

Happy Birthday!

15	Brooke Grussing	18	Debra Geertsema
16	Braden DeSmith	19	Spenser Nickel
17	Jan Heidebrink		Darlene Miller
	Cory Klingenberg	21	Steve Jeppesen
18	Ashley Hendel		Abby Erlandson
	Dana Heidebrink		

Happy Anniversary!

16 Ryan & Naomi Hill

Our Church Family

Each week throughout the year, we pray intentionally for families from all of our churches - please include these families in your prayer life this week.

Nancy Galland
Kurt & Melissa Geertsema & Family
William & Deb Geertsema & Family
Lisa Gerdes & Mark Ludes & Family
Sally Goesser
LaDee Grant
Joyce Gravon
Jerald & Evelyn Green
Roger & Pat Grimmus & Family
Claribel & Myron Grussing
Kim Grussing & Family
Connie Haberman
Beth Habicht

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Genola Uden, Bruce Lease, Betty Taarud, Katherine Willey, Lois Carlberg, Margaret Loger, Mary Prins, Claribel Grussing, and LaDee Grant.

One visit goes a long way!



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Joyce Gravon	LaDee Grant
Rhoda Flinck	Pat Grimmus
Tom Vagt	Steve Potts
Sandy (Nancy Galland's sister)	
Alyssa Hietbrink	Rhett Scheevel
Serena Frenken (Kristen Franken daughter)	
Tim Yager	

Persons impacted by COVID 19:

Mary Prins COVID Long-haulers

Prayers for those dealing with cancer:

Merlyn Cranston	
Connie Bremer	(Betty Taarud's daughter)
Laurie Blume	
Christopher Allen Brown	
Scott Klooster	
Makenzie Gist	(Nancy Galland's niece)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Emma Schnyders	Randy Taarud
Etta Schroeder	Marlene Wieneke
Nancy Hyink	Gerald Fisher
Claribel Grussing	Kristi Johnson
John Clease	Bruce Lease
Weston Erlandson	Steve Timmons
Monica Veil	Ken Bipes
Phil Glembin	Ajulo Ochala
Ariana Lopez	Casen Hotzler
Aiden Remme	Bill Carlberg
Mike Miller	Gary Hibma
Pat Huisenga	Karen Schulz

Giving thanks & praying for:

Our teachers, administrators, students...
Front line health care workers...
Law enforcement & emergency workers...
Service women & men and their families...

For those dealing with grief and loss...

The family of Kathy Wendt
(Gretchen O'Donnell's mother)

If you have a loved one you would like to have added to the Prayer Corner list, or if any name needs to be removed from this list, please contact the church office.

Terry Miller

Not the MESSIAH



Sunday, January 15th, 2023
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



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The 2nd Sunday after the EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 15th, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Terry Miller
Accompanist: Jolene Kuhl
✠ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest."*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #349 - *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

The Church is the community of those called by God.

**Justified by grace and embraced
as children of God!**

*We are baptized into Christ's death and
raised with Christ in the resurrection*

**We are members of Christ's church
one Baptism, one Faith, and one Lord.**

*Let us gather as God's humble servants;
people who follow in Christ's footsteps.*

Come, let us adore Him!

✠ PRAISE

UMH #357 - *"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"*

Souper Bowl Soup Cookoff

The Missions Team is sponsoring the Annual Souper Bowl Soup Cook-off immediately after church on Sunday, January 29th and everyone is invited to participate! To enter the competition, prepare a double batch of your favorite soup or chili for the congregation to sample. For a freewill donation for missions, tasters will be able to enjoy a soup lunch and vote for their favorite recipe. Prizes will be awarded to the winning recipes. Register to enter the competition with the church office by Tuesday, January 24th. For more information contact Pam Soderholm or the Church Office.

Pop Up Food Pantry

Minnesota West has a "Pop-up Food Pantry" for their students who are on campus or off campus. It is a program designed to help the students attending Minnesota West. If you would like to help with this ministry, simply make out your gift to "First UMC" with "Pop Up Food Pantry" in the tag line. Thank you for your consideration to help this local mission.

Coat Closet - Warm Winter Clothing Needed

First Lutheran Church works through Love INC to help provide for those who need warm clothing for the winter months. We are taking donations of new or clean, gently used coats and snow pants for all ages. We are also taking donations of new hats, scarves, mittens and boots for all ages. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in the collection spot in the church hallway. These items will be taken to First Lutheran Church Coat Closet for them to distribute to those in need. Thank you for your consideration to this mission which is being coordinated by the members of our church's mission team.

