

Joys and Prayers

Prayers for Pastor John Hazen as his healing is progressing. He is retiring at the end of 2025 and will be moving back to Menomonie in January 2026.

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.

Joys for Kimberly Martinson! After many weeks in the hospital, Kimberly will be coming home. Thank you for your prayers!

Continued prayers for Greg Klendl's daughter, Carmen as the family deals with husband, Michael, who has progressive ALS condition. Prayers for Greg's spine doctor so he can find the best way to deal with Greg's back problem.

Home Bound or in Care Centers

June Harvey, Danielle Mensing, Jane Larsen, Mary Ellen Lidgerding, Rick Jenson, Ramona Reidt, Betty Hazen, Dorothy Wreford, Loren Heffern, Barbara Laatsch, Rosella Blakley, Rose Marie Johnson.

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Sunday Bulletin

January 4, 2026

Welcome

WORSHIP WARM-UP

"What Child Is This" Hymnal #219

"View the Present Through the
Promise" FWS #3034

"Marching to Zion" Hymnal #733

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O LORD!" (Lamentations 3:22-23)

All: "Let us lift up our hearts and our voices, and come before the Lord with awe, joy, and a willing spirit, to receive His renewing grace."

*OPENING SONG "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (vs, 1-3, 5) Hymnal # 383

OPENING PRAYER

God of new beginnings, we lift our voices to You in thanks, for You have forgiven us for every sin and taken away our guilt and shame. You have shown us Your unfailing love. You deal with us in compassionate ways. We pray now that you would renew our youth like the eagle's, that we would have the faith of a child and the wisdom of a sage. In the name of Jesus, Amen."

Adapted from Keith Doornbos

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:18-19

Philippians 3:13-14

2 Corinthians 5:17



MESSAGE “New Beginnings: Embracing the Promise of Renewal”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer

PRAYER HYMN “Change My Heart, O God” Faith We Sing # 2152

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Hymnal # 94

OFFERING PRAYER
God of Love, you created us in your image and you re-create us day by day to become more and more like you when we invite your grace to do its holy, healing work in us. We come to you in gratitude for the changes you have already made possible and for the continual transformation that is still underway in us. Guide us as we serve. Use and multiply these gifts we give. May our lives become catalysts for your holy transformation in the whole world around us. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal p. 13
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right...and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Holy are you...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Pour out your Holy Spirit...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

*HYMN “O Come and Dwell in Me” Hymnal # 388

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE Sonatina by M. Clementi

January 4, 2026

Upcoming Events

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.

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 starting January 14 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 Starting January 5, Mondays 2:30-3:30.

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.

Our friends from Grace Bridge Korean UMC have graciously provided two cases of pet chews for your dogs again this Christmas, manufactured right here in Menomonie by Koowill Inc. If you have a pet who would enjoy a dental chew, please help yourself.
Merry Christmas!

Monday’s Meal
January 5
Menu subject to change
Hotdogs, baked beans, chips, fruit and a sweet treat.

patience
is a virtue