



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALICE

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Glad Tidings – January 2024

Fellow Christians,

HAPPY NEW YEAR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!!!

2023 has passed and 2024 is upon us. What will that look like. It's a real "do over" for us...a new beginning. Below is an article that I ran across that has some really good advice for us as a church.

What will the New Year be... will it be one of promise, will it one of peace, or will it be one of prosperity? What will the New Year be, (first, second, third) the New Year will be a time to:

1. Forget and Forgive the Past

What will the New Year be, it will be a time to forget and forgive the past. The Apostle Paul says in Philippians 3:13, "forgetting the things which are behind". What is the New Year, it's a time to forget and forgive faults, failures, and misfortunes of the past. What will the New Year be, it will be a time to forget and forgive.

2. Press Forward

What will the New Year be, it will be a time to press forward in the faith. Paul tells us in Philippians 3:13, to reach "forward to those things which are ahead,". Let go of the baggage that's holding you back, and let the Word and the Holy Spirit mold, make, and mature into the fruit of the spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. What will the New Year be, it will be a time to press forward in faith.

3. Focus on Christ

What will the New Year be, it will be a time to focus on Christ. The Apostle tells us in Philippians 3:14, "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus", what will the new Year be, it will be a time to focus on the return of Christ, the resurrection, and the rapture, for this may be the year! What will the New Year be, it will be a time to focus on Christ.

What will the New year be.... let it be a time to forget and forgive, press forward, and focus on Christ!

In Christ,

Amy B. Koenning

Amy B. Koenning, Council President

What will the new Year Be?" by Eugene Pansler Jr.: December 21, 2016

KNOWING CHRIST, LIVING CHRIST, and SHARING CHRIST!

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Congratulations to Austin Kennemer for graduating from the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Department at Texas A&M University Kingsville on December 8th. Austin graduated with a major in Agriculture Science, Agribusiness & Environmental Science, and a minor in Plant and Soil Science. We are beyond proud of you for your determination and accomplishments. We pray God guides you as you take your next journey in life. Make Papaw proud!

Love – Mom & Dad



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



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2024... Call to Prayer

For more than a decade, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) has invited members of congregations to engage in an intentional period of prayer at the beginning of each year. Known as “Three Days of Prayer”, former LCMC Service Coordinator Mark Vander Tuig established this annual practice to draw our collective attention back to the throne of grace. He boldly shared his conviction that “the church of Jesus Christ will never rise up until it first falls on its knees.”

Once again, the call goes out to you and to me. On January 2-4, 2024, we are invited as the body of Christ to follow our Lord Jesus’ example to pray, pray, and pray some more! And if you are reading this message after those specific dates, please set aside your own three days of prayer. There’s nothing special about the particular days themselves, other than it is an annual reminder to set aside an intentional time for focused prayer.

While we do not need set formulas or pre-written prayers to direct us as we pray, some may find it helpful to prepare prayer guides to focus their time. Consider organizing your thoughts with a list of prayer topics. I would encourage you to set aside specific times of day in which you pause, center yourself before God, and offer your prayers in Jesus’ name. For some, the historic practice of pausing for prayer every third hour is a helpful pattern. For others, a morning and evening routine of extended prayer time is more fitting. Still others will gather in groups with their church for a time of corporate prayer on each of the three days. Another idea is to organize a round-the-clock prayer vigil for 72 hours of continuous prayer.

The point is this: *how* we pray is not nearly as important as it is *that* we pray. The same can be said regarding what we pray for. First and foremost, give to God in prayer all that is on your heart and mind. Ask for God to guide you as you pray through the power of the Holy Spirit to bring to mind what to pray for. We trust as the Apostle Paul teaches in Romans 8 that the Holy Spirit will indeed intercede for us when our own words run out.

Our LCMC staff has developed a helpful prayer guide filled with ideas and resources. You can find it at www.lcmc.net/three-days-of-prayer. This year, we are invited to pray for our congregations and leaders, for those who do not yet know Jesus, and for the church around the world, especially our international mission partners. I would also ask that we remember to pray for the raising up and sending out of future ministry leaders. In Matthew 9, Jesus says, “*The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send workers out into his harvest.*” We have so much for which to pray. As we begin a new year, I pray that we may see God move in and through his church. Let it start with you and me on our knees.

