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**Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**  
14531 Old Olga Road  
Fort Myers, FL

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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***Faith is formed through trusted relationships.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you invite someone to come and see Jesus?

When John the Baptist saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" While we cannot physically see Jesus, there are signs of his life all

around us. Cut out the shape of a lamb from a large sheet of white paper. Talk or think about ways you have seen or experienced the presence of Jesus during the day. Write your thoughts on your lamb. Take a moment to read through them. *Pray: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Amen.*



**IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

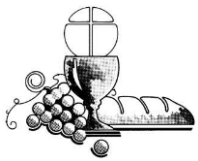
Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time! We want to know who

you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Prayer Card from the pew rack and usher will be collecting them.

Thank you. Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!



## **ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith

which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*January 18, 2026*

### **PRELUDE**

✠ **ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

#### **411 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain**

**ref In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain**

*(Please rise)*

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

## **INVOCATION**

**[P]** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** Amen.

## **EXHORTATION**

LSB 151

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

LSB 151

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 151*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM**

*Psalms 40:1–11*

#### **My Help and My Deliverer**

**P** I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**C** He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.

**P** He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

**C** **Blessèd is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!**

**P** You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward  
us;  
none can compare with you!  
I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.

**C** **Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.**

**P** Then I said, “Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**C** I desire to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.”

**P** I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.

**C** I have not hidden your deliverance within  
my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your  
salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and  
your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.

**P** As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain  
your mercy from me;  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will  
ever preserve me!

*(Please rise)*

## **KYRIE**

*LSB 152*

**P**In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C**Lord, have mercy.

**P**For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C**Lord, have mercy.

**P**For the peace of the whole world, for the well-  
being of the Church of God, and for the unity of  
all let us pray to the Lord.

**C**Lord, have mercy.

**P**For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C**Lord, have mercy.

**P**Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
Lord.

**C**Amen.

## **♪THIS IS THE FEAST♪**

*LSB 155*

**C**This is the feast of victory for our God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and  
honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in  
the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God  
and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His  
reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 49:1–7*

### **The Servant of the LORD**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my

name.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

<sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and  
vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God.”

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his  
servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup>he says:  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my  
servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

### **Greeting**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Thanksgiving

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please rise)*

**♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪**

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 1:29–42a*

**P**The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C**Glory to You, O Lord.

### **Behold, the Lamb of God**

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

### **Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he

walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”  
<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON HYMN**

### **809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain**

**ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2** Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain**

**3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to  
guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**Refrain**

# **SERMON**

## **"Called Saints"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

*(Please rise)*

## **NICENE CREED**

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary  
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING**

## **♪OFFERTORY RESPONSE♪**

### **805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

*(Please rise)*

△ **1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

## **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

## **PREFACE**

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **♪ SANCTUS ♪**

*LSB 161*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with

the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P**O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **PAX DOMINI**

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **♪AGNUS DEI♪**

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*(Please be seated)*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

### **617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE**

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish

Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

**2** Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

**3** May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;

Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

## **618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE**

**1** I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: **Refrain**

**ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**2** Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**

**3** Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **Refrain**

**ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**4** Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**

**5** What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

*(Please rise)*

**♪ THANK THE LORD. ♪**

*LSB 164*

**☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell  
ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly  
bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His  
people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia,  
alleluia.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN TO DEPART**

### **537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**P**The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**☐ Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**



## *SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Guest Pianist: Cheryl Nelson

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

Bells: Debbie Jackow

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Klaus Naumann

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Doug Grage, Greg Murray

Reader: Gary Barkhaus

**Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.**

# **Our Response to God's Love**

## **Worship Service – 76**

**Celebrating birthdays this week: 1/26:** Janice Bradtmiller, **1/28:** Caydence Albert, **1/29:** Chip Rinehart, **1/31:** Linda Hedrick

### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the voter's meeting for coffee and goodies. The refreshments this week are from the Church. Thank you!

### **JANUARY 25, 2026**

#### **Voter's Meeting ~ right after service**

Our annual Voters' Meeting will be held this Sunday right after the Worship service. Each of the Bethlehem Church Boards will present their plans for 2026 so please plan to attend. (No Bible class or Sunday school)

Dear Cheryl, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your ministry in music these past couple Sunday's. It was a blessing to have you lead us in worship. Thank you for your dedication and for traveling to share your God-given talent

with our congregation. Your music helped create a wonderful atmosphere of praise!

## **SAFETY DAY**

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 from 10-11 am to register call 694-3878

### **Kickoff Meeting: VBS 2026 Planning!**

It's time to start dreaming about the brightest week of the year! You are invited to our first planning meeting for **VBS 2026** on **Monday, February 2, at 10:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

As we begin our journey for 2026, we will focus on:

- .Theme Selection:** Reviewing 2026 options
- .Vision Casting:** Defining our goals for reaching children in our community.
- .Key Roles:** Identifying coordinators for crafts, music, and snacks.
- .Dates & Schedule:** Confirming the 2026 VBS dates and daily rotation flow.

