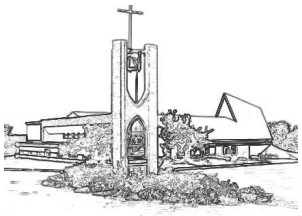

Shining God's Light

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
January 2023

Pastor's Corner / January 2023

"The Word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart." ~ROMANS 10:8

Nope, don't even ask. I am NOT going to tell you my email password. That would be foolish! But I can tell you some of my old passwords, from previous years. "What's the point?" you say? Well, (just between you and me) every January 1st I change the password on my email to a phrase that reflects my hopes and dreams for the coming year (And, yes, I always mix it up with some numb3rs, symb@ls and a few cApital LeT-TerS!). In time, that simple phrase becomes a mantra of sorts that I carry with me throughout the year. I figured that if I got into the practice of forcing myself to type it out every time I checked email it would keep me focused and help realize my dreams and aspirations. So, without further ado… (and before you totally lose interest) here are a few of the past year's mantras that have garnered my soul's attention:

In 2020, my mantra was "Turn the page." (I was reeling from the effects of the pandemic, as we all were!)
In 2021, my mantra was "Start something new." (I was imagining new ways to live and work post Covid.)
In 2022, my mantra was "Hold on to hope." (I was facing cancer surgery and personal struggles.)

I won't say what my mantra is for 2023 (again that's between me, the Lord, and my Yahoo! server), but it has a lot to do with claiming the power of the Spirit inside each one of us. What would happen if we lived our lives confident that God is guiding us each step of the way, through that "still small voice" within?

Do you remember when Elijah met God in a cave after his brazen victory over the prophets of Baal? He was hiding out, scared stiff of the wicked Queen Jezebel who put a bounty on his head. And yet, it wasn't in the mighty wind, or in the earthquake that followed. It wasn't even in the blazing fire that he encountered the living God. It was in a sheer silence when the still, small voice of God could be heard within his soul (1Kings 19). Trust the voice within you and listen, for God is still calling.

I'll close with a poem I found tucked deep in my belongings from 30 years ago. It meant something to me as a young pastor, just starting out in ministry. As I read it again all these years later, I still find it comforting and I hope you will too.

When You Are Searching For My Will
Do you want to know My will for you?
Are you seeking proof of My guidance?
Are you prowling the universe looking for signs of my approval?
Do you question counselors and ministers continually for advice?
Do you beg guidance from friends and neighbors
And exhaust your family with endless problems to be solved?

I am the still small voice within you.
Yes, hear the words of counsel through others,
Read My written words, but then…
Learn to trust the voice within when you pray.
You will know, by My Spirit, if I am the inspiration of your choices.
I am guiding you in the path of answered prayer.
I am showing you the way of discernment and inner strength.

My Spirit is unfolding a living plan within you.
There is sublime order, intelligence, and creativity in My plan.
Listen for Me.
I am within you.
My will is smiling at you.

May God's will smile upon you in the coming New Year!
Pastor John

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." ~Matthew 11:28-30

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Newsletter Note: This is a monthly publication. Deadline for articles is 4:00 pm on the third Monday of each month.

January

Acolyte: See page 7

Usher:
Jay & Tamara Samuelson

Readers:
1st: Lynn D
8th: Ardelle O
15th: Ella C
22nd: Carolyn T
29th: Liz or Eric O

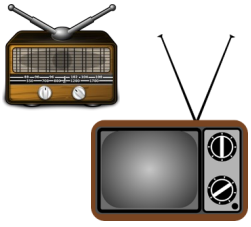
Communion Asst.:
1st: Gary & Lynn D, Jeneice C
15th: Ella C, Dale & Sandy M

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 $25.** 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: 8, 15, 22, 29

ORLC BROADCAST SPONSOR



Monetary donations are needed to continue our Sunday Service broadcasting options: Online @ www.orlcpc.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: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