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for LCMC Texas District and Program Director of Harvest Workers, an online ministry training program (learn more at www.harvestworkers.net). Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Please contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org.

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January 2024



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FEBRUARY 2024
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2 Retreat Dates to Choose from:

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ALTAR GUILD - Given to the glory of God . . .

ALTAR & ETERNAL CANDLES:

January – Open

COMMUNION ELEMENTS:

January 7 – Given by Eric & Melba Andersen in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

January 21 – Given by Evelyn Hutchinson in honor of her wonderful mother, Inez Zulauf.

ALTAR & STANDING VASE FLOWERS

January 7 – Given by Jimmie Shoup in loving memory of Pat Marzo's birthday.

January 14 – Given by Evelyn Hutchinson in honor of Carol Ness' birthday and for everyone who celebrates a birthday in January.

January 21 – Given by Jimmie Shoup in loving memory of Travis Shoup.

January 28 – Open

<u>Birthdays</u> 01/01 Susie Spaniel 01/05 Phillip Flanders	01/09 Lydia Guzman 01/24 Grace Slaughter	01/26 Ethan Salinas
<u>Baptism Birthdays</u> 01/01 Waldyne Nesloney 01/01 Jeraldine Schulte	01/01 Sylvia Work 01/03 Graciela Barrett	01/28 Camila Gonzalez
<u>Wedding Anniversaries</u> 01/02 Clint & Tessie Colle	01/09 Eric & Melba Anderson	
<u>Council Reports/Agenda</u> <u>Always Due 2nd Monday</u> <u>of each month by 5:00P</u>	<u>Newsletter Information</u> <u>Always Due 3rd Monday</u> <u>of each month by 5:00P</u>	<u>Church Council Mtg</u> <u>January 21, 2024</u> <u>12:00 p.m.</u>
Pastor: Open President: Amy Koenning Vice Pres: Darrell Kennemer Secretary: Brandy Kennemer		Christian Life: Open Communications: Laurie Buegeler Education: Open Property/Grounds: Bill Botard Stewardship: Melba Andersen Worship: Open Youth: Open

A Little “P.S.” to Our Radio Friends

By Jean Menking

Besides the AFA (American Family Association) or AFR (American Family Radio) station at 88.3 FM – as an added variety for those who prefer the Christian emphasis in their radio listening --- Do Try KCTA (Know Christ the answer) – 10:30 AM. While it is not a 24/7 station – the format during their broadcasting hours – (mostly daylight) is totally Christian – providing additional access to a variety of excellent programs.

And for the music lovers – there is always our KLUX – 89.5 the Catholic sponsored FM station – providing a variety of music for your “easy listening pleasure” – 24/7 – for night owls and daytime songbirds alike.

