JOURNEY LUTHERAN

Whoever you are, However you come, You are welcome here.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 16th

8:30am Choir Rehearsal, 9:30am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Time, Sunday School 10:45am Club 9

> Monday, February 17th Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18th 10am Paint Party

Wednesday, February 19th 4:30pm Ruby's Pantry

Sunday, February 23rd 8:30am Choir Rehearsal, 9:30am Worship, 10:30am Churchwide Meeting 11am Potluck

Google Calendar Link

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Coffee Sponsor

Thank you to this week's Coffee Sponsor,

Janna Miles-Miller

Happy 70th Birthday Barry!!





Happy BIRTHDAY

February 17th - Charlie Lipke
February 18th - Will Post, Sandy Skaggs-Silker, Alivia
Wickstrom

February 19th - Kay Adams
February 20th - Barry Miller, Megan Oliver
February 21st - Roy Mack
February 22nd - Ashlyn Genz



A sincere thank you to all those that made a pepperoni donation last Sunday. With the proceeds, and a couple extra donations, we are able to replace all of our odds and ends plastic bowls with full sets of stainless. Way to go Journey!!

Care Bear Ministry Update

During the month of January we raised \$883.00 through our Care Bear to be donated to Lutheran Disaster Relief to support those affected by the California wildfires.

Thank you for your generosity!!



Irish Heritage Meal

Join us for our next Heritage Meal - Irish style. Enjoy delicious food and learning about Irish folklore.

Friday, February 28

Sign up here



Annual Meeting Part 2 - February 23

As part of our requirement to change Journey's constitution we need 2 separate votes to approve. Our "Annual Meeting Part 2" will be on February 23rd following worship.

After our short meeting and vote we will have a potluck lunch to celebrate the year.

Look below to see our suggestions for what dish to bring based on your last name..

A - I: side dish or salad J - Q: main dish or protein

R - Z: dessert



Sign up Here to Volunteer!

Due to the ongoing work happening in the Fellowship Hall we have decided to postpone our Chili & Soup Cook-Off.

Stay tuned for the new date announcement!

Heritage Meals

Our Heritage Meals have been an amazing way to connect over food and fellowship over the past year and learn more about each other and where we come from.

As our church continues to grow we want to gather information again on our ancestry and traditions. Please take a moment to fill out the form below, even if you've filled it out before!

Fill out our Heritage Form Here

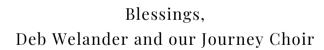
Greetings from our Journey Choir!

This week we sing an anthem that is uplifting and reminds us that we can lift our prayers to God. He loves us and will hear them, and He rejoices that we offered our joys or our burdens. We can find such comfort to turn to Jesus. We find Jesus as our friend in John 15:12-15.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

Our song's lyrics are based on the old hymn <u>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</u>. The lyrics were written by Joseph Scriven in the 1800's. I have found these lyrics as a guide to prayer. "What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." Life has many joys, but it becomes messy many times. Sometimes we can "handle" things, but daily I find myself turning to Jesus in prayer.

Our anthem is called <u>Take It To the Lord In Prayer</u>. The composer is John Helgen, a composer from Roseville, MN and a graduate of St. Olaf college. He takes the old lyrics and weaves them into his upbeat modern harmonies. As a singer, I cannot help but feel God's love as we keep repeating "take it to the Lord in prayer!" As you listen to our piece this week, we hope it stays with you and gives you joy, hope, peace. Whatever it is, that is preying on you, know that you can lay it down at Jesus' feet.



ELCA MUSIC FEST

February 16, 2025 @4:00 P.M TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1010 Sill St La Crosse, WI

Please come and enjoy a concert filled with choir singers from our area ELCA churches. Each choir, including our own Journey Choir, will present an anthem. In addition, all the choirs will join to present three mass choir songs. It will be an afternoon of four-part choral singing in the tradition of Lutheran Choirs.





Building Update

The drywall in the Fellowship Hall was completed earlier this week which means that all mitigation is done and we can now look forward to putting things back together again! This Tuesday, February 18th, we will be having a "Painting Party" in the Fellowship Hall, SIGN UP HERE if you are available to help out. We are also looking for any supplies you may have for painting including rollers, trays, and edging/cutting brushes. SIGN UP HERE to provide supplies.

We were also able to upgrade our electrical outlets in the Fellowship Hall before the drywall was filled in which will be a great help during potluck dinners, Heritage Meals, and our new Chili Cook-Off. New flooring for the Fellowship Hall and Fireside Room Entry has been chosen and should arrive in the next 1-2 weeks.

We will have updates on the financials of this work as soon as our numbers become finalized. We thank you so much for all your hard work and patience as we navigate this situation.

"Painting Party!"

Sign Up Here to help us paint the Fellowship Hall this Tuesday, February 18th.



LuMin Community Worship



Sundays: 2/23, 3/30, 4/13, and 5/4



Participate in intergenerational community worship as we create brave space to explore core values through storytelling, theology, and fellowship. Each Sunday offers different programming: join as many as you are able!



Sign up Required! https://bit.ly/305uy0m



Worship at 5pm. Dinner at 6pm.



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Lutherans in Black History Month

From the La Crosse Area Synod:

Sparked by the tragic death of George Floyd in May 2020, members of <u>Trinity Lutheran</u>, <u>Lansdale</u>, <u>Pa.</u>, approached Karen Matthias-Long, an ELCA deacon who was then serving as the congregation's director of faith formation, for support in researching resources to educate their children at home about racial justice.

From that request, Trinity's Racial Justice Ministry was formed. Its mission is to educate the congregation about the causes and effects of racism and to find ways to respond and address the issue.

The team offers book groups, meet-ups and workshops; provides resources; collaborates with other local racial justice groups; and organizes visits to exhibitions and important sites in Black history. In 2024 the group created a Black History Month exhibition. The window display features 19 notable Black Lutherans who shaped the church's history, some of whom are shown in this photo gallery. 5 more people were added to the Exhibit this year.

You can download the pdf of the entire display here.

Article posted Feb. 10, 2025 by Living Lutheran

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Journey for the use of your facility and great hospitality for the pizza fundraiser. We always have a good time working together. It sends a good message to the community and to our youth. I've had several good compliments on the pizzas as well! I hope your remodel project is coming along and things can get back to normal for all of you.

Thank you, Bette Pedretti (Halfway Creek)

Blood Drive Tuesday, March 11

Sign Up Here to donate Blood at our next Blood Drive. Help us reach at least 30 donors to earn \$300+ for Journey!



Our next Ruby's Pantry distribution date is **February 19, 4:30-6pm.** If you want to sign up to volunteer at the distribution you can use the link below or sign up at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for helping us make this ministry successful!

<u>Click Here</u> to register as a volunteer with Ruby's Pantry. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to sign up to volunteer at our February Ruby's Pantry.