

## Joys and Prayers

Prayers for healing for Grace Dixie Giese, her parents Brooke and Grant Giese, and her grandparents Steve and Sara Brantner. Baby Grace is in the neonatal intensive care unit in Rochester, experiencing some unexpected medical issues.

Prayers for Ann Cook who fell and broke her femur and has titanium rod put in. She is presently at the hospital in Menomonie.

Phil Diser had surgery on two small growths on his scalp on Tuesday. Please pray that it was successful and for successful healing.

Prayers for Kimberly Martinson who is back at Luther Hospital for more surgery, she is in a lot of pain. 1221 Whipple St, Eau Claire, WI 54703 Room #41006

Prayers for Pastor Wendy as she monitors some ongoing health challenges.

Please pray for Janet Mangette's sister in-law, Linda who has had surgery and tumor removed. Prayers for best outcome.

Continued prayers for Amanda Viana and Renee Kausie's brother, Craig.

Prayers for Connie Ludy's dad, George who is in the hospital. Guidance is needed for next steps.

Prayers for Kim Jensen who will be having surgery this week.

### Home Bound or in Care Centers

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## Sunday Bulletin

January 18, 2026

## Welcome

### WORSHIP WARM-UP

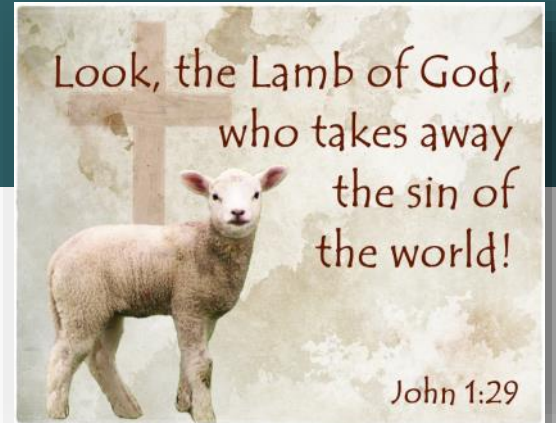
"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Hymnal #383

"Make Me A Servant" FWS #2176

"Holy Spirit, Come" Sing 2x Words on screen

"This Little Light of Mine"



### GREETING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

**People: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.**

\*OPENING SONG "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (vs, 1-4) Hymnal # 383

### OPENING PRAYER

**Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace when we would judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we would spew icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness**

tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen.

Written by Kwasi Kena, The Africana Worship Book Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 84.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Come, Follow that Star”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 49:1-7

Proverbs 3:5-6

John 1:29-42

MESSAGE “New Beginnings: Stepping Out in Faith”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer

PRAYER HYMN “Light of the World” Faith We Sing # 2204

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY Hymnal # 94

OFFERING PRAYER

Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. **Amen.**

\*HYMN This Little Light of Mine” Hymnal # 585

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE Op. 100, No 12 by Burgmuller

**There are a few poinsettias left over from Christmas, if you know someone or would like for yourself please feel free to take them. Thank you!**

# Upcoming Events

January 18, 2026

**It Takes a Village, Meeting Monday, January 12 6:30-7:30**

**Circuit Meeting Celebrating Mission, Sunday, Jan. 25, 1-3 pm.** Contact Pastor Wendy for more information.

**Sarah Zarbock, our Parish Nurse to be in office most Fridays from 9:30 am-11:30** in the conference room. Feel free to stop by to meet or visit with any health or faith concerns.

**Adult Book Study on “Mere Christianity written by C.S. Lewis starting Sunday, January 18,** 8 week study after Fellowship. Contact Sarah Zarbock for details.

**Mom’s Group, 1st Monday of the month** 6:00-7:00, Fireside Room  
Childcare available.

**Messy Church, Join Us!** 2nd Sunday of the month 10:30-Noon

**Foot & Nail Clinic with Nurse Jacki Bruchert** 2nd Wednesday of the month 9:00-3:00 pm. Contact Jackie at 715-529-5637 to schedule appt.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry, Third Thursday of the Month,** 4:00 pm Fireside room for more information contact Margaret Hastings or Sarah Zarbock.

**Choir Practice has been postponed until further notice.**

**GriefShare Saturdays starting January 3rd to March 28 1:00-3:00 pm.** For info contact Sarah Zarbock.

**ALB Potluck Brunch every 3rd Sunday of the month starting January 18, 2026.** Whoever can bring! 10:00 am. For more info contact Janet Mangette at 715-505-6748 or jmangette@hotmail.com. Everyone Welcome!

**Cards & Cupcakes, Friday, Jan. 23, 9:30-11:30,** Craft 5 fabulous cards. Cost: \$6. Contact Sarah Zarbock for more information.

**Monday’s Meal  
January 19**  
*Menu subject to change*  
Tex Mex Mac & Cheese,  
Fruit, Sweet Treat

*Happy Birthday!*  
**Rev. Arland Avrill** is turning 90 on January 31st!  
He served the Menomonie UMC from 1984-1993.  
Help him celebrate!  
**Rev. Arland Averill**  
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