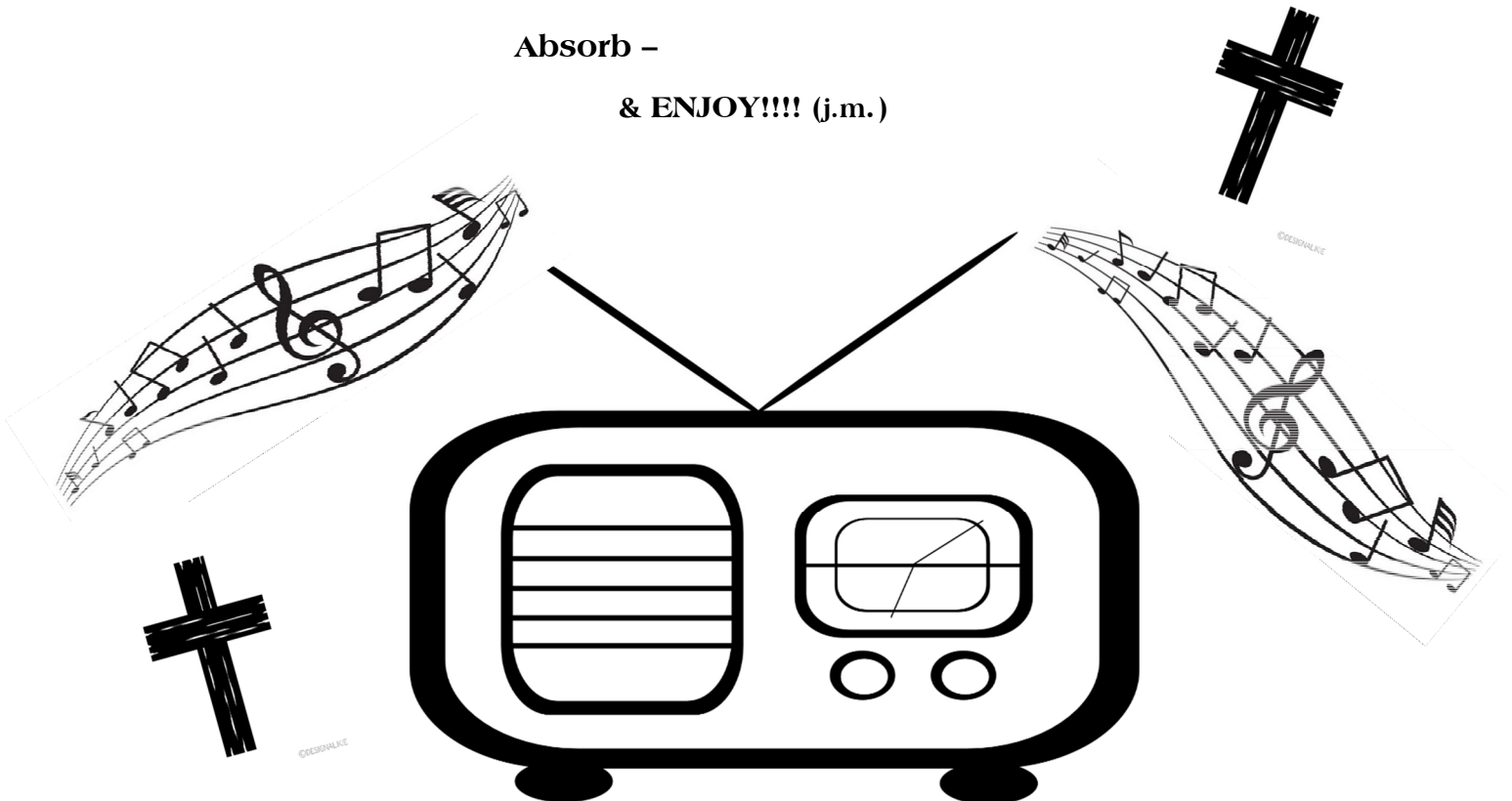
While keeping Christ as the center of our lives is a 24/7 challenge, feeding our souls through the medium of “hearing” is a great NO COST, (like in FREE!!) extremely rewarding way of life in helping us draw closer to our Creator.

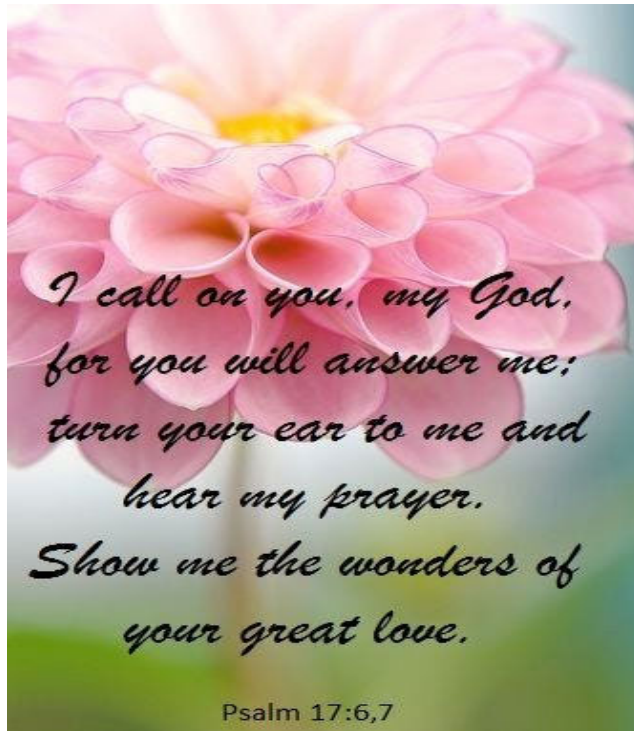
Hear –

Listen –

Absorb –

& ENJOY!!!! (j.m.)





