

with safe boundaries, building walls rather than bridges, denying our connection with all those you love.

Forgive us, God, and give us new hearts to love and serve you. Write your Word within us. Make yourself known to us as we live today. For we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whom you most fully have revealed yourself. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Be of good courage, for God sent the Word into the world not to judge but to save. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sin is forgiven.

P: Through the power of the Spirit, let us live as children of God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 8:14-17

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

A TIME OF LEARNING: “Baptism: What is it?” Projected
With Luther House of Study

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed Projected

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

SPECIAL MUSIC: “The Greatest King of All”, *David Thompson* Senior Choir

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Beneath the Waters (I will rise) with Hillsong Worship Projected

MEDITATION: “Birth, Rebirth, and Resurrection” Rev. Mundell

*HYMN: “Come Down, O Love Divine” R147/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: The outpouring of God's spirit described in the baptism of Jesus reminds us that God's very nature is generous, self-giving love. It is the source of our deepest joy. When we open our hearts in generous giving, we give space for God's love and joy to grow in us for the good of others. May our hearts be stretched wide by this motion of the Holy One, as we joyfully bring our gifts.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: O Gracious God, we thank you for the invitation to grow through giving, made possible by Your outpouring spirit. May these gifts we bring be used to form ever-new blessings in this congregation and around the world. And may our lives be the instruments of love and joy you desire. Amen.

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

Insert/Projected

*BENEDICTION: "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*Postlude

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

INVITATION

L: The Body of Christ continues to be renewed and refreshed. As members, we belong to the baptized and covenantal life in Christ. We gather today to affirm our faith and renew our commitments as followers of Jesus.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from a Reading from the Second National Meeting of United Church of Christ Women)

L: O God, because you are the source of all life and love and being,

P: We call you Creator.

L: Because we know the history of your presence Among your covenanted people and honor their tradition,

P: We call you Lord.

L: Because our Savior, Jesus Christ, your obedient child, knew you intimately and spoke of you so,

P: We call you Father.

L: Because you are present in each act of birth; and because you shelter, nurture and care for us,

P: We call you Mother.

L: Because you hold us up and give us strength and courage when we are weak and in need,

P: We call you Sustainer.

L: Because we have known you in our pain and suffering,

P: We call you Comforter.

L: Because beyond pain lies your promise of all things made new,

P: We call you Hope.

L: Because you are the means of liberation and the way to freedom,

P: We call you Deliverer.

L: Because you have chosen to come among us and share our common lot, making the hard choices, suffering and dying; because you rose victorious, bringing new life,

P: We call you Redeemer.

L: Confident that you will hear, we call upon you with all the names that make you real to us, the names which create an image in our minds and hearts, an image which our souls can understand and touch. And yet we know that you are more than all of these. Blessing and power, glory and honor be unto you, our God, Amen.

L: Do you believe in the One of Many Names, God, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit?

P: We believe in the God of Many Names.

L: Do you reject the powers of oppression in this world, the systems that marginalize and degrade human beings and communities created by God, and the norms of the world at odds with the way of God's kingdom?

P: We do, with the help of God.

L: Do you embrace grace as God's gift, to be freely given and freely received?

P: We do, with the help of God.

L: Do you recommit to the covenantal and baptized life, the cost and joy of discipleship, and the community of belonging as a member of the Body of Christ?

P: We do, with the help of God.

RENEWAL: "I am God's Beloved. I am Baptized."

L: John the Baptist told his disciples that he baptized them with water but the one to come would baptize with the Holy Spirit. As we receive the mark of our renewed baptismal vows, we recognize the movement of the Holy Spirit within us and among. For those who wish to as you are leaving today, please come forward and dip your finger in the water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead repeating these words: "I am God's beloved. I am baptized." Because you are God's beloved. You are baptized.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

L: Voice, Body, Spirit, we give thanks for the gathering of your people into a beloved community of belonging. By our baptism, we accept the invitation to public and faithful witness to the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world and to be instruments to that work. May we live the baptized life in the Spirit as caring companions of one another, with accountability, support, and grace. Shelter us in your love, nourish us in your truth, and uphold us in your word. May it be so. Amen.



OUR SAVIOUR'S
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 11:00 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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Ross Barnett and Tina Kuehn Jan 9, Deanna Gehrke and David Hahn, Jan 13

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 5	Livestream: 54	Total: 59
Sunday:	In-Person: 78	Livestream: 74	Total: 152

General Fund: \$3,297.00 OCWM: \$87.50 Capital Improvements: \$190.50

Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Keith Mulder

Liturgist: Cal Fischer

Musician: Nicole Burdick

CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN WORK PARTY

On Saturday, January 11th, at 9:00 am we will be gathering to take down the arch, several smaller trees, and the beautiful church decorations. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated! Do as much or as little as you are comfortable with, every bit helps get the work done. There is a rumor that there might be donuts at the work party just in case anyone feels faint from starvation. Thank you!

BAPTISM ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

The Baptism of Fergus Mundell, son of Dakota and Katrina Mundell and grandson of Rev. Dr. Kevin Mundell and Kelly Mundell, is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th during the 9:00 am service.

OSUCC ANNUAL MEETING

The date for our OSUCC Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 16, 2025. On February 2nd, printed copies of the full report will be available here at church for members to take home and review.

To hit the February 2nd deadline, we will need all committees to submit their yearly report in electronic format to the office, osuccipon1@gmail.com, no later than noon on Thursday, January 23rd. These reports will be reformatted as needed to match the annual report's format and added in to that document. This will be a tight deadline to hit, so please help us make it work out by getting those reports into us as early as possible. Thank you!

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION



Suggested food items for *January* are:

Oatmeal; breakfast bars; pancake mix; pancake syrup; single serve cereals (usec in emergency food bags); canned meats such as SPAM, tuna, or chicken; Hamburger Helper type meals; fresh fruits and vegetables; canned soups; canned chili; and tortillas.

The Ripon Community Food Pantry is now accepting donations of toilet paper, paper towels, and boxes of tissues. Next month they will add shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and bath soap.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Sandra Badtke, Jim Clausen, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Sue Meyer, Barb Schultz, Ron Triemstra, Chris Wiegand, and 12 Unspoken.

PINEWOOD DERBY SEASON IS HERE

Did you know that since 1953, Cub Scouts have raced hand-carved wooden cars down a track, learning about craftsmanship and competition? Each Scout starts with a basic kit, helps build their car with their parent or mentor, then personalizes their car with paint, decals, and added weight. They can attend any of the Pinewood Derby Clinics being held here on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 pm for help and to fine tune their car's performance.

On Friday, January 24th, the Pinewood Derby track will be set up at 5 pm, then is open for practice runs till 7 pm. Saturday, January 25th is **Derby Day** with a division for Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and an Out Law race! The action starts at 9:00 am so come enjoy the excitement and cheer them all on!



QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Please feel free to use either of these two scannable QR codes with your Smart Phone.



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Jan. 9 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sat. Jan. 11 9:00 am - Christmas Take Down Work Party
- Sun. Jan. 12 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Education
2:00 pm - Pack 3735 Pinewood Derby Clinic
- Mon. Jan. 13 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
- Tues. Jan. 14 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Grace Lutheran Church
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Jan. 16 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sun. Jan. 19 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Education
2:00 pm - Pack 3735 Pinewood Derby Clinic
- Mon. Jan. 20 4:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 pm - Christian Education Committee Meeting
6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
6:00 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Tues. Jan. 21 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Immanuel United Methodist Church
5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting