

The Uniting Word

Prayer List

Life is fragile, handle with prayer

Helen Beck, Brian Dalpra, Ray Farrell,
Helen Forslund, Dennis, Amy & Chris Wagner,
Gary Gish, Kristy Ropiak, Joe Bandola,
Dave Rucinski, Faye Heimerl, Barbara Snyder,
Timmy Bendick, Scott & Leif Williamson,
Roberta Lehto, and Lorna Anderson

MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

Dorothy Carlson, Sandy Clark, Gail Dalpra,
Carol Galbraith, Dick Hendrickson, Vi Lehtinen,
Helen Perry, and Pearl Ross

VICTORIAN HEIGHTS

Dixie Gervenak, Clinton Ross, and Marv Tollefson

IRON RIVER CARE CENTER

Jim McGregor

Let your love be stronger
than your hate or anger.
Learn the wisdom of
compromise, for it is
better to bend a little
than to break.

H.g. Wells

QuotePixel.com

Keep your eyes open for announcements regarding the pizza fundraiser.

As always, there will be order forms on the usher's table in the narthex, and also in bulletins some time in January.

This is our only fundraiser for FLLC scholarships, so please spread the word (and an order form)!!!



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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 9 AM (*in person or drive-up*)
Saturday 4 PM (*basement chapel*)

Office manager: Christine Perry
(unitedluth@gmail.com)
Custodian: Scott McGregor
Choir director: Marsha Wainio

Help us keep our records up to date by letting us know of any changes to your address, phone number, or email.

"What good is the warmth
of summer,
without the cold of winter
to give it sweetness."

JOHN STEINBECK



All dinners include warm vegetables, salad bar, homemade soup, homemade desserts, coffee, tea, or milk

Reservations are required by 1:00pm the day of.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 CLOSED- HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
6 Brats, tater tots, & baked beans	7 Glazed ham, oven brown potatoes, & sweet potatoes	8 Spaghetti and Italian sausage & garlic bread
13 Chili mac and homemade cornbread	14 Cheese cod, parsley boiled potatoes, & cole slaw	15 Baked chicken with rice pilaf
20 Chicken alfredo with garlic bread	21 Tacos, Mexican rice, & refried beans	22 Pork chops with mashed potatoes & gravy
27 Sloppy joes, oven browned potatoes, &	28 Salisbury steak with mashed	29 Pizza



*do everything
in Love*

1 Corinthians 16:14

	Acolytes	Altar	Caller	Church School Snacks	Counters	Lector	Usher
5	Emma Bandola Eden Starr	Merle Schiavo Arlene Dalpra	Lorna/Jean	Betty Palmer	Harry Kallies Walt Hagglund	Jim Hakala	Jon Aho
12	Sofia & Ruby Vanderpool	Merle Schiavo Arlene Dalpra	Lorna/Jean	Christine Perry	Stephanie Nocerini Sally Hedtke	Amanda Rasner	Don Smith
19	Beau Loehr Marisa Coonrod	Merle Schiavo Arlene Dalpra	Lorna/Jean	Diana Waligursky	Donna Gustafson Gail Koski	Donna Gustafson	Paul Dalpra
26	Gage Clement Isaac Williams	Merle Schiavo Arlene Dalpra	Lorna/Jean	Vicki West	Scott McGregor Jeff Heimerl	Jackie Aberly	Charlie & Janie Bandaccari

1st Tom Anderson
 3rd Betty Ann Niemi
 10th Violet Lehtinen
 Brian Dalpra
 15th Jim Waligursky
 17th Gail Brzoznowski
 18th Helen Perry
 21st Jackie Giuliani
 22nd Sheri Giordana
 23rd Maria Peterson
 24th John Brozak
 25th Todd Loehr
 28th Paula Arcand

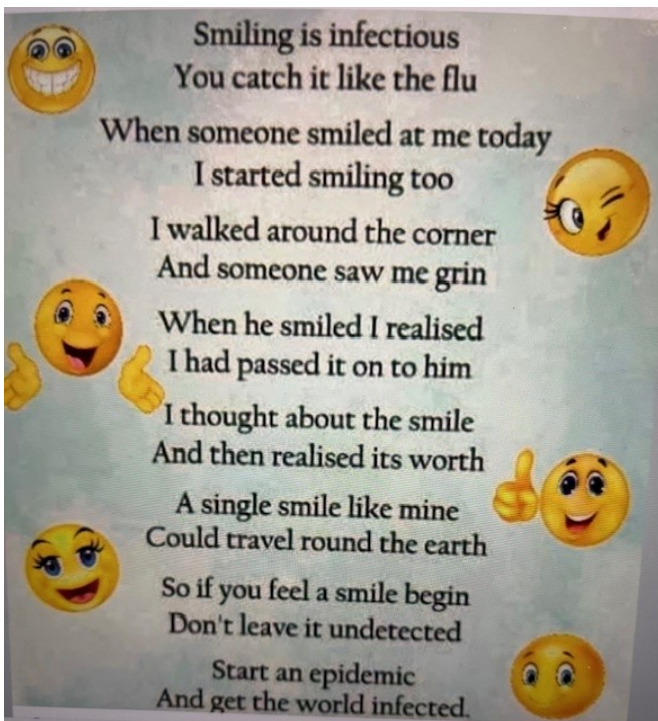


7th Jackie & Rick Beaudoin
 24th Jen & Tommy Williams
 31st Kristy & Joe Ropiak

♥
 SPREAD LOVE
 EVERYWHERE YOU GO
 LET NO ONE EVER COME
 TO YOU WITHOUT
 LEAVING HAPPIER
 - MOTHER TERESA
 ♥

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Because Noah was always standing on the deck!



strive for
 progress
 not
 perfection

A message from Pastor

Everything Changes

Change. Adaptation. Like it or not, our lives are filled with it. Sometimes it's slow and gradual—a series of incremental changes that are barely noticeable until years down the road one looks back and sees what happened. I think that's the way it is most of the time. I think every day there are little things that happen that slightly alter our lives and we adapt naturally and without thinking that we aren't even aware that things have changed. So we go on to the next day thinking everything is normal and nothing really changes. That's the way it is usually.

