

Dear Siblings in Christ,

My mind often drifts at this time of year to all the powerful ways that God has been me and us over the past year. The tremendous power of the Story of the Epiphany Star and the unusual gifts of the Magi bring an automatic sense of wonder. Honestly, this is one of the things that I love about my calling—encouraging others in this wonder about what God is doing right now and a joyful anticipation of what blessings God will bring for the coming days.

Along this line, one thing that continues to inspire me is the poem, “By Powers of Good.” It was written on New Years, 1945 and sent as a Christmas greeting from cell number 92, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. It has been set to music and is found in German Hymnals under the title “Von Guten Machten” I usually play it from YouTube around New year (it is beautiful in German and English). Here is the English translation from *Letters and Papers from Prison*:

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| <p>1. By faithful, quiet powers of good surrounded so wondrously consoled and sheltered here—<br/>I wish to live these days with you in spirit and with you enter into a new year.</p> <p>2. The old year still would try our hearts to torment,<br/>of evil times we still do bear the weight;<br/>O Lord, do grant our souls, now terror-stricken, salvation for which you did us create.</p> <p>3. And should you offer us the cup of suffering, though heavy, brimming full and bitter brand, we'll thankfully accept it, never flinching, from your good heart and your beloved hand.</p> <p>4. But should you wish now once again to give us the joys of this world and its glorious sun,</p> | <p>then we'll recall anew what past times brought us<br/>and then our life belongs to you alone.</p> <p>5. The candles you have brought into our darkness, let them today be burning warm and bright, and if it's possible, do reunite us!<br/>We know your light is shining through the night.</p> <p>6. When now the quiet deepens all around us, O, let our ears that fullest sound amaze of this, your world, invisibly expanding as all your children sing high hymns of praise.</p> <p>7. By powers of good so wondrously protected, we wait with confidence, befall what may. God is with us at night and in the morning and oh, most certainly on each new day.</p> |
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Like many poems that got turned into hymns, scripture connections abound—Psalm 139:5 (“You surround me on all sides and hold your hand over me”); Psalm 119 (verse 3 of poem has many connections with this long Psalm); the “and if it's possible” (vs. 5) seems to be an allusion to Matthew 26:39 from the Garden of Gethsemane. In relation to the opening verse, Dietrich says (in *Love Letters from Cell 92*, page 269), “It is a great, invisible realm we live in, of whose real existence we have no doubt. When it says in the old children's song about the angels: ‘two who cover me, two who awaken me’, this protection night and day by invisible powers of good is something we adults today need no less than the children.” This poem reminds us that the “season of angels” that the secular world celebrated last month is not actually confined to any one month. We need to remember that we are not ever alone. No matter how bad things might seem to be, God's presence is by our side. Jesus is not hard to find, but is quite comfortable wandering around, teaching, and at home in his “Father's house” (Luke 2)—wherever a few of us are gathered and giving thanks and praise in God's Name.

May you and yours be filled with wonder and blessings as you greet this new year full of anticipation for what God is doing around us, and may you truly trust in the wondrous and powerful shelter of all of the good that is God's in this awesome Creation. May we use what is ours for the care of those who need guide points to find their path back to the Way of Life.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Andrew Fitch

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"Hope is worth the risk!" This was the theme for Advent 4, according to Sanctified Art.

"The language of a dream is the language of hope," writes Bishop Michael Curry.

Propelled by this hope, Joseph uses his position not just for personal faithfulness, but as an act of profound communal responsibility by choosing to protect and stand by Mary. Instead of living out of fear for what others may say or think, Joseph places his hope in something bigger than himself." We can see the hope in the following passage by Matthew:

Matthew 1:18-25

"18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, "which means, "God is with us." 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus."

So, how is hope playing a role in our congregation? Beginning 2025, I will be leading the youth program, and I am looking forward to leading the youth. I am hopeful for the new year, a different type of ministry for me to get involved in! I will be leading youth events and education, but with one change: I will need lots of help from volunteers to make it successful. Please let me ([pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com)) know if you can help with events or Sunday school. Let's continue our wonderful tradition of youth ministry!

Blessings, Pr. Caroline

**Harvest Home Collection for Meals on Wheels** Thank you to everyone who made a donation to Meals on Wheels through our annual November Harvest Home collection. Because of your generosity \$340 was given to this worthy Harrold Zion outreach for people in our immediate area.

