

**NEWS AND NOTES**

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Chairman: Bruce Abitz Vice Chairman: Alan Fischer

Elders: Tom Kasten and Martin Henneberg

Altar Duty for January: Susan Figge

*January 18 and 19, 2025*

*Sunday, January 12:*

*January 11: Saturday night service cancelled*

**TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER** Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18a).

*Sometimes at night I can't sleep because the day will not leave my brain and then I remember — take it to the Lord in prayer. He is always there and answers every prayer. Sometimes not the answer I want, but what is best for me. In hindsight I know he has answered my prayers with the best answer of which, in my worldly ways, I would not ever have thought. The saying at our house is, "It was a God thing." He answers our little prayers and our big prayers. I have seen God's hand at work in my life of prayer and in my daily life. He answers above and beyond anything I could have asked, and He always answers. Lastly and most importantly, remember to thank God for those answered prayers and your daily blessings.*

**Onaga Health and Rehab:** Cynthia Althouse  
**Eastridge (Centralia):** Janice Loughmiller, Gary Kolterman  
**RedBud Assisted Living:** Joan Kolterman, Lavona Biesenthal, Larry Stelter  
**Westy Care Home Assisted Living:** Dorothy Schwandt Guth

**Remembering in our prayers:** Delbert Kufahl, Joe Harder, Lori Florence, Pastor Terry

**Sunday School Co Superintendents:** Linda Falk and Ireta Schwant

**Teaching Staff:** PreK, Kindergarten and Grade 1: Jenny Donnelly and Bailey Starns

**Grades 2,3,4 and 5:** Joy Zabel and Tracy Meyerkorth

**Grades: 6, 7 and 8:** Brenda Schlegel and Dixie Revell

**Sunday School and Staff:**

**January Birthdays:** Rylee Sue Wren, Kylee Graf, Karter Graf, **Cradle Roll:** June Alice

**Krohn, Kyron David Boswell, High School:** Lily Falk and Waylon Figge

**As of November 10:** 5 Sundays: Rylee and Luke Wren

**November 17:** 10 Sundays Clancy Revell

**December 1:** 10 Sundays: William, Marie and Donn Spevacek

**December 15:** 10 Sundays: Michael Henneberg, Kody Krohn,

Elsie Henneberg Ellie Starns

**15 Sundays:** Hazel and Olive Ubel, Remington and Westin Donnelly

**January 19 – Epiphany II** – Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem like tidal waves. Terminal diagnoses also often come like thunderstorms. But even among their sufferings, the Lord Jesus exercises ultimate authority and never fails to make wine for us out of water. The gifts He delivers through each neighbor differ, but the same Spirit works (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) the sanctity of life in them all.

**TODAY: Voters' Meeting** Sunday, January 19, 2025, following Worship. Election and Budget for 2025. Youth Group will be serving lunch. (Beef stew, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee) Freewill offering to support the Youth Group.

Pastor wants to thank everyone for their Christmas prayers and thoughtful gifts. Also, for prayers and acts of kindness as he recovers from his accident.

Also, a thank you to Brenda Schlegel and Daun Krohn for shopping and taking care of a Christmas family our church sponsored for Christmas, 2024. They used Thrivent cards to help with the purchases for a family of 3.

**Portals of Prayer for January-March are available in the Narthex and Offering Envelopes are in your mail box.**

**If you care to provide altar flowers, for a special occasion, or just because, please write it on the church calendar in the narthex, and/or call Ireta Schwant 785 456 3383 (cell)**

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE CLEARING OF THE SNOW SINCE THE BLIZZARD OF Jan 4 and 5.**

**LWML will meet on Wednesday, January 22 at 2:00 p.m. Ireta Schwant hostess. Opening and closing devotions by Mary Graf Ubel. Roll Call: Tell us your middle name.**

Pastor Terry continues to be at Trinity, McFarland on Thursdays. If needed, please call his cell # 412 334 4280 or Trinity church office at 785 766 3755

**Bible occupations:** Shepherds were usually responsible for a flock of sheep and goats mixed together. Their tasks included feeding the flock, leading it to green pastures, protecting the animals from wild animals, and keeping track of the flock. Shepherds sometimes had to travel far with their herds to find pastures, especially in the hot summer months. Both goats and sheep were valuable - goats for milk, meat and their hair, which was used to make clothing, and sheep for their wool and meat. In the bible, you will find the role of the shepherd used over and over again as a metaphor for God's care for us. About God, Isaiah wrote,

**He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart, he gently leads those that have young. (Isaiah 40:11)**