

## In Our Prayers

Stout Men's Basketball needs healing—Aidan's wrist, Justin's back, Carson's thumb, Jakes's finger, Colin's ankle, both Ryan and Jackson's moms are battling cancer, prayers for Abby's shoulder to continue to heal.

Prayers for New Orleans and for the families of those who lost loved ones.

Prayers for California wildfires, those who have lost lives and homes.

### Home Bound or in Care Centers

June Harvey, Betty Hazen, Danielle Mensing, Jane Larsen, Rick Jenson, Lillian House, Lauren & Mary Ellen Lidgerding, Dorothy Wreford, Loren Heffern, Keith Sommerfeld, Mary Quilling, Barbara Laatsch, Rosella Blakley, Rose Marie Johnson, Carolyn Hubbard, Ramona Reidt.

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is a virtue

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## Sunday Bulletin

January 12, 2025

### Welcome

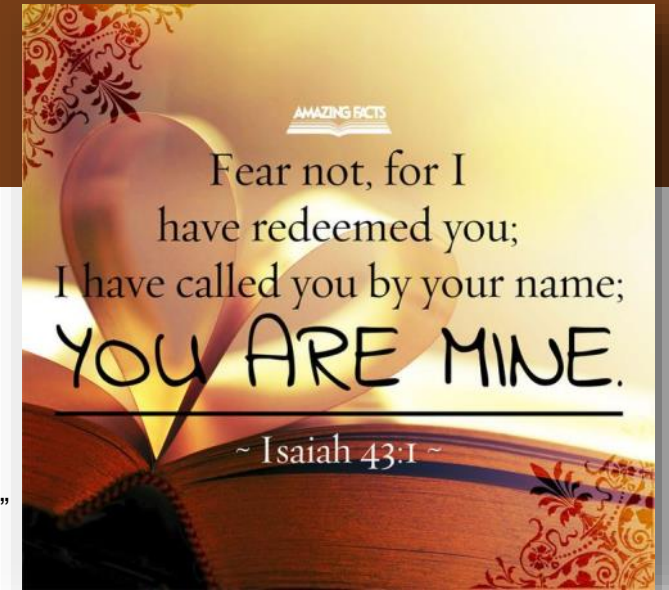
### Worship Warm Up

"Truehearted, Wholehearted"

"I Would be True"

"What a Friend We have in Jesus"

Hymnal #526



### GREETING

#### CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

Leader: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

Leader: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

Leader: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

Leader: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

**People: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2024.*

#### \*OPENING SONG

"Spirit Song"

Hymnal # 347

#### OPENING PRAYER

**God of strength, God of love, surround us with your love. Gather us in as your beloved children. Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our hearts to**

the power of your transforming love. May your waters of grace pour over us, renewing us for your work in the world. Bless us in this holy time. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

MESSAGE "An Enduring Promise and Empowering Presence"

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**In the silence, God, we listen for your voice. We hear you say, "Don't be afraid," and we dare to resist evil, injustice, and oppression. We hear you say, "You are my child," and we find courage to serve as Christ's representatives in the world. We hear you say, "You are my beloved," and we live in joy, sharing your peace. We hear you and we thank you for your gift of love. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" Hymnal # 529

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY Hymnal # 94

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, we come today with joy for your baptism; we come with praise for your glory; we come with gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world. As we offer our lives to you, bless us with your strength, that we may join with you to work for the blessing of peace throughout the world. **Amen.**

\*HYMN "Down by the Jordan" (see words on screen)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE Sonata in G by Fran's Haydn

## Upcoming Events

January 12, 2025

**Messy Church**, 2nd Sunday of the month 10:30-Noon. Come together for games, crafts, songs, bible story and meal. All welcome!

**GriefShare** Started Sat., Jan. 4, 1:30-3:00 for 13 weeks. \$20 for Participation Guide. Register by Jan. 2. Contact Sarah Zarbock at zarbocks@gmail.com or 715-308-1698.

**Adult Bible Study** starting Sunday, January 19th 10:30 am 6 week book study of the Gospel of John. Revisit Christ's interactions with family, people of different faith, cultures, disabilities and health issues, and for those who question their faith. A copy of the book is not required. Contact Sarah Zarbock at 715-308-1698 or zarbocks2gmail.com if interested.

**Joyful Noise Winter Events, Saturday, January 25**, UW Stout Basketball Game, Meet at 2:30 pm. **Saturday, February 15**, Valentine Serenade, The Neighbors of Dunn County, The Green Building, Meet at 1:00 pm and Autumn Village, Valentine Serenade, 2:00 pm, Activity Room. For information contact Linda Bark at 715-308-6883.

**Women's Retreat, Friday, Jan 31 at 5 pm-Sunday, Feb. 2 at 12 pm** at Woodland Ridge Retreat in Downsville, WI. Designed to provide women with a peaceful space to reconnect with themselves, each other and their faith. All women welcome! \$100 registration. Contact Sarah Shoup sstef476@gmail.com or 701-399-9641 for registration deadline.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**, Monday, February 24 Fellowship Hall. To donate go to redcrossblood.org Enter 54751 or call 1-800-733-2767. Rapid Pass is available.

## Monday's Meal

Menu subject to change  
**January 13**  
Jumbayla,  
cornbread, Italian ice

## Ongoing Events

**Bell Choir** Wednesdays, 6 pm  
**Youth Meetings** Wed. 6-7:30 pm  
**Mom's Group**, 3rd Monday 6-7 pm  
**Prayer Shawl** 3rd Thursday 4-6 pm  
**Choir Practice** Wed. nights at 7 pm  
**Messy Church** 2nd Sunday 10:30-Noon