

# Shining God's Light

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

January 2024

## Pastor's Corner

*"As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable." (1Cor. 12:20-22)*

Ah, the start of a brand-new year! Check out this "New Year's" postcard I found! I recently came across a box of old postcards (68 in total) from over 100 years ago! They were given to me by a Stiles cousin a few years back and were mostly written to my great-grandfather, John (also my namesake) after they moved from West-Central Iowa to Albert Lea, MN. Just think of these postcards as the "Facebook" of their time! Back in those days, all the news you need to know about could be crammed into a tiny little 5x7 inch card! Here's one that sends "All Good Wishes for the New Year!" Another one reads as follows:

*"Dear John, Retta, and Orville. I will scratch you a few lines this morning. Are all well but Ma she has an awful cold. We are having cold weather. The boys have sowed 30 acres of oats. How is your old hens? I have only three setting but get about 70 eggs a day. Mary has got 22 little chickens And built a new hen house. Mark is working around the home doing odd jobs. Well, I can't write much more on the card so I will wish you a happy Easter. Tell*



*Orville to eat lots of eggs. From Carrie."*



Isn't it amazing that people have always found ways to connect with each other? How do YOU stay connected these days? Oftentimes, the phones we use can do so many things (taking pictures, videos, surfing the web, sending messages, shopping, banking, etc) that we forget to actually CALL someone and just say hi! How easy it is to be distracted from the people around us, moving in and out of our lives, right under our noses!

One resolution I'm toying with as we enter the New Year is to stay connected. To learn new ways to reach out and find out what's going on and share a bit of my own story along the way. As much fun as life's journey can be... it is still imperative that we

stay grounded and rooted in our stories. This New Year, ask yourself: Who are the "Carrie's," "LaRetta's" and "Orville's" in your life? Whose stories matter to you? Who needs to know whether you got into the garden last week or what odd jobs kept you busy over the winter?

It might sound boring from the outside, looking in. And yet, these bits and pieces of our lives matter. They weave a thread in the tapestry of a tale as old as time. You and I are members of the Body of Christ – each one sharing our stitches along the way in this grand story unfolding as the people of God. Beloved of God, never doubt that your contribution matters. That the one deemed "weakest" is indispensable. And don't forget to eat plenty of eggs in 2024!

*Pastor [Signature]*



## MY FAVORITE VERSE:

*I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:9

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## January

### Usher:

Jay and Tamara S.

### Readers:

7: Ardelle O  
14: Bonnie M  
21: Mary Jo M  
28: Elaine G

### Communion Asst.:

7: Ardelle & John O, Jeniece C  
21: Mary Jo & Dave M, Jennifer K

### Altar Guild:

Robin S & Rhonda W

## ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to sponsor flowers please call or email the office. Sign-up is also available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. **Cost is \$35.** You can pick them up following the service on the Sunday sponsored after 10:00 AM or Monday after 8:00 AM.

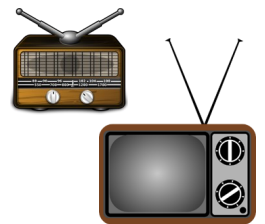
January dates available: 7, 21

## ORLC BROADCAST SPONSOR

Monetary donations are needed to continue our Sunday Service broadcasting options: Online @ [www.orldpc.com](http://www.orldpc.com) or WCMP Radio 106.5 FM or 1350 AM.

Sign-up available in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office. **Costs \$75.**

January dates available: 7, 14, 21



## OUR REDEEMER FAMILY AND FRIENDS

We are trying something new!

Coming in January and continuing in the newsletter and bulletins throughout the year you will find a renewed list of people to pray for in our church family and community who are seeking prayer for specific needs at a specific time in their lives.



*Prayer is powerful & a way to support those seeking comfort and guidance.*

*This list will be those who need your prayers. Individuals will remain on the list for one month unless asked to be removed sooner. If you wish to remain on the list after a month or be added to the list please connect with Pastor John or the Church office. Blessings!*

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### ORLC Church Council Meeting December 14, 2023 7:00pm

**Present:** Eric Wictor, Lynne Zack, Rich Elliot, Diane Lombard, Ashley Espeseth, Eric Olson, and Pastor Stiles

**Absent/Excused:** Erin Anderson, Arissa Ryberg, Doug Berglund, Jeff Tuckner, Sheila Soma, and Wayne Hansmann

**Other Attendees:** Steve Schmidt and Leigha Lange

Meeting called to order by Eric Wictor at 7:00pm

Devotions and Prayer by Ashley Espeseth

#### Financial Report:

Steve Schmidt reported on the November 2023 financial. The full reports can be found in the church office official file and a summary in the monthly newsletter. Motion was made to accept the financial report by Pastor Stiles and seconded by Eric Olson. Motion carried.

