

## Happy January Birthdays

2- Katie Hadrava	8- Shirley Korpela
4- Gordy Hoelscher	12- Georgia Day
5- Julia DeVries	20- Ruth Saranen
6- Henry Pecchia	21- Marjorie McPeak
	29- Togboh Schandorf

## Session Highlights

- Session approved the minutes from the Dec. 15 Annual Congregational meeting where 3 Elders, 5 Deacons, and 3 Nominating Committee members were elected.
- Session voted to experiment with having Sunday worship services during the month of February in another location.
- Our 2025 General Mission Pledge will be \$150/month instead of \$200 as it has been in the past. This is divided between the PC(USA) General Assembly, our regional Synod, and the Presbytery of Northern Waters.
- The idea of having church members do most of the steam conversion work was discussed.
- Rev. Frank Davis notified Session that he would no longer serve as Session Moderator or provide pulpit supply.

## Incoming Officers

Welcome to the following Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members who were elected at the Dec. 15 congregational meeting. All of the terms are 3-year, Class of 2027 terms unless noted below.

### Elders

Sylvia Chad  
Mel Moschler  
Craig Mason

### Nominating Com.

Georgia Day  
Diane Hakala  
Gordy Hoelscher

### Deacons

Kathy Jacklen  
Irene Salo  
Pete Wilhelm  
Nancy Judnick (2026)  
Marge McPeak (2025)

## Preaching Schedule

Jan. 5 – Rev. Rebecca LeMenager  
Jan. 12 – Rev. Kate Stangl, Communion  
Jan. 19 – Rev. Kate Stangl  
Jan. 26 – Pr. Ellen Taube  
Feb. 2 – Rev. Kate Stangl, Communion

## Per Capita

Per capita will be \$38 per person in 2025. This is the amount the church pays per member. Half of it is allocated to our local Presbytery of Northern Waters, some goes to the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and some goes to the PC(USA) General Assembly. **Session requests that members cover their per capita** so that funds used for church operating expenses won't have to be redirected to cover this obligation. Checks can be made out to the church (HCPC) with per capita in the memo.

## February Worship

Session decided that February would be a good month to experiment with having worship in another location. This would help us see how it feels to have regular services at a location other than the church. Doing this during a cold, winter month will reduce heating costs. The new location may be the Kline-Cuppoletti building, but stay tuned to find out what details are worked out!

## 'Townhall' Discussion

We had a nice potluck and discussion after worship on Dec. 15. Thank you to everyone who participated, and thank you to Rev. Frank and Rev. Kate for facilitating! In addition to the information provided in the Dec. newsletter, Dawn Trexel provided an overview of church finances. One financial point to note is that, while the church had around \$160,000 in assets 10 years ago, today we are down to around \$44,000 in assets. A discernment team should be assembled soon to process thoughts and information gathered at the discussion.

### **Church Questionnaires**

If you were unable to join us for the ‘townhall’ discussion on Dec. 15, we would still welcome your input! There are copies of the exit questionnaires from that meeting in this newsletter. Family members can submit separate responses, but for the last question about a capital campaign contribution, we ask that you divide up the amount that the family is willing to contribute between the questionnaires of those who would be contributing (i.e. half on each). OR, you may write the full amount on one, and write ‘*see spouse’s response*’ on the other. We would like to avoid duplicating

amounts, yet still identify which questionnaires are tied to an extra contribution. You may mail your questionnaires to the church, place them in the offering plate, or even email them to the church (if you don’t care about complete anonymity). If you have thoughts or ideas about our main challenges of 1) having to convert from steam heat, or 2) our inability to afford a pastor, you may write them on the back.

### **Offering Envelopes**

If you would like offering envelopes mailed to you, please contact the church office.

### **Poinsettia Memorials**

- \* Sylvia & Greg Chad in memory of all our dear, departed loved ones
- \* Georgia & Dwight Day in honor and memory of our parents
- \* Judy & Claude Erickson in honor of family and loved ones
- \* Paj, Stephanie & Bob Falkowski, Alicia, Dick & Sue - We wish for peace and love throughout the world and joy for our loved ones
- \* Diane Hakala in memory of loved ones
- \* Dan Hestetune, Dana & Rick Wahlberg, & Bret Hestetune in loving memory of our wife & mom, Beth Hestetune
- \* Kay & Gordy Hoelscher in memory of those who aren’t with us anymore
- \* Kathy Jacklen & Mel Moschler in memory of loved family
- \* Janet & Roger Koski in memory of loved ones
- \* Marianne Loscheider in memory of Harry Digerness and Peter Loscheider
- \* Craig & Barb Mason in memory of family
- \* Marge McPeak in memory of my husband, Rod
- \* Carolyn Olsen in memory of the Koski & Olsen families
- \* Irene Salo in memory of Larry – rooted in love, always in our hearts
- \* Sue & Craig Stevens in memory of our parents and our Christmases with them
- \* Dana & Rick Wahlberg & Bret Hestetune in honor of our wonderful dad, Dan Hestetune

## Exit Questionnaire

Please circle the number that best represents your answer.

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1      2      3      4      5  
Disagree                      Agree

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How close do you feel we are to ending Hope's ministry?

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS



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## Elementary Sunday School

Readings and thoughts for January.

**January 5**

Epiphany

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

God loves us and wants to dwell with us and be  
one of us through Jesus  
Jesus helps us understand God

**January 12**

Baptism of the Lord

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jesus was baptized, and God announced that  
Jesus was His Son, that He loved Him, and  
was pleased with Him.

**January 19**

Water to Wine Miracle

John 2:1-11

Jesus can do anything, and chooses to help  
people

**January 26**

Jesus teaches in the Synagogue

Luke 4: 14-21

Jesus explains his mission is to bring good  
news and healing, just as Old Testaments  
prophets wrote

*A new year, a new chance to share  
your love.*



## Souper Bowl of Caring

February 9, 2025



The need to "TACKLE HUNGER"

remains strong. We will, at long last, have some  
Friendship soup mixes for sale in January. These  
proceeds will be added to your donations to the  
Souper Bowl of Caring, which we would welcome,  
either mailed in or dropped off at the church. All  
contributions are used locally.

Thank you

## Jesus Is Baptized

A certain man preached  
in the desert and baptized in the Jordan River.

Find the preacher's name hidden in the picture.



## Birthday Corner

Henry Pecchia - January 6

Leland Jacobson - January 23



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