

# Beacon of Faith

Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

January 2025



## Welcome Statement

In response to God's unconditional love and grace, the people of Faith Lutheran Church seek to follow Jesus' commandment to love God, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We express that love in our commitment to racial equity, and in our welcome of people of all ages, races, economic status, intellectual and physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, along with their families and friends, to join with us as we worship God, grow in faith, and offer hope.



## Altar Flowers

Please be sure to sign up early for altar flowers to ensure you get the Sunday of your choice. Cost is \$60 payable to the church. Payment may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Contact Nancy with any questions.

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## The Christmas Season Draws to a Close On Epiphany

**January 5**

### The Epiphany of Our Lord

Worship Schedule, as usual

9 a.m. in the sanctuary

10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We remember the arrival of the Magi,  
who were led by a star to Jesus.

Classes for children and youth in-between  
the services resume on January 5.

**January 12**

### The Baptism of Our Lord

Remembrance of Baptism at 9 a.m. worship  
Baptism of Luna Antal at 10:30 a.m. worship

**January 26**

### Third Sunday after Epiphany

Reception of New Members  
and

RIC Sunday

at both services.





**Pastor's Pondering**  
**Pastor Jean M. Hansen**



As we begin a new year, it seemed like a good time to be reminded that Faith Lutheran Church, while an individual congregation, is also a part of the Evangelical Church in America (ELCA) which was formed the year I was ordained, 1988, following a merger of three Lutheran bodies, the American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and the Lutheran Church in America. At the end of 2023 there were 8,498 congregations in the ELCA and approximately 2.8 million members.

Our congregation is in the **Northeastern Ohio Synod (NEOS)**, which is one of 65 synods that vary greatly in size, geography, membership, staffing and program. There are approximately 140 congregations in the NEOS.

The **Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins** is our Synod's Bishop; she was elected to that role in 2020. The **Rev. Mitch Phillips** is the Assistant to the Bishop. He and his wife Charisse are members of our congregation. **Pastor Jonathan Stuff** is the Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Vitality & Director for Evangelical Mission. **Deacon Jennifer Frantz** is the Director of Communication and Formation (youth & young adult ministry, coordination of the candidacy program, and coordination of the Lay Leadership School "Growing in Faith"). Four other individuals make up the NEOS Support Staff. All of them work out of the Synod Office (Lutheran Center) in Cuyahoga Falls.

Each year, Faith Lutheran Church strives to give approximately 10 percent of its operating fund receipts to the Northeastern Ohio Synod as **Mission Support**. In 2025 that amount will be \$59,000. Mission Support from congregations is the primary source of income for the NEOS. According to the NEOS website, approximately 50 percent of those funds are passed on to the churchwide (national) expression of the church. In addition, 25 percent supports rostered leaders, 14 percent is used in the area of congregational vitality and 11 percent for youth and young adult ministry, all in the Northeastern Ohio Synod.

Our congregation's relationship with the Synod is an interdependent one; our constitution spells out what that mutual relationship involves. It also details the significant ways that we are an independent entity. To put it simply, neither the Synod nor the Churchwide organization can tell a congregation what to do as long as it is following its own constitution and by-laws, which have been approved by the Synod and, thus, are in agreement with the governing documents of the ELCA.

So, congregations call pastors and deacons, approve budgets, acquire or dispose of property, amend their constitution and by-laws, all according to the guidelines in their governing documents and with congregational approval. The Synod leadership cannot "require" a congregation to close, to merge, to move, or do much else. The Synod staff does provide guidance and encourages acting in accordance with the purposes of and governing documents of the ELCA.

We are, to a large degree, a democratic organization in which the members of the church, or their representatives on the Church Council, make the decisions (as long as they choose to participate.)

I am thankful to be a part of the ELCA, and the Northeastern Ohio Synod so that our ministry together will fulfill the vision and purpose of the ELCA.

**Vision:** A world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

**Purpose:** Activate each of us so more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love.

# Updates!

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**Reminder:** the Worship Team will meet at 11:30 a.m. on January 26 in the Youth Room to plan for the Lent and Easter seasons.

**Congregation Council:** The Congregation Council will gather for its annual retreat from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on January 25 at the Northeastern Ohio Synod Office. The regular Council meeting will not be held on January 20.

**Attention Team Leaders:** Your annual reports are due to the church office by January 12. Please email them to [nancy@faithlutheranchurch.org](mailto:nancy@faithlutheranchurch.org).

