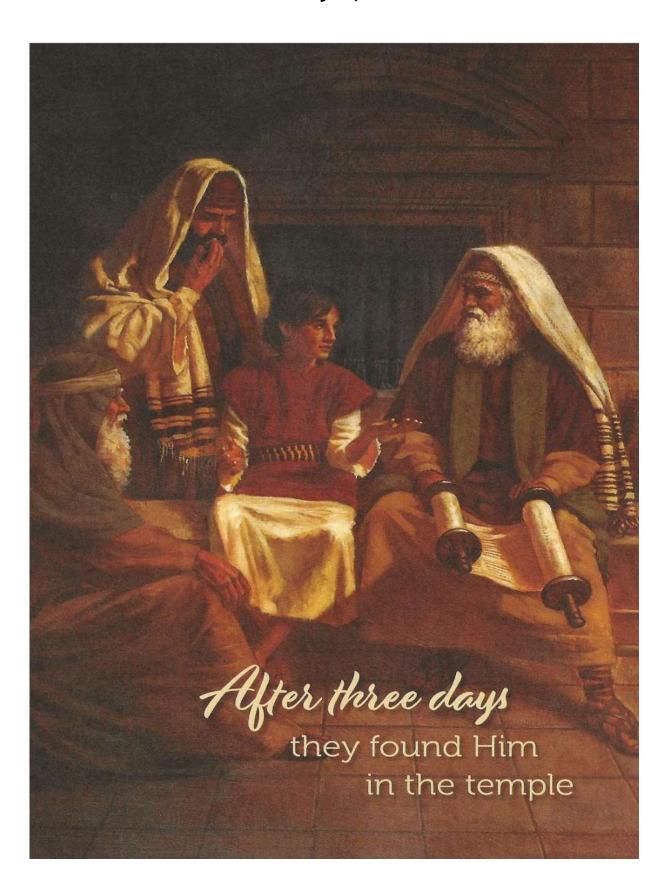
The 2nd Sunday after Christmas | January 5, 2025



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About the Cover

After Mary and Joseph found Him in the temple on the third day, Jesus responded, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" (Luke 2:49). After His death on the cross, women came to the tomb looking for Jesus on the third day. But the angels said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" (Luke 24:5-6). Jesus was doing what the Father sent Him to do: winning forgiveness, life and salvation for us. We cannot but treasure these things in our hearts as well.

Since **Holy Communion** presupposes a "common unity" of faith and doctrine among those who participate together in this Sacrament, we ask that those who desire to commune with us be confirmed members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. Those not able to come to the chancel may speak to the pastor or an elder to commune in their pew. If you have not previously communed here, please speak to the Pastor or an elder. If you are not communing, but would like to come to the chancel for a blessing, please kneel or stand with your arms crossed over your chest.

Hymn of Invocation: "Let All Together Praise Our God" LSB 389

- 1 Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne; Today He opens heav'n again To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
- He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
 Is born an infant small,
 And in a manger, poor and lone,
 Lies in a humble stall,
 Lies in a humble stall.
- Within an earthborn form He hides
 His all-creating light;
 To serve us all He humbly cloaks
 The splendor of His might,
 The splendor of His might.
- He undertakes a great exchange,
 Puts on our human frame,
 And in return gives us His realm,
 His glory, and His name,
 His glory, and His name.
- He is a servant, I a lord:
 How great a mystery!
 How strong the tender Christ Child's love!
 No truer friend than He,
 No truer friend than He.

- 6 He is the key and He the door
 To blessèd paradise;
 The angel bars the way no more.
 To God our praises rise,
 To God our praises rise.
- △ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
 Lord Jesus, we adore
 And praise to God the Father yield
 And Spirit evermore;
 We praise You evermore.

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 184

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution LSB 185

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,* glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;* for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;* his understanding is beyond | measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,* in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!* Praise your God, O | Zion!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,* glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

Kyrie LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- **P** Glory be to God on high:
- and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O
 Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God,
 Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of
 the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the
 sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the
 right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For
 Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O
 Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of
 God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

- Let us pray... Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. 8And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. 14 And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6: Psalm 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 2:40-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.

- ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

- 1 From east to west, from shore to shore
 Let ev'ry heart awake and sing
 The holy child whom Mary bore,
 The Christ, the everlasting king.
- 2 Behold, the world's creator wears
 The form and fashion of a slave;
 Our very flesh our maker shares,
 His fallen creatures all to save.
- 3 For this how wondrously He wrought!
 A maiden, in her lowly place,
 Became, in ways beyond all thought,
 The chosen vessel of His grace.
- And while the angels in the sky
 Sang praise above the silent field,
 To shepherds poor the Lord Most High,
 The one great Shepherd, was revealed.
- △ 5 All glory for this blessèd morn
 To God the Father ever be;
 All praise to You, O Virgin-born,
 And Holy Ghost eternally.

Sermon: "Have We Lost Sight of Jesus?" Luke 2:40-52

Stand

Offertory LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Preface LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198

- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: "Within the Father's House"

LSB 410

- 1 Within the Father's house
 The Son has found His home,
 And to His temple suddenly
 The Lord of life has come.
- 2 The doctors of the Law
 Gaze on the wondrous child
 And marvel at His gracious words
 Of wisdom undefiled.
- 3 Yet not to them is giv'n
 The mighty truth to know,
 To lift the earthly veil that hides
 Incarnate God below.
- 4 The secret of the Lord
 Escapes each human eye,
 And faithful pond'ring hearts await
 The full epiphany.
- 5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
 And teach us by Thy grace
 Each dim revealing of Thyself
 With loving awe to trace
- △ 6 Till we behold Thy face
 And know as we are known
 Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Coequal Three in One.