Prayers of the Church:

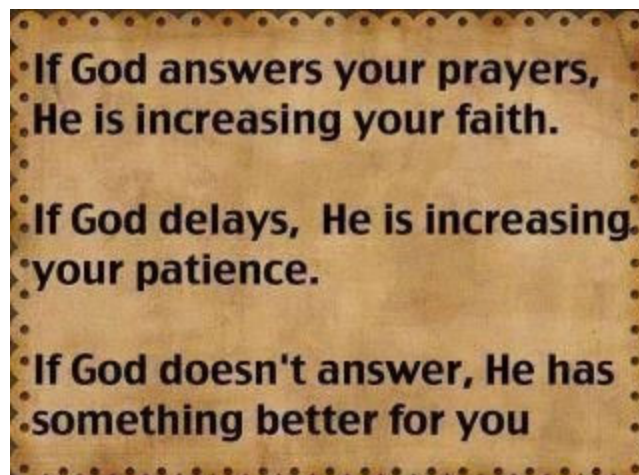
Lord, we ask that you comfort and heal all who are suffering in body or spirit. Please send healing to our brothers and sisters: Cathy Richter, Evelyn Starr, James Appleby, Robert Pena, Noel Schuette, Darlene Totten, Steve & Dana Maresch, Woody & Dolly Kelley, Mary Lee Crane, Inez Zulauf, Waldyne Nesloney, Leona Owen, Allen Massey, Karen Crawford, Edsel Renken, Peggy Williams, Renee McMonagle, Leah Schulze, Gina Perez, Emil Schroeder, Erica Hoelscher & family, Ernie Meyer, Kristina Kovanda, Bobby Williams, Katie Parks, and Stanley Henkle.

Blessed Jesus, in your last agony you commended your spirit to your Father. We seek your mercy for those we brought before you and all who are dying. May

death become for them, as it was for you, a birth to everlasting life. Receive those whom we commend to you with the blessed assurance that whether we wake or sleep, we remain with you, one God, forever.

Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all, grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care.

O Lord God, look with mercy on all whose increasing years bring them isolation, distress, or weakness. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.





Poinsettias given to the Glory of God

December 24, 2023

Mardella Laskowski

In honor of the Birth of the Christ Child

In honor of Sandra, and Neil & Tanya Laskowski

In memory of Alvin Laskowski, Victor & Nina Hallemann, and John & Ruth Bartlett

Amy Koenning

In honor of Denise & Logan Blanchard, Momma J, Mary, Anna & Robert Jenkins III, and Megan Moore

In loving memory of Doc Koenning, Fredna & Walt Becker, Selma & Anton Koenning, Travis Shoup, Tim Blanchard, and James & Lula Mae Parker

Clint and Tessie Colle

In honor of Evelyn "Grandma" Starr, and Esther "Gammy" DeSantis

In loving memory of Dick "Popo" Starr, Henrietta "Nana" Colle, Lucille "Granny" Colle, and Dan "Gampy" DeSantis

Bill Botard

In memory of his parents, Ernest & Katherine Botard, and his grandparents

Ruth Lindquist

In honor of her grandchildren; Ty & Amanda Lindquist, and Chris Lindquist

Rey & Karen Zepeda

In honor of Our Lord, sweet Jesus

In loving memory of Clifton Boerm

Ruben B. and Cristina Rosales Soliz

In honor of their daughters; Araceli Soliz, Corina Laraway, Sandra Exline, and Diana Shields

Jack & Renee McMonagle

In honor of Leona Owen

Dear Family & Friends,

CHRISTMAS 2023

This year has been an emotional rollercoaster for our family. We've experienced times of celebrations and times of sadness; times of joy and times of grief. After a 6-year long courageous battle with cancer, our daughter Brooke left this life of pain and suffering on Monday, August 14th to enjoy the fullness of our Savior's presence in heaven. Many thanks to all of you who lifted her up with your prayers during the valiant fight. We find comfort and peace in our Lord's abiding presence and in His faithful promise of eternal life and a joyful reunion with our loved ones who are already there.