## New Church Staff Members

We welcome Rebecca Shull as the congregation's Financial Manager. Rebecca is a CPA who works with area congregations and also specializes in preparing clergy tax returns. We are fortunate that she is helping with the transition to new financial software, as well as taking over the responsibilities that Faith member Judy Lee managed for 35 years, for which we give thanks, as we also are grateful for Rebecca's arrival.

In January we will welcome two new staff members in the church nursery. Christine Rees, who also works at the Faith Preschool, will be the Nursery Coordinator while long-time staff member Nina White takes a six-month leave of absence. Aurora Delgado will be a nursery assistant, alternating weeks with Bella Wesley. We give thanks for Zoe Ashenfelter who is leaving the position of Nursery Assistant due to a busier college schedule. May God continue to bless those who are a part of this important ministry.

## Thank you!

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Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

The Barberton Area Community Ministries wishes to thank you for your recent \$200 donation and generosity to help nourish our neighbors.

Blessings,  
Dorothy Suchka-Somerville, LPN  
Executive Director

To the Faith Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you all so very much for your recent \$200 donation to The Peter Maurin Center, PMC to be used for our Food Pantry Ministries.

We currently operate four weeks each month; the 1st and 3rd weeks we deliver groceries to folks that are homebound for physical or economic reasons. On the 2nd and 4th weeks, family members visit PMC to access the available food specific to their families. Soon we will be opening another food pantry in the North Hill area of Akron. Over 4,000 PMC Food Pantry deliveries were made in the past year.

Thank you for helping to do this work! May God bless you with an abundant amount of joy during this Christmas Season.

Dave Churbock, Director

# Outreach



**David Simpson**  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
Outreach@faithlutheranchurch.org  
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## LOADS OF FAITH (LoF)

We are most delighted that our grant application to the Akron Community Foundation has been approved. We received the following notification:

*Congratulations! Based on the recommendations from our Community Investment Committee, the Akron Community Foundation Board has approved a grant of \$1,500.00 from the Community Fund - Health & Human Services for Loads of Faith - a Laundry Love Ministry ... to cover the cost of laundromat services for low/no income Summit County residents in Akron.*

Although the amount is less than we requested, the approval points to two very significant elements. The first is community recognition of our ministry's importance. Please understand that not all proposals submitted were funded. So ours was selected over other worthwhile causes that were not funded. Second, it places us in a position for future funding possibilities and credibility within the local philanthropic community network. Congratulations and thanks to Dana Singer who prepared the proposal and shepherded it with Pastor Jean's support and participation through the rigorous review process.

Looking ahead 2025, these are the LoF dates (all Wednesdays):

January 24	May 24	September 24
February 24	June 24	October 24
March 24	July 24	November 19*
April 24	August 24	December 17*

\* One week earlier than usual due to the holidays.

If you would like to know more about this service, you are welcome to shadow and/or participate on one of the evenings when our teams are at either North Hill or Wallhaven. Please contact, Dana Singer (danasinger12@gmail.com), David Johnson (djcarfreak52@gmail.com) or David Simpson (outreach@faithlutheranchurch.org/330-836-8811) for more information.

## INTERFAITH JUSTICE ALLIANCE -- SAVE THE DATES

Each program will be scheduled from 6 to 8:45 p.m. and will include a meal. Also, either a prayer or worship service will be offered. The theme is Restoring Civility, Healing Division.

**Save the dates: March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9**

## DLM

VOLUNTEERS FOR DEC 14, 2024

Thanks to these members and friends who participated in the special Christmas program this year.

Debbie Allen  
Loralee Daily  
Debbie Gottas  
Pastor Jean Hansen  
Nancy Hooper  
Colleen Hruska

Bonnie Janelle  
Tim Lewis  
Flo Mackall  
Patti Nagy  
Paula Oby  
Debbie Rose

Sara Shook  
Ruth Simpson  
Terry Vernon  
Candice Watkins  
Mark Watkins  
John Weisand

# Outreach

## DLM SCHEDULE FOR 2025

The dates for the new year have been set, so you may post them to your calendar if you would like to volunteer. Please note that there will not be a January event and that there are 7 months with a special event or focus.

