

CONNECT TO GOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

All classes and Remix Service are canceled until otherwise notified.

PRAYER CHAIN

John Ashton, Rev. David Wendel, Trip Postmus, Colleen Peltz, Herby Nielsen, Tim Danielson, Wayne King, Kathy Moore, Bob Manwarren, Kay Karels, Dorothy Weir, Don Christensen, Jan Lange, Randy James, Jeffrey Stevens, Sandy Triggs, Joyce Griffith, Bonnie Pelzer, Marcia Hill, Liz Graham, Deb Tolzmann, and Michael Trembly.

THANK YOU!

*Linda Woldruff would like to thank her church family for the cards, calls, the soup meal, and the prayer shawl when she had surgery. It was so kind and it is wonderful to be remembered. She is wishing God's blessings to all of you.

*A big thank you to the Sunday crew that make it possible to have our church service each week on Facebook, Channel 3 and KILR radio. There are many behind the scene workers: Terry & Edna Lutzow, Mike Karels, Randy Yackle, Julie Montandon, Dennis Ross, Amy Moore, Tom Anderson, Joan Eveleth, Donna Lauritsen, Pastor Kevin, and all the people Randy gets for special music.

*To Sue Koons, Mona King and Julie Montandon for cleaning the ovens in the kitchen after cooking turkeys.

*To those who helped decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

*Our entire family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our church family for your prayers, support, food, cards and memorials. As a family, we were very much overwhelmed by your support and prayers. We would like to thank Pastor Kevin Moore for his support and the service at the cemetery. Also, special thank you to Randy Yackle for his music dedication. Our family has so many incredible memories of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her faith of God and love of music will always be remembered each and every time we step into our church. We would appreciate it if you keep us in your prayers as we grieve and recover from our loss of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

God bless you,
The family of Irene Tirevold

CONFIRMATION NEWS

KNOW YOUR STORY – CONFIRM YOUR FAITH – LIVE YOUR COMMITMENT

Confirmands, parents, and Faith Friends, in January we will have a church activity. As you know already through January 10th the church is closed, but on the fourth Sunday, the 24th of January, we will be participating together as the worship team for that Sunday's service. We will be greeters, ushers, and provide the liturgist. And if you have experience doing so we could also provide tech assistance with Terry. So confirmands we will see you once more via ZOOM on the 6th, and then back in class on the 13th.

Also don't forget if you are a faith friend to continue to be in contact with your confirmand. Just because we are in a lock down doesn't mean you are not obligated to meet with them. How you do that is up to you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kevin

You will find the **2021 Committee** list included in this newsletter. We still have openings for: Church Historian, Audit Committee chairperson, Education Committee chairperson and committee member, and a SPRC Committee member. If you would be willing to fill one of these positions, or have a suggestion of someone we could ask, please call the church office at 362-4886. Thank you!

If you are on a committee for 2021, you will receive an email or card in the mail as to when you will be meeting. Hopefully, it won't be long before they start meeting in person on a regular basis.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY

*To Holly and Ryan Jensen and family on the death of Holly's mother, Gladys Nelson.

*To the family and friends of Ralph Lausen.

*To Mona & Wayne King on the death of Mona's brother-in-law, Charles Mallow of Osage who died from COVID-19

Circles are scheduled to meet as follows:

Martha – No meetings until February

Ruth – No meetings until March

Susanna Wesley - No meetings until further notice

United Methodist Women - No meeting until March

SERVE WITH GOD

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Mona King
- 04 Don Edwards
- 05 Doug Jacobsen
- 06 Sara Bendixen
Jason Foster
Teigan Lytle
- 07 Sharon Hooge
- 09 Laurie Harvego
- 10 Sharon Ferguson
Leo Ludwig
- 12 Diane Lampkin
Stuart Johnson
- 13 Barbara Carlson
- 14 Morgan Soper
- 15 Joan Eveleth
- 16 Marcia Forsyth
Dawsyn Foster
- 17 Megan Karels
- 18 Faye Millsap
Andy Iverson
- 19 Ryan Jensen
- 20 Doug Evans
- 21 Donna Fredrickson
- 22 Barry Huntsinger
Katelyn Chrestiansen
- 23 Kyran Hall
- 25 Pat Watt
Michelle Ingvall
- 27 Grace Spalding
- 28 Shelley Lindell
Beth Reineke
- 29 Brian Kesler
DJ Zimmerman
- 30 Carly Grange
- 31 Holly Jensen
Morgan Geisinger
Jana Ludwig
Addison Hooge