Finance Short Summary for Year End

The Finance Team expresses its deep appreciation for your response to the last moment plea to restore our general operating fund before the end of 2022. We are pleased to share that because of your gifts, we have accomplished that goal! Our carry-over for 2023 is \$28,119.45. The carry-over is so important because it helps our cash flow status throughout the year. All of our expenses have been paid, including 100% of conference apportionments. Praise the Lord for your faithful giving!



Last Week's Offering	\$ 1,730.00
Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 28,119.45
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 14,459.50
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 6,537.83

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Encounter Lock-In

Our youth group is invited to participate in a Youth Lock-In beginning Friday, January 20 at 7:00 pm until Saturday, January 21 at 7:00 am. for grades 7-12. The Lock-In begins at First Lutheran Church and will move between First Lutheran and First United Methodist. Sign up by Wednesday, January 18, with Lisa Gerdes. Welcome to bring a friend!

Congratulations Ivy & Ezra!

Ivy Jenson and Ezra Bonnett have been named District 518’s Triple A Award winners for 2023! Each year as a member of the Minnesota State High School League, District 518 chooses a male and female in the senior class for the Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award. The Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award commonly known as the Triple ‘A’ Award, honors high school seniors throughout the state who have a 3.0 or higher-grade point average and who participate in League-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities.

As local recipients, Ivy and Ezra will move onto consideration by the regional committee. Ivy has been involved in band, choir, orchestra, tennis, gymnastics, track, and the Worthington Area Stingrays swim team. Ezra has been involved in band, choir, orchestra, the Worthington High School musical, cross country and tennis.

Both of these outstanding seniors have experience as featured musicians, soloists, ensembles, section leaders, team captains and more — on top of doing well and working hard in the classroom. Congratulations, Ivy, on receiving this award - certainly well deserved!

Youth Group Skating!

All youth (grades 7-12) are invited to come to a Skating Party at the Worthington Ice Arena on Sunday, February 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Bring a friend! There is no cost - all expenses will be paid! See you then!

All Church Archery Day!

All persons are invited to join in the fun on Sunday, February 26th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Archery Club at the Southwest Bow Benders Club in Worthington. No experience needed - all ages are welcome. Watch for more details.

Sunday Morning Greeters

We’ve heard discussion and believe that everyone would like to have greeters on Sunday mornings reinstated. If everyone would participate, no one would be asked to greet more than twice a year. We’ve put together a calendar listing for 2023 using the Directory alphabetically. We would ask that if you cannot greet on your listed day, that you make arrangements for someone to switch days with you. If you would like to greet but aren’t on the list, or if you are on the list and don’t wish to greet at all, please contact the church office with that information. We’re looking forward to a warm friendly greeting every Sunday for members and guests alike. Thank you all for spreading God’s love.

✚ OPENING PRAYER ³

Most Gracious God - we thank you for your eternal word, Jesus Christ, and for your Holy Spirit which brings the light of his gospel into our lives. We praise you for all your acts of goodness and pray that as we worship you this day we might be grow in righteousness and in love. Come, visit us with your presence as we wait upon you with penitent and believing hearts. Grant that we might be a people who bless your name by all that we do - both in this sanctuary and in the world beyond it. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

MOMENTS with the YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE *“Amazing Grace”*
Solo by Elizabeth Bushard

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD’S PRAYER

We Hear God’s Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 40:1-11
John 1:29-42

MESSAGE *“Not the Messiah”*
We Respond to God’s Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING
(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

✚ DOXOLOGY UMH #95 - *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God
UMH #173 - *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Matthew 11:28.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by 1 Corinthians 1:1-9.
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Matthew 11.

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

John Testifies About Jesus

John 1:29-42

New International Version (NIV)

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...

PROVERBS 3:5

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Care Center Residents:

South Shore Care Center

First UMC:

Lois Carlberg LaDee Grant

Mary Jane Brown Center

Adrian UMC:

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Adrian UMC:

Margaret Loger

Sunrise View Assisted Living

First UMC:

Claribel Grussing

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This Week

SUN

9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:15 am Sunday School @ First
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

MON

3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES

9:30 am Ladies Coffee Hour @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
5:30 pm PSPRC Meeting

WED

7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
5:15 pm Fellowship Meal
5:45 pm Bell Choir Practice
6:15 pm G1 in Adrian
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thurs

4:30 pm Missions in Heritage Room
5:30 pm First Council in Heritage Room

Fri

7:00 pm Encounter Lock-In @ First Lutheran Church

SUN

9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:15 am Sunday School @ First
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	172
ADRIAN UMC	24	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	21
FIRST UMC	67	TOTAL	284