



January 2024

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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- 1-1 **Happy New Year!**
Office Closed

- 1-3 Office Re-opens
Quilting 10:00a.m.

- 1-7 SS 10:00a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
with online option
Installation of New
Council Members
CONFIRMATION CLASS
NOON-2:00p.m.

- 1-10 Lutheran Ladies' Lunch @
Old Mexico @ Noon

- 1-11 Grace Circle @ 11:00a.m.

- 1-14 SS 10:00a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
with online option
Council Meeting @ Noon

- 1-17 Oaks Nursing
Home 10:30 a.m.

- 1-21 SS 10:00a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
with online option
INVITATION SUNDAY
Family Day Meal
Newsletter Deadline

- 1-28 SS 10:00a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
with online option

Pastor's Newsletter Article – January 2024

Celebrate endings - for they precede new beginnings.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

2023 has come to an end, and we begin the new year. A new year often begins with a renewed sense of hope, a renewed sense of what will be. Congregations look forward to implementing their worship service plans for the Spring while the Christian Education Committee begins discussions about special Easter curriculum. The Property Committee already knows what its budget is, so they are busily putting together their routine building maintenance schedule. Yes, the new year brings with it a sense of newness.

Here at *Mt. Zion-St. Luke*, 2024 brings with it a *new* newness, if you'll pardon the expression. *You will be calling a new pastor.* With this call process comes many meetings along with many prayers. It is an exciting time, but it is also can be a time of questions and angst for some. "What will the new pastor's personality and style be like?" is the most frequently asked question. "Will the new pastor meet our spiritual needs?" comes in as a close second. Then, of course, most will ask, "Will I enjoy the new pastor's sermons?" All these are legitimate questions, and they come from a place of concern for the life of the congregation.

For those who have these questions, and for those who might be experiencing a little anxiety, please remember: You are Church, so trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God will provide you with a qualified, caring individual whose call it will be to love you and lead you because your Call Committee has put many hours into defining what qualities you need, and the Council has verified their work, and because the Synod has made sound recommendations to shore up some of the call document language. In all, God has been at work in several people who have made it their goal to help this congregation locate solid candidates.

2024 is going to be an exciting year for many reasons, not the least of which is your calling of a new pastor. Can I get an "Amen!"

To God be the Glory for all God has done,
Pastor Steve

P.S. My many thanks to my church family for your prayers during Kris' difficult time.

Officers for 2024

On December 17 the Congregation Council elected the following officers for 2024:

President – Tommy Martin

Vice President – Jim Trask

Secretary – Renee Collier

Treasurer – Diane Cagle

The chairpersons of the standing committees will be appointed at a later date. Please pray for these officers and give them your support.

Serving Our Lord in January

Communion Assistant	Tommy Martin
Ushers	Brenden Fitzgerald and Ted Robinson
Altar Guild	Tommy Martin and Jo McNutt
Lectors	Jon Coogle and Karen Coogle
Acolytes:	Sam Choppla

Family Day Dinner:

Billy and Ginny Martin, Julia Snipes, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jeremy and Susan Martin, and Max Wood.

Coffee Hour:

1-7 Ginny Martin **1-14** Tommy and Wendi Martin
1-21 NO COFFEE HOUR **1-28** Jenny Brannan

Flowers:

1-07 Poinsettias for the Epiphany
1-14: Jim and Patricia Trask in loving memory of John and Sarah Trask
1-21: Jimmy and Mary Kay Watson in honor of Daniel
1-28: Grady English in loving memory of Miss Ruth Kleckley & Patsy English

Sunday School Teachers:

K-5th Grade – Renee Collier **6th – 12th Grade** – Katie Felker
Adult Class - Lingle Room – Jon Coogle **Adult Class - Conference Room** – Wendi Martin

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

1-2	D.C. Williams	1-22	Lelan Moretz
1-9	Angie Collier	1-23	Angie Summers
1-12	D.C. & Bill Williams	1-27	Freddy Virden
1-19	Jenny Brannan	1-29	Richard Collier
1-19	Aiden Coogle	1-30	Gulshan & Neelima Choppla
		1-30	Myrtle Joiner
		1-31	Max Wood

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Please help keep *this prayer list current. Contact the Church Office to update the list.*

Pray for Members: Franchelle Arnold, Debra Coogle & Family, Rick Coogle, Grady English & Family, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Dale Godfrey, David Haigler, Emily Harvill, Don Joiner Family, Myrtle Joiner, Nancy & Mack McCarty & Family, Billy Martin, Bobby Martin, Sharon Martin, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, George & Helen Smith, Angie and Heather Summer, Tony Webb, our college students, The Call Committee and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Sylvia Bergstrom, Pam Cole, Marvin Duke, Carl Ethridge, Shelly Fields, Jorene Gordon, Andy Harvill, Dan Harvill, Jr., Pastor Steve and Kris Hilgeman, Adam Hobbs, Michael Hortman, Bob Melvin, Elaine Middlebrooks & Family, Patricia Morgan, Brenda Oglesby, Don Oliver, Helen Peaster Family, Leigh Powell, Jerry Riddle Family, Van Riddle Family, Vi Roach Family, Ann Roberts, Leyon Roberts, John Simmon, Lamar Yoder, our nation, Ukraine, and the world.

Serving our Nation: John Edwards