OUR REDEEMER FAMILY AND FRIENDS

TO PRAY FOR: Marilyn S, Joyce L, Bryce B (grandson of Merrilee and John E), Elijah J, John S, Dale C (cousin to Carol J), Warren L, Lynn D, Lois C, Dana P, Eleanor F, Jerry O, Vinette H (sister of Sandy M), Jenny C, Carol B, Randy L (Greg L brother), Katelyn L, Oscar T, Jennifer (daughter of Jane T), Craig M (nephew of Larry & Linda S), Kris P, Carl P, Mike M (son of Donna & Ronald P), Eric J. (son of Merietta & Sherwood J.), Gail M, Brittney H, Jeffery Z (brother of Tammy S), Dale K, Shirley H (sister of Marge K), Barb L, Kay K, Evelyn M, Carl & Carole A, Mauricio T (son-in-law to Jay & Tam S), Pat H, Janet K (Michelle V sister), Jeff K, Bill M, Ashley J, Paulette R, Karen B, Steve M, Jim J, Tonia J, Betsi M O, Laurie M, Bonnie A, Karen K (sister-in-law to Julie & Lee W), Deb H, Aine C (Judy & Larry B's grandchild), Evie R (great-granddaughter of Donna & Ron P), Steven M (brother-in-law to Jeff D), Margaret M

Please pray for our military, first responders, front line workers, for all who work for peace and justice on behalf of 'the least of these' and for all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ORLC Church Council Meeting
Thursday, December 8th, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Present: Lynne Zack, Wayne Hansmann, Diane Lombard, Eric Wictor, Greg Lea, Rich Elliot, Erin Anderson, Pastor John Stiles, Doug Berglund, Kyle Nascene and Ashley Espeseth

Absent/Excused: William Woulfe, Gail Mattison

Other Attendees: Steve Schmidt

Meeting called to order by President Greg Lea at 7:05 pm

Opening Devotions & Prayer by Ashley Espeseth

Agenda: emailed prior

Staff Reports:
Rebecca Groe and Leigha Lange's reports emailed to council prior to the meeting were reviewed and can be found in the church office official file.

Financial Report:
Steve Schmidt reported on the November financials of the church. 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 Wayne Hansmann and seconded by Doug Berglund.

Old Business:
Land Sale:
Eric Wicktor reported advertising regarding the city lot for sale has started. Interested parties can contact the church for details and submit a bid.

Statistical Report:
Diane Lombard reported on the November 2022 membership and non-membership events/changes; two non-member funerals.

New Mission Opportunities/Committee Reports:
Winter Council Meeting Reminder:
The January, February and March meetings will be held by ZOOM.

Pastor's Health Benefit:
Greg Lea and Steve Schmidt did research on different insurance options available and presented their findings to the executive and personnel committees. Recommendations were then presented to Pastor John Stiles for review. Pastor John Stiles is in agreement to the choice of insurance carrier and contribution amounts as they were presented to him and to Council for review and discussion. Discussion was had that the church would share in the cost of providing health insurance for Pastor John Stiles. The total cost of the insurance is approximately $7000 annually, the church would contribute $4,000 annually and Pastor John Stiles would share in the contribution with the balance owed through a payroll reduction. Additionally, the church would contribute $1000 to Pastor John Stiles' Health Savings Account annually. Motion to follow the recommendation of the personnel and executive committees regarding Pastor John Stiles insurance was made by Ashley Espeseth and seconded by Rich Elliot. Motion carried. Pastor John Stiles abstained.

Committee Reports:
Worship & Music: Doug Berglund reported that he and Del Gross will be meeting regarding the sound & streaming system for both those worshiping at home and at church.

Property: Wayne Hansmann reported the removal of unused TV and VCR from the Youth room. That there has been an ant problem reported in one of the offices and that Todd Cummings is taking care of it and will let the property committee know if more action is needed.

Faith Formation & Education: Ashley Espeseth reported that Children of Joy have been busy and things are going well financially. There is one family that is taking advantage of the scholarships available.

Congregational Care: Gail Mattison was absent, Pastor John Stiles reported calling, visiting and reaching out to members is done by the Be Frienders Group.

Congregational Life: Pastor John Stiles reported the committee along with EvArts and the Healing Team made Christmas packets and are being delivered.

Mission & Outreach: Erin Anderson reported on a few outreach items. The Thanksgiving meal and food shelf collection were successful. There was a winter wear collection and the Pine City Ambassador did a blanket drive.