Whether you are a returning veteran or new to the team, your heart and ideas are needed.

## **Note: Upcoming LWM Events & Announcements**

- **LWM Meeting:** Join us on **Monday, February 2, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.** We will be finalizing plans for February and viewing the new banners selected by the committee. All ladies are invited to attend!
- **Muffin Sunday:** Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 8, 2026.** A wide variety of muffin flavors will be available for a free-will offering. Pick up your favorites to enjoy during Bible study or to take home.
- **Noisy Offering:** The next Noisy Offering will take place on **Sunday, February 22, 2026.**
- **Collecting Pencils** New and gently used pencils are being collected and sent to children through Samaritans purse.

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

(Names remain on the prayer list up to a month unless requests are renewed.)

**Accidents –** Iris Smith, Rusty

**ALS –** Linda

## **Better Support System – Leigh**

**Cancer** – Andy, Anonymous, Ava, Barbara, Becky, Billie, Cannon, Chelsea, Cole, Dave, David, David, Don, Gail, Holly, Jenn, Joan, Joe, John, Judy, Ken, Larry, Rachel, Richard, Ron, Sharon, Sharon Rowe, Steve, Susan

**In Remission** – Annette, Cammy, Haven, Sandi, Tina

**Coast Guard** – Son-in-law (being deployed)

**Convalescing:** Betty, Bill, Chester, Debi, Dick, Edison, John, Joyce, Nancy, Norma, Rick, Shirley, Ted

**Eye** – Bob, Carol, Sarah

**Fall** – Holly

**Fighting for their lives** - Barb, Dennis' mom, Jack Kirsch, James, Julie, Lisa, Lola, Rita, Robert's mom, Samuel Albritton, Scott, Shannon

**Find their way back to God** – David, Keenan

**Flu** – James and family, Nancy

**Guidance** – Amy, Anonymous, Chade, Holly, Kaden, Paul, Sean, Steven, TA

**Head Injuries** – Iris Smith, Jena, Ken, Maria Clara

**Healing – Kathy, Toby**

**Health Issues –** Annie, Barb, Bob, Bruce, Carol, Christine, Christine, Dave, Edison, Emily Snider, Gary, Holly Chaney, Jana, Jeanne, Jeff, Jessica, Joe, Katie, Keith, Pam, Pat, Richard, Sal, Sam, Samantha, Sandy, Sharon, Tamara, Tara, Terri, Tim, Toby Yvonne

**Heart Issues –** Andy, Brad, Carol, Eddie, Holly, JoAnn, Ken Holt, Kenny, Linda, Sharon, Simi

**Hospice – Jean**

**Hospitalized –** Eliot, Heather, Jim Meincke, Judy, Liliana, Lynn, Martha, Peggy, Randy, Rick, Rita, Ron, Rosa Aguirre, Rosa

**Long-term Illness/Treatment:** Alan, Ann, Bella, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brian, Buck, Charleen, Chip, Daphne, Darlene, David, Debi, Dennis, Doug, Dylan, Edison, Ellen, Elizabeth, Jake, James, Jene, Jennifer, Jonathan, Judy, Julianna, Julie, Katie, Kim, Kim Lewis, Les, Lidia, Lillie Anne, Lisa, Liz mom, Lizzy, Madden, Mehliia, Mike, Millie, Myra and family, Nathan, Neil Fiore, Nicole, Pam, Phillip, Rebecca, Richard, Richard, Rick, Rita, Sandy, Terri, Theresa, Timmy, Trace Ryan

**Lost Everything to House Fire –** Daniel Skurka and his family

**Marriage** – Amy and Joe

**Memory Care** – Dorothy, Liz Paschen

**Mental illness** – Giney, Lisa, Viola

**Our Homebound** - Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust

**Physical health and Rehab** – Chip, Iris

**Recovering from Surgery** – Andy, Chip, Holly, Jeff, Kathy Hayes, Sharon

**Safe travels** – Darrell, Joanne, Sharon, sister

**Strengthening of faith** – Carolyn, Paul

**Struggling** - Melinda

**Suffered a stroke** - Adrian, Doug, Ed, Eliot, Gary, Joan, Kevin, Pat, Shirley, Theresa

**Surgery** – Kathy, Sunny

**You know their needs** - Carolyn B., Carolyn, Cindy, Deborah, Glen, Jackie, Jim, John, Kayla, Leisa, LuAnne, Nathaniel, Ralph, Ron, Ron T, Sarah, Sarah, Sarah, Suzanne

**Caregivers** - Amy, Eugene, Judy, Lorrie, Paul, Tina

**Dave** – for health and salvation

**Anonymous** – pray for a healthy pregnancy

**For Those Who have recently lost loved ones:** The family and friends of Billie Waddick, The family and friends of Rick Trammell, The family and friends of Kurt Laser, The family and friends of Joy Kulbacki

# Meatloaf Dinner



Thursday, FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>,  
4-7 pm

Delicious homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, green beans, bun, drink, and delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult   \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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