

# WEEKLY WITNESS

## JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 4, 2024

### WORSHIP GUIDELINE UPDATE

◇ **Masks are optional.**

### WORSHIP SERVICE

The service is live-streamed and posted to YouTube.  
The audio service is on the website.

### REGULAR AND NOISY OFFERINGS

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate and the Noisy bucket.  
Noisy Offering for January, February, and March is designated for the Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministry camperships.

### UPON YOUR DEPARTURE FROM WORSHIP TODAY PLEASE REMEMBER TO

fill out the blue attendance slip and place it in the woven basket in the Narthex. You may take your used bulletin and Weekly Witness with you or place them in the wire basket in the Narthex.

### REMINDER REGARDING VISITATIONS

If you or a family member is homebound and desire to be on United Lutheran's home visitation list, please contact our Secretary for Pastoral Care, Marie Sandell. She will obtain the necessary contact information from you. Please make sure we have a current telephone number for you. Unless you contact us we cannot know for certain the candidates for the homebound visitation list.

### PASTOR'S PERSONAL DAY

Pastor Anthony's office hours on Fridays are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. His personal time is from 12:00 noon Friday through 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

### FUNERALS

Before setting a date and time for a funeral that utilizes United and/or United's pastor, it is necessary that you contact the church office to clear a date.

## Ministry Notes

### **ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD TODAY AT 11:00 A.M.**

- Congregational representatives will be chosen and United Lutheran's 2024 vision for ministry will be determined.
- The youth are serving breakfast from 8:00-9:15 a.m. This is a fund-raising event. Breakfast casseroles, fruit, rolls, sweets, donuts, juice, coffee are on the menu. A free-will offering will be collected.

### **OWLS**

OWLS will meet on Thursday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m. for Jimmy John's. Sign-up sheets are located in the Fellowship Area for the meal. There is also a sheet for serving in 2024. Please sign up by February 4. Cost is \$7.00.

### **CELEBRATING AN ORDINATION**

Erick Hill, former member of United and son of George & Jo Hill, has accepted a call to be pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church at 5015 South 80 Street, Ralston, Nebraska, 68127. Cards celebrating Erick's ordination may be sent to this address.

Erick began his duties on January 9. His ordination was held yesterday at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Gretna.

Installation will be at Messiah TODAY.

### **UNITED'S EMERGENCY COMMUNITY PANTRY**

Help supply the Little Pantry on United's property by providing:

1 lb. bag of rice	1 lb. bag of pasta	Granola bars	Raisins
Box of Mac 'n Cheese (standard size)		Pudding cups (any flavor)	
Snack Crackers (cheese and/or peanut butter)	Ramen Noodles	Tuna	

Monetary gifts are also accepted. Designate to the "Little Pantry."

### **LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY**

The Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry is collecting donations of food.

Please consider bringing food items to United.

The collection box is in the Narthex.

Items needed include:

1 pound bag of rice	Canned fruit	Instant potatoes
Canned chicken	Dry pasta noodles	Juice
Ramen noodles	Hamburger helper	Canned meals with meat

Hygiene items and monetary donations (designate "Lutheran Pantry") are also needed.

## Suggested Prayers for Daily Intercession

- ◆ As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.
- ◆ Caring God, we pray your blessings on Oliver Jon Johanson today as he receives the rite of Baptism. Oliver is the son of Joshua and Emily Johanson. Baptismal sponsors are Brittany and Joe Synhorst. Julia Johanson is Oliver's grandmother.
- ◆ Loving God, we pray that you be with the family and friends of Darlene Willmann whose baptism came to fulfillment on January 21.
- ◆ Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed.
- ◆ Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness.
- ◆ Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer.
- ◆ Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love.
- ◆ Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care.
- ◆ Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### *Individuals for whom we as a congregation may daily pray:*

**MEMBERS:** Jeff Peterson, Nancy Lind-Olson, Jim Hauptmeier, and John Nason.

**FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** David Linsenmeyer (Marny Janssen's brother), Christa Anderson (Dave & Martha Hansen's daughter), Margaret Coon (Cindy Robinson's friend), Michael Finke (Sylva Finke's nephew), Josh Hansen (Michelle Hansen-Daberkow's brother), Bobby Meier (friend of the Trutna's), Jody Jochen (Sally Mertens' sister-in-law), Tom Jochen (Sally Mertens' brother), Helen Waldman (Illene Fry's sister).

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jack Trutna (28), Lana Johnson (28), Barb Westlake (29), Gloria Asch (1), Jan Lubben (3), Linda Stubbendick (4), Genine Hovick (4), Stephen Exon III (4), Harrison Schmeeckle (4).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian & Stacie Jung (1-31-2015).

## This Week

- ♦ BREAKFAST SERVED BY YOUTH—TODAY—8:00-9:15 A.M.
- ♦ NO SERMON TEXT STUDY—TODAY
- ♦ WORSHIP—TODAY AT 9:30 A.M.
- ♦ ANNUAL MEETING—TODAY—11:00 A.M.
- ♦ NO SMILEY—TODAY DUE TO ANNUAL MEETING
- ♦ TEXT STUDY—MONDAY, JANUARY 29 AT 1:00 P.M.
- ♦ CHOIR REHEARSAL—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 7:00 P.M.

## Next Week

- ♦ SERMON TEXT STUDY—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 8:45 A.M.
- ♦ WORSHIP—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 9:30 A.M.
- ♦ FELLOWSHIP—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4— FOLLOWS THE SERVICE
- ♦ SMILEY—FEBRUARY 4 AT 10:45 A.M.
- ♦ LWR QUILTERS—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT 9:00 A.M.
- ♦ TEXT STUDY—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT 1:00 P.M.
- ♦ CHOIR REHEARSAL—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 7:00 P.M.
- ♦ O.W.L.S.—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 11:00 A.M.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider providing altar flowers for worship. The 2024 sign-up sheets are in the fellowship area.

### SCRIP CARDS

SCRIP will be sold before and after worship.

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The office is open 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, Monday through Friday.