Pastor's Report:
Pastor John Stiles summarized his report found in the church office official file. Many "thank you's" of appreciation and a big *THANK YOU!!* to Caron Peters for all her hard work with the Thanksgiving Day Banquet. The event would not be possible without a strong, organized coordinator to keep everything running smoothly.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Greg Lea and seconded by Wayne Hansmann. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm with the Lord's Prayer.
Council Member for January is Rich Elliot
Meeting Date: Thursday 01/12/2023 at 7:00pm by ZOOM

Diane Lombard, Secretary

Council Member of the Month

January is always a great time to reflect on the past year, and to start charting our course for the coming year. Whether we want to make drastic changes, or just renew our commitments to our goals of the past, it can be reinvigorating to sit down and clearly decide wherever our paths will lead.

Together, our Church family has been making some exciting changes to our physical building: fixing the sidewalks, improving the lighting inside and outside of the Church, and even repaving the entire Church parking lot this past year, but I'm even more excited about the spiritual changes that are in the works.

Pastor John, our Youth Director-Leigha Lange, our Church Administrator-Rebecca Groe, our Church Council, and all of our Church Committees have all been working hard to rebuild those connections that were so weakened by the last few years of difficulties. Fortunately, it's clear to see from one of the biggest Thanksgiving feasts that we've ever held (Thank You, Caron Peters!), to creating a new Sunday night service aimed at just the Our Redeemer Youth, our Church family is as vibrant as ever and I can't wait to see what else 2023 brings.

If you ever have an idea about how to make our Church family even closer, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
Rich Elliot

FINANCIAL UPDATE **11/30/2022** **MONTH #2 of FISCAL YEAR 2023**

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, 2022
Income:

$20,230	- General Offering Income
2,305	- Other General Operating Income
$22,535	- TOTAL Available for Expense Payment
$28,066	– Expenses Supported by General Giving

November, 2022
Account Balances

$ 1,000	- Property Improvement Reserve
45,354	- General Operating Fund
33,614	- Restricted Funds
96,566	- Endowment Fund
$ 176,534	- TOTAL CASH & SAVINGS

Balance remaining on building loan: 45,482

Currently on the finance committee is Steve Schmidt (RRI Consulting), Kyle Nascene (Treasurer), Pastor John (member), Diane Lombard (member), Sue Osterdyk (member), Kristi Davis (member), Greg Lea (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
Kyle Nascene, Treasurer

Fund the Lot

Doesn't the parking lot look fantastic!?!

Our on-going parking lot fundraiser is going well! So far 16 spots have been filled in on our parking lot display board.

Thank you to all those who have made a donation thus far.

If you are ready to buy or help cover a parking space, please make a check to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and note parking lot fund in the memo line.

Any amount helps and with every $500 raised another car fills the lot.

Worship and Music

The worship committee met on Tuesday, December 13, 5:30 p.m.

Present were Doug B., Diane L., and Pastor John.

Discussion on possible change in the live stream and sound equipment continues.

Glenna provided the music format for all Christmas services, and Diane is working on lay helpers. Thank you to all who have volunteered so far.

Teen challenge and a Healing Focus Sunday will close out January.

Glenna is hymn picker for January.

We will not meet in January, unless something comes up.

Let us end 2022 with hope and a sense of gratefulness for our Saviors greatness.

The committee.

E V Arts & Worship Team

Report for January Newsletter
12-20-22

The SW Entry, by the prayer garden has a new coat of paint on the walls & ceiling. We also installed a new "wall word decoration" about Psalm 91.

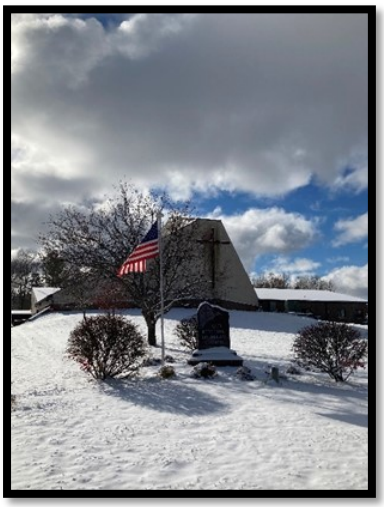
Our team helped Altar Guild with decorating the church for Christmas. Several other families helped with putting up the tree, putting on the tree lights and decorating the outside entrance.

