

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2024

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,



I S A I A H 6 : 8

Wherever you call me to go this week, Lord, may I respond like Isaiah: “Here I am. Send me” (Isaiah 6:8). And may my time at worship today strengthen me to do just that.

Please remember the following in prayer Glen Strosahl, 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. 9 – Beth Fuller
- 10 – Kendall Knowles
- 15 – Elaine Foster

TODAY - SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY-



Today is Souper Bowl Sunday. We are collecting monetary donations for churches United food pantries after the service. Hope you have Emptied your piggy banks and checked your couches for change! Let's Make some noise as you drop it in the pot. We will also except bills and checks.

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

**TODAY – 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. Please see Pastor Knowles for additional details and to let him know if you think you will participate.

MARCH Newsletter Deadline – Tuesday, February 11

Newsletter
DEADLINE

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 Monday, February 10 through Wednesday, February 12).



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.

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. Adults - \$10. Reservations are due by February 20. Call church office – 309-764-5614 or email: salem@slaemmoline.org. Checks are made out to Salem Lutheran – Memo (Trivia) (Flyer is on the bulletin board in hallway).

HELP NEEDED FOR APRIL 9 LENTEN LUNCH

We still have April 9 available. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to serve this year. There will be a reminder in the March newsletter and future bulletins.



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. 9 – Vicki McAlister

Feb. 16 – Gary Gross

Feb. 23 – Linda Chase

Lector and Communion Assistant for February:

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. 9 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister

Feb. 16 – Deb Faith & Connie Langston

Feb. 23 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts

Usher/Greeter for February:

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.