**Christmas Child Sponsorship** Once again Harrold Zion was able to sponsor 43 needy children from Fort Allen Elementary School for Christmas. Thank you to everyone who participated in this yearly Christmas Outreach. Don't we wish we could see the smiles on the children's faces as they open their gift! Because of your generosity this year, the boys and girls Christmases will be better than expected.

## **OPERATION REINDEER THANK YOU**

The donations of gifts for the residents of Torrance State hospital were delivered on Monday, the 16th. Once again, our SUV was packed full. As they help unload the bags and bags of gifts, Martine and her associate at Step Up in Latrobe know that is no doubt that the folks at Torrance will have Christmas again because of the generosity of Harrold Zion. They honestly feel so blessed. Please know that God is working through our church family for that! **Praise and blessings to all who made Christmas possible yet another year!**

**2025 Church Council:** Our new council representatives have elected their officers, They are Jack Molnar, President, Jason Nestor, Vice President, Brad Zundel, Secretary and Denny Ernette, Treasurer. Thank you all for accepting these positions.

**Thank You!** A Big "Thank You" to the 21 singers who gave their time to go caroling to the homebound. All the homebound were so appreciative for the cards, Sonshiners gift and visit from us. "Thank you" to all those who gave Christmas cards for us to deliver. We received 50+ cards for each homebound. What a Blessing it was for us to be able to carol and put a smile on their faces.

**BLOOD DRIVE** We will be hosting a blood drive on January 7 from 1:00 to 6:30. As always, blood donors are very much needed. Please sign up in the communication center or the Vitalant web site at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and search with Account Code UG0030141 or by your zip code. You can also call at 1-877-25VITAL. There will be posters throughout the church for your assistants. For questions, you can reach Mary Lou Millward at 724-635-0218.

**January Clothing Drive** Harrold\_Zion will once again hold the January Clothing Drive for the benefit of the Salvation Army in Greensburg, and it runs until January 31. Gently used, clean items and new items can be donated. PLEASE don't make bags or boxes too heavy for church volunteers to lift up from the Communication Area and load into their vehicles for delivery to the Salvation Army building in Greensburg. Thank you.

**LUTHERLYN WINTER YOUTH RETREAT:** Are you ready for a winter youth retreat?

January 17-19, 2025, Lutherlyn is having a retreat for 4th-12th graders (campers will be divided by age groups and stay in cabins with cabin leaders from the summer staff). GAGA ball in the snow, Bible study, the bouldering room, songs, worship, friends, indoor and outdoor games, lots of your summer camp favorites, and fun in the wonderful winter weather! Harrold Zion will cover the cost for any that want to go! Registration deadline: January 6th, 2025. Register online!



**Pick Your Seat Sunday** Pick Your Seat Sunday (January 11th & 12th) - To celebrate the beginning of the NFL playoffs, the Common Threads committee will be turning the church



sanctuary into a sports arena. To supplement your weekly giving, we will be promoting our second annual “Pick Your Seat Sunday”. This is meant to be a fun social activity and not force people from their comfort zone or life-long seat. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and get out of your weekly routine and sit someplace different in church. The front third of the church will be the cheap bleacher seats (\$1 per person), the middle third of the church will be the Box seats (\$5 per person) and the back third of the church will be the luxury boxes (\$10 per person seating). If you would like to participate, tickets will be purchased in the Narthex. Stewardship Ushers will help you to your seats. We hope you will join us for this different and fun event. Wear your favorite team Jersey

### **Harrold Zion Chili & Soup Cook-off and Bake-off Saturday January 18th**



On Saturday January, 18<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual Chili and Soup Cook-off competition and Bake-Off competition. It's time to break out your favorite secret family recipes' and show off your culinary skills! Individuals may bring in as many soup and/or chili crock pots, to be part of the competition, as they would like. The Bake-off will be for cookies, cupcakes, and cakes. The fellowship committee will provide bread/crackers and drinks to go with the competition. We are asking for a free will donation from anyone who would like to eat and vote on their favorite entries. **All proceeds will go towards the church general operating cost.** All

Soup/Chili crockpots and baked goods are asked to be at the church **around 4:30 PM.**

The Rules:

1. The official competition and dinner will be from 5:00 – 7:00.
2. All entries should be brought in cooked and ready to eat **around 4:30 PM.**
3. If your crockpot has your name visible, please cover it with tape or label.
4. You are welcome to write a label and post it on your crockpot with the name or type of soup/chili being served. If not, we will be labeling your creation.
5. We will have smaller sampler cups for Judges to try out as many different soups/chili as you would like (or until it runs out) and then you can have a larger bowl of your favorite.
6. One ballot will be given to each individual to vote.
7. Winners will be announced at 7:00. There will be a “Best of Show” and one winner from Soup and winner with Chili and one winner from baked goodies.

Winners will be awarded prizes. “Best of Show” will also earn the **Golden Ladle** for one year



### **Hempfield Manor Hymn Sing and Holy Communion**

Our next Hymn Sing at Hempfield Manor will be on Tuesday January 21 at 10:00 am, Friday Feb. 21 at 2 pm, Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, Sat. April 26 at 2 pm and Tuesday May 20 at 10 am. Come join us as we sing classic hymns that the residents have requested. All are welcome!

## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR JANUARY**

**Acolytes:** January 5 8:00 am Norah Siniawski  
January 5 10:30 am Zach Hayes  
January 12 8:00 am Anna Dansak  
January 12 10:30 am Ella Kanouff  
January 19 8:00 am Heidi Koehl  
January 19 10:30 am Hailey Uhrinek  
January 26 8:00 am Katelyn Holsopple  
January 26 10:30 am TBD

**Lectors:** January 5 8:00 am Linda Boyer  
January 5 10:30 am Paul Kanouff  
January 12 8:00 am Krissy Korona  
January 12 10:30 am Kelly Perry  
January 19 8:00 am Bernie Zundel  
January 19 10:30 am Christie O'Neill  
January 26 8:00 am TBD  
January 26 10:30 am Deb Mertz

### **Communion Assistants:**

January 5 8:00 am Kevin Torrance, Don Freeman  
January 5 10:30 am Mandy Kanouff, Lloyd Fait  
January 12 8:00 am Bonny Free, Donna Dorsey  
January 12 10:30 am Ann Wineman, Missy Houston  
January 19 8:00 am Bernie Zundel, Glen Nikodemus  
January 19 10:30 am Bob Kebe, Erin Black  
January 26 8:00 am TBD  
January 26 10:30 am TBD

**Ushers:** 8:00 am Glen Nikodemus, Barb Appleby  
10:30 am Lloyd Fait

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Coulson, Deb Mertz

### **Puzzle Challenge**

We will be having another puzzle night in the future. Feb 7<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for the Puzzle Race Challenge, more information to follow....

**Book Study with Pastor Andrew – *A Testament to Devotion* by Thomas R Kelly.** This spiritual classic dives into the meaning of devotion and prayer life. This book is for those who are interested in becoming more spiritually mature. It is not a large book and is not a difficult read. The subject matter is both dense and light! Due to schedules and possible winter weather, we will do a zoom session on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will use the main church zoom, a link will be sent out. Let Pastor Andrew know if you have any questions.

**Bible Study On Paul's Letters with Pastor Andrew** –most Mondays at 10am

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Philemon | January 27, February 3 & 10 – 1&2 Timothy & Titus

Q: Which single person besides Jesus had the greatest impact on the spread of the Christian Church.

A: (Did you really need to check the answer!) Paul! Come and Study the impact of Paul's teachings on discipleship for today.



## All About Kids Preschool at Harrold Zion Lutheran Church

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Registration for Fall of 2025 will begin in January of 2025. Our classes are as follows: T, Th 3/4 year old class 9:30-11:30AM. M, W, F Pre- K 9-12.

If your child is currently enrolled in our program and is eligible to return next school year, you will receive a registration packet in your child's classroom folder in January. If you have already given me your information, I will be mailing out a packet to you in January. For more information or to get on our mailing list, please contact Lisa Zundel at 412-554-4736 😊 Thank you!

### MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING, December 12th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Council members present include Chad Altman, Jason Barnhart, Shawn Carolan, Kim Elias, Bonny Free, Joanne Gebhardt, \*Deb Mertz, John Millward, Jason Nestor, \*Jeanne Toohey, Rick Yaksic, Brad Zundel, Pastor Fitch, and Pastor Caroline. Others present were future council members Melissa Houston, Tammy Hilland, and Jack Molnar. fThe meeting was called to order by John Millward at 6:12 pm with a prayer by Pastor Fitch. \*Members who were excused from this month's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER REPORT: Council reviewed the finance reports. Reports were approved as read.

PASTOR Andrew's REPORT:

This period has been particularly busy. I have been busy in pastoral care, congregational activities, and administrative concerns. As I write this, Kerry has been having health issues. So, my plate is full! Thank you for your prayers and support of me and the ministry of the congregation.

Worship and Pastoral Acts:

Preaching and/or presiding in weekly worship with preparations

Preparations for Advent and Thanksgiving Eve worship

Adaptations for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany –“Words for the Beginning: Advent Reminders for New Seasons” and Time after Epiphany and Planning for Lent

Worship and Music cmt mtg on 11/18

Planning for Memorial Service For Al Stevenson on Dec. 14 and for Paul Pienody on Dec 13

Faith Formation:

Preparation for future study sessions.

Donuts and Divine Discussion -4 sessions with preparations

Revelation Bible Study 2 Sessions with preparations

Book Study “Everyday Spirituality” 1 session with preparations

Confirmation preparations- no class due to Christmas Play (good thing!)

Preparations for Messy Church session on 12/15 “The Incredible Jesus Journey”

### Administration:

Bulletin preparations

Newsletter preparations.

Misc/other: newsletter article, communications, contacts, and misc.. Miscellaneous staff communications and meetings. Support work with Robyn. Website Refresh contacts and maintenance. Sign and Facebook posts Contacts, meetings, and check-ins with leaders and staff – in person, phone, text, email.

Personnel Committee Meeting with communications and preparations

Sign and livestream training and support

Synod Ministerium meeting 12/4

### Fellowship, Congregational & Community Life:

Office Visits—regular and extended, check-ins and contacts

Misc. fellowship moments and contacts

Laughing with the Lutherans event with set up, participation, and clean up

Preschool misc. contacts

Common Threads on 12/8

Christmas Caroling

### Pastoral Care:

Hospital, facility, and home visits with Scripture and prayer or Holy Communion

Homebound visits with Holy Communion

Special, around surgery, emergency and urgent visits contacts and prayers [ in person and phone]

Phone calls (extended and regular) and check-ins.

Pastoral counseling sessions (urgent/emergency/ special) and contacts

Checking and updating of Homebound information/list

### Continuing Education/discernment/Spiritual Growth:

Professional readings and review of resources on current and best practices. Regular readings and articles.

Regular discernment and special prayer sessions.

CE Days remaining for 2024: 5. Used 12/10, 12/11

### Vacation:

2024 used 15 and 3 Sundays | planned: 12/27, 12/29, 12/30. (1/2)

### PASTOR Caroline's REPORT:

Since Sheri Anderson has resigned, I have been told I will be taking over her responsibilities; I have not yet met with the personnel committee to discuss what my duties will be.

### Worship:

Pr. Fitch and I have been working together on preaching. We split our preaching duties for the most part (except for festivals) and on weekends we don't preach, we preside. Sheri did Children's messages on Sunday mornings when I preached, and I did the children's message on Saturday nights. Since Sheri left, I've been doing children's messages when I preach. This year we will have the Longest Night (Blue Christmas) service. We continue to stream our 10:30 service online as well as some special services. I attended a Worship and Music Committee meeting this last month.



Visitation:

Visitation has been busy this year. Pr. Fitch and I have a protocol in place for visitations, and we keep a log of those we have visited so we can keep track of those who need multiple visits. We have visited those who are homebound, in retirement homes, those on hospice, those who have lost loved ones, and many in hospitals. Others have been visited as needed. Phone ministry was provided as well, and some extended phone calls were because of parishioners being unable to meet in person. I have been doing a grief support group this last year, and it has had regular attendees as well as new people when they needed help. This month and this year have been busy with visitations.

Education (Sunday school, mid-week studies, small group):

Sunday School – I've been leading confirmation since fall 2024. I will also lead curriculum for Sunday School. Mid-week book studies: We finished the book series for Believe. Each session was 10 classes, the last set of sessions completed in November 2024. We are discussing doing a class on John in summer 2025.

Support groups:

I have been holding a Grief Support Group much of the year. It has been well attended and seemed to meet the needs of a certain demographic in the church.

Meetings (committees at HZLC, community, synod):

Harrold Zion: This last month, I have attended committee meetings for Worship & Music and council meetings.

Community: I attend a weekly Bible study with the Lutheran cluster of pastors in Greensburg.

Synod: The synod has a monthly Zoom meeting to help pastors deal with issues at churches. I am on the Synod Care and Leadership for Rostered Ministers Committee and have attended meetings on Zoom.

Special Events (funerals, weddings, baptisms, other): Funerals: We had 3 funerals the last two months. I participated in 2 and led 1. We have another 2 this coming weekend, although I will only participate in one. Weddings: None. Baptisms: I did one baptism in the last month. I will be doing two baptisms (twins) on the last Saturday of December.