EV Arts worked together with Congregational Life and the Healing Prayer Team and other volunteers to design and assemble 350 Christmas packets for our members. 300 were hand delivered and 50 were mailed. A special thank you to Becca for all the AMAZING help she gave us to get all the inserts designed and printed.

God took care of the BEAUTIFUL winter wonderland we have outdoors!

Hope you had a blessed and wonderful Christmas Holiday! Happy New Year.

EV ARTS & Worship Team



Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25.

A huge shout of gratitude to all who helped, and you know who you are, with the Christmas Packets this year. Whether part of the assembly team, the mailing team, the delivery team, thank you, for your help. Many hands make quick work, your time and effort greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Sue O., Ilene H., and Becca G. for all the extras you provided.
Blessings to all, Congregational Life Committee

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume January 8th at 9 AM and we will kick off our annual food drive on this date! Our goal is to collect 300 items for the food shelf!

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

Kids of the Kingdom will resume on Wednesday January 11th

SNACKS

We are looking for snack donations! Each week we provide snack for kids during Sunday School, Kids of the Kingdom, Youth Group, Confirmation, and beyond. If you would like to donate snacks to these programs please drop donations off in Leigha's office. The kids love most all snacks but we do stay away from anything peanut butter based.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation resumes on January 4th with dinner at 6 and confirmation at 6:30-8.

YOUTH GROUP

Sr High Youth Group resumes on January 4th at 7:30 please use the youth room doors

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

January 8th | 6:30
This is a contemporary style worship on Sunday night for those who might not be able to make it on a Sunday morning. We're trying something new for the new year and all are welcome! Eric Wicktor will be preaching.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who purchased lefse – we were able to raise over $1000 and that money will go to the 2023 mission trip and youth programming. ***A BIG THANK YOU to my lefse volunteers:*** Greg and Kathlyn Lea, Dale Mathieson, Brent Jahnz, Mary Lange, Dave and Mary Jo Mettler, Ann and Lyndon Haugueston, Merilee and John Ebhert, and Pastor John for helping with Lefse!

Thank you to Ashley Peters, Lori Rydberg, Kathy Jahnz, Lois Begntson, and Doug Berglund for all their help with the Christmas program!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

January 23 | 7:45 AM – 1:00 PM
A day of service for students in grades 6-12! A sign up will be sent via email along with more details

LOOKING AHEAD

January 8 – Sunday Night Worship
January 23 – FMSC
February 18 – Skiing and Tubing
March 18 – Sr. High Retreat (Cardia Deo)
March 26 – High School Senior Scholarship Application Due

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Jan 1 Taylor T, Alec Anderson
Jan 8 Ella S, Alec Anderson
Jan 15 Daphne F
Jan 22 Daphne F, Lexie R
Jan 29 Taylor T

CHILDREN OF JOY PRESCHOOL

December was a SNOWY month as I am sure we can all agree! As our preschool program follows the Pine City Schools calendar we too had a few snow days in December. In fact it had us kicking our winter break off a day earlier than planned when Mother Nature decided to throw super cold temps and more snow at us. Brrrr!!

As we waded our way through the snow banks for our December activity calendar we were busy playing outside, when we could, and enjoying the snowplow hill. The snow also allowed us a quick lesson to view and follow animal tracks! We had many themed holiday table activities, a Christmas Bakery in our dramatic play area and decorating the classroom for the holidays. We learned about and celebrated Christmas as well as learned about another holiday that starts during this season, Hanukkah.

Our final week before break had some special theme days:
Gingerbread day– dressing in brown, exploring our five senses and going on a scavenger hunt.
Grinch day where we dressed all in green and did many grinchy projects.
Our final day before break was a fun day filled with jammies, a movie and a special snack!

January will bring parent/teacher conferences—-date to be determined and changing out some of the areas in the classroom to prepare for new themes. Please continue to feel free to walk down our hallway to see all the wonderful things the kiddos are up too.

As we enter the new year we want to thank everyone for all their support of the Preschool program this past year and look forward to keeping you up to date on all the fun in the future!

Becca Groe (COJ Board)

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CREATING JOY IN LEARNING!