#### Old Business

**Statistical Report:** Ashley reported on the November 2023 membership and non-membership events/changes: 1 nonmember funeral.

#### New Business/Opportunities:

**-Reaching out to families / lists of families-** Eric Wictor and Eric Olson are working on compiling a list and talking points for council to use when reaching out to families and young adults.

#### **-Staff Reports:**

Pastor John: Full report can be found in the church office official file. Thank you to all who helped with Thanksgiving, lots of meals were served.

Leigha: Full report can be found in the church office official file. Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Program. December is the month of lefse making for the youth as a fundraiser.

**-Diane Teich to be added to Audit Committee to finish Bernice Woods' Term.** Motion to accept Diane to complete Bernice's term made by Eric Olson and seconded by Pastor Stiles. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports/Assignments:

Worship & Music: Diane reported that Worship went over the calendar. Teen Challenge is coming in January. Pastor and Leigha are working on the Lenten theme and materials.

EVArts: No update

Faith Formation & Education: Ashley will look into creating the meal/fellowship opportunity for Kids of the Kingdom families.

Congregational Care: No update

Congregational Life: Distributed Advent packets. Lent will have postcards in place of packets.

Mission & Outreach: Tim and Maria (church missionaries) may be able to visit church one Sunday in the month of January.

Property: Wayne reported (via email) the church bell had some work done on it. There will need to be something done with the flat roof to prevent leaking this winter.

Motion made by Ashley Espeseth seconded by Rich Elliot to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Ashley Espeseth, Secretary

**Next meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2023 / 7:00 pm via Zoom**

Council member of the month: **Rich Elliot**

#### Church Council Members

President: Eric Wictor / Vice President: Lynne Zach Treasurer: Diane Lombard / Secretary: Ashley Espeseth  
Worship & Music: Diane Lombard, Doug Berglund, Sheila Soma Administration & Facility: Wayne Hansmann, Eric Wictor, Jeff Tuckner Faith Formation & Education: Rich Elliot, Ashley Espeseth, Arissa Ryberg  
Congregational Care: Eric Olson Congregational Life: Lynne Zack Mission & Outreach: Erin Anderson

## COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Happy Holiday Season to Everyone!  
in our ORLC Family!

I want to first say how happy I've been to be a part of such a strong and thriving Church in our community, and Thank You to all of those that have helped to reach out to those in need throughout this holiday season, even though I know that at Our Redeemer we'll continue to see the giving just get bigger all year long.

As we approach the long, dark days of winter, I hope everyone is able to find that light within us all, and remember to reach out to someone that may not be able to get out and about in these colder months to rekindle those connections now, instead of waiting until the spring thaw to come.

Best Wishes to Everyone!  
Sincerely,  
Rich Elliot

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

11/30/2023

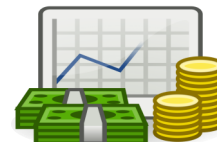
MONTH #2 of FISCAL YEAR 2024

On behalf of the finance committee ~ thank you for your continued generosity, love and trust with your financial giving. The council, committees and staff that use the funds given to Our Church try their very best to honor your monetary gifts in a mindful and financially sound way that is pleasing to God and that helps us to: **SERVE GOD TOGETHER!**

November  
Income:

\$25,557 - General Offering Income  
1,147 - Other General Operating Income  
\$ 26,704 - TOTAL Available for Expense Payment

\$28,721 - Expenses Supported by General Giving



General giving for the month of November was short \$1,274 to pay our everyday operating expenses for the church. When giving is short we get what is needed from the cash reserves for operating expenses. The concern of the finance team along with council is that if we have too many months of possible shortfalls, we could deplete our cash reserves to more serious levels. Winter months can be tighter cash flow months. Please consider your ability to increase your giving to the general fund to help preserve our cash reserves. Thank You in advance for taking the time to prayerfully review your personal budget.

November

Account Balances

\$ 9,321 - Property Improvement Fund  
22,521 - General Operating Fund  
33,668 - Restricted Funds  
101,255 - Endowment Fund  
\$ 170,760 - TOTAL CASH & SAVINGS

\$36,095 - Building Loan Balance/Parking Lot

During the month of November the offering received for the parking lot was \$385, which applies to interest charging. Donations specifically for the parking lot can be made with your regular giving and also online with Vanco - look for the option to designate your giving for the parking lot.