January – no program  
February 8  
March 8 – Health Fair  
April 12  
May 10  
June 14 – Fund Raiser/DLM Award

July 12 – Christmas in July  
(Kids and Families)  
August 9  
September 13 – Resource Fair  
October 11 – Fall Fest  
(Kids and Families)

November 11 -- Harvest Fest  
(Kids and Families)  
December 13 – Breakfast with Santa  
(Kids and Families)



# Outreach

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## SALVATION ARMY ADOPT-A-CHILD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We have shopped and curated gifts for 36 children ranging in age from infant to 14 years old. Thanks to Carla Ringer, Patti Nagy, Jim and Nancy Tobar for again coordinating this project AND thanks to each of you who purchased gifts to match each child represented by the tags on this tree:

BEFORE



AFTER



Also, a very important thanks to Jerry Allen who transported all these gifts to the Salvation Army's Christmas headquarters.



Jerry's Santa Sleigh

## RECONCILIATION IN CHRIST (RIC)

The RIC Team held its regular meeting on December 4. Its agenda included further review of the Akron Pride Festival participation, possible additional signage, a focus on improving wheelchair accommodation and discussion about **RIC Sunday which will be on January 26.**

Marilyn Wilson coordinates this Team whose other members are Em Antal, Joseph Antal, Joe Gardner, Corrie Miller, Tom Peyton and Dana Singer.

# Outreach

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## MITZVAH DAYS 2025

The first Mitzvah Days committee meeting for 2025 took place on December 11, at Temple Israel. Thanks to Lorelee Daily for attending this meeting on our behalf. Art Krakauer, project coordinator, reported that ten of the nineteen projects from last year will be repeated. He also shared that the youth crisis intervention program, Safe Landing, will be included for a project this year. New Mitzvah Day congregations joining this year are Green Valley United Methodist Church and New Covenant Church. This year's program will take place on June 7 and 8.

Ideas for other projects are welcome. Please share your thoughts and recommendations with Lorelee Daily or David Simpson.

## AKRON AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL (AAIC)

The AAIC's December meeting was hosted by WISH (Women Interfaith Spiritual Heritage) at the Alpha Phi Alpha Homes building on Wolf Ledges Parkway. Both Bob Radl and David Simpson attended representing Faith Lutheran Church.

One project discussed was advocacy regarding House Bill 445 and Senate Bill 29 which relate to Public School Release Time for Religious instruction. There is an effort to change the bill's wording from "require" to "permit" school boards to adopt a policy authorizing students to attend a released time course in religious instruction conducted by a private entity off school district property during regular school hours. This bill is being promoted largely by a single religious nonprofit that is known for its extremist ideology and connections with Project 2025, with the goal "to reach unchurched public school students with the gospel." For more information go to: <https://www.honestyforohioeducation.org>.

AAIC members were also urged to support elimination of the death penalty in Ohio which is also under discussion in the legislature.

Bob Radl shared the following announcement at the meeting:

A celebration by the Magar Society of Ohio, USA will be in early January 2025. The festival will be at the Royal Palace, 134 East Tallmadge Avenue, Akron, and will run all day. Maghe Sankranti, is a Nepali festival observed on the first Maghe in the Vikram Sambat, or Yele calendar, marking the end of the winter solstice and the month of Poush. It will include much singing and dancing. Food will be served. The exact date will be announced later. You may ask Bob for more information.

The next AAIC meeting will be on January 7, at noon, at Mustard Seed in Highland Square.

## WISH (Women Interfaith Spiritual Heritage) PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

The project is named Interweaving Sacred Prayers Collaborative. It will invite members of all faith communities to participate in the development of handwoven tapestries which will symbolically represent their faith. WISH will facilitate sessions that will allow individuals to connect and collaborate on the creation of the tapestry. The process will use art and creative endeavor to produce an object that will exemplify how our community works to build relationships and understanding. The finished product(s) will be available for display throughout the community at venues to be determined later. Project initiation date will be announced in early 2025.

# FaithKids & Junior Youth Group



### JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT

#### GIFTS OF THE MAGI BIRTHDAY BAGS

We can be like the Magi bringing gifts to celebrate the lives of God's children. We will be collecting birthday bags to donate to the local food pantries. They will be handed out to make sure each child can be celebrated on their birthday. Information will be available in the Welcome Center in January!



### JANUARY CLASS LESSONS

5- EPIPHANY PARTY

12- Baptism of the Lord

19-Wedding at Cana

26- You are the Body of Christ

As the calendar turns to a new year, many of us pause to reflect on the past and dream about the future. This time of transition offers a beautiful opportunity to connect with our faith.



In our tradition, we embrace the idea that God's love is ever-present, guiding us not only in times of joy but also through moments of uncertainty. The new year invites us to practice hope, gratitude, and a renewed sense of purpose as we step into God's unfolding story.