We put quite a few miles on our car this year. When Brooke received the dreadful prognosis from her oncologist, we made a trip in April to visit her and family in Lexington, KY. We were amazed how much Lirael and Dexter have grown. We are so glad we all went to worship together at their church during our visit.

The month of May brought us joy when we drove to Olathe, KS to celebrate Gideon's graduation from Olathe High School South. We had a precious time with him and Eden who became a teenager this year! Gideon is now a freshman at Bradley University in Peoria, IL, studying computer science and doing well.

In the beginning of August Albert's wife Ilada arrived from Thailand, so we drove to Idaho (with Mike's help) to visit them. We are glad to have such a nice daughter-in-law. Of course, we could not resist the opportunity of invading Idaho's forests near Cascade in search of huckleberries. We found them and made jam, pies, and ice cream. Our visit to Idaho was such an uplift and we look forward to doing it again.

The day after our arrival home we received the sad news of Brooke's passing. Her memorial service was September 19th and we made another trip to Lexington, again with Mike's help. Albert and Ilada flew in from Idaho and Paul all the way from Japan. Due to various overseas assignments, this was the first time in 11 years that our boys have been together. Paul is now stationed in San Antonio and we are delighted to have him in Texas and celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with him and Mike.

We are making the best of it, in spite of our creaky old bones, entrusting our lives to the good Lord. Stan's new book, "A Journey of Faith. New Believer's Guide to Discipleship," came out in June and he is finishing a devotional manuscript in hopes to have it published next year. May the love of Jesus surround you this Christmas and His special peace fill every day of the New Year 2024!

Stan & Julie

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MERRY
Christmas
THE SIMONIK FAMILY





Grief Support

Thursdays

6 – 8 pm



ILC Conference Room

James Dorsett 361-396-6807 james_dorsett@sbcglobal.net

Register: griefshare.org/findagroup



If you cannot fulfill your duties on a particular Sunday – Please coordinate with someone to fill the position and notify the Deacon of the Day of your replacement. The Deacon's phone # is on the Duty Roster under his name. Thank you!!


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*Because of our amazing and generous donors,
we have met our goal on the Coastal Bend
Foundation Day of Giving. We can continue
our mission of feeding the hungry in
Jim Wells County.*

*Thank you.. Alice Volunteer Services
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January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5pm Bulletin Info Due	2	3 5:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	4 6-8pm Grief Share Counseling – Conf Rm	5	6 Day of Epiphany
7 9am Men in Mission Devotional Discussion 10am Worship/HC Take Down Manger Scene & Xmas Decorations	8 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Council Meeting Info Due	9	10 5:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	11 9am Take Snacks to Habitat for Humanity 11:30am Luncheon for Habitat for Humanity-Fellowship Hall 6-8pm Grief Share Counseling – Conf Rm	12	13
14 10am Worship Service	15 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Newsletter Info Due	16	17 5:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	18 6-8pm Grief Share Counseling – Conf Rm	19	20
21 9am Men in Mission Devotional Discussion 10am Worship/HC 12pm Council Meeting	22 5pm Bulletin Info Due 6pm Women's Bible Study	23	24 5:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	25 6-8pm Grief Share Counseling – Conf Rm	26	27
28 10am Worship Service	29 5pm Bulletin Info Due	30	31 5:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study			Updated 2023-12-21 by Tessie Colle, Rev 1