Currently on the finance committee is Steve Schmidt (RRI Consulting), Diane Lombard (Treasurer), Pastor John Stiles (member), Sue Osterdyk (member), Greg Lea (member), Kyle Nascene (member) and Lisa Johnson (member). If you are interested in learning more, have questions or would like to be on the finance committee, please let one of us know.

*Respectfully Submitted*  
Diane Lombard, Treasurer





## Worship & Music

The worship/music committee met Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. Present were Lois Bengtson, Glenna Rierson, Pastor John, Lynne Zac, Christy Koch, Kris Gross and Diane Lombard.

Old Business included a short recap on upcoming Christmas services. Glenna is in charge of music, all ushers and helpers are signed up, and we discussed a few details. We are hoping and prepared for a large attendance. The church looks beautiful already!

For new business, Pastor passed around a note from our missionary family, Tim and Maria Steadheart. We are connecting with them to come to Our Redeemer sometime in January or early February, as they are home in the U.S. for awhile. Hopefully, we will

get to hear about their mission. Lois is in charge of contacting them.

Christy K. reported that she has readers and communion assistants scheduled to June. Thank you all.

Remember that Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve day will be celebrated with 2 services, 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. No candlelight 9:00 p.m. this year. Healing Focus Sunday is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Calendar clearing is January 9<sup>th</sup>. Looking ahead to the Lenten season, Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Hymn picker for January: Glenna. Next meeting, Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

As always, you may share concerns or blessings with this committee, and you are certainly welcome to join us!

*Co-chairs, Lois and Doug B.*

## EVArts

The christmas tree was harvested and erected by the Osterdyk family, in memory of Mark's sister Judy. This has been a family tradition since 1991. Many came to help with taking down the thanksgiving display, hauling all the Christmas decorations from the loft to the sanctuary and putting up the tree.

Vicki Ovick and her children all came in to tackle the job of putting hundreds of lights on the Christmas tree. It took a few ladders, lots of hands and an extension pole to complete the task. It turned out beautiful.

Altar guild & EV Arts came to church Monday evening to complete the indoor Christmas decorating. The outside was decorated by Merrilee Eberhart and her crew of workers.

A big thank you to everyone that helped in any way to beautify our church for Christmas. It's such a blessing to have many that are willing to share their time & talents.



**Adult & Teen Challenge**  
Minnesota

## MN Teen Challenge

Sunday, January 21st during our 9AM service.

Join us for songs of hope and stories of freedom from addiction.

Let us support and hold them in our hearts and prayers this day.



Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministries, Leigha Lange can be reached at 320-629-2985 Line 3 or via email at [youthorlc@gmail.com](mailto:youthorlc@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU

A Huge THANK YOU to Lois, Lori, Kathy, Lauryn, and Evan for helping with the Christmas Program!

## SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Resumes January 3

## KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

We resume our fun January 10

## CONFIRMATION

Resumes January 10

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

January 15 leaving at 7:45 to pack food!

## MISSION TRIP

Meeting for those going this summer will be January 14 after worship

## ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

Envelope Fundraiser is back with a new twist! Check out Leigha's door and grab an envelope to help cover costs for various parts of the 2024 Summer Trip to Memphis and New Orleans! Envelopes can be returned to Leigha or the church office.

Please keep up to date on activities by visiting our

website ([www.orlcpc.com](http://www.orlcpc.com)),

following us on Facebook,

and checking your email for important reminders :)

### Christmas Party FUN!



## Pine City Backpack Food Program

*Feed a child; grow a community*

320-629-4122 [djackson@isd578.org](mailto:djackson@isd578.org)

Keep up to date on all the happenings of the Pine City Backpack Program!

Like and follow them on their FB page: Pine City Back Pack Program.  
Have questions about the program email: [pinecitybackpackprogram@gmail.com](mailto:pinecitybackpackprogram@gmail.com)

### January Food Item:

Goldfish (Any Flavor)  
Individual Packages




It seems when it comes to the women of the church, no one shows up empty-handed. The women of this synod are amazing at sharing their gifts and talents. This is evident when one attends a church potluck, when a request goes out for donations to the Sunday school, or when a quilt is needed for a raffle or to keep a young child warm after a tragedy. The women of the church show up, in their own way, when a call is made.