Community Share

A Place For You

A Place For You:
Member Opportunity: NEW Schedule!!!

Our church is continuing to serve the needs of the residents staying at A Place for You by preparing and delivering a meal to 220 3rd Ave. SE, Pine City. A new sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board. Openings for providing a meal are the 2nd Tuesday or 3rd Thursday of the month. MEALS start in OCTOBER and continue through SEPTEMBER, 2023. Meals are suggested with information and tips on the bulletin board, too. If you have any questions please contact me at 320-420-8886. THANK YOU! Carol VanderHorck

HEBREWS 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God

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.

Heritage Committee

Member Thoughts

As I sit watching the snow fall in a heavy barrage, it brings to light many events in my life. One such moment that this storm conjures up for me is that of a snow storm that occurred in February of 1973.

The storm, a typical Minnesota snow storm with heavy snow, cold temperatures and high winds, was, as I recall a full fledged blizzard. The one bright spot of the storm is that it occurred on a Saturday night and Sunday weekend.

I remember waking and looking at the snow and wind swirling across the lake. As I stood watching the storm, the telephone rang. On the other end of the line was our new young minster and neighbor, Pastor Manfolk. The first thing he asked was, 'can I make it to the highway, in order that I can get to church to hold services!' To this I simply answered, 'no, not unless you want to walk!' And to this he simply answered, 'I will!' (It should be remembered that Pastor Ken had open heart surgery in 1971 and this was a one and half mile walk.) But in our conversation, he stated he was determined to have church services for the people of ORLC. And we did! He came trudging through the snow about an hour later and from here we walked to the corner to meet John and Ardelle Oare.

After hanging up with Pastor Ken, I made a call to John and Ardelle, who drove out to Dusty Road and picked up the weary 'travelers'. Services were held in the front two pews of the old Our Redeemer Church. The Gospel was read, stories told, coffee was made and memories shared. Because of Pastor Ken's determination and dedication to the church, the warmth of the Holy Spirit was received by twenty worshipers on that blizzard Sunday in 1973.

Lyndon Hagestuen

You are invited!

Please join Mark & Sue Osterdyke
Sunday, January 1st
after the service for cake and coffee in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mark & Sue were married at ORLC and want to share in their joy with their church family.

Pine City BackPack Food Program

Feed a child, grow a community

320-629-4122 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 BackPack Program.

Have questions about the program email:
pinecitybackpackprogram@gmail.com

January Food Item:
Goldfish
Individual packages
Any flavor

Dear ORL Church,

We are so thankful for your warm welcome of us as well as your desire to commit to supporting us as a congregation. We wanted to send you our sending organization's (Pioneers) link which allows you to set up monthly giving so it will automatically deduct each month and goes directly into our Pioneers account (pioneers.org; "Give to missionary" and use the Project Code #112861).

However, you can of course choose to do it by mail. Please write out the check to: Pioneers Act # 112861 Then mail it to: 10123 William Carey Dr, Orlando, FL 32832 Either way, Pioneers will send you a receipt and ensure that your gift is tax-deductible.

Thank you again and please let us know if you have any further questions.

All for Jesus, *Tim & Maria*

Our Redeemer Readers

The Book Group will begin the 2023 year on January 24 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. (Please note the change in time). If we encounter weather issues I will contact you via email or text.
Any questions please feel free to contact.

Tentative Book list for Jan-July 2023
4TH Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall
(EXCEPT MAY AND DECEMBER)

Jan 24: 5:30 pm
The Reading List by Sara Adams

Working at the local library, Aleisha reads every book on a secret list she found, which transports her from the painful realities she's facing at home, and decides to pass the list on to a lonely widower desperate to connect with his bookworm granddaughter.
ECRL has 1 book

Feb 28: 5:30 pm
The Bookwoman's Daughter by Kim Richardson

In the ruggedness of the beautiful Kentucky mountains, Honey Lovett has always known that the old ways can make a hard life harder. As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey realizes she must fight to stay free, or risk being sent away for good. Picking up her mother's old packhorse library route, Honey knows she must continue to serve the people in the hollers.
ECRL has these formats: 6 books, large print, ebook, eaudio, book on CD and Kindle

