

January 26, 2025

JOURNEY LUTHERAN

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



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 26th

8:30am Choir Rehearsal, 9:30am Worship,
10:30am Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 29th

5:45pm Confirmation

Saturday, February 1st

5pm Bingo & Meal, 7pm Concert

Sunday, February 2nd

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

Google Calendar Link

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If you grabbed an Annual Report last Sunday make sure you bring it back to use during the Annual Meeting this Sunday!

Coffee Sponsor

Thank you to this week's Coffee Sponsor,
The Nordstrom Family.



Happy **BIRTHDAY**

*January 29th - Adalyn Moldenhauer,
Todd Monti, Bob Tracey*



Important Annual Meeting Information

As we prepare to gather after worship this Sunday there are a few things to be aware of.

1. This year we plan on updating our constitution, these updates include language updates from the ELCA and the change to our ministry teams structure. The entire constitution was emailed out on Thursday, we will be voting on the 3 continuing resolutions found at the end of the document. There will also be a few paper copies available on Sunday for anyone to look at prior to worship.
2. A minor change to the budget has happened between printing the reports and our meeting on Sunday. An accidental omission of the requested funds from Green Team and the Landscaping Group has been corrected. This amounts to \$300 each for a total of \$600. The updated budget was emailed out on Thursday.
3. The Annual Meeting Agenda was also emailed out, please read through it ahead of time to prepare.
4. Because the Fireside Room is still affected from the water damage we are asking everyone to please enter through the Sanctuary Doors this Sunday. We will have access to the hallway and bathrooms but not the Fellowship Hall or Fireside Room. Thank you!
5. Unfortunately, our Potluck Lunch will not be able to take place this Sunday as we continue to recover from the Water Damage in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. However, we plan on still having coffee and tea at the back of the sanctuary as always.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility during this chaotic week. We look forward to seeing you at worship and Annual Meeting this Sunday!

Burst Pipe Update

On Wednesday, January 22nd we discovered that a pipe had burst overnight at the church causing extensive water damage to the Fellowship Hall, Fireside Room, & Kitchen.

We immediately filed an insurance claim and got to work cleaning the water out. We are very thankful that no damage was done to the Sanctuary, Education Wing, or the office.

Worship and the Annual Meeting will be held as normal on Sunday, however due to the damage to the Fellowship Hall we will not be able to have our potluck lunch.

When you arrive at church this Sunday, please use the Sanctuary Doors.

A huge thank you to those who were nearby and got here quickly to help us manage the situation!

Outreach Update for Dec 2024-Jan 2025

Ruby's Pantry distributions continue through the cold and snowy weather. In December we sold 201 shares. January saw an increase and we sold 292 shares. Journey receives 10% of each share sold to use towards benevolence. We want to thank everyone that has volunteered or donated to Ruby's Pantry.

Our January concert, bingo and concessions were a huge success. We had around 85 people in attendance at the concert. Bingo was also well attended. Over 500 bingo cards were played with 10 winners declared. The bingo players brought an appetite, as we sold out of sloppy joes. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a success. We look forward to seeing you on February 1 for bingo, brats/hotdogs and a concert by Dan Sebranek, Mary Cortesi, and Hans Mayer.

Thank you to everyone who donated hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. Thank you to Amy and Dave Denson for securing a Thrivent grant to purchase additional items. We collected 80 pairs of mittens, 83 hats, 93 pairs of gloves, and 20 scarves. The items were distributed to Holmen Elementary Schools and Catholic Charities.

Journey Church Directory Competed!!

You can pick up your copy for \$10 this Sunday

Superbowl Pizza Fundraiser



Our annual Superbowl Pizza sale is back! Order forms can be found on the Welcome Table. This pizza is delicious and makes for an easy meal all year! Order some for Superbowl Sunday and to put in the freezer for the rest of the year. Pick-up on Feb 5th or Feb 9th

[Order Online Here](#)

Pizza Assembly will be on Wednesday, February 5th, [volunteer here.](#)

Heritage Meal Update

The Heritage Team would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the exceptional turnout of 56 people, representing 26 families, at our first event of the year on January 18, 2025. The Heritage Meal celebrated Germany, Gingerbread, and Nutcrackers and was a resounding success. By connecting our Lutheran heritage practices (fellowship) with our cultural heritage (food), we fostered relationships and built a stronger community through delightful cuisine and engaging conversations.

The 2 ½ hour event featured a delectable 4-course tasting menu curated by a talented team, including Ruth Baardseth, Kelly Jones (Ruth's daughter), Joey Jones (Ruth's son-in-law), Meredith Hink, John Hink, Tuenis Zondag, and Chris Senvold.



The menu was as follows:

- 1st Course: Brezeln, Obatzda, Graubrot, Kräuterbutter, Sauerkrautsuppe, Linsensuppe mit Pflaumen, Bier and Glühwein
- 2nd Course: Rotkohl, Wiener, Schwäbischer Kartoffelsalat (Traditional Christmas Eve meal)
- 3rd Course: Kopfsalat Mit Joghurt, Sauerbraten, Königsberger Klopse, Spätzle, and Kohlrabigemüse (National Dishes)
- 4th Course: Lebkuchen, Stollen, Rumkugeln, Pfeffernüsse, and Springerle (Traditional Christmas Sweets)

Thank you to all who participated and contributed to making this event a memorable one. We look forward to organizing more heritage-focused gatherings in the future.

We believe whoever you are, however you come, you are welcome here...

CONCERT & BINGO!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

Bingo and Brats/Hot Dogs at 5pm

Concert at 7pm

DAN SEBRANEK, MARY CORTESI,
& HANS MAYER



Performing a mixture
of rock, folk, blues, &
original songs

Bingo Cards 2/\$1
Concert Free Will
Donation

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We are still looking for volunteers to help
throughout the night, if you can help out,

[sign up here!](#)

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 we prepare this Sunday to plan for the coming year we also look to the coming years of our Heritage Meals. With so many new members 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