Each year at the summer convention, collections are taken. If you have attended a convention, you are familiar with the quilt truck. A large semi-trailer is parked and donations of quilts made all year round are brought to fill the truck. The truck is then driven down to St. Paul to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse where the quilts will then be sent around the world to provide comfort, relief, and love to those who need it most. Each year it gets trickier counting all the donated quilts as women arrive with their arms full of boxes to load up. One church even sent a trailer full of boxes with quilts this past summer to the convention to send down to St. Paul. The quilt truck gets very busy and the fantastic volunteers put many hours into organizing and stacking the boxes, getting them all ready for the trip.

For the 2024 WELCA Convention in Grand Rapids, the in-kind gift will be Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Now is the time for church groups to put out the call for supplies/donations and organize a School Kit assembly party. If your group is interested in making/assembling School Kits to bring as in-kind contributions to the 2024 WELCA Convention next summer, here is the website to check out: <https://lwr.org/kits/school-kits/instructions>.

As you plan your assembly parties or any other events, please do not forget to include all the ladies of your church from the youngest to the oldest. Providing opportunities for our youngest members of WELCA to participate will go a long way toward their future involvement in the church and this organization. I have a 10-year-old daughter and there is nothing she likes more than helping at church. Give her the task of walking around a table while placing items in a bag that will be sent to someone who needs those supplies and she is happy as a clam. The sense of accomplishment and belonging she has when she is working with ladies of all ages on a task like assembling School Kits is amazing. I would imagine we would want, all young and old, to feel the same.



# COOKBOOK COOKOUT

*Girls Afternoon Out!*

**Sunday, January 28th**  
**11:30-1:30pm**

It's time to share those tried and true, fun, and sometimes crazy Church cookbook recipes!

Step 1: Choose a CHURCH cookbook---can be any cookbook from anywhere!

Step 2: Pick a recipe

Step 3: Make the recipe---no substitutions allowed!

Step 4: Bring your dish to share with a copy of the recipe on January 28th.

## Cookbook Cookout

Invite friends, daughters, moms, nieces, grandmothers...everyone welcome!

Come for fellowship, devotions, FOOD and leave with your favorite recipes.

Kid's activities for our young ones or young at heart.

Questions reach out to Becca in the Church office.



## HERITAGE COMMITTEE

### Memories of a Lifetime Lutheran Eleanor Flathman

Eleanor had a happy childhood, growing up on a Nebraska farm with five siblings and feeling nurtured by home, church and community. Her great grandmother, seeing a need for a church in their rural area, called the Lutheran Bishop and asked him to start a church.

Immanuel Lutheran Church was a result of that conversation. And so began Eleanor's journey as a 'Lifetime Lutheran' and 'Child of God' with her baptism and continued with Sunday and Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, Luther League and Church Organist at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Memories of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School: Before Sunday School lessons, the children gathered for songs and prayer. Each child received a folder with a story, a picture about the story and a craft idea. To get to Vacation Bible School, Eleanor rode a wagon pulled by horses and sometimes going by horseback.

Memories of Catechism and Confirmation: When eleven years old, Eleanor joined nine other students for Confirmation. Confirmation lasted two years, each day starting at 9am and ending at 3pm. She said it was a joy to see the other students. They studied the Luther's Catechism.

The Friday before Confirmation, the confirmands had to stand at the front of the church and answer questions the Pastor asked from their Catechism lessons. She received a white carnation, her first flower, and a Bible the Sunday of Confirmation.

After confirmation, Eleanor joined the choir, played the pump organ for Sunday School and Church Services and participated in Luther League. Their Luther League had a newsletter, book reports, games and officers. A favorite memory of Luther League was when a WW2 veteran came and sang *Harbor Lights*.

As a young rural school teacher, Eleanor recalled seeing a pack of dogs while walking to school. She sang hymns all the way to school and arrived safely.

Eleanor's spiritual life continued as a pastor's wife, a member of Ladies Aide, a quilter, singing in choirs and helping as an interim organist. Eleanor has been a member of ORLC for 35 years, joining with her husband, Pastor Jerry Flathman. Currently she is a member of Joy Circle and a quilter, making rolled cloth bandages to be sent to Lutheran World Vision.

Eleanor has led a busy life, living in nineteen different houses in twelve states, is the mother of eight, a friend to many and a writer of letters. She has a life-time appreciation of music, nature and her family. Favorite Bible verses are Micah 6:8 and Timothy 4:6-8. Favorite songs are *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, *Beauty of the Earth* and *Children of the Heavenly Father*.