Other special events: I helped Katelyn Holsopple have a Taylor Swift motif party in November, part of her youth community group; Katelyn is doing her Silver Award for Girl Scouts, and the youth community group is her project for the year. I am helping with the Christmas party/Messy Church event this coming weekend. Attended Sonshiner's Christmas Luncheon. Other: Since Sheri left, I have been putting together busy bags for kids in worship, I am involved with getting curriculum to Sunday school teachers weekly, and I have been helping with making tiles and uploading them for the sign. I will know more when I meet with the personnel committee.

Vacation/Sick Time/Time Off: I have taken four vacations this year (4 Sundays), one week in Texas, and three staycations. I still have a few vacation days left, but I don't know if I'll be able to use them before the year ends. I have been relatively healthy this year and have all up-to-date vaccinations.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

AUDIT REPORT: N/A

CALL COMMITTEE: N/A

CEMETERY: N/A

CHILDREN AND YOUTH/Family Ministry: The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> during the service message of the 10:30 service. The kids have been practicing hard and are looking forward to presenting this year's program titled "Christmas News".

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: See Pastor Caroline's report



PROPERTY: All excavated areas have now had grass planted. Two more Social Hall lights have been converted to LED. The flower room door has been modified to allow it to close over the new sound system wires. We still plan to run the new microphone wires under the choir loft.

Common Threads (EVANGELISM, Fellowship, Stewardship):

The committee focused on several December holiday programs, including the church-wide Christmas party on Sun. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Information on “The Incredible Jesus Journey” Messy church can be found in the newsletter. The dinner starts at 5:00 PM. There are two January events currently in the works. Pick Your Seat Sunday will be the weekend of Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. The church sanctuary will be turned into a sporting arena whereas the ushers will be seating congregational members by their seat choice. The Soup/Chili/ Baked good competition will be held on Saturday Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up in the communication center will begin this weekend. The rules and times can be found in the newsletter and communication center. On Friday February 7<sup>th</sup> there will be another puzzle night run by the Kanouff family (see council action below). We are also in the early stages of planning for another Youth sponsored Fat Tuesday Pancake dinner (Tues. March 4<sup>th</sup>). Common Threads will be helping them with planning, setup, cooking, and any general tasks the youth would need help with.

Council Action – The Puzzle Night planning committee is requesting council permission to serve wine at this event. A temporary liquor license will be obtained and displayed at the event.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Thanks to the committee’s hard work in putting together the 2025 proposed budget presented to council.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: No report

MISSION & VISION COMMITTEE: N/A

MUTUAL MINISTRY: N/A

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: N/A

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: We met with Bishop Kusserow to discuss our future. We worked out a plan to present to Pastor Caroline. We will meet with her next Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, when we will go over the plan and work on a mutual agreement between the parties. We will have further updates at the January meeting.

PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE: The December Christmas programs will be on Thursday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration for the 2025 – 2026 school year will start this January. We will be continuing with the two classes and not have any changes from this school year.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE: Food2Go4Kids:

Order, pickup, packing, and delivery of 59 food bags for needy students at Fort Allen Elementary School has been completed three times so far this school year. We will be packing 4 more times until the end of this school term in May. The packing is done with 10-12 volunteers each time. Donations and Thrivent Action Team Cards are always welcome to help pay for the food items.

The Sonshiners: The Sonshiner group met on Wednesday, December 11 in the Social Hall of the Church with 25 people in attendance. A delicious, covered dish lunch was shared by all. The next gathering will be held at Hoss's Steak & Sea House in Greensburg in February. More info will follow as to date and time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH: On Friday, December 6, The Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study Group (plus John Dorsey!) met and sorted the over 2000 pairs of Hannah's Socks into men, women, boys, girls, and infants. The socks were then boxed and delivered as follows: 3 boxes each to the Salvation Army in Greensburg and the Salvation Army in Jeannette, 2 boxes to the

Men's Mission in Latrobe, 1 box for The Reindeer Tree collection, and 4 boxes were mailed to Hannah's Sock headquarters in Ohio. Also, socks were put in the gift bags of the 42 needy children from Fort Allen who were sponsored for Christmas by HZ members and others. After that was completed, the ladies wrapped gifts and filled 15 Christmas gift bags for the homebound members of Harrold Zion. Most of the bags were delivered by the volunteers who visited and sang Christmas Carols to the homebound members on Sunday, December 8.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: The church year was finished out with Christ the King Sunday and our Thanksgiving services. The new church year started with Advent on December 1. This will be the year of Luke. We returned to using setting 4 for Advent. Longest Night service will be December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Saturday 5:00 service. Christmas Eve services will be 4:00 (family service), 7:00 and 10:00 PM. First Sunday of Christmas, December 29<sup>th</sup>, will be Lessons and Carols. It is titled "Don't forget to Laugh".