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Roger & Sharen Cassem
- 13 Kalcey & Candace Harvey
- 18 Bob & Peggy Manwarren
- 21 Dale & Flo Martin
- 24 Jerome & Faye Millsap

CAMERA JANUARY

- 03 Edna Lutzow
- 10 Donna Lauritsen
- 17 Edna Lutzow
- 24 Donna Lauritsen
- 31 Edna Lutzow

JANUARY USHERS

Captain: Paul Fredrickson
Alan Woldruff
Gary Myers
Don Edwards
Zach Edwards
Brian Moorberg
Joe Moorberg

Will be contacted when we are able to have open worship again.

**ACOLYTES FOR
JANUARY
6th & 7th Grades**
Won't be any until further notice.

JANUARY GREETERS
Won't be any until further notice.

The Altar Circle and the UMW would like to thank everyone who purchased poinsettias to share during the Advent season. Joan Eveleth and Grace Spalding headed up the project.

**CROSS BEARERS
JANUARY
CONFIRMANDS**
Won't be any until further notice.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone that helped in any way with the VFW meal we served before Thanksgiving. Around 17 turkeys were roasted and many helped with deboning the turkey (even some from the youth group pitched in). Several made pans of pumpkin bars while others helped serve it all at the VFW. Over 500 people received the delicious meal that was furnished by our church! Sue Koons spearheaded most of it. Take a bow anyone that any hand in making this a successful mission.



**Jeff & Andy Swalve doing
God's work behind the scenes**

UPCOMING EVENTS

January - Disciple I Class starts led by Donna Lauritsen –start date to be determined
Disciple II Class starts led by Pastor Kevin-starts Sunday, January 17 from 4-6pm

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	Terry & Edna Lutzow
	Julie Montandon
	Larinda Mueller
	Donna Probst
	Chet Pyawasit
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United Methodist Tidings

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“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” ... (Acts 2:46-47) NIV

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we ought to look forward and set some goals in our church for 2021. I look forward to what I see as a very promising year; certainly better than 2020. At some point things will open up as this virus runs its course. Either by having taken the vaccine, by herd immunity, or by God’s own hand, things will eventually settle down. When that happens, look for things to explode around here. People have been cooped up for so long and I know you all are chomping at the bit to get back to church. And I cannot wait for that day. I know it’s been tough on all of you as it has for me, so let’s look ahead.

Early Christians not only worshipped together, they also lived, worked, and played together. Just as today, early Christians found it difficult to live in a world where their thoughts and beliefs were ridiculed while trying to maintain a relationship with God. So they gathered together in communities to support the learning and growth of each other. And that holds true for us now. When we are able to get back to church there will be time for learning, fellowship, encouragement and support.

One focus will be towards more adult bible studies and increasing the scope of involvement in them. Small groups mostly in the form of bible studies are essential in any church of any size. Going to seminary later in life, was for me much like the experience of going to church. Church is a place where you spend time learning even as we get older. Spiritual growth is something that you never complete. If you think you’ve reached the end of learning about your relationship with God, you are wrong. Every experience you have shapes and changes that relationship, and if you try to stand still, you miss out on a deepening experience. So, learning about God is important, through small groups, classes, and through worship.

Church is also the place where you can learn about God through others. With that said, there will be those fun events scheduled through our hospitality committee, like the movies and game nights. And I’m sure there will be many more fun activities coming our way. Now our communal life inside these four walls sounds as if it might be exclusive of others, but that is not the case. Early Christians worked hard to maintain a positive relationship with those of other beliefs. They only became embroiled in problems when the Roman emperors insisted that they pledge their faith to the emperors rather than to Jesus Christ, which the Christians could not do. So let’s keep in mind that our church should be a place where we not only show hospitality to our own, but we welcome others.

Just as the children go back to school in January, at some point we will be able to get back to church, and so I want you to think about what you will be doing to learn and grow in church. Will you expand your relationship with God; will you help others to learn about God’s word, and will you have a little fun...enjoying the fellowship with others? So, just like returning to school, returning to church should be a place where we strive to reach a new level in our walk with God.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kevin

Amy and I want to thank you for the cards and gifts given to us this past Christmas season. Thank you also for the many ways you serve in ministry within the church and beyond these walls. May God’s grace and peace be with you in the New Year.