For families with young children, this season can be a time to cultivate sacred rhythms and practices that nurture faith at home. Here are a few ideas to help your family welcome the new year with intention:

**1. Gratitude Jar**

Place a jar on your dining table or in a central spot in your home. Throughout the year, invite everyone in your family to write down something they're thankful for and add it to the jar. On New Year's Eve or another special time, take turns reading the notes aloud, celebrating God's blessings together.

**2. Prayer for the Year Ahead**

Gather as a family to pray for the year to come. Encourage your children to share their hopes, dreams, and even worries. A simple prayer could be: *"Loving God, thank you for the gift of a new year. Help us to grow in kindness, love, and faith. Guide us in all we do, and remind us that you are with us every step of the way. Amen."*

**3. Choose a Family Verse**

Select a Bible verse as a guiding theme for your family this year. A favorite for young children is Micah 6:8: *"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* Write it out and display it where everyone can see it, like the fridge or a family bulletin board.

**4. Acts of Kindness Challenge**

Start the year by brainstorming ways your family can share God's love with others. Whether it's baking cookies for a neighbor, donating gently used toys, or creating cheerful cards for a local nursing home, small acts of kindness help children experience the joy of giving.

As we embrace the new year, may we remember that each day is a gift from God, filled with opportunities to love and serve. Together, as families and a faith community, we can step boldly into this new season, knowing that God's grace goes before us and surrounds us in all we do.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Sarah

### FaithKids and Junior Youth Group

meet each Sunday from 9:50 a.m. –10:30 a.m.

Preschool through 2nd grade children meet in the classroom upstairs, while Junior Youth Group (3rd– 5th grade) will meet in the library. Each week, we enjoy fun, creative lessons that help children learn more about God, Jesus, Bible stories and how God is working in our lives.

*We can't wait to GROW IN FAITH with you!*



# Growth & Learning



## 2025-2026 Registration Opens

Faith Preschool offers morning classes for

**2 year olds and a caregiver** You pick which day: Mon, Wed, or Fri

**3 year olds** Two options: 2-day Tues/Thurs OR 3-day Mon/Wed/Fri

**4 & 5 year olds** Two options: 4-day M-Th OR 5-day M-Fr (includes all-day option)

Extended Care is available as needed.

Church families register on Sunday, January 19.

Current preschool families register on Tuesday, January 21.

And the public is invited to register on Monday, January 27.

If you or someone you know is searching for a preschool, please tell them to "Have **Faith** in your child's future!" and contact Dineen at 330-836-8827 or preschool@faithlutheranchurch.org

## Birthday in a Bag Collection

Faith Preschool invites Faith Church members to participate in our Winter Service Project: Birthday in a Bag! Our goal is to donate 100 bags!

Here's how to play: take a birthday themed gift bag from the Welcome Center table and purchase the items on the paper stapled to the bag. Return bag to the table by the end of the month. All bags will be donated to our ministry partners OPEN M and DLM, two organizations who work to help families out of poverty.



## Crayon Recycling Project

Faith Preschool is going to care for God's good creation by recycling old crayons! We have so many used and broken crayons at church. The students are going to sort them by color, and we are going to ship them to Arizona to be transformed into Crazy Crayons to go to children in need in hospitals around the country.

### Would you like to help?

You may donate used, broken crayons OR help us pay for the shipping (USPS flat rate boxes). You can even purchase some of these cute crayon shapes yourself at [crazycrayons.com](http://crazycrayons.com)



Crayons are a petroleum product that take many years to biodegrade.

**MORE THAN 500,000 POUNDS OF CRAYONS ARE DISCARDED EVERY YEAR IN THE U.S. ALONE!**

Just think for a moment, "How many dumpsters does that fill?"

The National Crayon Recycle Program recycles unwanted, rejected, broken crayons into new crayons through our partnership with **Crazy Crayons**. This keeps thousands of pounds of waxy sludge out of the landfills and puts fun, uniquely shaped crayons back into the creative hands of children!



HELP US GO GREEN IN ALL THE COLORS!



