy & Lori Lindholm; Rayden Lindholm
	21	Loren & Amy Lindholm Family; Rachel Lindholm
	28	Louis Lindholm; Mason Lindholm
February	04	Ryan & Stacy Lindholm Family
	11	Ted & Carolyn Lindholm
Wed.	14	Marty & Billie Lusk Family– Ash Wednesday
	18	Gale & Diana Maas; Jarrod Maas
Wed.	21	Brett & Alexandra Martin– Midweek Lent I
	25	Shawn & Jill Martin
Wed.	28	Ryan & Tara McManus Family– Midweek Lent II
March	03	Russ & Kay Mendel; Jackson Mendel
Wed.	06	Eric & Ashley Milbrandt Family– Midweek Lent III
	10	Remington & Mandie Miller Family
Wed.	13	Terry Feldman – Midweek Lent IV
	17	Jon & Mindy Olinger Family
Wed.	20	June & Carol Olson; Garret Olson– Midweek Lent V
	24	Carleen Ooms - Palm Sunday
Thurs.	28	Kayla Reck; Logan Reck; Tyler Reck – Maundy Thursday
Fri.	29	Kory & Melissa Reck– Good Friday Worship
	31	Terry & Deb Reck– Easter Sunrise Service
	31	Rudy & Ione Schmidt– Easter Service
April	07	Brett & Heidi Schneider Family; Chloe Schneider
	14	Mitch & Erin Schneider
	21	Cheryl Schriever; Emily Breck
	28	Llyn & Luanna Shuck – Confirmation Sunday
May	05	Alex Tammen; Mikeal Tammen
	12	Austin & Liz Tammen
	19	Mike & Trish Tammen
	26	Greg & Linda Teal
June	02	Matt & Kayla Tweet Family– Recognition Sunday
	09	Verle & Opal Uthe
	16	Leonard & Cindy VanPelt
	23	Daniel Voy; Mathew Voy
	30	Noel & Catherine Wareham

July	07	Rick Yager
	14	Loren & Shirley Zimmer
	21	Dakota Alfson; Dan & Misty Alfson Family
	28	Jeff & Marlys Arneson; Marsha Ellison
August	04	Gaylen & Shirley Backus
	11	Tyler & Nicole Backus Family
	18	Jesse & Alyssa Baumberger Family
	25	Justin & Jenna Baumberger Family
September	01	Tom & Arla Baumberger
	08	Dave & Crista Beeck– Rally Sunday
	15	Josh & Neisha Bjorklund Family
	22	Josh & Megan Bonstead Family
	29	Connie Brown; Macie Brown
October	06	Russ Claussen
	13	Ashes Dean Family
	20	Julie Delfs; Benjamin Delfs Family; Samuel Delfs
	27	Jim & Jane DeVaney
November	03	Dale & Kathy Dorow
	10	Charles & Danielle Eppe Family; Brock Eppe; Emma Eppe
	17	Brandon & AnnaLee Fedeler Family
	24	Scott & Jill Feige Family
	Wed. 27	Terry Feldmann– Thanksgiving Eve - Communion
	28	Jason & Meredith Fischer Family; Ella Fischer
December	01	Sheldon & Jessica Foster Family– First Sunday in Advent
	Wed. 04	Jerry & Julie Gehrels– Midweek Advent I
	08	Jon & Danielle Gehrels Family
	Wed. 11	Kasey & Lacey Gehrels Family; Kayden Gehrels– Midweek Advent II
	15	Bill & Peg George
	Wed. 18	Leon & Melissa Gerry; Parker Gerry– Midweek Advent III
	22	Shelia Gerry; Nathan Gerry
	24	The Elders – Children’s Christmas Evening Service
	25	Rev. Adam & Kayla Welton family – Christmas Day
	29	Tom Graff

This schedule is what you see on the monthly newsletter calendar and in the weekly bulletin. You will also receive “reminder letters.”

If you cannot be here on your scheduled Sunday or choose not to be here, it is **YOUR** responsibility to trade Sundays with someone or to find someone to fill-in for you.

