

Happy January Birthdays

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

Session Highlights

- Session approved the proposed 2026 budget that included a 3% cost of living allowance as recommended by the Personnel Committee. The budget will be included in the 2025 Annual Report that will be prepared in the next month.
- Elders and Deacons will have joint retreat following worship on Jan. 4, facilitated by Rev. Kate Stangl.

Preaching Schedule

Jan. 4 – Rev. Kate Stangl, Communion
Jan. 11 – Rev. Doug Workman
Jan. 18 – Stephanie Falkowski
Jan. 25 – Rev. Doug Workman
Feb. 1 – Rev. Kate Stangl, Communion

Ladies Luncheon

A Ladies Luncheon will take place at 12:00pm on Tuesday, January 20 at BG's restaurant. Please RSVP to Irene Salo.

Prayer Burning

The private prayers that have been collected over the past year were burned in a fire outside the church on Dec. 21. Sue Stevens led the ceremony with this dedication:

As these prayers turn to ash, so do any fears, doubts and burdens the authors no longer need to carry. They are released into the loving care of our Lord, trusting that if they were concerns, the concerns will gently fade away, leaving space for peace, clarity and blessings yet to come. If they were prayers of joy, the smoke will carry the gratitude to its highest good, touching hearts, minds and moments beyond our knowing. May these prayers transform into light, healing and new beginnings, while

blessing all who are gathered here. May this ceremony bring peace, love and renewal to every soul.

Church Forum

You may remember that Sue Stevens wrote and received a Church Vitality grant from the presbytery to help fund special worship events and forums. The first forum will be a collaboration between our church and Faithful Earth Keepers. The forum will take place on Saturday, February 7 at 1pm in the church basement. The topic will be "Support Wildlife, Biodiversity, and Beauty Where You Live!" We'll watch a video presentation by entomologist, Dr. Doug Tallamy, on how even small efforts can have big impacts for wildlife and pollinator populations. Then we'll hear from Dan Schutte from Shoreview Natives in Two Harbors on the how-to's of creating small or large native plant habitat on your property. Even if you don't own property, you can help with conservation efforts in your community! We hope you will join us on February 7!

Per Capita

Per capita will be \$40 per person in 2026. 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.

Treasurer's Report

November offerings: \$12,455
November expenses: \$6,093

Poinsettia Memorials

- * **Anne and Steve Badanjak** in memory of Juliane & Frank Badanjak
- * **Maija Biondich** in memory of friends and family
- * **Don Breckon** in memory of Sandy Breckon
- * **Judy & Claude Erickson** in memory of our loved ones, Jack McKillop, Sandy Breckon, Kay Hoelscher, Marge McPeak, and Roselle Parsons
- * **Falkowskis & Johnsons** - Celebrating the lives of all our loved ones and praying for peace in the world
- * **Diane Hakala** in memory of David and family
- * **Gordy Hoelscher** in memory of Kay Hoelscher
- * **Kathy Jacklen & Mel Moschler** in memory of loved ones
- * **Janet & Roger Koski** in honor of loved ones
- * **Marianne Loscheider** in memory of Harry Digerness and Peter Loscheider
- * **Carolyn Olsen** in memory of the Olsen and Koski families
- * **Susie & John Pearsall** in memory of family and friends
- * **Irene Salo** in memory of Larry Salo and Gary Setala
- * **Rev. Kate Stangl** in memory of Jack McKillop, Kay Hoelscher, Marge McPeak
- * **Sue & Craig Stevens** in memory of loved ones

Incoming Officers

Welcome to the following Elders and Deacons who were elected at the Dec. 7 congregational meeting. All of the terms are 3-year, Class of 2028 terms unless noted below.

Elders: Judy Erickson, Angie Cantlon, Anne Badanjak, Dawn Trexel (2026)

Deacons: Claude Erickson, Susie Pearsal, Steve Badanjak

Friendship Soup **For Sale Again**

We will have Friendship Soup Mixes for sale again towards the end of January. Proceeds go to our Souper Bowl of Caring project which is donated to the Salvation Supper Club.

Large size (serves 16) \$8

Small size (serves 8) \$5

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Sunday School

Readings and thoughts for January.

January 4 Epiphany

Magi Visit Baby Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12

Wise people seek God and can recognize him in the baby Jesus.

January 11

Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 3:13-17

Baptism is more than forgiveness, as God's voice explains at Jesus' baptism - it is about belonging to God and the family of faith.

January 18

Lamb of God

John 1:29-42

Big things are expected of Jesus - he is the one who is going to be the Savior.

January 25

Jesus Calls His Disciples

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus chooses to work with others like the disciples whom he called to follow him. We can work with him too.

Celebrate your blessings by sharing them.



Souper Bowl of Caring February 8, 2026



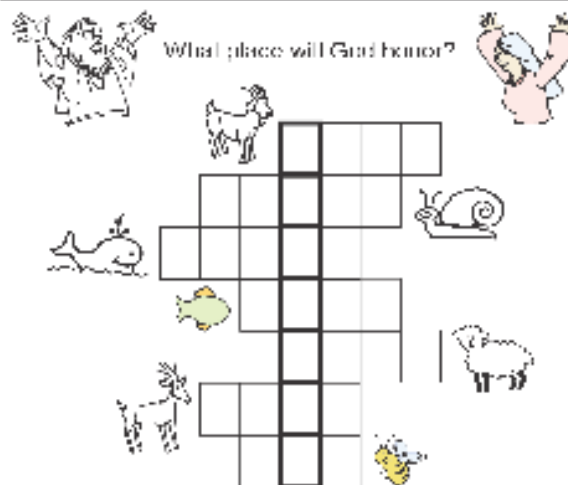
The need to "TACKLE HUNGER" remains strong. We will again have some Friendship soup mixes for sale towards the end of January. These proceeds will be added to your donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring which we will collect on Feb. 8 at church, or they may be mailed in or dropped off at the church. All contributions are used locally.

Thank you

Darkness Turned to Light

"There will be no more gloom for those who were in distress."

Write the name of each picture in letters in the darker boxes spell the answer.



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Birthday Corner

Henry Pecchia - January 6

Leland Jacobson - January 23



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