OLD BUSINESS: Council was asked to revisit the social hall use policy. Presently we see the need to keep the current updated policy and not make any changes. Council will place information in the newsletter as to the reasoning for the increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shawn C made a motion to allow wine at the puzzle party, with a two-drink limit per person. Seconded by Kim E. Motion carried. Jack M. was nominated for 2025 council President. Jason N was nominated for Vice-President. Brad Z was nominated for secretary. Denny E was nominated to be treasurer. Deb M was nominated to be financial secretary. All nominated were elected. The 2025 council meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Z and seconded by Shawn C. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 6:42 PM with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on January 9th, 2025 at 6:00PM.

# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 08:00 AM-NEW YEARS DAY 08:00 AM-No PS	<b>2</b> 09:45 AM-PS LIBRARY 07:00 PM-BOY SCOUTS	<b>3</b> 08:00 AM-SANCTUARY - MELANIE 10:00 AM-LADIES BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM-PS LIBRARY	<b>4</b> 08:00 AM-SANCTUARY JOANNE 05:00 PM-WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
<b>5</b> 08:00 AM-WORSHIP	<b>6</b> 09:00 AM-PS Meeting Room 10:30 AM-QUILTING MINISTRY 01:00 PM-QUILTING MINISTRY	<b>7</b> 08:00 AM-BLOOD DRIVE	<b>8</b> 09:00 AM-PS LIBRARY 06:00 PM-BELL CHOIR 07:00 PM-ADULT CHOIR	<b>9</b> 09:45 AM-PS LIBRARY ROOM 07:00 PM-BOY SCOUTS	<b>10</b> 08:00 AM-SANCTUARY - MELANIE 10:00 AM-LADIES BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM-PS LIBRARY	<b>11</b> 08:00 AM-SANCTUARY JOANNE 08:00 AM-MEM'S BREAKFAST 05:00 PM-WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
<b>12</b> 08:00 AM-WORSHIP 09:15 AM-PARENT'S BREAKFAST 11:45 AM-COMMON THREADS	<b>13</b> 08:00 AM-NO PS	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM-PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 07:30 PM-COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS	<b>15</b> 09:00 AM-PS LIBRARY 06:00 PM-BELL CHOIR 07:00 PM-ADULT CHOIR	<b>16</b> 09:45 AM-PS LIBRARY 07:00 PM-BOY SCOUTS	<b>17</b> 08:00 AM-SANCTUARY - MELANIE 10:00 AM-LADIES BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM-PS LIBRARY	<b>18</b> 08:00 AM-SANCTUARY JOANNE 05:00 PM-WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
<b>19</b> 08:00 AM-WORSHIP	<b>20</b> 08:00 AM-NO PS 09:00 AM-PS MEETING ROOM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 09:00 AM-PS LIBRARY 06:00 PM-BELL CHOIR 07:00 PM-ADULT CHOIR	<b>23</b> 09:45 AM-PS LIBRARY 01:00 PM-Packing for food Go For 07:00 PM-BOY SCOUTS	<b>24</b> 08:00 AM-SANCTUARY - MELANIE 10:00 AM-LADIES BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM-PS LIBRARY	<b>25</b> 08:00 AM-SANCTUARY JOANNE 05:00 PM-WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
<b>26</b> 08:00 AM-WORSHIP 05:30 PM-YOUTH GROUP	<b>27</b> 09:00 AM-PS MEETING ROOM 10:30 AM-QUILTING MINISTRY 01:00 PM-QUILTING MINISTRY	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM-PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	<b>29</b> 09:00 AM-PS LIBRARY 06:00 PM-BELL CHOIR 07:00 PM-ADULT CHOIR	<b>30</b> 09:45 AM-PS LIBRARY 07:00 PM-BOY SCOUTS	<b>31</b> 08:00 AM-SANCTUARY - MELANIE 10:00 AM-LADIES BIBLE STUDY 11:00 AM-PS LIBRARY	

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John 13:34-35 <sup>34</sup> “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. You know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”