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Dick & Helen

Lease

January 25, 1959

JANUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS



Cade	Fischer	January 3, 2016
Jerry	Gehrels	January 3, 1960
Adam	Welton	January 3, 1999
Kadyn	Gehrels	January 9, 2005
Gale	Maas	January 9, 1955
Kaelie	Lindholm	January 14, 2007
Brittyn	Bjorklund	January 16, 2016
Mitch	Schneider	January 16, 1983
Brooke	Grass	January 17, 1993
Kai	Hemmer	January 20, 2019
Kim	Hemmer	January 20, 1963
Marlys	Arneson	January 25, 1959
Justin	Baumberger	January 25, 1987
Braeleigh	Dean	January 25, 2015
Jacob	Heidelberger	January 26, 2020
Jim	Lindholm	January 29, 1940
Tyler	Backus	January 30, 1994
Noel	Wareham	January, 1970

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mitch	Schneider	January 2, 1983
Kai	Hemmer	January 9, 2019
Rayden	Lindholm	January 9, 2004
Parker	Milbrandt	January 10, 2020
Braeleigh	Dean	January 11, 2015
Tyler	Backus	January 12, 1994
Isla	Grass	January 13, 2023
Emma	Eppe	January 15, 2004
Rilynn	Zillgitt	January 15, 2009
Jim	Lindholm	January 16, 1940
Tate	Gehrels	January 17, 2023
Linus	Backus	January 18, 2021
Tracer	Feige	January 18, 2013
Rylie	Lusk	January 18, 2008
Delores	Beeck	January 22, 1929
Grace	Lindholm	January 22, 2008
Reagan	Baumberger	January 24, 2020
Lisa	Lindholm	January 27, 1979
Liz	Tammen	January 28, 1946
Isaac	Heidelberger	January 31, 2002
Rick	Yager	January 31, 1969

To read the Bible in one year:
SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
January 1	Luke 1:68-79	Mark 2
January 2	Psalm 30	Mark 3
January 3	Psalm 31	Mark 4
January 4	Psalm 32	Mark 5
January 5	Psalm 33	Mark 6
January 6	Psalm 34	Mark 7
January 7	Psalm 35	Mark 8
January 8	Psalm 36	Mark 9
January 9	Psalm 37	Mark 10
January 10	Psalm 38	Mark 11
January 11	Psalm 39	Mark 12
January 12	Psalm 40	Mark 13
January 13	Psalm 41	Mark 14
January 14	Psalm 42	Mark 15-16
January 15	Psalm 43	Genesis 1-3
January 16	Psalm 44	Genesis 4-6
January 17	Psalm 45	Genesis 7-9
January 18	Psalm 46	Genesis 10-12
January 19	Psalm 47	Genesis 13-15
January 20	Psalm 48	Genesis 16-18
January 21	Psalm 49	Genesis 19-21
January 22	Psalm 50	Genesis 22-24
January 23	Psalm 51	Genesis 25-27
January 24	Psalm 52	Genesis 28-30
January 25	Psalm 53	Genesis 31-33
January 26	Psalm 54	Genesis 34-36
January 27	Psalm 55	Genesis 37-39
January 28	Psalm 56	Genesis 40-42
January 29	Psalm 57	Genesis 43-45
January 30	Psalm 58	Genesis 46-48
January 31	Luke 1:68-79	Genesis 49-50

JANUARY 2024

Altar Guild: Jill Martin ~ Diana Maas ~ Mandie Miller

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	1 	2	3 NO CONFIRMATION, BIBLE HISTORY CLASS, BELLS, OR YOUTH GROUP	4	5	6 
7 Sunday January 7 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Sophia Fischer Greeters: Erik & Lisa Lindholm Family; Kenneth Lindholm Organist: Peg George Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service. Board of Education Meeting	8 10:15 am Bethel Service 7:00 pm Altar Guild	9	10 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation~Bible History Class & Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	11	12	13
14 Sunday January 14 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Landen McManus Greeters: Jeremy & Lori Linholm; Rayden Lindholm Organist: Peg George Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service.	15	16	17 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation~Bible History Class & Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	18 Winkle 7:00 pm Council Meeting	19	20
21 Sunday January 21 - 9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Presley Schneider Greeters: Loren & Amy Lindholm Family; Rachel Lindholm Organist: Peg George Sunday School & VOTERS MEETING following service	22 NEWS LETTER DEAD-LINE	23	24 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation~Bible History Class & Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	25	26	27
28 Sunday January 28 - 9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Jayden Delfs Greeters: Louis Lindholm; Mason Lindholm Families Organist: Peg George Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service	29	30	31 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation~Bible History Class & Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group			