

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX

## ELW Setting Four - Sunday, January 14, 2024

### Second Sunday after Epiphany

#### Announcements

#### Prelude

#### Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Song - Brightest and Best of the Stars - ELW Hymn #303

### Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing,  
2 Cold on his cra-dle the dew-drops are shin-ing;  
3 What shall we give him, in cost-ly de-vo-tion?  
4 Vain-ly we of-fer each am-ple ob-la-tion,  
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing,  
dawn on our dark-ness and lend us your aid.  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Shall we bring in-cense and of-f'rings di-vine,  
vain-ly with gifts would his fa-vor se-cure;  
dawn on our dark-ness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the east, the ho-ri-zon a-dorn-ing,  
an-gels a-dore him in slum-ber re-clin-ing,  
gems of the moun-tain and pearls of the o-cean,  
rich-er by far is the heart's ad-o-ra-tion,  
Star of the east, the ho-ri-zon a-dorn-ing,  
guide where our in-fant re-deem-er is laid.  
mak-er and mon-arch and sav-ior of all.  
myrrh from the for-est or gold from the mine?  
dear-er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
guide where our in-fant re-deem-er is laid.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-1970, alt.  
Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Handing, 1850-1911, adapt.

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### Greeting (ELW p. 147)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### Kyrie (ELW p. 147)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 148)**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day (ELW p. 150)**

Let us pray.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless  
blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Song - God of Grace and God of Glory - ELW Hymn #705

### God of Grace and God of Glory

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days,  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

A reading from 1 Samuel.

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

<sup>1</sup> Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup> Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

*Refrain: You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)*

<sup>1</sup> LORD, you have <sup>1</sup> searched me out; O LORD, you <sup>1</sup> have known me.

<sup>2</sup> You know my sitting down and my <sup>1</sup> rising up; you discern my thoughts <sup>1</sup> from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my <sup>l</sup>resting-places and are acquainted with <sup>l</sup>all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word <sup>l</sup>on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it <sup>l</sup>altogether.**

**R You have searched me out and known me.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind <sup>l</sup>and before, and lay your <sup>l</sup>hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonder-<sup>l</sup>ful for me; it is so high that I cannot at-<sup>l</sup>tain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my <sup>l</sup>inmost parts; you knit me together in my <sup>l</sup>mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am mar-<sup>l</sup>velously made; your works are wonderful, and I <sup>l</sup>know it well.**

**R You have searched me out and known me.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hid-<sup>l</sup>den from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths <sup>l</sup>of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written <sup>l</sup>in your book; my days were fashioned before they <sup>l</sup>came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your <sup>l</sup>thoughts, O God! How great is the <sup>l</sup>sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number <sup>l</sup>than the sand;

to count them all, my life span would need to <sup>l</sup>be like yours.

**R You have searched me out and known me.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but

I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for

the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his

power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the

members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be

one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication!

Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you

have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

### **Gospel: John 1:43-51**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of

Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked

him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of

Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?

You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon (ELW p. 151) - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich  
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## Hymn of the Day - Jesus, Still Lead On - ELW Hymn #624

### Jesus, Still Lead On

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
Music: SEELNBRAUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

### Creed (ELW p. 152)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,



**was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

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.**

### **Peace (ELW p. 152)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **Offering (ELW p. 152)**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**Offering Prayer (ELW p. 152)**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 154)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing (ELW p. 155)**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

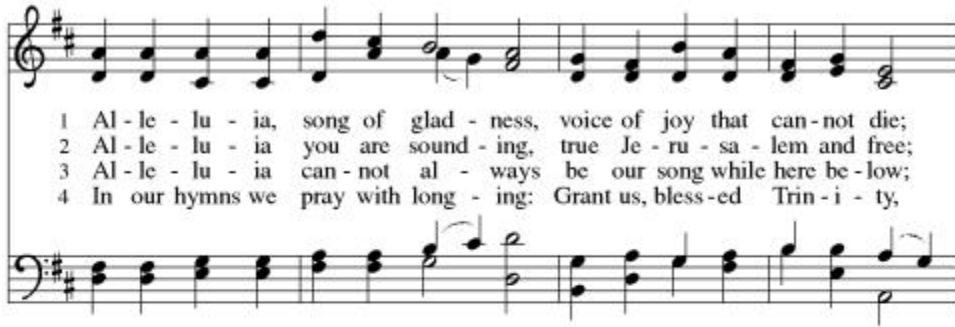
**Amen.**

The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

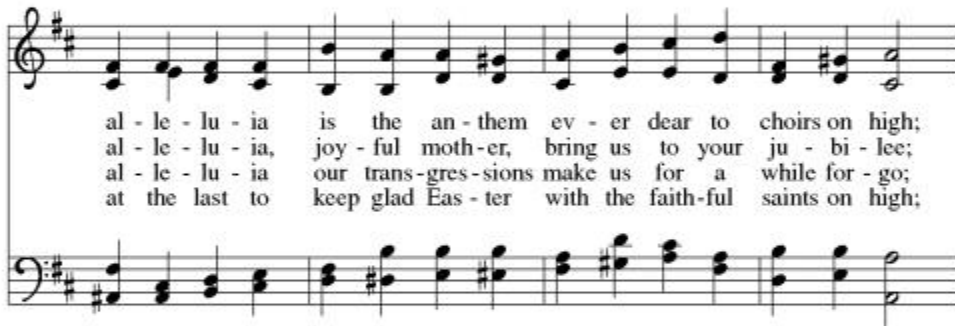
**Amen.**

## Sending Song - Alleluia, Song of Gladness - ELW Hymn #318

### Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow,  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

### Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**OFFICIATING & SERVING - Jan. 14th**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Lector:** Jill Marwitz  
**Usher Captain:** Tim Steglich  
**Ushers:** Justin Young, Michael, Joey, & Travis Saverse  
**Greeters:** Lenard & Gloria Steglich  
**Altar Care:** Weldon & Cedalia Kurtz  
**Teller Captain:** Jill Marwitz  
**Tellers:** Deborah Martin & Kriti Dague

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - Jan. 21st**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Pastor Asst:** Amanda Harper  
**Communion Asst:** Weldon Kurtz  
**Lector:** Sharon Randig  
**Usher Captain:** Tim Steglich  
**Ushers:** Justin Young, Michael, Joey, & Travis Saverse  
**Greeters:** Lenard & Gloria Steglich  
**Altar Care:** Weldon & Cedalia Kurtz  
**Teller Captain:** Jill Marwitz  
**Tellers:** Deborah Martin & Kriti Dague

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - Jan. 28th**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Lector:** Shirley Fischer  
**Usher Captain:** Jay Don Gommert  
**Ushers:** Glen Janke, Randall, Garrison, Weston, & Landon Rafay  
**Greeters:** Charles Hill & Jimmy Gommert  
**Altar Care:** Robert & Dorothy Marwitz  
**Teller Captain:** Pam Fleming  
**Tellers:** Charles Gersbach & David Tschoerner

**OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Dec 25	15	\$1,711.00	\$198,540.67
Jan 7	62	\$3,101.00	\$201,641.67

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Garland Wentreck	Stanley Glaser	Janie Barron Lange	Eldon Lange
Celeste Gamrod	Pansy Lange	Jeanell Janke	Risa Steglich
Letty Rose Taylor(Steven Wentreck's grandbaby)	Darrell Kurtz(Twin Brother of Harold Kurtz)		
Monica Blane(Pastor Daniel Blane's daughter)	Mike Bartek (friend of Alan and Retha)		
James Chapman(Dorothy Marwitz's Brother-in-law)	Ruth and Ray Janke		
Kim Ferguson (Linda and Virgil Ferguson's daughter)	Shelby Pagel		
Maria Avila Family-Deborah Martin's friend	Linda Pierce (friend of Betty Truelove)		

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Wednesday: Men's Bible Study each Wednesday in the TRC @ 7:30 am

Thursday: Piece Makers meet each Thursday in the TRC @ 1:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Piecemakers Request

The Piecemakers have asked for any sewing, crocheting, knitting, and supplies for sewing quilts. This would include sewing machines, scissors, rotary cutters, fabric, thread, pins and needles or anything that pertains to quilting.

### Pastoral Visits

We are encouraging those hospitalized, nursing home residents (or, their family members), and the homebound members and friends who wish to schedule an in-person pastoral visit or phone call to contact Pastor Jeremy Ullrich @ 979-421-3303 or the church office @ 254-527-3341.

**NOTE:** Pastor Ullrich will need to be listed as a "visitor of choice" in hospitals or nursing homes. This will need to be established by a family member.

### Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is at 9:15am in the TRC.

### Articles for the Newsletter

Please submit your articles for the monthly newsletter before the 19th of the month, as they are mailed out the following week. Thank you!

### Prayer Requests

When you make a prayer request for a non-member, please provide the church office with contact information so that we can send them a card. Thank you.

### Will-O-Bell Nursing Home Worship

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the residents of our local nursing home! Through communion and a 30-minute hymn sing-along, we are currently the only opportunity that nursing home residents have to worship! Please show these residents they are not forgotten by joining us on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Granger and on the third Thursday of each month at 10AM in Bartlett. Please come and make a resident smile.

### **Live Stream Learning**

St. John has purchased a camcorder to help with our live stream. We are looking for tech-inclined volunteers interested in testing out different settings. We will use an apprenticeship model for training, so you will have a mentor helping as long as you wish. For more information, contact the church office (254-527-3341).

### **Martha's Circle Bible Study**

Martha's Circle Bible Study will begin on January 24, 2024 @ 10am, for more information contact Janice Atchison (254-721-8477).

### **Flag Donations**

3x5 U.S. Flags with grommets are appreciated for our church. In memory of loved ones, you may donate flags, or make cash donations, at the church office. For further information contact Walt Saverse @ 254-770-8381, or contact the church office @ 254-527-3341.

### **Sisters in Christ Bible Study**

The Sisters in Christ Bible study (Saturday Bible Study) will resume on January 20, 2024 @ 10am they will begin a new series titled "Fierce" by Jennifer Cowart. This study covers lesser known ladies in the Bible and the ways they changed the world by living into God's calling.

### **Men's Bible Study**

The Men's Bible Study will resume at the usual 7:30am time on Wednesday January 3, 2024.

### **Congregation**

I want to thank everyone for their continued prayers, words of encouragement, cards and love sent to me. My family at St. John is amazing, as you continue to lift me up in prayer. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my days brighter and easier. God Bless You All, Celeste Gamrod .

### **Congregation Thank you!**

Janell Janek would like to thank everyone for the prayers, thoughts, visits, cards and phone calls checking on her the past few months and always.