January 2024

	January 7, 2024	January 14, 2024	January 21, 2024	January 28, 2024
Assisting Ministers	Philip Flanders	Kloe Fox	Ann Menking	Mallori Calvez
Minister	Mary Jackson	Bobby Lindquist	Kloe Fox	Mallori Calvez
Communion Assistants	Amy Calvez Laurie Buegeler		Laurie Buegeler Jerri Schulte	
Ushers	Ernie Meyer Bert Buegeler	Ernie Meyer Bert Buegeler	Ernie Meyer Bert Buegeler	Allan Schulte Darrell Kennemer
Acolytes	Logan Blanchard	Logan Blanchard	Wiley Fox	Wiley Fox
Lector	Evelyn Hutchinson	Ann Menking	Amy Calvez	Gracie Barrett
Greeters	Jimmie Shoup	Melba Andersen	Jerri Schulte	Bert Buegeler
Coffee Maker	Gaby Cantu	Jerri/Allan Schulte	Brandy Kennemer	Laurie Buegeler
Sound Tech	Cooper Kennemer	Cooper Kennemer	Cooper Kennemer	Cooper Kennemer
Camera/Streaming Tech	Brandy Kennemer	Brandy Kennemer	Brandy Kennemer	Brandy Kennemer
Presentation Tech	Terry Cooper	Terry Cooper	Terry Cooper	Terry Cooper
Deacon	Darrell Kennemer 361-318-5758	Darrell Kennemer 361-318-5758	Bill Botard 830-460-1595	Bill Botard 830-460-1595

	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>CANDLES</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>PARAMENTS</u>
January	Laurie Buegeler	Melba Andersen	Brandy Kennemer	Ann Menking
February	Susie Yocum	Melba Andersen	Kandace Fox	Susie Yocum

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Pastor:

President:

Amy Koenning
361-215-5007

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6-8pm Grief Share Counseling – Conf Rm	2	3
4 9am Men in Mission Devotional Discussion 10am Worship/HC	5 5pm Bulletin Info Due	6	7 5:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	8	9	10
11 10am Worship Service	12 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Council Meeting Info Due	13	14 6pm Ash Wednesday/Worship Service Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18 9am Men in Mission Devotional Discussion 10am Worship/HC 11:30am 4th Qtr Congregational Meeting 12pm Council Meeting	19 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Newsletter Info Due	20	21 5:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	22	23	24
25 10am Worship Service	26 5pm Bulletin Info Due 6pm Women's Bible Study	27	28 5:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	29		

February 2024

	February 4, 2024	February 11, 2024	Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024	February 18, 2024	February 25, 2024
Assisting Ministers Minister	Susie Yocum Mary Jackson	Phillip Flanders Alicia Carlisle	Ann Menking Mary Jackson	Amy Koenning Mary Jackson	Olivia Carlisle Mallori Calvez
Communion Assistants	Amy Calvez Laurie Buegeler		Laurie Buegeler Amy Calvez	Susie Yocum Ann Menking	
Ushers	Bill Botard Bert Buegeler	Bert Buegeler Bill Botard	Bert Buegeler Bill Botard	Ernie Meyer Darrell Kennemer	Darrell Kennemer Ernie Meyer
Acolytes	Logan Blanchard	Logan Blanchard	Logan Blanchard	Wiley Fox	Wiley Fox
Lector	Amy Calvez	Darrell Kennemer	Ann Menking	Gracie Barrett	Bert Buegeler
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Sound Tech	Cooper Kennemer	Cooper Kennemer	Cooper Kennemer	Cooper Kennemer	Cooper Kennemer
Camera/Streaming Tech	Brandy Kennemer	Brandy Kennemer	Brandy Kennemer	Brandy Kennemer	Brandy Kennemer
Presentation Tech	Terry Cooper	Terry Cooper	Terry Cooper	Terry Cooper	Terry Cooper
Deacon	Ernie Meyer 956-357-2102	Ernie Meyer 956-357-2102	Ernie Meyer 956-357-2102	Allan Schulte 361-389-3860	Allan Schulte 361-389-3860

February	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>CANDLES</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>PARAMENTS</u>
March	Susie Yocum Laurie Buegeler	Melba Andersen Melba Andersen	Kandace Fox Laurie Buegeler	Susie Yocum Susie Yocum

Emergency Contact Numbers:
Pastor:

President:
Amy Koenning
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