At ninety-four, Eleanor Flathman continues her journey as a lifetime Lutheran.

*From the Heritage  
Committee*



### Our Redeemer Lutheran Church: 50th Anniversary Cookbook 1946-1996

#### *Cheesy Turkey Pot Pie* Florence Karas

##### Ingredients:

- 1 (18oz) jar turkey gravy (2 C)
- 1 (3oz) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 3 C cut up cooked turkey or chicken
- 2 C frozen mixed vegetables
- 1/2 C grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp. instant minced onion
- 2 C Bisquick making mix
- 1 C milk
- 2 eggs



1/2 C shredded cheddar cheese

##### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375°.

Heat the gravy and cream cheese in a 3 quart saucepan, stirring frequently until cream cheese melts.

Stir in turkey, vegetables, 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese and onion.

Spread in an ungreased 9x13 inch baking pan.

Stir Bisquick, milk, eggs, cheddar cheese and remaining Parmesan cheese until blended.

Pour over turkey.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes.

Serves 8 to 10





## Healing Prayer Ministry

The healing prayer team meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. As the year comes to an end we would like to extend an open invitation to join this group. Where two or three are gathered, there He is in our midst. We spend this meeting time planning healing focus Sunday's, and other ways to help others experience God's power through praying and teaching.

A recent time of blessing was the Blue Christmas service this past week. Thank you to all who came. We used the liturgy for the longest night that followed our Advent Out of Time Theme. One of the prayers said this: "Creator of the stars of night, you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself. Reveal yourself where we least expect you; in the longest night, in the most difficult times, in the sheer silence when

words fail us. Faithful One, abide with us every moment."

The ministry team also meets on Sunday mornings in the family room at 8:00 a.m. This is called Intentional Prayer for the Church. Every Sunday we are starting this prayer time with a new focus. Kris is leading from Before We Gather by Zac Hicks. Prayers then begin with several prayer bullets for the overall worship according to God's Word. One statement ( as an example) that we will pray for next Sunday says, "pray for a unified sense of peace to fall on the people of God at the end of the service before they go out into the world to live out God's mission in their various vocations." We will also continue to lift up personal concerns of individuals. Please stop in and share this time whenever you can!

Leave prayer requests in the Sanctuary Cross, or with any team member. Blessings to all, and we are excited to see what God is "up to" in the New Year, 2024.

## CHILDREN OF JOY PRESCHOOL

Happy New Year!

December is such a busy month filled with special memories and activities. January, we feel, gives us a moment to breath, refresh and then dive right back into the FUN!

Classroom: There was no snow outside but inside we filled our sensory table with 'play snow'. Its been fun to dig around in and look for treasures! The dramatic play area was turned into a bakery and a Santa's workshop house was put up with all the kids helping to color and decorate it.

Themes have ranged from Gingerbread men, Santa, The Grinch and a Happy Birthday Jesus Party right before winter break. Along with these themes we have done scavenger hunts, activities galore, books, games and songs.

Looking forward a family event is being planned for February. This is a great way for the kids as well as their families to get to know one another outside of the usual preschool day.

### Fundraiser:

Racine Danish Kringles will be available to pick up at the Church on Jan 5th. If you have not paid yet please pay Becca when picking up your order.

### Board News:

Ending the year with gratitude for our students who are sponges for learning: problem solving techniques, valuing friends, new vocabulary and the wonder of God's creation! With gratitude for parents and grandparents who faithfully bring preschoolers each day and support learning at home. With gratitude for our teachers who joyfully and faithfully maintain an inviting classroom, present lessons filled with creativity, value, communication with parents each and everyday in supporting children and families in our community. In addition we are grateful for our Our Redeemer family who provide our beautiful indoor and outdoor space, ongoing financial and moral support. We are truly blessed.

Becca Groe

(COJ Board Member)



## Community & Member Share

### AA Meetings

**7:30 p.m. ~ Mondays ~ In the Youth Room at ORLC**

Entrance is the back door by the Prayer Garden. Call Cindy S. at 320/279-1428 with questions. *AA meets during holidays.*



## OUR REDEEMER READERS

All are welcome to the ORLC READERS Book Group. The Book Group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Please note If we encounter weather problems I will contact you via Email or text. Any questions or interest please feel free to contact Christy Koch.

A tentative book list for January through June 2024 is listed. We generally do not meet in May and December. We are still looking for 5 additional titles, so suggestions are very welcomed and appreciated.

