

Events

Sunday, January 14

8:45 AM Sunday School
 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School
 10:00 AM Worship

Monday, January 15 (Martin Luther King Day)

**Office Closed*

4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks
 7:00 PM Dig In Bible Study @Church Library

Tuesday, January 16

4:30 PM Shekinah Praise Team Practice

Wednesday, January 17

1:30 PM Upper Room @Emerald Oaks
 3:30 PM 345 Alive
 5:00 PM Confirmation
 6:00 PM Jr./Sr. UMYF
 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice
 7:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting

Thursday, January 18

6:00 PM Intensified Prayer @War Room

Friday, January 19

Office Closed

Sunday, January 21

8:45 AM Sunday School
 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School
 10:00 AM Worship

Happy Birthday & Anniversary*

14 Linda Strohman
 17 Maureen Writght
 18 Emily Neet
 19 Jennifer Long
 20 Mary King
 Mark Weisbrod

Empowering EFUMC Ministry

General Fund	\$ 3,934.00
Youth Food	\$ 400.00
Funeral Hospitality	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 4,434.00

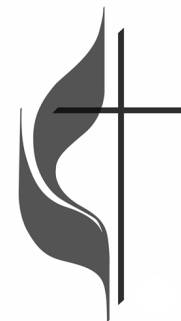
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Thank you for snacks for 345 Alive, suppers for Jr/Sr UMYF, Sunday school teachers, serving on committees, prayers, presence, time, passion, love, and all other ways you serve our church!



Joys, Concerns, Prayers

You are in our prayers:
 Mona Knudson's family, Gene Twait, John and Lana Williams Family, Rose Spears (Mother of Lynette McGrath), Reba Williams, Carol Ensley, Nancy Hinrichs, Bernice Hersom, Cindy Kassel, Rosie Culbertson, Lois Lowman, Carol Henderson, Sharon Hobart, John & Stacey Strohman, Kort Freeman, Scott Sanne (Grandson of Pearl Whitmore), Devin Morey, Mike & Lea Schipull, Philip Christenson (brother of Marge Solberg), Jon Williams, Curtis Boekemeier, Cole McDonough, Ted Strohman, Deb Nissen (sister-in-law of Deb Wickman), Jane Stevens, Adolph Knobloch (Tami Culver's Uncle), Vi Sampson, Joyce Muller, Marjorie Solberg, including those who have been hospitalized and our military members.