Mar 28: 5:30 pm
The Maid by Nita Prose

Molly Dunn struggles with social skills and interprets people literally. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, with simple rules that Molly could live by. Since Gran died a few months ago, 25 year-old Molly has had to navigate life's complexities all by herself. No matter--she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid. Her unique character, along with her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette, make her an ideal fit for the job. She delights in her crisp uniform, stocking her cart with soaps and bottles, and returning guest rooms at the Regency Grand Hotel to a state of perfection. But Molly's orderly life is turned on its head the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black. It is in disarray and Black is very dead in his bed. Before she knows what's happening, Molly's odd demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect and she finds herself in a mess she has no idea how to untangle. Fortunately for Molly, a medley of friends who work to discover the real killer before it's too late?
ECRL has these formats: Book, Large Print, ebook, eaudio, Kindle

Apr 25: 6:30 pm
West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

"'Few true friends have I known and two were giraffes...' Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave. It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, West with Giraffes explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late"--Publisher.
ECRL has 1 book

May – no meeting unless we miss a date because of weather. Then the scheduled book for the missed month will be discussed.

Jun 27: 6:30 pm
The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson

Rosalie Iron Wing has grown up in the woods with her father, Ray, a former science teacher who tells her stories of plants, of the stars, of the origins of the Dakhóta people. Until, one morning, Ray doesn't return from checking his traps. Told she has no family, Rosalie is sent to live with a foster family in nearby Mankato-where the reserved, bookish teenager meets rebellious Gaby Makespeace, in a friendship that transcends the damaged legacies they have inherited. Rosalie begins to confront the past, on a search for family, identity, and a community where she can finally belong. In the process, she learns what it means to be descended from women with souls of iron-women who have protected their families, their traditions, and a precious cache of seeds through generations of hardship and loss, through war and the insidious trauma of boarding schools.
ECRL has these formats: multiple books, book on CD, ebook, eaudio, Kindle

July 25: 6:30 pm
In a Book Club Far Away by Tif Marcelo

Regina Castro, Adelaide Wilson-Chang, and Sophie Walden used to be best friends. As Army wives at Fort Fairfax, they bonded during their book club and soon became inseparable. But when an unimaginable betrayal happened amongst the group, the friendship abruptly ended, and they haven't spoken since. That's why, eight years later, Regina and Sophie are shocked when they get a call for help from Adelaide. Adelaide's husband is stationed abroad, and without any friends or family near her new home of Alexandria, Virginia, she has no one to help take care of her young daughter when she has to undergo emergency surgery. For the sake of an innocent child, Regina and Sophie reluctantly put their differences aside to help an old friend.
ECRL has these formats: book and large print book

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8a Intentional Prayer 9:00a Worship: Communion	**2** Church Offices Closed 7:30p A.A. Meeting	3	**4** 6:30a Men's Bible Study 6p Confirmation 7p Choir 7:30p Sr. Youth Group	5 8a SonRisers 9:45a Sail Class 1p Grief Support Group 1p Caregivers Support Group 1p Senior Respite Group	6	7
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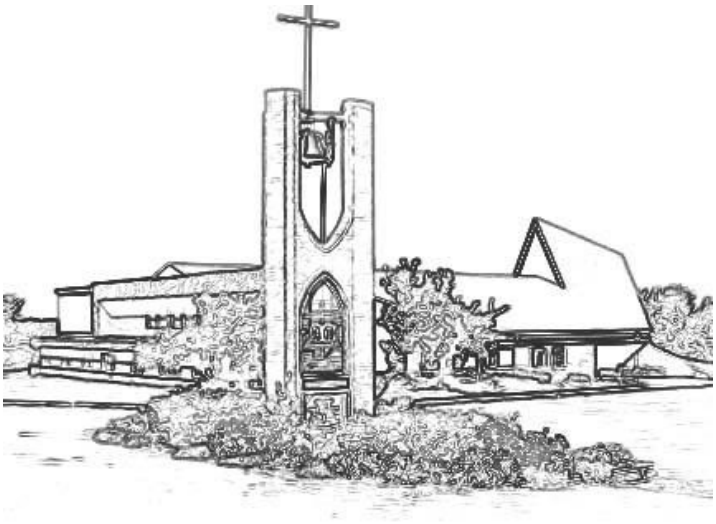

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