### JANUARY 23, 2024

#### **THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY BY AMOR TOWES**

In June 1954, 18 year old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has served 15 months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother Long gone and his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his little brother, Billy and head to California to start new lives. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that 2 friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the car. The two have hatched a plan to make Emmett take them on a journey in the opposite direction.

**ECRL has these formats: Book, Large Print, EAudio, EBook, CD Audio, Kindle**

### FEBRUARY 27, 2024

#### **THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY BY MATT HAIG**

We all have regrets-choices we could have made differently, paths we didn't take, other lives We might have led. But what if you were given a chance to fix your past? Enter the Midnight Library. Nora's life has been going from bad to worse. Then at the stroke of midnight on her last day on earth, she

finds herself transported to the Midnight Library, where each book contains an alternate life: a possible world in which she made different choices. A beautiful fable, a whimsical, a book to lift your spirits!

**ECRL has these formats: Book, eBook, Audio Book**

### MARCH 26, 2024

#### **THE TEA GIRL OF HUMMINGBIRD LANE BY LISA SEE**

This novel by Lisa See takes us to the remote mountains of China to give us insight into Akha culture and the fascinating history of the tea trade. A story of women's struggles and solidarity In minority – ethnic and rural Chinese cultures. An emotional and satisfying read.

**ERCL HAS THESE FORMATS: BOOK, AUDIO CD, EAUDIO, EBOOK, LARGE PRINT, KINDLE**

### APRIL 23, 2024

#### **MORNING IN THIS BROKEN WORLD BY KATRINA KITTLE**

An interesting novel about a group of people who come to live together during Covid. Circumstances threw these multi different people together. Everything is not always rosy but all have to find their place. Love, forgiveness, acceptance, resilience and hope all play a part in the story.

**ECRL HAS NO COPIES OF THIS BOOK**

### JUNE 25, 2024

#### **THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO BY TAYLOR JENKINS REID**

A sweeping tale about an aging Hollywood starlet and the rookie magazine reporter she hires to pen her life story. An intriguing and unique take on what it takes to make a family. A good summer read!

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# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Church Offices Closed</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b>	2	3 6:30a Men's Bible Study  NO Kids of the Kingdom NO Confirmation 7:30p SH Youth Group	4 8a SonRisers  1p Grief Support Group 1p Caregivers Support	5	6
7 8a Intentional Prayer 9a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10a Adult Bible Study	8 9a Quilting  5:30p COJ Board 5:30p APFY Board 7:30p A.A. Meeting	9  1p Befrienders  6p Worship Team 6:30p Prayer Team	10 6:30a Men's Bible Study  3p Kids of the Kingdom 4p Women of ORLC 6p Confirmation 7:30p SH Youth Group Wed. Night Worship	11 8a SonRisers  1p Grief Support Group  7p Council	12	13  4-8 Pine City Makers
14 8a Intentional Prayer 9a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10a Adult Bible Study 10a Mission Trip Meeting	15 745a Youth Event: FMSC 9a Quilting  <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>  7:30p A.A. Meeting	16  9:30a Joy Circle	17 630a Men's Bible Study  3p Kids of the Kingdom 6p Confirmation 7:30p SH Youth Group	18 8a SonRisers  1p Grief Support Group 130p Hope Circle	19	20
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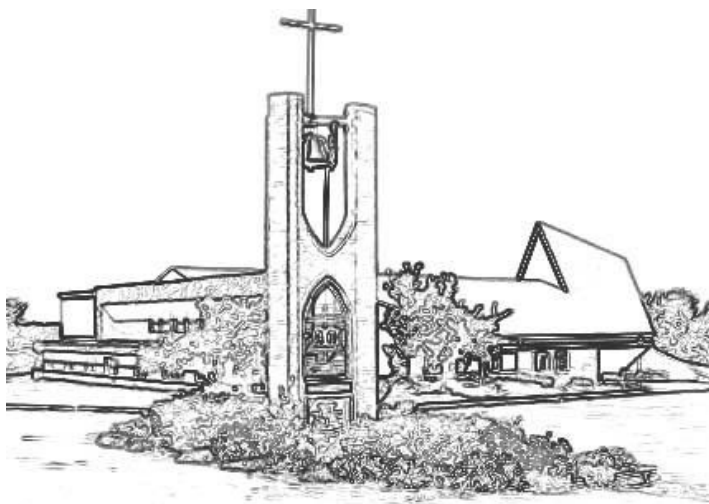
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