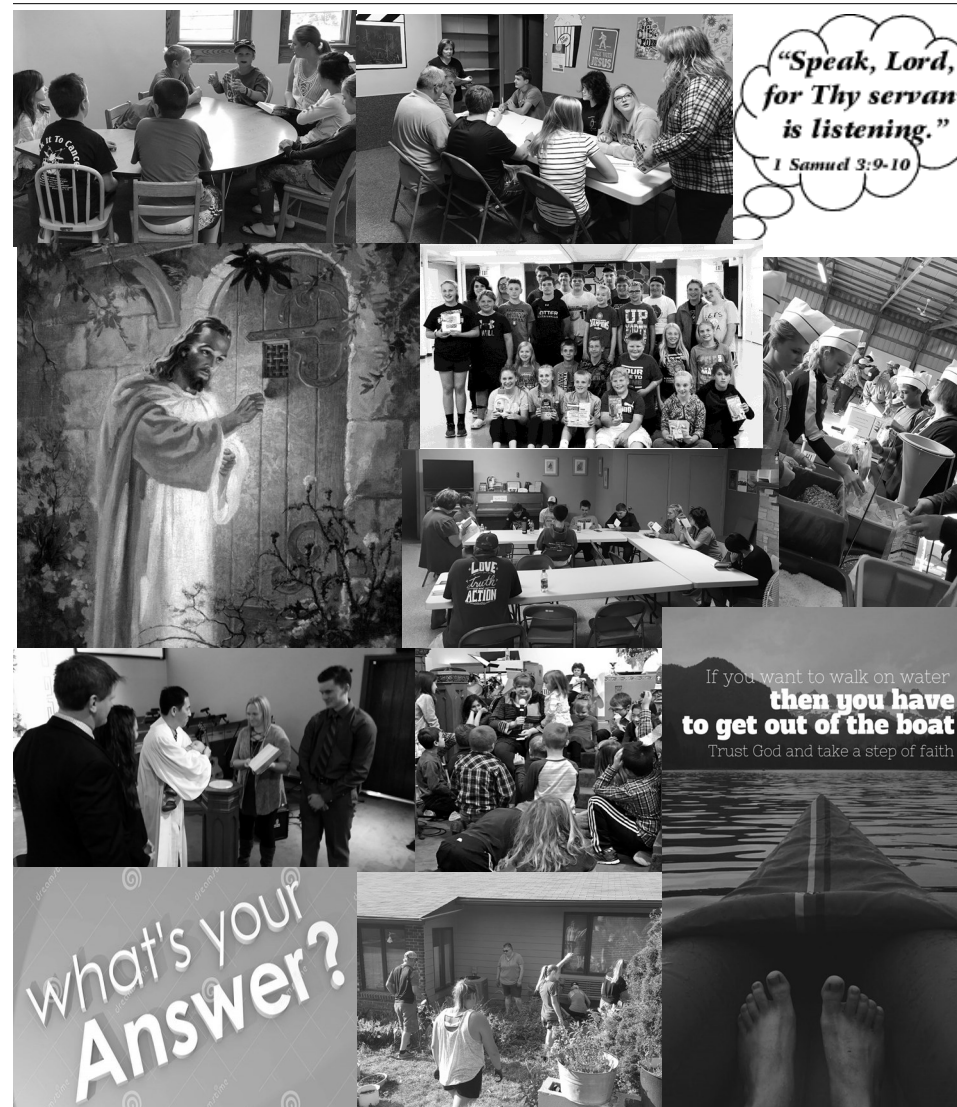


Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany (Human Relations Day) January 14, 2018, 10:00 AM



Welcome!
We're glad you're here.
When you see the [], people are invited to arise as able.*

Liturgist Deb Wickman
Pianist Kelley Fog
Ushers: The Merrill Family
Acolytes: Yihoon & Esther Shin
Presentation Operator The AndersonFamily

Prelude

Bringing In the Light of Christ

Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

L: God of all creation

P: What do you require of us?

L: To do justice

P: Seeking peace and reconciliation, standing with the alone and forgotten

L: To love kindness

P: Showing compassion and unconditional love

L: To Walk Humbly

**P: following in the steps of Jesus, lifting up not the work of our hands
but the power that sustains us.**

P: AMEN.

***Opening Hymn** TFWS#2236 "Gather Us In"

Opening Prayer

Holy God, make your presence known to us today.

**We come to you as we are, called to be saints,
but so often less than our calling.**

Help us this hour to let go of the sins that we cling to.

**Help us to know that our self-worth does not depend so much on our
ability to hold on to our lives as on your power to hold us.**

Holy God, make your presence known today.

Clear away the mist of our sins so that we can catch a glimpse of you.

Help us to cling to the truth of who you are.

Empower us with your spirit, we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Children's Sermon Susan Embrock

*** Scripture Reading** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Message of Life "God is Calling" Sarah Strohman

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Offering

*** Doxology** UMH #95 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*** Offertory**

*** Closing Hymn** UMH #593 "Here I am, Lord"

*** Blessing**

*** Song of Sending Forth** TFWS #2163 "He Who Began a Good Work in You"

Postlude

"God Is Good All the Time!"

Speaking of Getting Involved...

This week, we will have the planning meeting for VBS. If you are looking for a way to get involved, attend this meeting. If you cannot attend but would like to still help out, let Sarah, the VBS coordinator or Jackie the church secretary know. The VBS meeting will be this Wednesday, January 17th at 7pm in the Narthex.

GET INVOLVED!

Ministry Opportunities

Liturgist, Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes, Children Sermon, Shekinah praise team, providing snacks and meals for 345 Alive, Jr. UMYF, and Sr. UMYF, pick up members who need a ride to worship service, volunteer to teach Sunday School, supporting in prayers and many other opportunities available. Sign-up at the information table in the Narthex.

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"