- 1 Let our gladness have no end, alleluia! For to earth did Christ descend, alleluia! *Refrain*
- ref On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save us; Christ, His Son, to save us.
- 2 Prophesied in days of old, alleluia! God has sent Him as foretold, alleluia! *Refrain*
- 3 See, the loveliest blooming rose, alleluia! From the branch of Jesse grows, alleluia! *Refrain*
- 4 Into flesh is made the Word, alleluia! He, our refuge and our Lord, alleluia! *Refrain*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world

Thanksgiving LSB 200

- **P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.

without end. Amen.

P Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation LSB 201

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 201

- **P** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you

C Amen, amen, amen.

peace.

Hymn to Depart: "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" LSB 375

- Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising; Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.
- 2 Christ, from heav'n to us descending And in love our race befriending; In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily foe.

- Jacob's star in all its splendor
 Beams with comfort sweet and tender,
 Forcing Satan to surrender,
 Breaking all the pow'rs of hell.
- From the bondage that oppressed us, From sin's fetters that possessed us, From the grief that sore distressed us, We, the captives, now are free.
- Oh, the joy beyond expressing
 When by faith we grasp this blessing,
 And to You we come confessing
 That Your love has set us free.
- 6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your lowly manger cheer us, Gently lead us and be near us Till we join Your choir above.

THANK YOU TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

Preacher: Rev. Gary A. Wright

Organist: Julia Koester

Elders: 10:45 A.M.: Lew Steinbrecher ~ Jeff Welvaert

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES...GOD WILLING

SUNDAY, JAN 5	9:30 A.M.	Bible Class ~ Sunday School
Pantry Sunday ~ Cristo Rey	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service ~ Epiphany
TUESDAY	4:30 P.M.	Property Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:10 A.M.	Christmas Decor Clean-Up
	10:15 A.M.	Fitness Class
	10:40 A.M.	Fellowship Hour
	5:30 P.M.	BOE Meeting
	5:30 P.M.	No Confirmation Class
THURSDAY	12:30 P.M.	LWML
SUNDAY, JAN 12	9:30 A.M.	Bible Class ~ Sunday School
	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service

Per HIPPA privacy regulations, if you put someone on the prayer list, please make sure you have first secured their permission to do so.

Prayer List

Prayer list emphasis for today:

Recovering-Ongoing Health Concerns

Serious health conditions: Rev. Murdock, Bethany Albrecht, Fred Poe Silvis Center (Illini Restorative Care): Kathrine Hopkins Unity Point – Trinity: Jan Phillips, Sandy Bopes

Celebrating Birthdays This Week!!!

Vicki Hamilton ~ Mike Gray ~ Penny Dawson

Please remember to complete one of the attendance cards in the pew rack. This information is used for many planning purposes!

The flowers on the altar are provided by Jan Tutskey in celebration of Jerry Tutskey's birthday!

Do you have an unused but still functioning tablet? Consider donating it to Kibos Hope Academy in Kenya! This is a school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, a partner church of the LCMS. They are in need of tablets, especially iPads. Pastor Tim Eckert will be visiting there at the end of January and can deliver the tablets in person. Please notify him by phone, 563-508-5040, or by e-mail, iowaeastdeaf@yahoo.com, no later than Jan. 14 if you have a tablet to donate.

Thank you!
Pastor Tim Eckert
Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Davenport

If you purchased an 8" Poinsettia, make sure to pick it up after today's service. They are located in the entryway.

Our Pantry Sunday recipient for the month of January is Cristo Rey. Please keep them in your thoughts while you're out shopping!

Join us this Wednesday, January 8th right after bible class to help put away the Christmas decor throughout the church. A special thank you to all the members who dedicated their time to make our church look amazing during the holiday season!

Note... If you would like to receive a printout of your weekly contributions for 2024, they will be available upon request anytime after January 10th. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Just a reminder... There will be **NO** Peace Quilters in the month of January.

Fitness Class/Fellowship Hour

Exercise class begins at 10:15 A.M. immediately following the 9 A.M. Bible Class led by Pastor Wright. Come join in for the 20-minute chair exercises followed by Coffee Hour and Fellowship with friends. Coffee, tea, and treats are served. Everyone is invited!

ATTENTION!!!

The staff at Holy Cross is currently in the process of updating our records of contact information for members, etc. If you need to update your address, phone number or email, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Volunteers are needed to watch the security monitor during our services! If you can help in this way, please sign the sheet in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Board of Elders.

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING

CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Promises of God, The Top Biblical Archeological Discoveries of 2024, Eastern Orthodoxy, the Book of Lamentations and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org:

Celebrate the season of Christmas with sacred music and songs during the 12 Days of Christmas, December 24th-January 6th. Regular programming will resume on January 7th.

Prayer List

Members in Facilities: Cedarhurst, Moline-Susan Wyant; Park Vista-Ron & Caroline Luecke; Wodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg- Dick Ristau; Illini Restorative Care- Henry Setton; Friendship Manor- Dick Hochstetler, Phyllis Thorngren; Mercer Manor, Aledo-Bob Koehler; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Moline- Jan Phillips; Hope Creek, East Moline-Elizabeth Cobb

Serving in the Military: Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen) Leith Masri (son of Peggy Jones), Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean) Brett Kramer (grandson of Terry Kramer).

Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer: Rev. Murdock, Kathrine Hopkins. Friends & family of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:

Steven Bell (nephew of Pastor & Phyllis Murdock), Dan Schmidt (brother of Sarah Paller) Tom Leahey (son-in-law of Bob Hellstrom) Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen, Peggy Arkland (friend of the McLaughlin's), Kim Trask (sister of Robbie Garrison),

Corey Dombrowski (neighbor of Dan & Melissa Thorngren).