

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2024



Jesus, this Valentine's month and all year long, help me live in love so that, whatever else I do, I will not be "a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1, NRSV).

Please remember the following in prayer Glen Stroschal, Ted Jackson, Ruth Laabs, Nancy Lipka, Marilyn Mudd, Betty Clark, Cindy Pham, Nancy and Bruce Birmingham, Gisele Richardson, Roger Thorsvold, The Miller family, Beth Fuller, John & Christina Brasmer, Tammy Crynes,



Birthdays and Anniversaries for this week:

Feb. 2 – Rick Ohrn,
7 – Renee Ketelsen
8 – Megan Necessary

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING - FEBRUARY 3

There will be a Service Committee meeting on Monday, February 3 at 11:15 in the Upper Room. We will discuss service opportunities for 2025. If you are interested in what volunteer opportunities are available for 2025 or have some new ideas, please join us. If you cannot attend this meeting, but have some ideas and would like to be involved, please contact Valorie Daniel.

WELCA - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

WELCA will meet Wednesday, February 5 at 11:00 in the Upper Room. Bring a food item to share. Friends welcome. Volunteers for devotions welcome.



SOUPEL BOWL SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 9



February 9 is Souper Bowl Sunday. We will be collecting monetary donations for churches United food pantries after the service. Empty your piggy banks and check your couches for change! Make some noise as you drop it in the pot. We will also except bills and checks.

MARCH Newsletter Deadline – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

All articles for the February newsletter should be emailed to the church office or placed in my box by **Tuesday, February 11**. The newsletter will be in your box on Sunday, February 23. (Please note – Teri will be in the office on Monday, February 10 through Wednesday, February 12).

Newsletter
DEADLINE



WELCA BASEMENT SALE Friday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gather all those things you thought you needed and never use. Gather collections that you never display anymore. Old Jewelry, utensils, pictures & frames – furniture – etc. If it's sitting there in a box or on a shelf just taking up room – Bring it to the sale! Place all your goodies in the room downstairs. **NO CLOTHING!** Start now – we need your treasures to share – in our sale. Call me if you have questions – Sandy Ohrn – 309-373-8261.

What will the presence of the Lutheran Church look like in the next five or ten years?

FEBRUARY 9 – from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. - Gerber Center, Augustana College

The pastors of the eight ELCA congregations in the Quad Cities have been contemplating that question for the last year or so. We don't have a definitive answer. But we do know that, for several reasons (declining worship attendance, aging membership, shortage of pastors), our ministries will need to be different. Starting in October we invited our congregation's lay leaders to join the discussion.

Now we would like to invite any and all interested members to be a part of the conversation. On February 9, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, we would like to invite anyone interested to gather at Augustana College in the Gerber Center. Our task will be to engage in some holy imagining about how we can best continue our mission as God's people in the Quad Cities in the face of our various challenges.

This is a similar process to what St. James and Calvary are already doing in shared ministries and the vision team. This will just expand the scope of our vision to include the congregations of Moline and Rock Island

Please let me emphasize: the purpose of this meeting is not to advocate for or introduce a process of merging and/or closing congregations. We are simply acknowledging the issues and looking for ideas.

There is no registration. However, we would like to have an idea of how many people might attend so we can have adequate supplies (including cookies and coffee). So, please see Pastor Knowles for additional details and to let him know if you think you will participate.

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH – TRIVIA – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

We are hosting an afternoon trivia (game, contest?) event on Sunday, February 23rd at 12:30 pm. This is a fundraiser and all proceeds will flow to the community. Reservations are due by February 20. (Flyer is on the bulletin board in hallway).

LOOKING AHEAD to MARCH HELP NEEDED FOR LENTEN LUNCHES....

This year, as in the past, we would like to serve Lenten Lunches. Watch the table in the Upper Room for the sign-up sheet. If you have thought about serving or would like more information, please see Charlene Lundstrom. The dates are: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9.



SUNDAY SERVANTS

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If you will be out of town and need help finding a sub, please let the office know.
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Altar Guild for February

Renee Ketelsen & Candice Tennison

Back Door Greeter for February:

Feb. 2 – Terry Langsotn
Feb. 9 – Vicki McAlister
Feb. 16 – Gary Gross
Feb. 23 – Linda Chase

Lector and Communion Assistant for February:

Feb. 2 – Gary Gross (L & CA); Bruce Daniel (CA)
Feb. 9 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA); Sandy Ohrn (CA)
Feb. 16 – Paul Levesque (L & CA); Dawn Levesque (CA)
Feb. 23 – Karla Kirkwood-Johnson (L); Connie & Terry Langston (CA)

Offering Counters for February:

Feb. 2 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
Feb. 9 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister
Feb. 16 – Deb Faith & Connie Langston
Feb. 23 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts

Usher/Greeter for February:

Feb. 2 – Vicki McAlister & Volunteer
Feb. 9 – Bruce & Val Daniel
Feb. 16 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase
Feb. 23 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross

Church Staff:

Pastor Rev. Donald Knowles Secretary: Teri Griebel
Accompanists: Mary Knowles & Penny Rhomberg Parish Nurse: Becki Maxson

All are welcome to come to the Upper Room before and after the worship service
for Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship.