PASTOR'S LETTER FOR JANUARY 2022

Greetings Friends!

Happy New Year! We are finally in 2022!

Our Zoom Bible Study is resuming on Tuesday January 11 at 7pm. Join us as we finish up our discussion on how the Bible was put together.

We will be having a congregational meeting after church on Sunday January 30. More information will be sent out about this meeting in the coming weeks.

I am so grateful to Randy Carlsen, Thelma Givan, and Tami Hanson for faithfully serving on Session. I encourage you to thank them for their leadership, they have worked hard, and have showed us what it means to be servant leaders. Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul and Ann Riggs, Bob Tracy, Steve Springsted, Howard Gransee, Jane and Don Heser, and Dan and Gayle Kaufeld. Thank you to our liturgists for the month of December: Rosalie Trom, Deb Dodds, and Sue Alberts. Thank you to all who helped with The Glory of Christmas Cantata including Gayle and Dan Kaufeld, the choir, the readers, the characters, and the costume coordinator. Thank you to everyone who set up coffee and brought food for fellowship.

My verse for us this month comes from 1 Chronicles 16:11-12: Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered."

May this new year remind us to have hope in Jesus Christ and that we serve a God who is present with us in all things!

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda



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January 1	Dan Driver
January 5	Ann Driver
January 6	Bob Tracy
January 7	Cora Holtz
January 11	Lucy Gransee
January 14	Paul Riggs
January 15	Roberta Pogalz
January 16	Rose Horsman
January 20	Felix Pedersen
January 23	Tyler Wanous
January 26	Elaine Gransee
	Jett Mittelstadt
January 28	Connie Blinsky

January Anniversaries

January 11	Robert & Judy Gransee
	Larry & Ruth Pedersen
January 16	Folmer & Jane Carlsen
	Marv & Rose Horsman
January 17	Jason & Joanne Pedersen



Pray for our servicemen in the military. *Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force *Peyton Wilke with the US Marines. *Carol Prenzlow - continuing rehabilitation. *Donna Dutton - for health and continued well being. *Grady Lundgren - as he continues treatment.

Also, his family for continued strength *Ruth Allen & family - our thoughts & prayers *Jim Stucky - recovery from surgery *Brevig Family - for continued strength



January Session Meeting on January 20th at 6:00 PM

Worship Committee Meeting on January 16th after church.



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Wednesday & Friday 9am—noon Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am



PW CORNER

Greetings all PW,

Once again another year has come to a close. The weather has certainly been mild so far with just a small amount of snow on the ground right now. It would have been nice to have just a little bit on the ground for a white Christmas, but it was very nice to not have any slippery streets or roads to travel on. The cantata on Christmas eve was very nice and well attended. Many thanks to all the choir members for their hard work and

also to Gayle and Dan for their dedicated hard work in putting it all together; and many thanks also to Quinita for teaming up with Dan for the piano/organ duet during the service that night. Many thanks also to everyone who played the roles of the characters in the cantata's story, you made it all so complete. Everything was wonderful!

There are no regular events for the PW in January. We have one new moderator – Paulette, and one returning moderator – Sue. We are both hoping to be able to have a more active year for the group. Perhaps some new and different happenings – you just never know what might be coming. (:

Our church will be delivering Meals On Wheels January 3-7 and in February it will be the 14^{th} through the 18^{th} . Many thanks to all who participate and to Sharon for keeping everything scheduled. All the recipients of the meals are very grateful for this service.

As always, many thanks to everyone who provides the coffee and goodies for our fellowship time after church each Sunday, everyone really enjoys that.

Please keep your prayers flowing for Carol, Ruth, Grady Lundgren and the Heser family as well as for all who have lost loved ones this past year. Prayers continue to be needed for all in the armed forces, all law enforcement personnel, everyone in government offices, all medical workers, and everyone dealing with COVID 19 issues. Hopefully a time will come when we no longer need to deal constantly with the issues of that virus.

BEAR HUGS

Friendship is a chain of goldEach link a smile, a laugh, a tear,Steadfast as the ages roll,Shaped in God's all perfect mold.A grip of the hand, a word of cheer.Binding closer soul to soul,

No matter how far or heavy the load,

Sweet is the journey on friendship's road.

A real friend believes in the real you, even when you doubt yourself.

Some people have their first dollar. The person who is really rich is the one who still has his first friend.

Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

One last time, Carol and I wish each and everyone of you a very Happy New Year. May you all be safe, healthy and happy.

It has been a pleasure working with Carol these past four years, even though the last two were made a little difficult with COVID, we made the best of it as much as we could. Carol, you are a good person to work with, THANK YOU.

Blessings to everyone, Carol and Sue, PW co-moderators



Bible Study

Zoom Bible Study January 2022

Zoom Bible Study will meet virtually on Zoom starting on Tuesday nights at 7pm

Here's what we are studying in January

Tuesday January 11 at 7pm-<u>Animate: Genre:</u> <u>Rhythm of the Texts</u>

Poetry, history, songs, letters, prophecies, even



dreams—this is the stuff the Bible is made of. So why do we struggle to make sense of the various genres of biblical literature. Jose Morales suggests there's more to understanding genre than just knowing the difference between a psalm and an epistle.

Tuesday January 18 at 7pm -Animate: Interpretation: Scripture Reads Us

There are the words on the page and then there are the words behind the words—the history, the context, the intention of the author. So is it easy to understand the Bible or not? Will Willimon gives us the tools to move beyond just reading the Bible to finding ways to make sense of what we find there. For Will, this is how we move from just knowing what the Bible says to allowing it to grab us, take hold in our hearts, and truly interpret us.

Tuesday January 25 at 7pm- Animate: Grace: Love is the Bottom Line

How do you love a book that's caused you nothing but pain? Jay Bakker takes us through his journey from hardline fundamentalist kid to faithless rebel young man to grace-filled pastor. Jay offers a new vision of the Bible for all those who have been hurt by well-meaning Christians, who have suffered at the hands of those who use the Bible to wound, who have doubted that there's anything worth reading in a book that has brought about so much struggle.

Extra Thoughts of 2021





Thanks to everyone who helped ring the bells for Salvation Army on Monday, December 20th. We helped raise \$948.15!





4th and 5th Grade Bible Presentation on Sunday November 14, 2021.





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