NATIONAL CRAYON RECYCLE PROGRAM



# WISH

# LIST

## Foam Puzzle Mat

*We have the alphabet but would love this set of sea creatures!*

Amazon \$22.00



## Activity Scarves

*The kids love these scarves, but ours are old, ripping and fraying. Time for a new set!*

Lakeshore \$25.00



## LEGO mini-figures

*We have lots of LEGOS but not many of the mini-figures!*

Amazon \$29.00



## Mini Fridge 18" 3.2cu.ft.

*We are in need of a new classroom fridge. Something that can hold a gallon of milk and snacks, plus ice packs.*

Home Depot \$159.00



## Biggo Blocks

*We would love to add to our collection, so more children can build at once!*

*These are extra large!*

Amazon \$158.00



*If you would like to purchase one of these items for the preschool (or donate towards one), please speak with Dineen*  
330-836-8827 or  
[preschool@faithlutheranchurch.org](mailto:preschool@faithlutheranchurch.org)

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

## Diverse Dolls

*Our dollhouse toys need to reflect our community and the world.*

Discount School Supply

\$147.00



## Hopscotch Mat

*Fun for the Big Room!*

Target \$30.00



# Growth & Learning

The logo for FLCYOUTH, featuring the text "flcyou(th)" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background.

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Youth Leader & Co-leader  
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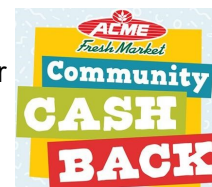
Just a reminder, **FACE Time is for ALL youth in grades 6-12 from 9:50-10:30 a.m. every Sunday**, unless otherwise noted. We have only seen a few of our high school youth throughout the year and really miss the perspective you add to our discussions! Please consider joining us!

**January 5** we will meet at **Boston Mills for Polar Blast Tubing** (weather permitting)! We will meet there at noon and tube for 2 hours. FLCYOUTH will cover admission for youth and friends attending. When you RSVP, please make sure to include friends! Additionally, bring money for the snack bar!

The new **Acolyte and Communion Assistant schedule** has been sent for the winter months. As always, Parents ... PLEASE make sure to add your youth's assignments to your personal calendar at home. Hard copies will be in church mailboxes and hanging in the Youth Room. If you need to switch, you are responsible for finding a replacement and communicating with Nancy in the church office. Thanks!

**Meal and More is on Sunday, January 19** in the Youth Room. Lunch and discussion provided for 6-8th grade youth!

We are still collecting for the **Acme Community Cashback receipts**. Please place any receipts in the labeled boxes around the church, the Youth mailbox located just outside of Pastor Jean's office door, or Carla Ringer's mailbox. **This is a fundraiser for our youth programming and runs August 1, 2024 - February 15, 2025.**



We hope everyone has a great start to the New Year, and we look forward to 2025 with you!



## Devotions, Bible Study & Book Club Groups

### Every Wednesday

Grab your morning beverage and start your **Wednesday with Devotions on Facebook**. We will rotate each week with the devotion given by Pastor Jean, and from Holy Trinity Pastor Becki Verbridge and Rachel Nunez. **The video will be posted at 9 a.m.** and will be available for viewing anytime. You don't need a Facebook account, just go to <https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranfairlawn>.

### Third Thursday Womens' Bible Study Thursday, January 16 10 a.m. Youth Room

The new year for the Third Thursday Womens' Bible Study begins on Thursday, January 16, at 10 a.m. in the Youth Room at Faith. The topic, **"God's Word on Nutrition and Healthy Living"**, will be moderated by Sara Shook. No preparation is necessary. Just bring your Bible and a pen.

Please respond to Dana at [dana-singer12@gmail.com](mailto:dana-singer12@gmail.com) if you would like to join the meeting electronically via Zoom.

### Men of Faith Bible Study and Discussion Group 9 a.m. - Jan. 18 Youth Room

Men of Faith, a Bible study and discussion group meets the third Saturday of each month in the Youth Room. For more information contact Geoff Whidden, [geoffrey.whidden@gmail.com](mailto:geoffrey.whidden@gmail.com) or Karl Demuth, [karldemuth@gmail.com](mailto:karldemuth@gmail.com).



### Faith Book Club's January Pick - Dead Wake

By Erik Larson

On May 1, 1915, with WWI entering its tenth month, a luxury ocean liner as richly appointed as an English country house sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool, carrying a record number of children and infants. The passengers were surprisingly at ease, even though Germany had declared the seas around Britain to be a war zone. For months, German U-boats had brought terror to the North Atlantic. But the *Lusitania* was one of the era's great transatlantic "Greyhounds"--the fastest liner then in service--and her captain, William Thomas Turner, placed tremendous faith in the gentlemanly strictures of warfare that for a century had kept civilian ships safe from attack.