Then, there come those moments, those single events that are so dramatic that everything changes in an instant; not the slow, incremental, barely noticeable changes that add up over the course of many years, but the solitary occurrences that rock your world. Gabriel visits Mary with the news that she will bear a son who has been expected for generations and generations. Everything changes. While Jesus is being baptized a voice thunders, "You are my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased!" Everything changes.

But you also know what I'm talking about. One moment changes everything. Your doctor calls with the test results and a new diagnosis, and everything changes. The police call and say there's been an accident, and everything changes. Your daughter calls and says she met someone, and everything changes. The buzzer goes off and the state championship trophy is in your hands, and everything changes. Someone you're supposed to be able to trust does something egregious to you and everything changes.

Most of the time, for most people, change comes gradually and slowly that it's barely perceptible. But there are those moments, and while some of them are filled with joy, I think we dread those big moments because many of them are filled with heartache and sadness.

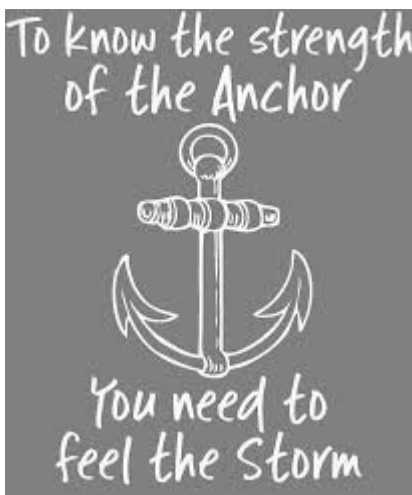
I hear the voice of Jesus cry out, "My God, my God! Why have you forsaken me!" It can feel like that. I hear the voice of Jesus say, "It is finished," while he breathes his last, and everything changes. I picture Moses standing before the sea as the waters part ways, and everything changes.

I guess what I'm driving at is that for all of those moments, the small, barely noticeable ones and the single, monumental ones, God is there. God is faithful. I will not say that God orchestrates those moments. In fact, I will even outright reject that notion. I have seen how that idea has been used and abused and done incredible damage to already damaged people. No, I will not say that.

I will say that in the midst of all of the changes life throws at us, God is there. God is no stranger to dramatic moments, and God is no stranger to simple, ordinary moments. God is faithful, and you are not alone.

I see Jesus appearing out of nowhere with his pierced hands and side, saying, "Peace be with you," and everything changes.

Rev. D. J. Rasner



God is working



A word from our council President

Happy New Year! As I look at the last year, I can't help but have some mixed feelings. Our family has had some big highs, and some very low lows. Through it all I have kept Christ in my heart even when questioning why. At times it was hard, but I always kept my faith. I am praying that the Lord's blessings shower upon you and your family today and throughout the new year. Always keep the faith, no matter how hard.

We had a very busy December at church! The kids Christmas program on the 15th was great, as always! Thank you, Pastor, for creating another wonderful program. Thanks to the parents of the kiddos that brought treats for coffee hour!

Thank you to Marsha, Julie, senior choir, and handbell choir for your special music during this Advent/Christmas time. I know I have enjoyed the pieces you chose. Your gifts of music add so much joy to our worship services.

Thank you to all that made soup, sandwiches, bread or brought goodies to our Wednesday soup suppers! I know I enjoyed some delicious soups those nights! For our offering, we donated towards the CFFD and their Covantage cares drive, which was matched. The third Wednesday offering was not matched, but still went to the CFFD. Thank you to all that helped support that mission.

Christmas Eve services brought a full church, and it was wonderful! We brought back the real candles, and it was a hit among everyone. We had more people than bulletins and candles! Everyone was coming in all different directions, so a precise count was very hard, but 167 communion kits were taken so there was at least that many! We had to put chairs on the side, and I cannot remember the last time we had that happen. So wonderful to see. I also did a Facebook live and the number of views as of writing this on the 30th is 501 views. It was such a wonderful service that I will remember for a long time.

Thanks again to Evelyn for your 28 varieties of cookies for coffee hour after the Lessons and Carols service that was led by Chris!

May your faith in Jesus Christ keep you strong, healthy, and happy throughout the New Year.

Emily Hendricks
Church Council President

I pray, not wish.
Because I have God.
not a Genie.

GOD IS
Greater 
THAN THE
Highs & Lows





JANUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				2	3 9am Quilters	4 4pm Worship
5 9am Worship 10am Coffee hour 6pm AA	6 2pm Release Time-Methodist Church 7pm AA	7 2pm Release Time at ULC	8 10am Bible Study 3:30/4:30pm Confirmation	9	10 9am Quilters	11 4pm Worship
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