Germany, however, was determined to change the rules of the game, and Walther Schwieger, the captain of *Unterseeboot-20*, was happy to oblige. Meanwhile, an ultra-secret British intelligence unit tracked Schwieger's U-boat, but told no one. As U-20 and the *Lusitania* made their way toward Liverpool, an array of forces both grand and achingly small all converged to produce one of the great disasters of history.

It is a story that many of us think we know but don't, and Erik Larson tells it brilliantly. Gripping and important, *Dead Wake* captures the sheer drama and emotional power of a disaster whose intimate details and true meaning have long been obscured by history.

Come and join what is sure to be an exciting discussion. **Faith Book Club will meet on January 21, 2025 in the Youth Room at Faith at 2 p.m. All are welcome.** If you have any questions, please contact Steve Thompson or Marilyn Wilson. We look forward to seeing you.



## **In Our Prayers:**

### **Health Concerns:**

Faith member Chuck Baltus  
Faith member Evie Fligor  
Tommy Gorman  
Faith member Elaine Johnson  
Faith member Pastor Tim Keeler  
Skip Lintner  
Faith member Chuck Lyon  
Faith member Bill Robinson  
Faith member Terry Vernon  
Faith member Darlene Weaver

For Faith members Marian, Liane, Donna, Shirley, JoAnn, Ann and Chuck who are in assisted living facilities, or receiving nursing care.

### **In Times of Loss:**

For the family and friends of Amy Sayre, especially her husband Earl, upon her death, that they may be comforted. They are the brother and sister-in-law of Faith member Helen Michael.

For the family and friends of Faith member Phyllis Woodrum, especially husband Jim, upon her death on December 21, that they may be comforted. A Memorial Service for Phyllis will be held at 10 a.m. on February 22 at the church.

For the family and friends of Faith member Donald Schreiner, especially wife Jennifer, upon his death on December 27, that they may be comforted. A Memorial Service for Don will be held at noon on January 18 at the church.

### **With Thanksgiving:**

For the Christmas and Epiphany seasons, as we celebrate God-with-us.

### **QR Code Prayer Requests:**

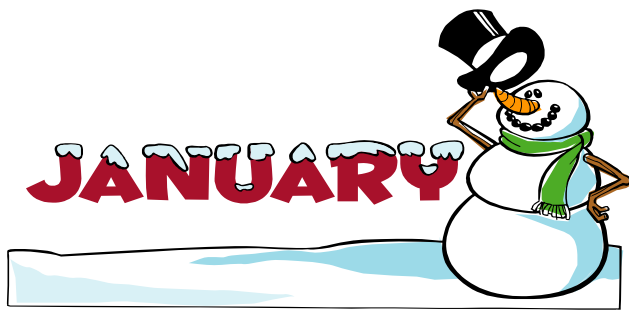


# JANUARY 2025

## Schedule to Serve

Date	Service	Altar	Communion	Lay Reader	Ushers	Youth
5	9 a.m.	Linda Weigand	Denise Henkel - SE Judy Harrison - SE Linda Weigand -SP Dana Singer - B	Dana Singer	Ben Woods Nathan Woods	Acolyte: Matthew Bauer Assistant: Elyse Vincent
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Allen	Deb Allen		Geoff Whidden	
12	9 a.m.	Linda Weigand		Tim Lewis	John Knops Dave Nelson	
	10:30 a.m.	Nancy Hooper	Nancy Hooper		Becky Kuhar Alice Gilmore	
19	9 a.m.	Linda Weigand	Denise Henkel - SE Judy Harrison - SE Linda Weigand -SP Fedearia Sweval - B	Fedearia Sweval	Ben Woods Nathan Woods	Acolyte: Cayden Cloninger Assistant: Adam Schafer
	10:30 a.m.	Tana Fligor	Tana Fligor		Ed Pleasant	
26	9 a.m.	Linda Weigand		Martha Keeler	Darryl Kleinhenz John Knops	
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Allen	Deb Allen		Karin Allen	

SE - Server  
SP - Supplier  
B - Bread



## Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b>  <i>Happy New Year!</i>  9 a.m. FB Devotions 7:30 p.m. AA	<b>2</b>  10 a.m. Prayer Shawl	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Education 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	<b>6</b> 7 p.m. Interfaith Justice Team 8 p.m. AA	<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 6 p.m. Preschool Board 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	<b>8</b> 9 a.m. FB Devotions 11:45 a.m. Preschool Staff Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA	<b>9</b> 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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